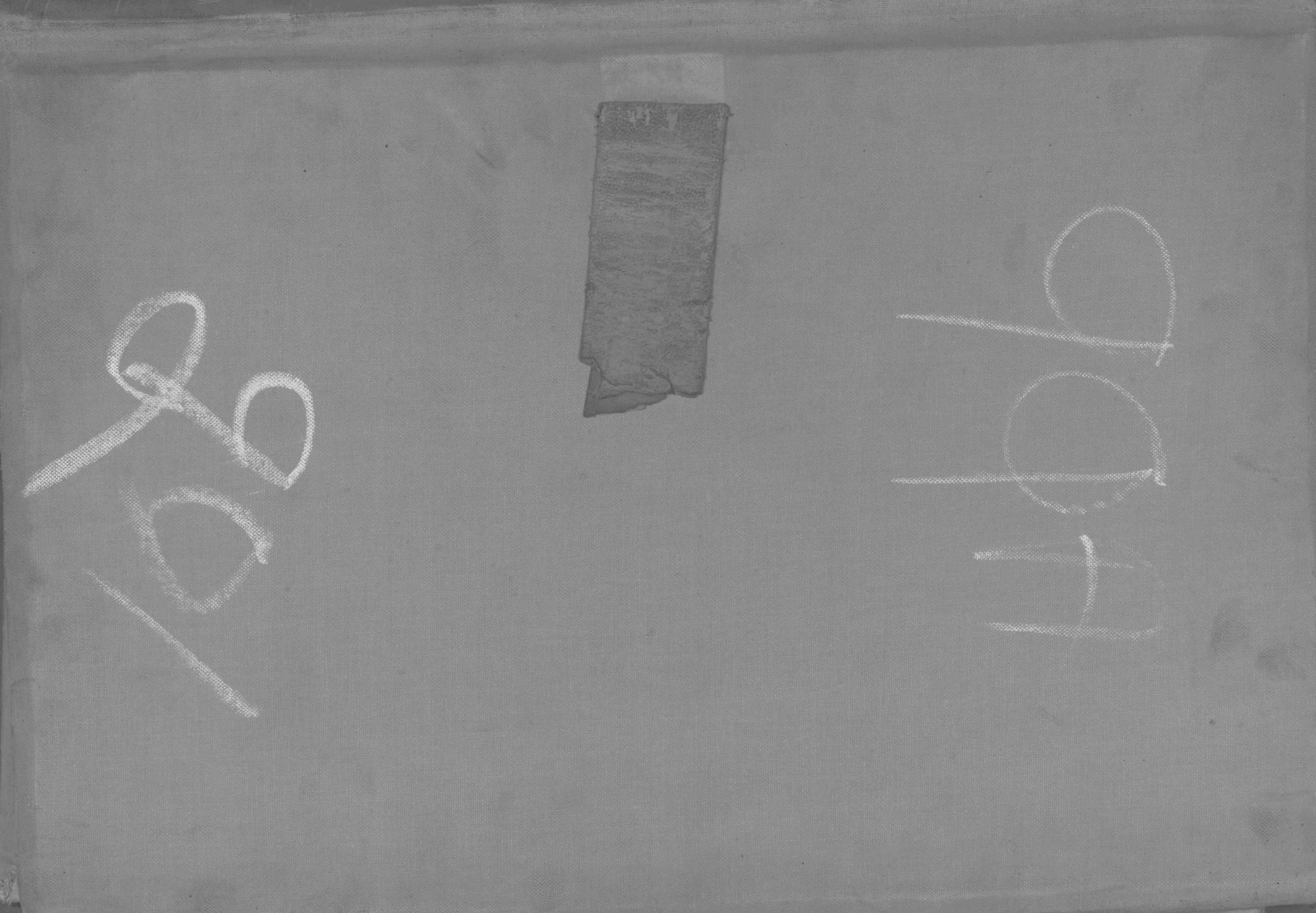

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30th Dispatched the following Letter to the Honble the Gover
nor General and Council

Governor General & Counsel Bengal

Gentlemen

In addition to ~~our~~ letter to you of
the 28th Instant, we now send you Copies of two letters to
the Cammander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in In-
dia from the Secretary at War, dated September 15th
1783 and the other from the Secretary of state dated
September 30th 1783. by which you will observe their di-
rections for recruiting the Company's Troops, from
the Volunteers of the regiments ordered home. Copies
have been delivered to Captain Williamson the offic
of your Establishment who remains here for the
recruiting Service —

We have the Honor to be
&c.
Sign'd Thos Hastings Sec.l Com.e

1st Received the following Letters from the Comma
nder in Chief

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have this moment received a lette
from

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from the Commander in Chief enclosing Copy of a Letter from Lieu.t Col.e Campbell to him. the Cavalry mutiny and confine their Officers—

from Lieutenant Colonel Campbell a Copy of which I now enclose for your information.— I shall immediately send to the Black Commandant and Officers to know the reason of their behaving in this manner, and shall take such measures as shall appear to me most proper on this occasion and make You acquainted therewith.— I trust your Lordship &c.a will excuse no time in forwarding to me your opinion of this matter and instructions for my conduct

I have the honor to be

&c.a

(Signed) Ross Lang

Arcott 30.th

th April 1784

½ p.t 2 oClock AM

To Lieutenant General Lang

Commander in Chief

Sir

It is with infinite concern that I acquaint you, that the native Cavalry have confined their Officers and professed themselves of this place. They say that they and their Families are starving and desere to be paid off their arrears before they alter their conduct, they further declare that they will put us all to Death of any Troops march against them

I have the honor to be with

&c.a

(Signed) Dug.d Campbell

Since Fort

30 April 8 oBlockam

A true Copy

Joseph Ganow

Secretary Comd.r in Chief

Fort St George May 1784

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No 1

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President &c. Select Committee

My Lord & Gentlemen

Since writing to you in the morning, acquainting you of the conduct of the native Cavalry at arnee, I have been witness to the most daring act of mutiny I have ever beheld —

From Dr. informing of the mutineers having rose upon their Officers and wanting an advance of Cash —

Immediately upon receiving the letter from Colonel Campbell (a Copy of which I transmitted in my former address) I gave orders that the Cavalry Guns, which had been left here with the artillery and Light Infantry, should be moved into the Fort and the men marched to Barracks in the Pettah, lest any attempt should be made to carry off the Guns to arnee — this was immediately done, and the men marched away quietly to their Barracks; but they had no sooner got there, than they rose upon their Officer who narrowly escaped with his Life, and before I could possibly be acquainted with it, one party had entered by one of the Breaches into the Fort, and being favored by some of the Light Infantry, who were doing Duty in the place, they overpowered the Centries and took possession of two Guns & a Tumbril with which they marched out of the Fort, where another Party were ready with

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with the Guns Horses, to join them and would have off with the Guns had not Captain Moorhouse, who was in the Fort, collected a few Europeans Artillery and with the greatest intrepidety rescued the Guns from them not without some bloodshed. They are now at some distance and what they intend I know not but shall be on my Guard and have written to General Home to move on with all speed with the Europeans about 200 of these men refused to join the rest, and are here at present pretty quiet but it will be difficult to keep men so much in arrears, in good order.

This matter will require your most serious Consideration and your most strenuous exertions to afford me a supply of money, as I cannot place any dependance in Black Troops, who are so much in arrears, and who have not received any Pay whatever for upwards of two months, the complaint of these People is, that they and their Families are starving.

Arcot 30th april 1784

I have the Honor to be.
&c.
(Signed) Rob. Lang

Dispatched the following Letter to the Commander in Chief in answer to the foregoing Letters.

To Lieutenant General Lang

Sir

As the mutiny of the Cavalry at

Fort St George May 1784

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To the Commander in Chief informing him of their sending 10000 Pagodas by Lieut. Gennond—

1st

I am mentioned in your letter of Yesterday as upon the ostensible Ground of want of Pay, we have unanimously collected 10000 Madras Pagodas, which we send to you under the Care of Lieutenant Gennond to be employed as you shall direct; but as it is beyond our hope to be able to send any more for some days, we Trust in your Exertions, Vigilance and address to Prevent any other Part of the army from following the Example of the Cavalry; as it is indeed a most pernicious Example you will, no doubt, in the steps that may be taken to bring them back to their duty, Endeavor to avoid any Engagement for pardoning the Offence now committed, of which it may be essential to take due notice at a reasonable opportunity. We trust that upon this present critical Occasion you will have the zealous assistance of General Horne and the Principal Officers of the army—

Fort St George
1st May 1784

we are
&c.
(Signed)
Macartney & Select Com.tee

Received the following Letter from Vice admiral Sir Edward Hughes K. B. &c.

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

Fort S.t George May 1784

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My Lord & Gentlemen

From Sir Edward Hughes acknowledges the receipt of their letter of the 27 may will ready comply with their request

I have received the Honor of your Letter of the 27th last month, congratulating me on my arrival with his Majesty's Squadron on this Coast, and requesting I would permit Lieut Colonel Malcolm, with your Public despatches to the Court of Directors to embark on the first of his majesty's Ships I may despatch to England which I shall very readily comply with —

Sultan in Madras Road
the 1st May 1784

I have the honor to be
&c.a
(Signed) Edward Hughes

Dispatched letter as entered in M.B. N.o 14382 agreeably to the Minutes of yesterday to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam to Major Gibbings to Captain Muirhead and to Lieut Griffen — as likewise to Captain Cowdie permitting him to proceed to Bengal, conformably to his Request of this Date —

Received the following Letter from Captain Cuppage with enclosure as entered in M B

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

My Lord

Here with I have the Honor

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From Captain Cuppage page sends a List of the Prisoners left sick at Vellore —

Vellore 29th April 1784

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to send your Lordship a List of the Sick left in this Garrison by Lieutenant Dallas the 26th Instant of the Prisoners returning from the Mysore Country

I have the Honor to be

&c.

(Signed) John Cuppage

List of the Men sent into the Hospital Vellore 28th April 1784

Corps	Names	Corps	Names
Artillery	Edward Scofield	42 Regiment	Isaac Leland
	Richd. Pottage		Frederk M. Grah.
	Joseph Anderson		alexander Stewart
	William Richardson		Thomas Smith
	Thomas Hanes		Samuel Fisher
	alexr M. Kenzie		John Lettet
	Richard Clemens		Richard Crankshaw
	Thomas Smith Dead		William Owens
	James Donaldson		John Smith
	Peter M.c Kon		Donald Campbell
	William Steel		John Plummer
			Charles Fitz Gerald
			Mathew M.c Donald
98 Regiment	Patrick Boyle		Daniel Howe
	Charles Cack		alexr M.c Cann
	Christain Buckhold		adam Jones
	John York		James Alexander
	Thomas Jones		Nathl. M.c Clough
	William Hill		Mich.l Howling
			Robert Black
		22	John Froth
			William Ellis Dead

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List of the Men sent into the Hospital Vellore 28th april 1784

Corps	Names	Corps	Names
52d Regiment	David Stapleton		William Doole - Dead
	George Hacket		George Foss
	James Mc Donald		Edward Bayles
	Lambert Barney		John Harris
	William Murphey		James Vale
	John Barnes	2 Batt[n] 2 Reg[t]	Chris Beck
	Joseph Kelley	1 Batt[n] Dep	Dav. Johnson
	Mich[l] Hallon		William Deakson
	Martin Connoly		Henry Mc Donald
	John Bell		Williams Simmons
	Gabriel Cotney		John Ealey
	Mich[l] Woodward		Jesse Hart.
	Benj[n] Staples		Joshp Ricby
	Andrew Burk		James Peters
	Thomas Clark		Robert Stewart
	Martin Munns		Dennis Carmody
	John Watts		Peter Sticks
	John Mullin		George Moreton
	Joseph Hostell		George Cook
	Thomas Towers		William Tangilson
	Anthony Foreman		William Carr
	John Oval		Peter Chapple
	Benj[n] Ballantine		John Collins
	Benj[n] Ellis		William Evans
	John Hellian		John Howard
	John Hazlet	Pens[r] In Ft St G[e]	John Archer
	William Jackson		Dan Sing
	Robert Rose		Young Mallraw
	Edward Smith		Bowen Sing
	Thomas Hardy		
	James Block		Officers
	Alex Coales		Captain Samette
	John Neighbour		Ens[n] Haywood
	Robert Daniel	Signed	Ens[n] Hayley
	Thomas Laurence		John Capspage
			Capt[n] Comm[t]

Established on Bombay 1st Batt[n] 2d Reg[t]

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1 Artillery	7
42 Regiment	4
98th D.o	6
100th D.o	22
102 D.o	15
Bombay Establishment	70
Coast D.o	
1 Battalion 2 Regiment	9
2 D.o 2 D.o	1
1 D.o Sepoy	1
Seamens	18
Prisoners	1
Totat	100
Sepoys	23

Received the following Letter from the Governor General and Council of Bengal

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

Fort S.t George

Gen.l Dep.t

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 23 of march, in answer to which we are sorry to be under the necessity of Informing you, that it is absolutely out of our Power to

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afford You the Sum required for an Investment—
The constant demands on our Treasury, to furnish
Supplies for your Presidency, for Bombay for Fort
Marlboro and for Canton, exclusive of the support
of our own Establishment have reduced our resour-
-ces to so low an ebb, that we have been obliged to delay
all Issues on Account of the Investment of 1784/5 to
the first of November next—

We have not procured any Funds for
an Investment, by Subscription since 1781. We imagine
that you may avail yourselves of the Plan we then
adopted, to form an Investment, and you can certainly
do it with great advantage to the Company, from the
superior profit upon the Sales at Home of the coarse
Goods of the Coast. if you can raise money by Bill
upon the Company, a Preference given to Remittances
by navy Bills, might have rendered a Subscription
Loan more difficult before now, within the limits of
your Presidency, but the return of so considerable a
part of His Majesty's Squadron to Europe removes in
a great measure, this unfavorable competition in
Remittances. we are sorry to understand that Fore-
-gners have for the Two last Seasons run away with
the profitable Investments of the Oicars If we
can by any means assist you to recover so valuable
a Branch

from Bengal acknowledges the receipts of their Letter of the 23d march cannot afford the Sum required for an investment, and supplies sent to this Government—

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2 a Branch of Trade for the Company's Particular Profit,
we are ready to cooperate with you heartily in any
measures tending to such Public advantage, and in
any Degree within our Power.

We cannot help observing with re-
-peated concern, that you avail yourselves of every
Opportunity of Asserting that there has been a fai-
-lure in our Remittances to you since Sir Eyre Coates
Death, an Assertion which conveys an Imputation,
as injurious to our Zeal in favor of your Interests
as it is contrary to Facts, that speak for themselves,
if they are not concealed.

We have uniformly considered
it the highest Point of our Duty, first object to
Assist, by every exertion in our Power, Your Efforts, to
bring the War in the Carnatic to an advantageous
Conclusion, and with this View we have not unfrequ
-ently resisted the most pressing Exigencies of our
own Government, and applied our Temporary Re-
-sources to the Relief of your wants. but however earnest
our wishes may be on this head we can only hope for
their Accomplishment in proportion to the means
we possess.

Our Remittances to you in Cash have
Certainly not been so large since Sir Eyre Coates
Death

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2 Death as we were enabled to make them before that time, but this Failure has proceeded not from want of attention to your distresses but the State of our Treasury, which the Bills drawn by You to the amount of upwards of 3000000 Rupees have very materially contributed to Exhaust: the Sum actually advanced on Account of your Presidency. as by the enclosed Statement since the 30th April 1783 amounts to Fifty Lacs of Rupees, whether money is sent to you or Employed in Liquidating your Bills or in praying for Supplies to your Presidency the Drain from our Treasury is equal except, that on the latter case it operates more prejudicially by the Bills often coming upon us when we when we are unprepared to discharge them —

If, notwithstanding our readiness and anxiety to relieve you to the utmost extent of our abilities, by accepting all the Bills you have drawn, and affording every assistance which our Treasury could supply, our exertions are to be estimated only by the remittances sent to you in Specie, and the insufficiency of these to made the Subject of your constant complaints, we must request you will discontinue to draw upon us

and

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2 and we shall Min take every Step in our Power to
furnish you with Supplies, as far as the exigencies
of this Government and the State of its resources
will admit -

We must also beg you to recollect
that, contrary to our repeated and urgent request,
you have detained the Detachment from our army
at your Presidency to this time; the heavy expence
of these Troops must ultimately fall upon us.
It has often been the Subject of your Remarks
and Contrasted with Comparative Estimates of
the Expence of an equal Force upon your own
military Establishment, but from the time
You detained the detachment contrary to our
Request you have put it out of our power to re-
duce its extraordinary Expence. We might have
objected to the measure upon other grounds, but we
wished to give you every possible Assistance -

We have the Honor to be

Sir

Your

Edward Wheler

John Macpherson

Fort William
the 12 april 1784

(Signed)

Ed. Wh.

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Statement of the Supplies made by the Bengal Government to the Presidency of Fort St George from the 30th of april 1783 to the 31st of march 1784

2	To Amount of their Drafts on the Honble Governor General & Council	306188-6-5
	Amount of Bills remitted them	119883-6
	Amount of Gun Powder consigned them Including Freight &c.	164171-10-2
	Amount of Colonel Owen's draft for Freight of Treasure sent them	15466-10-8
	Amount of Sundry Stores sent them Per Britannia & Hastings	12989-10-2
	Amount of Grain sent them	31932-11-
	Amount of Biscuit for the use of His Majesty's Ships supplied by the agent	6932-13-
	Amount of stores for General Coote intended for this Presidency but Landed there	115-8-
	Amount of Camp Equipage Pr Pigot	13566-7-10
	Amount of Rum shipped by the agent for Supplies to His Majesty's ships consigned them	386233-11-9
	Amount of Rum Per norfolk	37582-13-6
		499454-12-11
	Current Rupees	499454-12-11
	Errors Excepted	

Fort William
Accountant Generals Office
the 6 April 1784
Ex^d J.P.

A true Copy (Signed) Wm Larkins Accounts Genral
Per Aurial Sub Secry

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2 The following Paper was delivered to the Right Honble President by Cornet Lt Logen who arrived here this Morning with Letters to Government from the Officers on confinement at annee -

Conversation between Cornet Geekie and Imaun Modeen who informed him that the mutineers were determined to go to Tippoo & carry their horses with them, in case they were not paid immediately as also of any force should appear against them -

Imaun modeen declared, that if their Arrears were not all paid in a short time they would move into the Mysore Country, with their Horses & carry their Officers along with them, or if a superior force arrived in the Vicinity of annee they would do the same; that they must be paid their arrears to the 1st of, or their final determination should not be altered, but if their Arrears were paid in full & the Captain of Cavalry, would answer for their not being punished, they would continue to serve, to a man in their respective Regiments, and that changing their Country and Service was the furthest from their thoughts, and adopted but from necessity -

The above is a Conversation that passed between me & Imaun modeen the present Commandant on the part of the Sepoys -

May 1st Annee 1784

(Signed) Geekie

Received the following Letter from Major General Campbell -

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I am under the necessity of post-poning the General Court Martial, which was ordered to sit on monday next at 10 oClock in the forenoon, till Wednesday at the same hour, as Col.o Floyd of the 23 L.t D.s who was to have been President of it, is called upon by the Prisoner, as one of his Evidences, and as Captain affleck of the same Regiment, one of the Members, has been taken ill — I have therefore to request that your Lordships &c.a will be pleased to permit one Field Officer and one Captain, belonging to the Garrison of Poonamalee, to come to Madras in Order to supply the places of the above mentioned officers & that you will issue directions accordingly —

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Allan Campbell major
General Commanding his maj.t
Forces in India for the time being

Madras
2 May 1784

From Major General Campbell should be glad if there would per it one Field Officer, one Captain from Poonamalee to sit as members of a Court Martial —

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2 Agreeably to the foregoing Request a Letter (as entered in M.B. N.7) is now written to Colonel Straubenzee, directing an officer of Field Rank and a Captain to attend at the General Court Martial, which is ordered to assemble in this Garrison and the same is accordingly notified to General Campbell by a short Letter entered in M.B. N.6.

3 Received the following Letter from the Commander in Chief -

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

Fort St. George
My Lord & Gentlemen

From the Commander in Chief. The ring leader of the mutiny discovered to be a private Soldier. Messrs Sheriff & Bowden have made their Escape with several Enclosures -

I have now the honor to transmit you a Copy of a Letter I have this morning received from Colonel Campbell, and of my answer thereto, and also of my letter to him of yesterday, and a translation of what I wrote to the Officers for your information -

I have received accounts that the ringleader of this meeting is a Private Trooper in Captain Scudamore's Regiment, whose word is a Law with the rest. Messrs Sheriff & Bowney got off in the confusion but I have not heard to what

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2 what place they are gone — The officers are all in a Camp on the Glacis of arrac, and they have men stationed on the road, to give them any intelligence of any Troops that may be sent from hence towards them in which case they are determined to go off into Tippoo's Country and to take their Officers / whom they have treated very ill / along with them. Sunderland that they are not agreed with regard to the plan necessary to be pursued, if they can be prevailed upon to remain at arrac for some days, a division of Sentiments among them may be a fortunate Circumstance —

It is not necessary for me to urge your Lordship &c.a any further with respect to a supply of money, you will be convinced that it cannot be with me too soon, as the Sepoys are also much discontented on account of pay. the presence of the Europeans / who arrived here last night / may for the present, prevent any thing disagreeable happening among them but I cannot answer for their remaining quiet much longer —

The Sepoys belonging to the Bombay Establishment are also very much discontented I have done every thing in my Power

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to convince them that they will have every attention
paid them by Government nevertheless being with-
out Cloaths & without money they cannot be easy
nor do they scruple to say that their present situ-
ation is not better than the state of Captivity
from which they have so lately been released.

I have the Honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) Ross Lang

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1st May 1784

To Lieutenant General Ross Lang

Commander in Chief &c

Sir

I had the honor to receive your letter of this days date, also a Persian letter & translation addressed to the Commandants, Subadars & Jamidars of the four Regiments of Cavalry, neither of them I am very sorry to inform, you seem satisfactory, and they decline sending any person to wait on you. The Light Infantry they tell me, have had a skirmish in which some of them were wounded. This has incen-sed them very much and they desire Me to acqu-aint you that if their arrears in full, are not paid them the day after tomorrow that they will march away with us — the native Officers are also confined

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We have given them all we were possessed of, nearly a Rupee & a half each, but should not an immediate and considerable supply arrive, our Situation will be very critical indeed. It will be in vain to send any Troops against them or any other answer than the Payment of their arrears.

I have the honor to be

Sr.

/ Signed / Dug.d Campbell

Arnee Camp
th
30 April 1784
5 P.M.

A true Copy

Joseph Carnac

Secry Com.r in Chief

Lieutenant Colonel Campbell

Sir

I have received your letter of yesterday and am sorry to find that the men of the Cavalry are so unwilling to listen to reason. I have written to madras in the most pointed manner respecting their arrears and you are fully sensible that I will do every thing in my power to procure the payment. I expect an answer from the Presidency in a few days and only wish them to remain quiet until I know what reply the Government may give on the subject of their arrears, you know how utterly impossible

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possible it is for me to advance a Sum of money at this time, nor is there a Soucar or Person in Arcott of whom I could borrow money to send to you, and any supplies from madras cannot be here in less than three or four days— I am sorry I cannot write more satisfactorily at this time—if they will remain quiet at arnee I shall send to you upon receiving Accounts from the President and Select Committee—

Arcott 1st May 1784
2 oClock A.M.

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) R. Lang—

There are about 200 of the Light Infantry now here, who refused to join in the disturbance which (hap)-(pened) yesterday, and who are perfectly quiet and well be-haved, some of the artillery are also here—

(Signed) Ros Lang

a true Copy
Joseph Cannow
Secretary Com.r in Chief

To Colonel Campbell

Sir

I have received your Letter, informing me of the conduct of the native Cavalry which has given me much concern and surprized me very much—

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As I wish to learn from them the cause they have for such conduct, I desire you'll inform the eldest Commandant, that if he will come to me at this place or send one of the Subadars, to Explain what they conceive to be grievances, I am ready to listen to whatever representations they may have to make, and to redress, as far as in my power, whatever hardships they really suffer, and in order to induce him to come you may pledge to him my word of honor, that he shall be permitted to return without undergoing the smallest restraint or running the least risque. I have written to the Commandants and Subadars, a translation of which letter I now enclose for your perusal.

You will explain to them that I am ready to supply them with Provisions, upon their sending to me that they want it. but that I expect they will not, on the smallest degree molest the Country People in the vicinity of arnee.

I am &c.

Your most obedient Servant

(signed) Rose Lang

Arcott

30th April 1784

A true Copy

Joseph Garrow

Secretary Commander in

Chief

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To the Commandants Subadars Jemidars &c.a of the four Regiments of Cavalry Stationed at arnee —

Sam Extremly surprized & concerned to be informed, by a letter from Colonel Campbell of the unfoward circumstances that have taken place with you — you must all be acquainted that Sam at the head of the army, and if any time you may conceive yourselves to be aggrieved, Sam the proper person to be applied to for redress. — I now write to you, and do engage that if you will send the Commandant a Subadar or any person on whom you may have confidence to represent matters to me I shall fully consider what he has to say, and send them back again safe to you — Colonel Campbell has a Copy of this Letter sent to him, and I have also written to him to the same effect. If you find that you will be in want of Provisions let me know and I shall supply you — but be careful that you do not on any Account molest the Country people in order that the Districts may remain undisturbed —

A true copy of the Translation

Joseph Garrow

Secretary Cont.t in Chief

The following Letter was this day received by the Right Honble President from Captain Cuppage Commanding at Vellore —

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

My Lord

Sam sorry to inform your Lord-ship, that the four Regiments of Cavalry Mutinyd at arrec about 10 o Clock at night the 29th Ultimo, the cause I have not particularly heard, but it is supposed on Account of their arrears Mr Sheriff and Mr Binny came in here this morning, having made their escape at a time when the whole was in an uproar and forcing their Officers into the Fort where they remain Prisoners — These Gentlemen say that a little time after Supper a report was made Colonel Campbell that Captain Mc Alisters Regiment had Mutinyed and that a part of them was at the Gateway Mr Sheriff was desired to go out and endeavor to Pacify them, but they would not listen to any reason, he then went to Camp in hopes of finding the other Regiments more reasonable but soon found that the others, one after another, rose on their Officers forcing them into the Fort, when he found them going to such lengths, he thought it best to endeavor to make his escape, and fortunately got on to the Hills near to Dobey Gum, and only got here this Morning me-

From Capt. Cuppage the four Regiments of Cavalry have confined their Officers a number of Princes are very sick -

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3 much fatigued.

There is a number of the unfortunate Prisoners, who were left sick here, dangerously ill, five have already died and there are eight or ten more in a very bad way.—

I have the Honor to be
&c.ª
(Signed) John Cuppage

Received Letters as entered in the Miscellany Book
N.º 23.

From the Commanding Officer of Vellore dated 4th May N.º Enclosing a Return of the Troops in that Garrison for the preceeding Month.

From Capt. Brant

From the Paymaster of Vellore Dated the 4th May N.º acknowledging the Receipt of the Deputy Secretary's Letter of the 28th Instant, containing orders that no Stores should be made up in any out Garrison without the particular permission of the Honble Board.

From Capt. Agnew

Dispatched Letters as entered in M.B.

To the Paymaster of the army 3d May N.º 19 requiring an exact Statement of the several accounts advanced by him, for the use of the Bengal Detachment.

To the Commander in Chief 3d May N.º 20 informing him of the Proportion of Gratuity and of the

To Capt. Welsh

To Lt. Col. Lang

Pay

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To Pay the Bond to Lond[d]

his appointment

To the Hon[ble]

To Lieut. Knox

Lieut Knox

re Misapprehension relative to a Certificate of General

Macleod's and mentioning the Batta &c. that are to

be allowed the Officers and Men of the 36 & 52 Reg[t]

lately arrived from the Malabar Coast

To the Co

To Capt Grant

mmanding Officer of Nellore Dated &c.

ordering

him to his Command, to withdraw the

Garrison of

Cavalry and Rampoor, also, if it can be

done without

Prejudice to the Service and to send

Captain Bro

Honors Corps to the Presidency

To the Collector of Nellore (No 12.) with Instruct

to Mr Lind

-ons for the Disposal of the damaged Grain and

respecting the Rents and informing him of Capt

Dr Campbell's proceedings to his Command &c.

To Mr Anderson

To Mr Anderson acquainting him of his appoint

-ment as Surgeon on the Establishment (No 13.)

To the Commanding Officer of Nellore

Lt. Grant

telling him that letters have been written to

Sultaun &c. on the Subject of the Depredations com

-mitted by his Officer to the Northward, desiring him

restored the Polygars on Restitution and to give an

exact Account of the Damages sustained

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Circular Letters

3 Circular Letter to the Settlements and Garrisons to the Northward (No.) requiring an account of the Money &c. advanced to the Bengal Detachment since its arrival from Bengal

Lt Sunderl

To the Commanding Officer of Chandernagore (No 17.) respecting the stores and Grain in that Garrison

Capt Symons

To the Commanding Officer of Cangola (No 18.) telling him that Letters had been written to Tippoo Sultaun &c. on the Subject of the Depredations Committed by his Officer to the Northward, directing him to avoid the Renewal of Hostilities on his Part to restrict the Poligars on Retaliation and to gain an Exact Account of the Damages sustained

To Lieutenant P. Sullivan (No 18.) informing him of the Establishment of the Cavalry as a Separate Corps, of his being included in it as a Lieutenant, leaving to his Option the Acceptance of that Commission or remaining in the Infantry, in the former of which case he is ordered to join immediately

Lt Sullivan

To the Commanding Officer at Poondamalee (No 22.) acquainting him with the Power that the Board have vested in the Commander in Chief to require any

To Col Stranbenzee

Part

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3 Part of that Garrison he might think necessary for the good of the Service, and desiring that he would Comply with any Requisitions to that Purpose—

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue N°24.)

Com. of Rev.

with Extract of a Letter from the Paymaster of Nellore and desiring an Account of the Grain &c. furnished for the Bengal Detachment, by the assigned Countries when in the Nabobs Possession—

From Mr Hawkins

From the Paymaster at Poondamalee N°23. with Account of Stores &c. in that Garrison for the Month of April—

4th Dispatched the following Letter under Charge of a Corporal—

To Lieutenant General Sang

Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

Sir

To the Commander in Chief hope that the money will satisfy the Mutineers by the will consult the other Officers

This morning Cornet St. Leger arrived here and brought a Paper, of which the Enclosed is a Copy, containing the Demands of the mutineers at arnee, as expressed by the Leaders of them. It is probable that the supply of 10000 Madras Pagodas by Mr. Gomands and the 15000 Sent this morning to you, and 10,000 which will be dispatched this Evening and which it required the greatest Efforts to collect, will be sufficient to allay

for

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4th For the Present, any discontents really arising from
the want of Pay, among the Troops in General; but
previously to the distribution of it, Precautions will
be no doubt taken to prevent the possibility of
any of the Cavalry going off with the Company's
Horses, mounted by them after their Receipt of
any part of this money. The whole of arrears will
be paid as quickly as possible, there is Specie at
Masulipatam which is sent for and may be
Expected in a few days. The determination of
the Board to consent to make any payment to
men in a State of mutiny must appear to arise
alone from humane attention to the Situation
in which those men hold their European Officers;
whom they threaten to carry with them to Mysore,
unless such Payment be made: you will however
make known to these men, that Tippoo Sultaun,
who is now at Peace with the Company would res-
tore those Officers, as he has done those whom he
took in time of War: and that Tippoo has such a
desire for the Friendship of the English evidenced
by his giving up the Carnatic, in Order to acquire
it, that he will not risque the loss of it by any
ill Treatment or Detention of English officers,
or by any Protection of natives of whom the English

shall

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4 The Army of the Nabob we shall complain have Faculties within your Reach which may be represented as answerable for any ill Treatment to English Officers, or other mis-behaviour of the native Troopers with whom they are connected. The Clause of Impunity insisted in the Demands made on the part of the mutineers, is the natural Result of a conscious-ness of Guilt, especially from Imaum ul Deen the Ringleader of the mutiny who dictated those Demands, and a like condution cannot fail hav-ing made, when on former Occasions mutinous Commotions have been excited, but such an Im-munity has always been resisted from its tendency to overturn the discipline and Subordination of the army, and therefore on the two Instances of mutiny in Bengal the same was avoided and as soon as Order was restored such punishments were inflicted as were considered sufficient to prevent, at least the Effect of bad Example among the native Soldiery in the Carnatic. There is room to apprehend that discontent is endeavoured to be spread by Persons disaffec-ted to the Company's Interest, and Efforts made to seduce them into other Services, tho' the policy

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4th Policy of all the Powers of Indostan, has induced them to
keep their Troops in arrears to prevent desertion: Yet the
arrears due to the Company's Troops on the Carnatic, a
arising from the multiplied exigencies and extreme
distresses of the war, and the failure of Remittances
from Bengal might be artfully wrought into an
Occasion of general mutiny if both by an untimely dis-
-charge of the arrears to the Cavalry and a perfect
Security against punishments there was every advan
-tage and no risk in following their Example, a favor
-able Issue to this Business will certainly require
Considerable Exertion of Firmness and address on your
Part and on the Part of General Horne and those other
Officers whom you will consult and take to your assis
-tance on this delicate Occasion, and we trust that no
-thing will be omitted. Cornet St. Leger mentions, what
indeed was to be Supposed, that the Corps or Individu-
-als concerned in the mutinys, are far from being unan-
-imous in their Determinations or equally disinclined
from returning to their Duty, their high Demands
and haughty Deportment ~~of~~ accompanied with
Strong apprehensions of Dangers, especially from the
approach of other Troops to Arcot, in case of which
they threaten their European Officers, but it might be

Expedient

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4th Expedient to march a sufficient Body of Europeans towards the Pass leading out of the Carnatic from Arnee, without approaching to that place, in Order to prevent the retreat of the Mutineers with the Company's horses into the Mysore Country, and the Supply of part of the Arrears demanded by the Mutineers, and the expectation of more may induce them, to wait and give time for such a march at all Events we think it necessary to strengthen your hands with European Troops and have therefore Ordered the 36th Regiment to march immediately towards Arcott, and Colonel Strawbenzee at Coonamalee is likewise directed to be in readeness to send from thence such of the Troops of that Garrison as you may require from him, but we fully hope that without the actual Exertion of any force the Business will be Settled. As soon as some part of the arrears shall have been distributed among the men and any real wants that may have been felt relieved. It is not unlikely that the most moderate will come to a proper Sence of their Duty, and separate from the more violent who may, by this means and by managements that need not be suggested, be forced to submit, but we conceive that it would be a worse alternative to promise a Pardon to the Chief Offenders than to suffer them

To

Fort St George May 1784

1812

to go away, as some of them in the latter Case might afterwards be found and punished, or at least such a Policy might operate as a Salutary Restraint upon others –

We are

Sir &c.

Signed Macartney Holcomb &c

P.S. We have left the distribution of the Supplies, sent from hence, to your Judgement and discretion, not only as being nearer the scene, where the Disturbance has already taken place, but as having also a better opportunity of Judging what part it may be necessary to pay to the native Troops at Arcott who have remained in quiet, so as that they may continue in good order & that may be assured that such good conduct will be remembered by Government & further Supplies transmitted with the possible Expedition –

Fort St George
3d May 1784

Received the following Letter

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c

Precident and Governor &c. Select Commitee

Fort St George

From the Commander in Chief acquainting the Board of the Supplies sent for by them the property the Dispatching of which they recommend to the Board &c

My Lord & Gentlemen

I received your letter of the 1st Instant by the hands of Mr Cormond, about 9 oClock yesterday morning, but as the money which was dispatched by

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4 Expedient to march a sufficient Body of Europeans towards the Pass, leading out of the Carnatic from Arnee, without approaching to that place, in Order to prevent the retreat of the Mutineers with the Company's horses into the Mysore Country, and the Supply of part of the Arrears demanded by the Mutineers, and the expectation of more may induce them, to wait and give time for such a march. at all Events we think it necessary to strengthen your hands with European Troops and have therefore Ordered the 36th Regiment to march immediately towards Arcott, and Colonel Stranbenzee at Poonamalee is likewise directed to be in readiness to send from thence such of the Troops of that Garrison as you may require from him, but we fully hope that without the actual Exertion of any force the Business will be settled. As soon as some part of the arrears shall have been distributed among the men and any real wants that may have been felt relieved, it is not unlikely that the most moderate will come to a proper Sence of their Duty, and separate from the more violent who may, by this means and by managements that must not be suggested, be forced to submit, but we conceive that it would be a worse alternative to promise a Pardon to the Chief Offenders than to suffer them

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Your &c.a

Macartney & Coms.a

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Government & further Supplies transmitted with the
possible Expedition -

Fort St George
3C May 1784

Received the following Letters

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

From the Commander in Chief acquainting the Gov.r that he has sent Supplies to Tanjore for the Troops acting against Hyder Ally Cawn & desiring that they may be paid

My Lord & Gentlemen

I received your letter of the
1st Instant by the hands of Mr Gomond, about 9 oblok
yesterday morning, but as the money which was dispatched
by

Fort St. George May 1784

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4th by you was not arrived I deffered acknowledging the receipt of it, until the Peons who had the money in Charge should arrive, they came in about 10 Oclock this morning. In consequence immediately dispatched a letter to Major Campbell at arnee, informing him that I should immediately send away one months pay for the Troopers, I shall make you acquainted with whatever I can learn of the conduct of the mutineers upon the receipt of this money, your Lordships &c.a will be able to form some judgement of the temper and behaviour of these people from the copies of major Campbells letter which I have the honor to enclose, I have also forwarded a Copy of my letter to him of this date, and that your Lordships &c.a may be fully informed respecting the money in Mr. Ogilvies hands, I have enclosed copies of what has passed on that subject between him and me

I shall also enclose for the information of your Lordships &c.a an Estimate of the money necessary for the payment of the Troops belonging to the army now here for one month, this is calculated as near as possible without including the Drummers, and non Commissioned, from this it will appear how far inadequate the sum you have now sent me is to afford one months pay to the Black Troops only besides which I have the Europeans who are now above four

months

Fort St. George May 1784

Private

Sir

I Hasten in answer to provide for

your direct that I should so dispose of

this money as to prevent any other part of the army from

following the example of the Cavalry - you may depend

upon my doing every thing in my power to prevent the

Example being followed - The Pioneers & Gun Lascars -

have ever been considered as fighting men and always

received pay at the same time with them nevertheless

I am now obliged to reserve the proportion that should

have been given to them for the Europeans and hope by

so doing to be able to give them nearly a months pay

the rest of the Troops I have ordered a months pay except

the Bombay Sepoys who begin to be very clamarous I should

have been induced to send them to the Presidency which

they much desire I had it in my power to have given

them enough to support them further but when this pay

ment is made not a Pagoda will remain -

I shall be particularly careful to

avoid any engagement to pardon the offence committed

by the Troopers as they most assuredly are worthy of

Exemplary punishment - I see not the smallest

likelihood of their relaxing in their Demands nothing

can be attempted against them by force and you will see

Major Campbell particularly requests it may not be

attempted -

I am happy on the idea of the peace

Fort St George May 1784

1645

4th of the Officers under me indeed I am much endebted to their exertions on the day the Infantry attempted to carry off their Guns and to their good conduct in preventing the mutinous spirit from spreading which we had every reason to fear from the Expressions and among the Sepoys —

I cannot omit mentioning to you the destressed situation of the Companys Officers (more Particularly those of the artillery an Official report of which has been made me this morning) who have been under the necessity of parting with what ever valuables they were possessed of a Provide them with subsistence —

With Troops thus Circumstanced you may imagine I cannot enjoy much satisfaction or peace of mind from you my Lord & Gentlemen I can alone expect relief and you will excuse me if I again in the most earnest manner solicit a further supply of money may be sent me as soon as possible —

I have the Honor to be

&c.

(Signed) Ross Lang

P.S. The Bombay Sepoys in consequence of hearing that they are not to have any share in the payment likely to be now made are much dissatisfied and may Troublesome

No 2 Cantonments

Arcot 4th may 1784

Fort St. George May 1784

1646

4 Troublesome I fear I shall be under the necessity of per-
mitting them to proceed to the Coast before I receive
your Orders respecting them —

My Dear General,

About half an hour ago I received
a letter from Dugald Campbell, a Copy of which I
send you enclosed, and request your orders, or advice
on the subject —

I have of the Companys money
4,000 Pagodas 1500 of it in fanams, I can on my
own Credit raise in the course of the day tomorrow
1000 more — now you know our Europeans must
be paid regularly weekly, to keep them quiet and
I wrote the Governor this day upon hearing of this
business, that I intended paying our Sepoys a
Months pay immediately as a security against
their following the Example of the Troops, I
will be guided by your Directions which I beg
to have as soon as possible for the sake of the poor
fellows in Limbo, at the same time you know General
some must be reserved for our preservation — if you
Can with Wilks's assistance, raise 2000 I think I
might out of my Stock raise the other 3000 till the

1647

Fort S.t George May 1784

4th Pleasure of the Committee is known, I have in the mean time wrote to Campbell, that I have wrote both to the Committee and you, and at the same time, I am doing all in my power to raise the Cash which I will send him without delay if 5000 will release them it must be got - I have dispatched two of the Troopers back, and kept the other three till I get your answer -

I am

Your Sincerely

(Signed) Thomas E. Ogilvie

If you think proper you may send Campbells and letter, and mine to the Governor, I shall do it to-morrow by the Taprall, I have wrote Campbell I have not the money, but to tell the people with your Helps I hope to get it in a day or two, in hopes of Hearing them easy, in the mean time and have requested he will let me know if 5000 will set them at Liberty - or how much the 6 Captains have sent me a joint Note of hand for the 5000

A true copy

Joseph Garrow

Secry Comr in Chief -

Fort St George May 1784

1618

To Major Dugold Campbell

Commandant of Cavalry

Sir

In consequence of your informa-
tion that the Cavalry would be in want of Rice
I this Evening dispatched 90 Bags which will be with
you tomorrow, I have detained the Trooper who bro-
ught your Letter until the arrival of the Madras
Topspall, by which I have received information
that I may shortly expect a Sum of money from
the Presidency, a full proportion of which shall be
immediately applied to the purpose of paying the
Troops at Arnee - You will inform them that if
they will send on a sufficient Guard to Tenney, to
Escort the same from thence, and send unto me
a proper Person to take Charge of the supply of the
money - it shall be delivered to them without
Delay, and you may assure them that the utmost
Exertions I am capable of, shall be made use of
to procure for them the full amounts of the arrears
due to them, as short a time as possible, that I
hope as they must be sensible that I will at all
times pay particular attention to their wants, that
I shall be informed by you that they have again re-

turned

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4 returned to their Duty as soldiers, and are obedient to the Commands of their Officers, whom I am hopefull they will immediately release, I have represented their situation to Government, from whom they will receive every attention, - You may assure them - that the money has been dispatched from Madras, I shall write you again in the course of tomorrow, and would wish to have Troopers stationed at Proper distances between Arnee and Tinnery, for the more speedy conveyance of letters, I will send my own People to Tinnery, I pledge my word that they shall not be molested in their Stations -

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
(signed) Ross Lang

No 2. Cantonments
arcot 2 May
1784
9 oclock at night

Attest Copy
Joseph Ganow
Secretary Comr in Chief

To Lieutenant General Lang
Commander in Chief

Sir

I was honored with your Letter dated at nine oClock last night, about four this morning and it was instantly explained to the People they will readily

Readily send a party to receive the money at Tenery
whenever you chuse, and Troopers are now posted as you
desire for carrying and bringing letters with dispatch.
We last night proposed giveing our own obligations to
see them paid off in the course of this month, which they
have refused, as they seem determined on having it
in a much shorter time, nor have we the most dista
-nt hope that they will return to their duty untill
they are paid up - I suppose it will be necessary that
a trusty man of Mr. Welch's should be present -
when any money is paid, to prevent any (X(34)) mistakes
(34) of the Vakeels -

I have the honor to be with the grea-
test respect

Sir
Your most Obed & humb Servant
(Signed) Dug. Campbell

Camp at Arnee
3 May 1784
9 oClock A.M.

A true Copy
Joseph Carow
Secretary Comr in Chief

To Lieutenant General Lang
Commander in Chief

Sir

Inconsequence of Ogilvie
not sending the money he promised, the men are so
incensed, that we shall be put to the torture at
noon

Fort St George May 1784

4th Noon tomorrow, if it does not arrive by that time, they have intelligence that Pagodas 3000 are at Vellore, If you wish to see us again, I beg you to order it all here the Instant this reaches, - I have sent an Officer direct to Vellore by their permission, and I hope that Ogilvie will not hesitate a moment in sending it directly here, and that your approbation will follow such a step, I have it also in Command to unite you not to permit Troops from any Quarter to approach or move this way -

Every alarm of this kind is attended with much danger to us -

The Rice is not yet arrived, which they think badly of - I trust that in future there will be no more disappointments of this kind -

I have the honor to be with great respect -

Sir

Your most Obed Servant

(signed) Dug Campbell

Camp arnee
11 o Night
3 May 1784

Captain Brengle is here with us, and treated like the rest - An Infantry Sepoy of the 1st Regiment now goes to bring some Cloaths belonging to those here that were left at arcott, I beg he may be allowed to return with them, and to bring a Barber with him -

(Signed) D.C.

A true Copy
Joseph Garnac
Secy Com in Chief

1652

4th

Major Dugald Campbell

Sir

I have just received your letter dated at 11 oClock last night, I am unacquainted with any promises made to you by Mr. Ogilvie, and you must know well that it is not in my power, to send him orders respecting the arrangements in Vellore, over which I have not any Command; I have last no time in sending him an Extract from your letter for his information, I am sorry to find that the conveyance of the Rice was not so quick as I expected, it was dispatched at the time I mentioned, as it is not my intention to deceive the men in any point whatever, This moment I have received a Sum of money from Madras, and in about two hours shall send away sufficient for one Months Pay for the People at Arnee — the Light Infantry and artillery that are here will receive the same proportion — You will inform the People that I expect a further supply of Money from Madras in some days longer, and assure them that the moment it arrives I shall send off to them their share of it

I am Sir

&c.

(Signed) Rose Lang

A true copy

Joseph Garrow

Secry Comdr in Chief

H. Q. Cantonments

Arcott 4 May 1784

½ p. 10 oClock

AM.

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Thomas Ogilvie Esqr

Sir

I have deferred replying to your Letter of last night, untill the arrival of the Madras Tappall, that I might know what directions the Government might give respecting the men at Arnee, I have information that a Sum of Money is on the road, which I expect here in a short time, of this I have given notice to Major Campbell, and I shall send what I think proper to him immediately on its arrival. with regard to the Money you mention as having in your hands, I cannot pretend to give you any Orders respecting it You are the best judge of the Necessity of your Continuation, and what will be proper to reserve for future Emergences, you will acquaint me should you determine to send, or have already sent, Money to Arnee & what Sum; I have sent five days Rice for the men this Evening which will be with them at Arnee tomorrow

I am Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) Ross Lang

Ft St. Cantonments

Arcot 2 May 1784

Sept. 9 oClock at Night

Thomas Ogilvie Esqr

Sir

As I am totally ignorant of what you may have promised to Major Campbell at Arnee, I have only to send you the annexed Extract from a Letter which I

Fort St. George May 1784

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№ 4 I have this moment received from him for your in-

formation

Sam Sr.

Your most Obedient Servant

/ signed / Rose Lang

№ 2 Cantonments

Arcott 4th May 1784

½ Pt. 9 o'Clock

A. M.

Estimate of Cash required for One Months

Pay and Batta to the undermentioned Troops belong-

ing to the Army

4 Regiments of Cavalry and Body Guard	6391 — —
5th Battalion of Sepoys	1260 25 16
18th Ditto	1352 15 —
27th Ditto 6 Companies now in Camp	680 — —
Company of Mantis Men	280 — —
Native Artillery	320 — —
Pioneers	617 — —
Cun Sawars	1124 15 —
Pagodas	12,022 13 16

Arcott

3d May 1784

/ Signed / Welsh Paymaster

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K B

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

The Instrument appoints Jemsey from on Suffolk Jemsey from him informing Sr of his Ltr from Major Campbell with answer thereto.

My Lord and Gentlemen

I beg leave to enclose you a Copy of a

1655

Fort St. George May 1784

Ext of a letter from Major Campbell at Arnee received this morning by Comet Delmonte with a Copy of my answer

Comet Delmonte informs me the People look for a supply of money first from me, and have expressed their very great surprise at my having not already sent them what I had

This I have now put out of my power, by acquainting all the Sepoys they are to receive two months pay tomorrow morning, and to prevent any cause of complaint among st them, have determined not to send a Pagoda out of Vellore

Vellore
5th May 1784

I have the honor to be
Sir &c
(Signed) Thomas Ed Ogilvie
Paymaster

Copy of a Letter from Major Campbell at Arnee dated 3 May 1784 11 at night to Mr Ogilvie at Vellore Received the 5th in the morning at 7 o'Clock

My dear Sam,

The people are so much moved at the disappointment of the money you promised, that tomorrow they intend putting me to the Torture, and if we do not give what you have, which we hear is about three Thousand Pagodas, or as much as you can possibly spare for it you should not, it would have been happy that we had not wrote you at all —

J

1656

Fort St George May 1784

4th I have Sent off an Express to the General, acquainting him of my having sent an Officer to you by their permission, and have requested of the General that his approbation may follow your sending the Cash here by noon tomorrow.

I cannot describe the feelings of all the Gentlemen at this most alarming disappointment, and we engage to pay Cent P Cent to the Company, for what ever you may send of them, we rely on your dispatching the Cash instantly, so as to prevent even a chance of any further disappointment, you do not seem to think our situation any thing like what it really is, Cornet Delmonte carrys you this, and is limited to 10 oClock tomorrow morning to return with the Cash

(signed) Dug.c Campbell

Copy of M.r Ogilvies answer to Major Campbells Letter from Arnee dated at Vellore 4th May 1784 7 oClock in the Morning

My dear Dug.c

I am this Instant favoured with Your of last night by Delmonte, and am Extremely Sorry the people should have thought that I could with out the permission of Government, send any of the public money in my possession to anee Body, receive the

1657

Fort St George May 1784

4th The Letter I have a few days ago to pay our people one months Pay who are Ten months in arrears and I have done it. I thought to have been able to raise a Thousand Pagodas here in my own provate Credit but in trying that yesterday, I was disappointed the few people here that have money have taken the alarm & are afraid I will force it from them, and they now declare they have none, nor can I by any means raise a hundred Pagodas this morning.

I have sent a Copy of your Letter to the Governor and the General, & I have not a doubt but they will instantly exert themselves to raise sufficient to pay your people entirely off.

/ signed / Tho.s E. Ogilvie

Monday morning
4th May 1784
8 O'Clock

From the Paymaster at Vellore dated 4th May 1784.

My Lord

I received a Letter early this morning from Major Campbell, by Cornet Delmonte, a Copy of which with my answer I have sent to the Select Committee, Delmonte assures me upon his returning without the Cash, they will instantly put their threats as force by first keeping them Exposed in the Sun all day - Sundans Regiment are the most active in the Mutiny, a Havildar of these

Elected

1658

Fort St George May 1784

From Mr Ogilvie the mutineers expect a Supply of money from him Enclosing Copy of a Letter from Major Campbell and his answer thereto

Mh 4 Elected Commandant, they have reduced all the Old Havildars, and Naigs, and appointed those who they thought deserved it better, Soundars people declare they will never Serve again, even if their arrears were paid off, Stevensons have never joined us the Evening after who by his advice, they put on the appearance of it, to save themselves from being cut to pieces by the rest, they / privately / give him intelligence of all that is done, and have declared publickly to the others, that they are resolved never to quit the Carnatick

They have allowed Captain Sudon and Ensign Klaumann to go off to Trichinapolly, and they have given Captain Macallister, brother the same permission which he declines, Captain Pringle is with them, and in the Tent with Campbell, all the Officers are in Tents on the Glacis, their Black Officers are all confined and very ill treated they dont think any of them are concerned

Campbell sent me a Verbal Message by Detonite, that he had great reason to believe there were people from side Saibs Camp Tampering with them, and nothing but money could possibly save them

As they are apprehensive of Troops Coming

1659

Fort St. George May 1784

To
Coming from the Southward may have forced all the
Officers to Sign a Letter, directing the Officer Com-
manding any detachment coming that way, to halt
immediately, or they will put every Officer to death
with or Camp — Let the Consequences prove ever so
fatal and Melancholly —

I am determined not to part with
a Pogoda of what Share got, as I may have Use
for it all at home, to Insure quiet here I have acquai-
nted the Sepoys this morning, that I will give them a
Months pay tomorrow morning, I have not the least
reason to think that any improper Idea is entertai-
ned by them, tho they might have reason to grum-
ble if they saw me sending Money to others which
was designed for them —

I have the Honor to be
Sr.
(Signed) Tho.s E. Ogilvie

Vellore
4 May 1784

From the Commanding Officer at Permacoil as
ordered in M.B. N.30.) acknowledging the receipt
of some Bandies and Bullocks from Mr Hoisland
at Pondechery, requesting the orders of the Board
about them, and enclosing a Return of Stores for
the Month of April with a Gunners Certificate &c.

patched

4th Dispatched letters entered in M.B. No 29.)
To Ensign Thomson Brought on, granting him Permission to proceed to Bengal for the Recovery of his Health —
To the Committee of stores No 25.) directing the Delivery of some arms claimed by Mr Roche, if they are to be found amongst the stores —
To the Military Paymaster General No 26) enclosing Copy of a Proposed Establishment of Troops on this Coast, and directing him to ascertain an Exact Statement of the amount of their Pay & Gratuity —
(Mr Paul Godley at Bombay No 27.) accepting his Resignation of the Honble Company's Service —
To Mrs Maria Teresa Temer M B No 32.) acquainting her that Lord Clives Bounty does not extend to the Widows of deceased Surgeons —

At a Select Committee present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney President
Anthony Sadleir Esqr Alexander Davidson Esqr
Robert Mansell Esqr —
Lieutenant General Lang absent upon Service —
The Minutes of last Committee read & approved —

The President lay before the Committee, Draft of a Letter to Tippoo sultaun with a Letter

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to abdul wahab caun (as entered in Country Correspondence No. 180) approved and ordered to be translated and dispatched with the several Enclosures therein referred to, being the said Letter to abdul wahab caun, and Extracts of various Letters Complaining of the detention of several of the European Prisoners, and great numbers most of the native Sepoys of the Carnatic.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Pearse.

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

Madras

My Lord and Gentlemen

Tho there is not any thing which gives me more pain, than making Complaints, yet as my publick duty requires me to use my utmost endeavors to keep the Troops under my Command in health and contentment, I find it incumbent on me to represent that the Rice which was laid in at Akanapet and this place, was to extreamly bad as really not fit to be served to the Troops.

To give due force to this representation, and to prove that it does not proceed from aught but real necessity, I here with send three samples one of what was laid use at Akamapet and this Place, another of

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a second Kind at this Place, and a third of such as the Country affords and which our Bazar retails —

At Chamapatam I was forced to order that four Seer should be served, to yield three, but in the evening, it was all made reduced to Powder - and this was a strong Proof of what was alledged, that it was old, and rotten

At this Place the Troops requested to be excused from Receiving either, alledging that what they had taken of the other, had produced Flixes and was extreamly unwholesome, and that the other sort was worse —

I Consented to their request, but as our Bazar not affording sufficient for so sudden, and unexpected a demand, I was under the necessity of Ordering them to take it, and pledged myself that they should have better in future —

If my Bazar were stronger all the Trouble would cease, but the Peons, I have really not Cash sufficient to advance any to the Bunnias & they are unable at once to get a stock of Bullocks sufficient, if we could add three hundred to what we have, all our difficulties would vanish —

We have now only got into waters, and the length of our march so great, that I apprehend from what I have seen, that we shall be extraordinarily

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—breamly distressed, that if we do not get better we
our men will fall sick, and I have not the means of
augmenting the Carriage of the Hospital, if it should
be needed which God forbid—

If you will be pleased to
give Orders for us, to have three hundred Bullocks
I will engage that they shall hereafter be duly paid
for, and if we get them, our Bazars can supply us, and
of course all further Trouble to the Company's Ser-
vants, and all expence to the Company will cease—

There is an objection to this which wei-
ghed so much in my mind, as to prevent my
Proposing it in any former Letter, it is that the Pay
is in fact so much pay to the Troops, and less cash will
suffice, a Consideration of moment in the present
distresses—

I therefore request that you will be
pleased to give such orders, as may prevent our being
distressed in future—

I am

with the greatest Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient and most

humble Servant

(Signed) T. D. Pearse

Colonel Comt Bengal Troops

&c.

Korwaare

30th April 1784

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The President inform the Committee that on receiving the above Letter, he wrote positive orders to the renters to supply Colonel Pearse with the best Price that could be procured — the President also lays before the Committee the following Letters which to save time he wrote to Colonel Pearse and Mr Lindo —

To Colonel Pearse

Dear Sir

I have this Moment received your letter to the Select Committee dated Chowar, to which an official answer will be returned to you tomorrow, In the mean time I write this few lines to acquaint you that we can not depart from the rule with regard to Bullocks, they must be hired, not purchased, Every endeavor shall be used to send you with money to pay for the hire, Letters shall be dispatched without delay to the Amaldar of Nellore upon the Subject of the rice, which tho' to judge from the Musters you sent by no means bad, is yet undoubtedly much too dear, in order to make such arrangements as the Change of Circumstances and occurrences of your march may require, I think it will on no account be adviseable for you to halt your Detachment at Nellore, till you hear from me again —

I have the Honor to be with great Respect
Dear Sir &c

Signed Macartney

To Col Pearse

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To Mr Lind

Paymaster at Nellore

Sir

In addition to my Letter of this day Enclosing a Letter for the Renter, I beg leave to add a word or two on a Subject relative to which Col.o Pearse has written to me; he seems to think that the Bullocks of his Detachment are insufficient to the Service & therefore wants to purchase some, this we have absolutely interdicted, it being a Measure with us not to purchase, but to hire all the Bullocks from the Northward have been sold to the Masdrucs, and we pay them so much a Month afterwards for the use of them The Property is the Masdrucs and we stand to no loss. Please to tell this to Colonel Pearse - If he wants Bullocks to any reasonable number for his Detachment, his Paymaster is directed to hire them - You will please to calculate the Expence of those additional ones that he may want from Nellore, to Ellore, or Masulipatam, and advance the amount to Mr Tyler the Paymaster - This is all the Expence we can afford to be at in our present distressed Situation, you will hear from me again soon upon this and some other business -

I am Dear Sir

(Signed) M.c Mackintosh Sr.

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The Committee entirely approve of the
Presidents Letters to Colonel Pearse, & Mr. Lind,
Resolved that the same be intimated to them, and
that a Copy of Colonel Pearses Letter be sent to
Mr. Lind, with orders to take care to have the
Bazars for the Bengal Troops supplied with the
best Rice that can be procured; that Colonel Pe-
arse be desired to continue his march, and in-
-formed that we cannot consent to his purcha-
-sing Bullocks, but that such as he wants may
be hired at the Different places in his route

Read the following Letter and En-
-closure from the Commissary of the army

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

Enclosed I have the honor to
Transmit your Lordship &c.a a Copy of a Letter which
I lately received from Brigadier General Horne,
respecting his Allowances according to that Rank
as the Printed book of Regulations do not altoge-
ther determine the Point, I request your Orders
thereon before I authorize the Payment
of

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if this Bills

I have the Honor to be with Respect

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humble Servant

(signed) W. Jackson

Commissary

Camp

17th April 1784

Sir

Inclosed I send my Pay note for this Month, and for difference of Pay of last and also for my last months Batta, I have to request you'll look over them - and if I am mistaken in my allowance as Bregd. General, I beg you'll set me to rights General Calliaud when 2 in Command under major General Laurence was allowed Cooleys when in the field to carry his Baggage - I do not know whether that was allowed General Stuart while General Munro remaind in the Command of the Coast - Troops, if it was, I should expect the same indulgence

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) Mat. Horne

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a true Copy

William Jackson

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The Honble Company ..... Dr.

To Difference of Pay between Colonel and Brigadier General from March the 16th to the 31st both days included ..... } P F 6 30 " " - "

Camp 1st april 1784

E.E. / Signed / Mathew Horne
Br. General

Tho.s Welch Esq.re
Military Paymaster

The Honble Company ..... Dr.

To my Pay as Brigadier General for the Month of April a £2 . 17 P Day 30 Days } 153 - 31 - 40

Allowance for Peon &c.a ..... }

E.E. Mathew Horne
Br. General

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To Thomas Welch Esq.re
Paymaster to the army

The Honble Company ..... Dr.

To my Batta as Colonel from the 1 March to the 16th a 6 Pagodas P Day ..... } Pag.s 96

To D.o from the 16th to the 31st a 10 Day.s 150

Camp 1st april 1784

EE / Signed / Mathew Horne
Br. General

Thomas Welch Esq.re
Military Paymaster

Agreat that the Commissary be informed in answer, that Brigadier General Horne is to receive for the Present no more than the pay and allowances of

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of a Colonel of Infantry, Lieutenant General Lang receives no additional pay for that rank his allowances exclusive of his pay as Colonel of Infantry being those annexed to his station as Commander in Chief -

Read the following Letter from the Commander in Chief enclosing Estimate of Bullocks necessary for the Corps he recommends to be kept in the Cantonments, and return of the Bombay Troops lately released -

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

In the minutes of Committee dated 12 April with an Extract from which I have been furnished, your Lordships &c are pleased to desire that I should lay before you my sentiments with regard to the number of Draft & Carriage Bullocks, Sascars, artificers, &c, that it will be necessary to keep upon the Cantonment at arcot, I have in Consequence fully Considered this subject, and have the honor to enclose an Estimate, of what will be indispensibly necessary for the different Corps, and also an Estimate of the number necessary for the Commissary General of Stores

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and the Grain Department, and hope the same will meet with your approbation, and that number may be ordered to be kept, and all above that number immediately discharged - I would also propose that Lascars and artificers should be kept in a seperate body, and not attached to any Corps, but be ready at all times to execute any Public work, that they might be imployed upon, and should it be thought proper to order any Corps to march from hence, that the number as specified in the Estimate, should - immediately join -

It is not practicable at present to reduce the number of Bullocks in the Commissary of stores Department, when the Stores intended for Vellore shall be all deposited in that Garrison, and a Stock of Provisions laid up in Arcot, no doubt a - reduction will immediately take place -

I am of opinion that a force consis-ting of not less than twelve Battalions of sepoys, 1500 European Infantry - 300 European artillery, 300 native artillery, should be always in readeness to march, and be so disposed of, as to be collected in a very short time, under the orders of the officer Commanding the Cantonments - The Proportion of Gun Lascars has been 100 to a Company of artillery - this number has been

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been found to be insufficient, and as these men are und-
-er the necessity of standing in the Line, in time of action
it requires that they should be steady, good men, and used
to the Labour required of them, I should therefore recom-
-mend that the number be encreased in the proportion
of 150 Gun Lascars to a Company of artillery - and the rather
as in time of War, it is not possible to get men to en-
-tertain for this Service -

For the above Force there should be
the undermentioned Guns:

500 Europeans	N.o 6		12 ℔rs
12 Battalions Sepoys	24		6
Artillery Park	4		18 Soon
	2		18 Brass
	2		12
	6		6 long
	6		6 Gallopers
Total 50 Guns			

These Guns to be compleated with Stores of all Kinds
Agreeable to the directions of the Hon-
-ble Committee, Iyesterday gave out in Orders, that the
Officers were to be reduced to the Peace Establishment
and to draw half Batta until the 1st January next -
When the Troops with me are almost
all ready to follow the Example of the Cavalry at once,
when my only dependance is upon the Europeans whose
distress is extremly great, being now above four months
in

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in arrears and no apparent relief to be had, I conceived it to be a matter of too dangerous a tendency, to attempt to strike off the Batta from them - I make no doubt when my our Lordship &c.ª reflect on the dreadful conse-quences that would ensue upon the appearance of a spirit of mutiny among the Europeans at this time, that you will approve of my having continued their Batta, untill it is my power to quiet their minds, by giving them some part at least of their arrears - as it would have caused discontent among the Hinger Troops, had their Batta (at the time the Companys received theirs) been struck off, I have continued it to them also - what I have done I conceive to be for the good of the Service and shall be glad to find you approve of it -

I have ordered the Public Followers to proceed immediately to the Presidency for Rice, which your Lordship &c.ª will please to order them according by whatever may be received by those who by the ar-rangement will be discharged, will be charged to them and deducted out of the Pay that is due to them -

I have given directions that a suffi-cient number of Draft Bullocks should be sent to the Presidency for the converging half the Guns intended for Vellore to that Garrison, and Sascars and Pioneers to attend them -

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In the Extract from the minutes of the 12th Ultimo your Lordship &c. directs that when the Bazar price of Rice shall exceed ... Star Pagodas ℔ Garce, the Sepoys are to be supplied by the Company, but at no Sum as mentioned. I request I may be informed at what rate they are to be supplied.

As the Invalids are now returned I hope to be honored with your directions respecting the Battalion of Europeans intended for Vellore.

The men of the 36th & 52d Regiments during the extreme heats of the weather, are remarkably unhealthy. I would recommend that they should be sent to Vellore, where they may be properly accommodated in the Hospitals, which it is not in my power to procure for them here. Should this meet with your approbation, I should wish them removed as soon as possible, and that you would inform me whether it is your pleasure that General Horne or Colonel Nixon should proceed with them, and take the Command of Vellore during their stay there. I have received the G.O. of the 29 Ultimo this moment, I had already issued Orders what respects the Officers, and I trust the reasons I have above assigned will be sufficient to induce your Lordship &c. to allow of the Batta being continued to the Europeans, until their arrears are paid, as your

Lordship

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Lordship &c. could not be informed of the disagreeable circumstances that have happened at arnee at the time of passing that order - I have therefore determined to wait untill I receive your further instructions, before I publish the G. O. of the 29 to the army, which cannot occasion more than a delay of three days -

I have the honor to enclose you a return of the Troops belonging to the Bombay Establishment now in arcott - The Officers and men are very anxious for permission to proceed to the Presidency for a certain time, that they may supply themselves with Necessaries of which they are at present totally destitute; were they furnished with money, I do not think the markets here, would admitt of their furnishing themselves with what they want, If agreeable to your Lordship &c. I will order them to the Presidency for certain time where they can be provided with Cloathing, arms, and Accoutrements, and returned to this place -

I have the Honor to be

&c.

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) Ross Lang

Head Quarters

Cantonments Arcott

2d May 1784 -

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Estimates of Bullocks Lascars Artificers &c. indispensably for the undermentioned Corps in Cantonments

Regiment of native Cavalry	No.	Company of artillery	No.
Syrang	1	Syrangs	2
Tindals	2	Tindals	3
Lascars	16	Lascars	36
Carriage Bullocks	46	Puckalies	6
Mastries Smith	1	Carriage Bullocks	54
Artificer mastry Carpenter	1	Bullock Mastries	1
Carpenters	1	Artificer Mastries	1
Armourers	2	Carpenters	1
Smiths	1	armoures	1
Hammerman	1	Smiths	1
Bellows Boys	1	Hammermen	1
Chickledars	1	Bellows Boys	1
Chucklers	2	Chickledars	1
Moochies	2	Chuckers	1

Battalian of European Infantry		Battalian of Sepoys	
Syrang	1	Tindals	1
Tindals	4	Lascars	10
Lascars	50	Carriage Bullocks	52
Puckallies	24	Bullocks Mastries	1
Carriage Bullocks	197	Carpenters	1
Bullock Mastries	3	Armourers	1
Artificer Mastry Carpenter	1	Smiths	2
Carpenters	2	Hammerman	1
Armourers	2	Bellows Boys	1
Smiths	2	Chucklers	1
Hammerman	2		
Bellows Boys	2		
Checkledars	2		
Chucklers	2		
Sawyer	1		

For the use of the Cantonment 100 Dooleys

For the Commander in Chief and Staff Officers

2 Syrangs
4 Tindals
100 Lascars
20 Puckalies

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Estimate of Bullocks &c. necessary for the Commissary Genral of Stores Department in Cantonment

Draught Bullocks } all at present employed
Carriage .. D°.. }. untill the ordance &c. is
put into Vellore and a suffe
-cient Magazine of Grain
laid in at arcott

Syrangs	6
Tuidals	12
Lascars	60
Mastries Carpenters	4
Carpenters	18
Mastry Smiths	4
Smiths	18
Hammermen	18
Bellows Boys	18
Mastry Armourer	1
Armourers	6
Chuckladars	6
Sawyers	4
Chuckles	6
Painters	2
Concopolys	4
Puckallies	3
Marsaulchies	2

For the Grain Department the Servants
Ordered by the Right Honourable and
Select Committee which are Necessary
to Serve Rice to the Troops

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Return of the Bombay Troops in Cantonments at Arcott 2d of May 1784

European Artillery

Lieut. Fire Workers	
Conductors	
Quarter Mar. Sey	
Serjeants	
Corporals	
Bombardiers	
Gunners	
Matrosses	
Total	
Artificers	
Lascars	
Beastries	
Total	

Natives attached

Total 5 1 1 4 4 6 6 7 34 6 20 3 20

Native Infantry

Subalterns	Europeans Officers
Subidars	
Serjeants	
Jamidars	
Havaldars	
Naigs	
Subness	
Drum.s & Fifes	
Trumpeters	
Bildhars	
Artificers	
Watermen	
Washermen	
Doctor	
Sepoys	
Total	

Total 24 2 37 3 169 144 8 19 2 16 2 14 9 1 1186 1621

signed Ross Lang

The Committee having considered the forgoing Letter resolved that the following answer be returned to it ~~[illegible]~~

To Lieutenant General Lang

Commander in Chief

Sir

We have had the honor to receive

your

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Your Letter of the 2d

Respecting the forces you recommend to be cantoned at Arcott, the number of Sawars and Bullocks to be kept up, and other important military arrangements including the Command of Vellore as soon as convenient We shall be glad to see you here, that We may consult with you further, before we come to any final determination, we shall write to you again very soon on the subject of Batta, in the meanwhile we approve of your deferring to publish the General order for its discontinuance.

As soon as the present disturbance among the native Cavalry, shall be at an end, and quiet and regularity restored, you may order the Companies Europeans or part of them to Vellore

We have forwarded to Arcott 2000 Uniforms for the Bombay Sepoys, and others, the Officers may be allowed to come to the Presidency in their turns, a few at a time, and we shall send others who are here, to supply their place, but we wish the Sepoys to remain at Arcott till further Orders — We desire you will send up Indent for arms and Accountrements for them, which shall be complied with, we have written you fully Concerning the Mutiney of the Cavalry, and we

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repeat our reliance on your resolution and address
in bringing it to such a termination, as will effec
tually prevent the repetition of such Conduct

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5th May 1784

We have the honor to be
&c.a
(signed Macartney &c.a

Read the following Letter

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

The Cavalry Officers are in the
most unhappy situation, and without your immediate
assistance we have all reason to apprehend the most
fatal consequence, the night of our arrival here the
men mutinied, and confined their Officers both native
and European, and threatened them with death if they
did not immediately procure them their arrears-
I wrote a Letter dictated by them to the
above purport to General Sang, but his answer not
being satisfactory to them, it enraged them the more
and they encreased their threats, and bad treatment
since which they are joined by a part of the Light
Infantry, who mutined and made their escape
from Arcot they are continually meeting to
devise

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deprive on cruelties, and punishment for the Officers, &
we know not how fatal the next moment may be
to us, I have taken every means to persuade them
to return to their duty, and to satisfy their present wants,
but in vain, they are too impatient to wait for the
replies to my letters, and use continual threats if they
do not immediately receive their arrears - I have wrote
this morning to Mr Ogilvie requesting him to
send us what money he can collect, If I am not suc-
-cessful, they will be more enraged, if I am, it will
be some security from their insults, and cruelties, &
may prevent them from executing their threats of
putting us to death, or marching us to Tippoo with
the horses, which is an object that the amount of
their arrears is by no means to be put in compe-
-tition with. The people are so vigilant & active
that nothing can be effected against them by force,
and I request it may not be thought of on any
Account, the sacrifice of our lives will not be the
only loss such a step could occasion -
We presume ourselves that your Lord-
-ship will take an immediate, and Effectual me-
-thod to relieve us by payment of the arrears -
amounting to 50000 Pagodas, as we are assured no-
-thing less will satisfy them, their conduct having
been

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too disparate to compromise, and many of them in
insisting on their discharge with their arrears

I have the honor to be &c

Camp at Arnee
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My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servant
Signed / Dug.l Campbell.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

About seven Clock last night
I received a Letter from Lieut.n Colonel Campbell at
Arnee a Copy of which I have the honor to enclose also a
Copy of my answer —

I immediately despatched an express
to the General at Arcott, informing him of the demand
begging to know what was best to be done for the
safety of the Officers whose lives were at stake —

I informed the General of my having
4000 Pagodas public money, and that I believed I
could raise 1000 Pagodas more in the place, in Case
that Sum would release the Officers, and quell the
Mutiny at the same time observed the impropriety
of sending all the money I had, unless with a certa
inty of success —

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As soon as I heard of the behaviour of the Cavalry, I wrote the Right Honble the Governor that I intended paying our Sepoys 2 months pay immediately, to ensure safety, and quiet, here. I beg to be favoured with the orders of the Right Honble the Committee how to act, without which I will be very cautious in parting with a Pagodah of the Public money in my possession. I have the Honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

with very great respect —

Your most Obedient & very humble Servant

/ Signed / Tho.s E. Ogilvie

Paymaster

Vellore
2 May 1784

Copy of Mr Ogilvies answer to a Letter received from Lieutenant Colonel Campbell the 4th of May 1784

My Dear Dugald

I received yours about half an hour ago with a joint note from Sourdan, Maca Lester, Stevenson, and yourself, for 5000 Pagodas which I am very sorry is not in my power to comply with, I have it not, nor half the Sum I declare, but I am doing all in my power to raise it, or a part of

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of it and have sent off an express to the General who is in arcott for his assistance, which I expect by Day light in the morning - I have requested of four of the Troopers to wait tell it arrives, and begd of the other two to go off immediately with this, with assurance of my utmost endeavours being used, to send you the Money immediately, or even a part of it, you may assure them they shall have it, and by tomorrow night if in my power - Will they release you for that sum I wish to know that, to acquaint the General what their Demands are -

Sheriff and Pauney arrived here this morning at Gunfire -

Vellore Saturday Night 8 o Clock

Signed Tho.s E. Ogilvie

Copy of Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Campbell at Arnee to Mr. Ogilvie Paymaster at Vellore

dated 4th May 1784

My Dear Tom

I send you Five Troopers to bring all the money you can possibly raise for us, and the joint receipt of Sandam, Macallester, Stevenson & myself, for five thousand Pagodas - our situation is very desparate, they declare they will either present us all to Tippoo, or use us here in the manner they think will the soonest draw the Compassion of our

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Dear Friends

They say that the General is gone to-
Vellore, but I cannot credit it, should he be there
shew him this and send the money without a
moments delay, and request of the General to send
all he can also-

signed Dugald Campbell

The Letter came to me sealed, but there was a P.S.
wrote in a different hand from Colonel Camp-
bells as follows-

P.S. Collect as much as you possibly can to be
here tomorrow

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

My Lord

I have received your Lordships letter
of the 1st Instant together with the Official letter from
the Committee, M.r Connond arrived here this morning
but the Peons who have the money in charge are not
yet come in- as soon as they arrive I shall send away
such a proportion of the money as I can possibly spa-
re being under the necessity of reserving a part,
least any disagreeable circumstances should prevent
themselves here, the Troops being much out of hon-
our

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Honour I am confident your Lordship will send a further supply as soon as possible, for we are really much in want of it — I have had my suspicions with regard to the business at Arnee which I find in a great measure coincide with your Lordships Jr. ideas, I shall to the utmost of my power endeavour to procure certain information on this subject —

I am glad to find the mode I proposed for settling the matter concerning the subsidy to the northward is approved of.

I have the Honor to be

Your Lordships

most Obedient Servant

(signed) Ross Lang

To Lieutenant General Lang

Commander in Chief

Fort St. George
Arnee 3d May 1784
5 oClock P.M.

Sir

Your favor of yesterday was brought me a few hours after I had the honor of addressing you the People expect much from your representation of their Distresses any money that you can possibly send that will enable them to get food will be of use — and the Rice for the whole is very much wanted here — I hope Mr. St. Leger has explained our Situation clearly to you & the cause of his going to Madras —

I have the honor to be &c.

(signed) Dugd Campbell

Sec.y Comr. in chief

Camp at Arnee
2d May 1784
Rec.d at 6 oClock P.M.

A true Copy
Joseph Cannow
Secry Comr. in chief

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My Lord and Gentlemen

Annexed is Copy of a Letter I have this
moment received from Major Campbell I shall defer re-
plying to it until the Madras Sapphall comes in, by whe
I expect to hear from you, however I shall at 9 o'clock
send away greatest part of the money intended for the 5th
Battalion at all events although I am sorry to say they are
very clamarous for their Pay - I have ordered seven
Days Rice to be sent to arrive which will be here tomor
row The number of the Artillery and Infantry
who have remained here and behaved in a quiet orderly
manner is between 5 & 600

I am
Fort St. Cantonments
Dec 6th 2 May 1784
Your most obedient Servant
signed Ross Lang

My Lord

I have the honor to inform your
Lordship that I arrived here at 8 oblock this morning I
and delivered the Dispatches to General Lang, but
I have not been equally fortunate with the money
owing to the misbehaviour of the Nerannah who
notwithstanding particular directions given to him
by Perraud, left me near Pondamallee and I
did not see him again till I halted at Shrepar
madore

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modore when he told me the Golah Peons would arrive
there in five Minutes after waiting 2 hours and half
without seeing them and being uncertain whether "
they were before or behind me I thought it best to
push on with the Dispatch giving strict orders to
the Hircarah to attend me and to give me notice wh
-en we came up to the Peons, but this Hircarah left
me in less than ½ an hour and I have never seen
him since but I have not the least doubt the Peons
will arrive this night, as the Europeans Troops & Body
guard is stationed near Every pachum there is no dan
-ger of their being intercepted by the Mutineers — Mr.
St. Leger will be able to inform your Lordship of the
State of affairs at large since his departure some
Letters have passed between the General and some of
the Officers, Major Campbell by one received this day
about 12, informs that the Officers have offered their per
-sonal obligations for the whole arrears to be paid
in one Month which was refused, some of them allo
stipulate for their discharge, I have enquired about
their families, and find they have them with them
General Harris's Opinion with respect to the Mea-
-sures to be taken with them, coincides with that
of your Lordships, General Lang is for lenient
Meaners which he thinks will succeed in a short
time

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Tenne I am not at present sufficiently acquainted with affairs here to write your Lordship more fully but as any thing may occur I shall trouble you I trust you will excuse any incorrectness in my Letters — I have the Honor to be with great Respect Your Lordships most Obedient Servant (Signed) R Gomond

Every Pagoda that could be procured, amounting to Pagodas 40,000 has been already dispatched to General Lang, with Instructions for his conduct as far as we can at this distance venture to instruct the Commander in Chief, who by being on the spot with the army where the news of the Muting reached it, and by his professional Knowledge, and Experience was most competent to decide with regard to the measures advisable to be taken on such an Exigency, and we can only but regret that instead of decoding him=self he should have waited for Instructions from us, by which much time was lost, and the motions encouraged to expect that their de=mands will be complied with, where as a rigoro=us

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and immediate Exertion, would have spurn
them their Danger, and they would probably have
been glad to return to their duty, and accepted of
pardon, before they had forfeited all Claim to it by
persisting in mutiny

Read the following Letter from the President at
Tanjore, with the Letter from the Rajah, thereon men-
tioned as entered in Country Correspondence (83)
and the statements of the produce of the Provinces
ganams to be ceded to the French

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

My Lord

although the letter which I have now
the honor of forwarding from his Excellency the
Rajah for your Lordships perusal shows my
reluctance to cede the four maganums and the
apprehension of the Consequences which may attend
such an increase of dominion to the French your
Lordship will find by it, that he is resigned to
submit to whatever our Government may require
from the belief that nothing but necessity could
or can induce our consent to Contract the limits
of his dominion and reduce the income of his

Revenue

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Resource for the purpose of Extending the influ-
ence and adding to the Resources of the French
That your Lordship may be the
better enabled to judge of the importance of
this proposed cession to the French, I have con-
ceived an Account of the produce extent and
Capacity of the Lands dependent on the four
Maugunis to be taken, and I have now the
honor of transmitting it to your Lordship, in
the Form of the Accounts lately introduced in the
Revenue department under my direction here-
The first and most important
observation that suggests itself upon a view
of this statement is, that the ceded Lands will
annually furnish the French with the means
of storing a Considerable magazine of grain
at this Place and if their policy should lead
them to erect works Capable of giving cover to
such a Garrison as they may subsist here, the
Security of Tanjore and Consequently of all our
Southern Provinces will require that our Forts
should be Strengthened, or that a Cantonment
should be formed of such force as may at all
times Confine the French within their own
Limits, many inferior the not unimportant
Observa-

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Observations will offer themselves relative to Commerce, and manufactures, but Competetion in these points Cannot prove unfavorable to our General interest, while we continue to encourage the industry of the manufacturer, and of the Cultivator, and while we endeavour to attach them to our Government, by maintaining the established usages of the Country the basis of our administration -

I have the Honor to be with great Respect -

My Lord

Your Lordships faithfull &
Obedient humble Servant
(Signed) John Sullivan

Karicall 27th April 1784

Tulja Maharaja presents his Salam to Lord Macartney Bahadur Governor &c. Madras

The Letter which you have written to me in the Month of September last, Mr Hepparley has delivered to me in the month of October, you acquainted me with the preliminary articles of Peace between Great Britain and France, and suggested that the Honble Court of Directors hoped that I would consent to it - you mentioned that the French were to have Carekal and four Districts adjoining it; in the Months of March you have sent me a Letter which

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which Mr. Sulivan has delivered, in which you mention that in the preliminary articles of Peace which came from Europe, it is stipulated that when Carickal is to be given to the French four Districts or maganams are to be given to them, likewise and that Mr. Sulivan was to ask me about the extent of those four Maganams, and that the Company hoped I would chearfully comply with those Articles, you add that my assistance to the Company in this affair was necessary

Both letters I have considered and considered of the subject of them, for as the French have no pretence of right on those four Districts, what is the reason why they should be given to them not knowing what agreements here, have been made by me and the French, this article has been made in Europe, give me therefore leave to relate to you, that has happened in respect of Carickal to this Day — Forty five Years ago Karickal with five Villages were given to the French, for which they paid 50000 Chakrams Besides they engaged to pay every Year three thousand Nagapatam Pagodas as Peshcash — They afterwards represented the impossibility of paying so much Peshcash, and requested that they might be freed from that Burden, They bought

Bought nine other Villages from us for which they
paid 60000 Chakrams It was determined that instead
of 3000 Pagodas they should yearly pay 2000 thirty
five Years ago Hidayet modeen Chan and Sanda
Saib both marched with a Large Army into this
Country, besieged our Fort for 3 months and reduc-
ced us very much The French assisted that Army
The French took at that time four Ma-
ganams, and forced us likewise to forego the 2000 Pag
Peshcash nay to give it give it them in writing In
such a manner the French professed those maganams
for some time Afterwards twenty three years ago the
English having War with the French, took Pondichery
and Carikal, the Governor at Madras restored to
us the four Maganams, that is twenty years ago not
long after that a Peace between the English and French
was concluded, Pondichery and Carikal, were restored to
the French, but at Carikal the French had no more
Villages than within a Gun shot, Mr Saws & Palmer
were sent to us, the agreement between them and us
were as follows, The French were to possess Carikal
and the Villages within Gun Shot, they were to pay yearly
1000 Nagapatam Pagodas Peshcash, they were to leave
to us the Custom and mint, the paper which by force they
formerly had got from us, concerning the four maga-
nams

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writting that the French had nothing to do any longer with the S.t Maganams, beside peices of smaller moment were adjusted, in that Paper all was signed and sealed, those Gentlemen took their leave from us and we have hitherto possessed those S.t maganams

The Paper of Agreement signed and sealed by Mess.rs Lewis and Blaner, wherein they renounced all pretence of Right on the S.t Maganams, we kept in our Palace, a Copy of which we still have, the agreement which we gave to the French in writing they doubtless still have, From the time that the Government was in the Hands of the Bonzala Family, all papers of moment the Bolshas Farman and all Papers of agreement were kept in our Palace

All the world knows that the nabob took this Place, and deprived us of all Papers of State may even of our Seals of course the Papers of agreement between us and the French was carried off, but its Copy remained with us. When the nabob possessed our Country for three Years, the French had Caraical and the Villages within Gun Shot and no more, when the Enlish reinstated me, I possessed S.t Maganams and so have done to this day

As the French gave it me in writ
ing

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being that they had nothing to do with the four ma-
ganams, there is in this respect no contention be-
tween me and them, This being the Case I highly
wonder that according to the articles sent from
Europe, I am to give up to the French Districts, the
Income of which amounts to 50 or 60000 Pagodas
Thus is the reason that inclined me to explain to
you the whole matter, requesting to consider it very
well, for then I am confident you will find, that I
am not obliged to give up these Maganams to
them, It is your part to write all this to Europe,
and to use all means that I may remain in the
possession of those maganams you are righteous
and a Gentleman of Honour, therefore you will
look upon this with the Eye of Justice, and I trust
You will enquire properly and do every thing jus-
tly, I have no support but in you, I trust in you,
and I am persuaded you will take care in an
Honourable manner of a poor Friend
If you think that not giving
those Maganams to the French, might be
a cause of new Hostilities, and it therefore
was necessary to keep up to the articles made out
in Europe I who live under the cool Shade of the
English along with my Family, and Country I say

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in this case do as it seemeth best to you, but if You
require my Consent, I declare that it is not right,
As it seemeth proper to you, so do, I doubt not but
you will do that which is proper
You may perhaps think that
I consent to the article of giving to Maganams to
the French, whatever promotes the Joy of the English
I think proper to do, however I will still mention
some things by which you may know the Doubts I
have in my mind concerning the giving up of Carei
Mal, and the 4 Maganams - There is a Freind-
-ship between me and the English Company -
therefore I hope You will consider seriously what
Damage I and the Company may suffer from
the giving up Careikal, and the 4 Maganams, and
if you consider this, I hope you will not do that
act; If the French become strong the Company &
I will suffer greatly by it, the Consideration of which
I hope will incline you to desist from making
such a Demand; If the French get Carikal &
the four Maganams, my Life is great, and
the Company will find great Inconviences
for this reason you ought to desist from making
the Demand, of giving up those Districts to the
French, we ought not to weakning us and to strong

Then

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them our Enemy, for had the French possessed in
the last War with Hyder Carcikal and those Distri
cts you will easily see the Sufferings which we
could be exposed to We should have lost all
Connection with Nagapatam, and Trenquebar the
Road or Connection with Madras would have pro
ved more difficult, Only mention with a few
Words the inconveniencies which must arise from
French possession those Districts, you are wise
and will see all this clearly, It is needless for me
to mention the advantages which Hyder reaped from
his alliance with the French, as they are allied to
our Enemies, we ought not to strengthen them, if
we strengthen them we shall be distressed for et
The Gentlemen in Europe perhaps do not know
this from thence originates their Demand of
giving up that Country to the French, I hope
therefore you will represent this to Europe pro
perly and advise accordingly, I know and hope
that the Strength of the English in those Coun
tries will prevail, I live under their Colours
and meditate their Welfair - As the King of
Great

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Great Britain is of a merciful Disposition,
Therefore I hope that he will preserve and
Protect a Poor Friend, who has taken Refuge
to him, and not suffer permit that some dis-
tricts of his poor Friend be given to Strangers-
The Enemy has laid my Coun-
try waste, it will therefore take time before
I can pay off to the Company the stipulated
Sum in a convenient manner, But if four
Districts are taken away from me, how
shall I be able to satisfy the Company, I can
therefore by no means consent to the losing
those four Districts, and that the French know
very well, If the French get those 4 Districts
they will become more powerful than the En
glish, besides the French ought if they get the
4 Districts pay me more Peshcash but no-
me will get it from them —
I wish to have no Connecti-
on with any but the English nation, therefore I
write firmly, and desire that no Power might
be

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be given to a foreign nation, as the English have
given me the Country & Established me I
am under their Protection, Fearless, and confi-
dent, As I trust in the justice and kind
ness of the King of England, I hope you will
strengthen and confirm my trust, therefore
you will kindly consider all what I have "
written, and represent all to the King of En-
gland and the Company and Convince a
them that I am a true Friend to the English
and procure another Order, by which I may be
Confirmed in the Possession of those Four "
Magannas, This is the Burden which I lay
on you, Besides you I have no Support, there-
fore I beg you will regard me in an Honourable
way, do all last whatever seemeth best, I hope
you will do all right, whatever remains to be
said my Vakeel Trimbeg Sambajee will
Explain, whom you will kindly receive &
Acknowledge me always as your real Fri
end, what I have I am to write to a Friend

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Rents of Four Maganams under the Puthacum of Fenellaroo in Different Years as follows

		Produce of Every Year			Produce Every year
		Pd Pag	Chs	Rupe	Paddy
1755 & 1756	Trevangedutta Pilla Rented under the French for 2 Years			100,000	300,000
1761	Basuapah Chitty Do under the English for this Do				260,000
1765 & 1768	Mosto Comara Tumberan Do under the Raja for 3 Years	23,000			275,000
1774	Dobbeer Pundet Settled by him after an examinaton of 10 years Account		33730½		200,005
1773	Produce in this Year				4700
1784	Do in Do				48,220

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Statement of Four Maganams under the Co

Names of the Maganams	Villages	Paddy Lands	Produce of Paddy	Pollams or Lands free of	
				Coll.m	Coll.m
Tremellore	36	563	71452	3	77
Nedumeadoor	36	296	37656	52	65
Velatendoor	13	266	47246	23	12
Codetcherry	8	263	34032	3	56
Total	93	1151	193992	209	10

Paddy Total Produce as per Pattiem — 200005

Deduct for Free Lands — Coll.m 6012

Remain — 193992

Deduct Inhabitant Share &c. — 86764

D.o allowance to Inhabitants &c. as usual out of Circar Share — 3020

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Remain Neat Circar share — 104208

2/3 Lands & Cullums — 3262 5

Ready Money Rents Total Produce as per D.o — 967 3 20

Rent of Land Customs — 1570

33730 4 6

Charges Sundry & Subsidies Pay allowed as usual Viz

To Mohoney or Allowance for Chowdry &c — 1394

To Peon rent for Inhabitants — 92

To allowance for Inhabitants attending the water Circar at the time of the Floods — 154

To Silladdies Pay — 690

Neat Revenue to the Circar — 31892 9 6

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Viaccam of Triwillaroo at the time of Pobber Cundal or for the Year 1774

at nette rents	Choultrum or rented Lands at fixed but variable rates in Money	Free Lands	Produce of Paddy on Free Lands	Betle Gardens	House Rent	Choyroot Rent	Tribute of the Weavers	Ryot Chetwah & stated Tribute Lands	Total amount of Lands	Total amount of Paddy	Total amount of money
Chuckrums	Chuckrums	Chuckrums	Chuckrums	Chuckrums	Chuckrums	Chuckrums	Chuckrums	Chuckrums	Chuckrums	Chuckrums	Chuckrums
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124 8 6	" " "	18 "	234	9 " "	" 22. 6.	22 "	" " "	" "	96 4/2	463 "	4405. -	147. 4. 28
130. 7. -	" " "	1. 2½	154	" " "	28 2	" " "	" " "	" "	52. 5.	425 15	4300. -	158 9. "
126. 3. 12	" " "	7. "	961 4	" "	83. 9. "	96. 4. 76	" "	" "	44. 10.	370 10	2700. -	266. 6. 28
620 5. -	10. 10 100	45 1½	642	1. 4. 9.	129 "	14 96 4.	76. 7. "	"	306 7½	2023 15	20000 -	967. 8. 30

Abstract of Ready money Rents Viz.t

	Chuck.rs G. F. Cash
Pubenetts or Lands at fixed or variable rents	620. 5. -
Choultrums or Rented Lands at stated but variable rates in Money	100. " "
Beetle Gardens	4. 9. -
House Rent	129. " 14.
Choy root Rent	96. 4. 76
Tribute of the weavers	7. " "
	967. 8. 30

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Resolved that copies of the Rajahs Letter and of the
statements be sent a separate number in the next dis
patch to Europe.

The President is requested to write to the Rajah and to
assure him, that his conduct on this Occasion and
his acquiescence in the cession of the 4 Maganams which
for the sake of the General welfare of the British
Empire, has been stipulated in the late Treaty with
France will be considered by the Company as a
sincere proof of his friendship and attachement.

Read the following Letter from the Chief Council of
Masulipatam.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

Mr Sinclair the Surgeon of this
Settlement addressed a Letter to us lately, informing
us that from the daily opportunities he had of obser
ving the disorderly behaviour of some of the Patients
in the Hospital, he found himself obliged to point
out the necessity of having a convenient House erected with-
in the Walls of the Hospital yard, that such Patients
might be confined therein as would not Comply
with

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with his directions. He informed us likewise that two Cells were also much wanted, where Lunatics might be safely lodged and their Cases properly attended to, there being now two men in the Hospital who are Lunatic, and for whom he had no other apartments than the Bathing room and Dead room, both of which were occasionally wanted for other purposes.

In consequence of Mr. Sinclairs above application, the Engineer was directed to draw out an Estimate of the Expence, which those buildings would Cost, and he has accordingly informed us that it will amount to about Madras Pagodas 300. We beg therefore to be honored with Your Commands whether or not they shall be erected, at the same time we think it necessary to inform your Lordships &c. that there has not hitherto been any Corpse House in this Hospital, and we are unacquainted whether it is Customary to have one at other Hospitals in this Country, and with respect to the two Lunatics whom Mr Sinclair mentions in his Letter, We beg leave to suggest the propriety there would be of sending them by the first proper Conveyance to the Presidency, that they might be sent from thence to Europe if your Lordships &c. should think proper, and with your permission we will send them up accordingly.

We

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We sometime ago received a letter from Mr Weston respecting the payment of his Bills in Consequence of his having been directed by General Jones to act as Surgeon of the Company's Troops who belonged to his Detachment, as well as Surgeon of the Detachment of the 102 Regiment to which he had been appointed by your Lordship &c. we informed him in reply that as his Charges must Come into Mr Gardeners Accounts who was not under our Controul, he should apply to him for Payment, Mr Weston has in a second letter acquainted us that he has accordingly applied to Mr Gardiner who informs him that before he can pay his Bills, he must receive orders from your Lordship &c for that purpose, Inconsequence of which he has requested of us to make you acquainted with the Circumstances, and refer his first letter on this subject to your Lordship &c Copy of which we have the honor to enclose

We have Received your Secretarys letter of the 18th Instant and shall pay every attention to your Orders respecting the Provisions to be laid in for the Bengal

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We have the honor to be

Masulipatam

27 April 1784

Gr.

James Hodges

John Peter Boileau

(Signed) Tho.s Barnard

Sam.l Statham

Resolved that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam be informed that we see no necessity for erecting a Convalescent house within the walls of their Hospital, and we desire they will find some other place for the two Lunatics

The Committee are surprized that after having repeatedly intimated to the Chief & Council of Masulipatam, their disapprobation of similar references, they should still continue to make the disputes and Demands of their Surgeons the constant subject of their Correspondence with Government, they would be at no loss to conjecture what would be the Decision on Mr. Westons Claim, as Surgeon to a few Europeans in General Jones's army to draw allowances in the seperate Capacities of Kings, and Companys Surgeon, as both Corps were acting together, and under the Charge of one Company's Surgeon, there was an Omission in not putting both

both under the regulations established for the Com-
panys Troops, and it is agreed that the Chief &
Council be desired to rectify it, by paying Mr.
Weston his allowances as Companys Surgeon for
the whole period without any Contingent Charges
his actual disbursements for Country Medecines
to be submitted to Mr Bulman the Superinten-
dant

Read the following Letter from
the adjutant General —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I do myself the honor of soliciting
the Protection of your Lordship and Committee to
Mr Robert Fletcher a Son of the late Lieutenant
Colonel Fletcher of this Establishment —

As this young Man is now in
India and without Friends or any appointment
in the Service, I take the Liberty so far to trespass on the Time of your Honble Board as to
request your Recollection of the very eminent &
brilliant Services his gallant Father has repeatedly rendered to the East India Company's East

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had [illegible] enterprizing Effort to assist the
Cause of his Country and the Company, in a
Judicious and successfully conducted March
of a chosen Corps from our main army though the
numerous and surrounding Force of the Enemy
must ever be remembered with admiration, and
is perhaps the least considerable Instance of ma
-ny which are recorded of his persevering Zeal
and military Abilities — The Fate of War whi
-ch followed has left the Son of this deserving
Officer in the Situation of have now represented
The youth appears to me to have
been well educated and brought up and he is
ambitious to approve himself in Your military
Service —

I am prompted to this address not
only from a Remembrance of private Obliga-
tion to Colonel Fletcher, but because I trust
it will be indulgently received by your Honble
Board, from my official Capacity in the Opinion
that it affords an opportunity of Exercising an
Act of Public Virtue, nor do I scruple in a Case
of this Kind to Express my Belief that the pub
-lic act will be attended with a very honourable
and

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And praiseworthy Gratification of your private Feelings by providing for the Son of a meritorious Officer who fell gallantly in your Service, and whose Fate, has not been more Lamented on public Ground, than by his private Friends and acquaintances, some of whom are Members of the Noble Board I now address —

At the same Time that I apologize for the Presumption of this address, it gives me unfeigned Satisfaction to believe that it may be by the Means of testifying once more the high Sense the Government of Madras has so often recorded of the merits and Services of Colonel Colonel Fullerton, by taking this opportunity of providing for his only Grandson, a measure which I beg Permission to say will be received with Gratitude by the Army in General, and more sensibly so by the Officers now on their March from the Coromandel Coast many of whom were Witnesses of the gallant Conduct and death of Colonel Fullerton in the Service of his Country and the Company —

I have the Honor to be

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Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following Letters

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c. Select Committee of

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

Being informed that the Court of Directors in the last General Letter have been pleased to make the allowance of six Hundred Pagodas per Month to the Commander in Chief of their army in the Field for the purpose of defraying his Table Expences I beg leave to Submit it to the Consideration of the Select Committee whether I ought not to receive my proportion thereof for the short Period I had the Honor to Command in Chief in the field, where my extra Expences fell little short of that Sum should my Claim appear well founded I make no doubt but you will order my proportion to be paid

I have the Honor to be

&c.

Cardoon 30th April 1784

(Signed) John Burgoyne

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K B

My Lord

Since your Lordship and the Select

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of the Horses of his majestys 23d Regiment of Light Dragr to be paid to the Captains of Troops - Two of those Gentlemen have returned to Europe and another has been absent to the Southward a Considerable length of time

To me it seems hardly fair that they should devide any advantage that may accrue from that Contract, when it is impossible for them from their situation to perform any of the Dutys of their station

I have therefore to request your Directions in what manner it should be disposed of Whether divided among the Captains of Troops present and doing Duty, or the Subalterns as appointed by me to the care of those Troops or what other method you may think proper -

I have the Honor to be

&c.

/signed/ S. Floyd

Colonel in Ind.

S. Thorne

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Resolved that Sir John Burgoyne be informed that we are not authorised by any Instructions we have received Comply with his request

If there be any profit on feeding the Horses of the 23d Regiment of Dragoons, the Committee think the Captures who are gone to Europe have certainly no Claim to it but that it should be injoined by the Officers who Respectively

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=pectively commanded each Troop, With regard to the other apart of Colonel Floyds Letter, the Comm=ittee are of Opinion that regulations might be Established among the Officers of what the absentees should have notice previous to their taking place,

Read Letter from Captain Donald Campbell Senior as entered in M. B. 191 requesting that orders may be sent to the Resident at Tanjore to discharge his offreckonings for the time he Commanded the Tanjore Sibbendies ——— Agreed that Copy of the Letter be sent to the Resident with directions to pay what Captain Campbell may be entitled to, when the state of his Cash will permit ———

Read Letter from Captain Edengtone (as entered in M. B. N5.) Represent=ing his having been appointed by General Stuart before Cuddalore to act as Major requesting to be secured in that Rank, and to rank immediately after major Bridges — agreed Captain Edengtoun be informed that as there is at present no vacancy, his request Cannot be complied with —

Resolved that it be published in General orders that it is not the Intention of Government that Major Dugold Campbell shall supersede the Officers who have been

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have been hetherto above him in the General List of the army, and that he / Major Dugald Campbell / is to continue the youngest Major until such of those Officers as Government may think proper to promote to that rank shall be appointed Majors

Read Letter from Lieutenant Paris / of the Nabobs service / as entered in M.B. / representing his having served with the Cavalry in the late War, until Employed by Sir Eyre Coote on secret Service, in which for many months he hozarded his Life, that he find the rest of the Nabobs cavalry Officers taken in to the Company's service, and himself excluded by which me is left destitute — Agreed that his pay be continued to been for the present

Read the following Letter from Captain Jones

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

Sir

I beg leave to acquaint you that I am just arrived from an impresiment of three Years and Seven months that I have Served the Honble Company 18 Years with zeal, fidelity and have ever preserved an unblemished Character till about a Year after I was taken Prisoner, when it received

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the most cruel injurious and infamous aspersions, being perfectly conscious my Lord of my own innocence I request you'll be pleased to order a General Court Martial for my Trial and as many are concerned in this business and most that were with me at Bengalore, I shall have occasion to call upon, I request your Lordship will not allow any Officer that was Prisoner with me at Bengalore to quit the Settlement till my Trial is over, My Life and Character the welfare or Ruination of my Family being at Stake this request will I hope appear to your Lordship not unreasonable —

I am My Lord

&c.a

(Signed) Arthur Jones
Captain

Agreed that the Consideration of the foregoing Letter be deferred till the arrival of the Commander in Chief

Read the following Letter from Colo.l Fullarton —

Lord Macartney K.t B &c.a

My Lord

I have the Honor to enclose a Letter to your Lordship from now as Beg which I have just received — In this Letter to me with which your Lordship

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Lordships was accompanied, he does not express any direct intention of restoring Lieutenant Grant, but assures that every thing is Pacific on the part of his Masters People - I enclose his letter —

The Force under Colonel Forbes is now encamped at Tudicombo, a short March from hence and much more Convenient for the Corps than Ayyacotta, Especially as we are under the necessity of drawing our supplies of grain from Peryacollam, and Dutamapollam, which are not less than 50 & 70 Miles West from Dindigull — I have thought it necessary to remain with the Division of the army for the present, in Order to finish an inspection of the different Corps and I am happy to assure Your Lordships that notwithstanding the wretched state in which we found the Southern Sepoys eighteen Months ago, and the inconveniences under which they have since labored, the appearance and discipline of the Battalions very far exceed my best expectations, I shall shortly commence a second inspection of all the Troops in Station and shall continue to inspect and Review them, untill they attain as much perfection as can be looked for in the Combination of a Man & a musket — I cannot omit this opportunity of stating the particular merits of the 16th Battalions under Captain Cox - I was so highly

Satisfied

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Satisfied with the system of interior management and Discipline Established by that Officer in his Corps, that I assured him in a public manner of my best recommendations to your Lordship and the Board, for any mark of your approbation to him and the Battalion, he is extremely desireous of being Conti-nued to the Southward, where with your Lordships permission I shall endeavor to put him in the most advantageous situation that the Chance of service will admit of

On my arrival at Dindigull I used every means in my power to ensure a suf-ficiency of supply for the Troops, in case it should be found necessary to retain possession of the district for any Considerable time, altho' a very large a-mount of Grain has been received for the army sin-ce we have been in this Quarter, yet I have no doubt that the present force stationed here amounting to One Regiment of Europeans and 9th Battalions of of Sepoys besides a large Proportion of the Public follo-wers, may be subsisted here for a Month longer which will afford a very material relief to the Company's Territories, I was in hopes also that the Renter might have been able to procure any balances of money, that might be due from the Polygars and Circar Villages but this is rendered Extremely doubtfull, as the

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expected restitution of the Fort and Country operates strongly on the minds of the Inhabitants and renders the Poligars extremely refractory, of this we have at this moment a very unpleasing proof, Balacundapa naig a Polygar Ten miles from hence, having refused to settle his accounts with the Renter, I was applied to for a force to menace him into compleance, and at the urgent requisition of the Renter I sent Tondi-=mans Battalion along with him — This Corps Proving ineffectual I detached Lieutenant Dallas with five regular Companies and a Gun they were insulted and defied, a large body of Poligars not less than 15 or 1600 drew up so closely, and so Hostility to oppose the party under Dallas, that after repeated Cautions to them, He found himself obliged to attack and drive them from the place, notwithstanding my strong injunctions to avoid if possible any Hostility —

I inclose a Return of the Killed and Wounded of the Company's Troops on this Occasion and have the Honor to be My Lord —

Your Lordship's most Obedient and very faith-full Servant

/ Signed / Fullarton

Dindigull
25 April 1784

Ordered to lie for Consideration —

Read the following Letter from Mr. William

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William Collins Sadleir Secretary to the late Commissary to Tippoo Sultaun —

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K B

President & Governor &c. Select Committee of

Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

While I had the honor to act as Secretary to the late Embassy to Tippoo Sultaun, it was my Fortune to be publickly and repeatedly Charged by Mr. Sadlier with altering the Records of the Commission, of misrepresenting Conferences to his Disadvantage, and of making a false Report of a Conversation held by me with the Representatives of Tippoo Sultaun at Collispaukte by Order of the Commissioners — The last of these Accusations was brought against me by Mr. Sadlier under Pretence that his Dubash had given him a different Account of the Conversation — The 2d De Camp to the Commission was even appointed by Mr. Sadlier to act avowedly, as a "Countercheck" on me —

Imputations my Lord and Gentlemen like those abovementioned, coming from a Person in Mr. Sadlier Situation as well in the Government as in the Commission against a Servant so young in the Company's Service as I am, cannot

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but sensibly affect me, I therefore humbly and earnestly
Request that your Lordship &c.ª will be pleased to order
that my Conduct be strictly investigated, when I trust
it will fully appear that every Charge for which Sam
accused by Mr Sadlier is without the least Foundation
I should have done myself the Honor
to have addressed your Lordship &c.ª immediately on
my arrival here from Mangalore, but finding Mr.
Sadlier was not then returned I thought it prudent
to defer it during his absence, tho' laboring at the
Same time under great anxiety from an earnest
Desire to have those aspersions wiped away which
I flatter myself your Lordship &c.ª will find to
have been most unjustly thereon on my —
I have the Honor to be with the
great Respect —

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient &
humble Servant
/ signed / W Co-Jackson

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28 April 1784

Ordered to lie for Consideration; The Right Hon
ourable the President thinks at his Indespensible
duty at this Juncture to Recommend to the Services
attention and Consideration of the Committee the
great Force kept up by the Nabob or his second
Son Amur al Omrah in the Environs of Madras

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amounting now to between 2000 & 3000 Men -

The Committee entirely concur with the President that it is a matter which deserves their serious Consideration, and it is resolved that on the arrival of the Commander in Chief a Day shall be appointed for that purpose, and for determining what steps it may be proper and advisable to adopt to remedy the evil or obviate the danger arising from it -

Read the following letter and enclosure from the Chief of Masulipatam -

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K B
Governor &c &c &c Madras

My Lord

Altho I am so much indisposed I can hardly hold my pen It is necessary I should immediately dispatch the accompanying Copy of a letter to you - and another copy shall be dispatched to the Council of Masulipatam by the same Dispatch -

I have the Honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Lordships most
Obedient humble Servant
/ Signed / S. Daniell

Rajahmundry
26th April 84

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From Er. Lagudda Bodant Ram

A large body of Tiepoo's Saibs Troops consisting of both Horse, and Infantry, came to Cumbum from whence they proceeded to Cunnagerry, and Coorcheid, and laid seige to those Forts, about Ten days ago a party of about 3 or 4 thousand Horse came to the Mutta Tauze, and Vast neddy wars Country, in the Veera Condah District, plundered near 20 or 30 Houses, wounded the people and Committed Divers wantonnesses and violences —

A certain person in Office at Cumbum wrote to his Correspondent a great person with Achram Cawn at Guntoor, apprizing him that preparations were made by Tiepoo Saibs Troops for coming into Guntoor, and advising him to remove his family from thence, this letter was shewn to Achram Cawn and seif Jung who both much disturbed face are now sending off their families, Strict Guards are pleased both day and night in so much that they have hardly any rest, the principal people in Guntoor and the neighbourhood are now Removing their families from those places —

Seif Jung has called in some Troops that were at Wadapilly to his assistance, & has at the same time written to the Soubah on the Subject, although he has given this Information

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Yet he Cannot Receive any aid from thence, which even if he should obtain they cannot withstand or vie with Teepoo Saibs Troops, The Nizam and Tippoo Saib are not now upon good Terms, it is therefore thought that Teepoo Saib will take possession of the Murte-zanagur district, It is believed that such a Chan-ge will take place, by reason of their having plun-dered some Villages in the Veena Conda district

The River Kistnah is now fordable a cross every part from hence to Bezzoaria, It would therefore be advantageous to place a Suffi-cient Tannah or Guard at maidore, The want of water in the River Kistnah has opened the Gates leading into our Country - I am therefore of opinion that it would be of consequence and drive the Enemy to station about 500 Sepoys or 50 or 60 sol-diers with 4 or 5 Guns at Maidore, they may be recalled after the River Kistnah is Replenished with water -

The foregoing I take the liberty of informing you of and submit it to You to do therein as you think fit -

Whatever may be the Intentions of Tippoo Sultaun and whatever difficulties may Present themselves to the Companys ob-

taining

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Obtaining profession of the Gauntoor Circar, after their indisputable claim to it, has been suffered to lie dormant almost two Years, the Court of Directors will do this Government the justice to recollect, that on the Death of Bazalet Jung a Letter was written by the Right Honourable the President to the Subah of the Decan, in which the Gauntoor Circar then reverting to the Company by that Event as Expressly Stipulated and settled in the Treaty of One thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Eight, was mentioned as a matter of Course, and that the mention of it might not be offensive to the Subah he was in the Same paragraph assured of the Companys sincere intention faithfully to adhere to their engagements

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with him, and That after the Peace
it would be our first object to be pun-
-ctual in future in discharging as well
what was due of the Subsidy for the
four Circars, as for the further Subsidy
which would become due in Consequen
-ce of the possession of the fifth Cir-
car which under the same Treaty then
reverted to the Company - But lest
it should be possible for it to clash
with any of those Plans of the Governor
General and Council, which they had
not thought proper to Communicate
to us, tho' so intimately connected with
the Political Interests of this Presi-
-dency, the Letter was sent to them and sub-
-mitted to their determination of forwarding
or

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or superseding it - They determined on the latter and the Subah has continued in possession of the Guntoor Circar - Should Tippoo Sultaun (concluding that the Company have relinquished their claim) attempt to obtain possession of this valuable Territory from the Subah either by force or negociation, in such case whatever steps we may be obliged to take to avert so serious a mischief, any ill Consequences that may attend them cannot be imputed to this Government.

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6th Diary

Received Letter from Captain Paterson (as entered in Miscellany Book. No) with Information that the Spirit of Rebellion had not made its appearance there as at Amee —

To Captain Paterson

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From Mr Russell

Dispatched the following Letter to Colonel Pearse —

To Colonel Pearse,

Commanding the Bengal Detachment

Sir

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 30th Ultimo —

To Colonel Pearse informing him that Mr Pine is directed to furnish him with the best Price that can be procured and that they cannot consent to his purchasing Bullocks on account of the Company, but that he may hire them at the different Places through which he may pass —

Our President has laid before us the draft of a letter written to you by his Lordship the 3d. Instant, which we entirely approve —

It is our earnest desire to prevent, as far as is in our power, every cause of complaint, and to remove every difficulty and Inconvenience in your way, and we trust on the other hand that, by representing to your people our Intentions in their respects, they will be induced chearfully to Submit to those which are unavoidable

Respecting the Rice of which you complain

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Respecting the Rice of which you [illegible]

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1727 Fort St George May 6th 1784

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We cannot consent to your purchasing Bullocks on account of the Company but such as you want may be hired at the different Settlements and places through which you pass, and orders are sent to give you every Assistance for that purpose —

This Letter will probably find you at Nellour from whence you will continue your March to the Northward —

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St George
6th May 1784

(Signed) Macartney &c.
Select Committee

Received the following Letter from Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes —

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c.
President & Governor &c. Council of
Madras

From Sir Edward Hughes desiring to know if the Select Committee will furnish him

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Mr. Archer Cuthbert the Agent for Victualling and Naval and Ordnance

Fort St. George, May 1728

him with Warehouses for the Stores & provisions of the Squadron and pay for the Expence of those that are furnish'd by others the owners of Such not chooseing to take the Bengal Bills for the Rent.

Storekeeper to his Majesty's Squadron under my Com-
mand having represented to me by Letter of this date
that he had Laid before your President three Regular
Vouchers for Sums Paid by him, for Warehouse
Rent for His Majesty's Provisions and Stores, a-
mounting to the 31st of last Month 10 Pagodas
12.5.69.10.40 desiring repayment for the Sums so
disbursed as has been usual the Company having
agreed to defray the Expences of Warehouses for the
Provisions and Stores of the Squadron in the East
Indies) and that the President instead of repaying
the Said Sum of Pagodas 12.5.69.10.40 had tendered
Mr Cuthbert Bills on Bengal for the Amount,
which Bills, I am well informed, bear at this time
a discount of from 25 to 30 p.r Cent
I have therefore to request of you,
My Lord and Gentlemen, that you will do me
the Justice to inform me if you will furnish
the Warehouses necessary for the Stores and
Provisions of His Majesty's Squadron and defray
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1729

Fort St. George. May 15th 1729

to comply with the Orders of the Court of Directors
on that head, stipulated with His. Majesty's Ministers
I may order the proper Officers to debit the Public
Boards with the actual Expence for ware house
Rent, as His Majesty's Provisions and Stores
must not be allowed to perish and the Owners of
Ware houses will not take Bills on Bengal for
their Rent — I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Humble Servt
(signd) Edw: Hughes

Sultaun in Madras
Road the 15th May 1729

Sent the following Answer -

To Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K.B
Commander in Chief of his. Majestys
Ships in India

To — Im answer are willing to grant Bonds for the Amount of the Sums paid by the Agent Victualler for Ware house Rent

Sir, We have had the honor to receive
your Letter of yesterdays date —
We trust it will be sufficiently
manifest to the Court of Directors that every Assistance
in our power, whether Ordered or not ordered by them,
has been most chearfully and uniformly rendered to
his Majestys Squadron under your command and

we

1730 Fort St. George, May 8th 1684

We believe that every individual in this Settlement can Judge whether at this Moment it be a matter dependent on our choice to pay a demand of 12,000 Pagodas in ready money — some time must indeed elapse before it can be discharged without neglecting demands of our indispensible Nature. Our Inspector of Godowns has Certified his having supplied his Majesty's Agent with every Godown that was Vacant, and the Company have ever been Obliged to hire many at a very high Rent for their own Goods —

Bengal Bills were formerly taken in discharge of Godown Rent and were therefore again tendered by our President from his desire to settle the Account without delay, we hope the Individuals from whom the Godowns were hired, will consent to wait till our Treasury is replenished; when their Debts and all others will be put in a proper fording of liquidation. In the mean while we are willing to grant Bonds for the Amounts — We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Fort St. George
6th May 1684

(Signed) Macartney &c.
Select Committee

1731

Fort St. George May 1st 1784

Wrote the following Letters

To Mr. Francis Pinol

Storekeeper at Mellaur

To Mr. Pinol enclosing Copy of a Letter from Colonel Pearse and desiring him to have the Bazare supplyd with Rice for the Bengal Troops

Sir I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a Letter which they have received from Colonel Pearse, and of those Answers, and to desire you will take care to have the Bazare for the Bengal Troops supplied with the best Rice that you can procure—

With Regard to Bullocks, the Right Honble the President has laid before his Lordships Letter to you of the 30.th Instant, which they entirely Approve—

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Fort St. George

6th

Dec. May 1784

(Signed) John Hudleston Secry

To Lieut. Keith. Macalister

Paymaster to the late Commissariat to the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun Bahauder.

To Lieut. Macalister desiring him to furnish the Select Committee with an exact Statement of the Money

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to desire you will furnish them as soon as possible with an exact

Statement

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received and disbursed by him while he acted as Paymaster to the late Expedition to Tippoo Sultaun

Statement of the Several Sums of Money which have been received and disbursed by you, on account of the late Commission, as likewise of the Expences that were incurred by the Escort under the Command of Lieutenant Dallas, and on Account of the Prisoners who accompanied it. — I am, Sir,

Fort St George
6th May 1794

Your most Obt. Servant
(Signed) John Hudleston
Secy

To Anthony Sadlier Esqr

Sir, I am directed by the Right

To A. Sadlier desiring him likewise to furnish an exact Statement of the Same

Honble the President and Select Committee to desire that you will furnish them as soon as possible with an exact account of the Different Sums of Money which were received and Disbursed by you, or your orders, previously to the Appointment of Mr. Macalister as Paymaster to the late Commission to the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun Behauder — I have the honor to be

Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
John Hudleston
Secy

Fort St. George
6th May 1794

(Signed)

To Tippoo Sultaun

The Letter to Tippoo Sultaun resolved in Committee

1783 Fort St. George. May 17th

Committee the 5th Instant was this day dispatched

To Captain Muirhead

Received Letter from Captain Muirhead (as entered in Miscellany Book No.) acknowledging the Receipt of the Letters written to him the 16th & 18th Ultimo —

Received the following Letter and Enclosures from John Maxwell Stone Esqr

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c

Governor &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

From John Maxwell Stone. enclosing Copy of a Letter to him from the Secretary to the Governor Genl & Council together with a Copy of his Answer

My Lord

I have the honor of sending to your Lordship herewith a copy of a Letter I have received from the Secretary to the Governor General and Council of Bengal, with a Copy of my Answer

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

My Lord

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant —

Ganjam (signed) J. M: Stone

30th April 1783

To John Maxwell Stone Esqr

Chief at Ganjam

Sir

The Honble Governor General and Council having reason to believe that the Bengal Detachment under the Command of Colonel Pearse has

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has marched for those Provinces in which event it may be expected to arrive at Ganjam about the middle or towards the end of June, and as a Supply of Cash will be wanted for its immediate Subsistance on its arrival there and to enable it to proceed on its March, I am directed to Request that you will be pleased to inform the Honble Board whether it will be in your power to furnish the Sum of one Lack of Rupees for the Use of the Detachment or to raise it for Bills on this Government and if it be, to Request that you will do so.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) E. Harp Secrty

Fort William
Secrt Department
20th April 1734

To Edward Harp Esqr

Secretary to the Honble Governor General
and Council of Fort William

Sir, I have received your favor of the 20th Instant. I am very apprehensive it will be utterly out my power to afford Colonel Evans any Considerable supply of Cash on his Arrival at

1735 Fort St. George, May 1/04

at this place and it will be impossible to procure Money for Bills on Bengall - I have already remitted to the Right Honble the President and Council of Fort St. George every Rupee that could possibly be spared from our own immediate occasions and little can be expected to be received from the Company in the Months of May and June, that being the Season when the Zemendars and Renters are obliged to make advances to the Inhabitants to enable them to carry on the Cultivation of the Lands -

I have the Honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) J. M. Haine

Ganjam
30th April 1704

May 7th. At a Select Committee present

The Right Honble Geo. Lord Macartney. P. & President

Anthony Sadleir Esqr. Alexander Davidson Esqr.

Robert Maunsell Esqr.

Lieutenant General Ross Laing absent upon the Service

The Minutes of the last Committee read & approved

Two Troopers arrived from the Mutineers with a Letter from Major

The President informs the Committee that Two Troopers are just arrived from the Mutineers

1736 Fort St. George 4th. May 1736

at Anneraatha Letter from Major Campbell enclosing
a petition from them which his Lordship lays before
the Committee and they are now read —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I had the honor to represent our
Situation to your Lordship and Select Committee on
the 1st. Instant. since which we have been in a most
critical situation, and growing more alarming every
minute. Inclosed is a Petition to the Right Honble
President and Select Committee from the People
which they desire me to read, and recommend in the
strongest manner to your attention — It contains no
Just a representation of their distresses. That I hope
money, sufficient to pay off their arrears in full, will
be sent here with the utmost haste. Permit me
also to request Protection for the two men that
carry this dispatch and that they may return with the
money — I have the honor to be With the greatest
respect — My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obedient, devoted humble Servant
(Signed) Dug. Campbell

From Major Campbell informing the Board of the Critical situation of the Officers confined by the Mutineers and inclosing Petition from the Latter which he requests may be attended to, the reason of their arresting the Officers —

Camp Anneer
May 4th 1736 -

1737 Fort St. George 11th. May 1734

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President and Governor & the Select Committee

of Fort St. George

Sheweth

The Humble Petition of Many

Commissioned and Brevate of the

1st 2d 3d & 4th Regement of Cavalry

Your Petitioners Submissively begs leave

to Acquaint your Lordship and Select Committee that

your Petitioners have Served faithfully to the Honble

Company through the time of their Seruitude and

to the last war they did their utmost and best Endea-

vour to Satisfy their Commander in every Request

Regarding the Service. Thinking that your Petitioners

to get their Livelyhood and not to Starve

tis to acquaint your Lordship and the

Select Committee that Petitioners and their Families

are the Natives of this Carnatic, and since the Arrival

of Hyderally into this Country your Petitioners being

in the Honble Company's Service, Hyder ally took

the 2 Thirds of your Petitioners Families being

Father and Mother Wives and Children to his own

Country and never Since your Petitioners had not

the happiness to see them & to know what became

of them, but your Petitioners Heard that few of them

begging

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beggeng for Charity to preserve their lives your Petitioners
being in the Company Service at the same time your
Petitioners was in hope to see their families on the
Return of Counsellor Sadlier from Hyders Country
But Unfortunately your Petitioners Did not
See one of them as Yet
Notwithstanding Did not think much of
but to Serve the Honble Company to the Satisfaction
of their Superiour your Petitioners yet with one
Accord Endeavour to Serve the Honble Company
with same Zeal your Petitioners acquaint your
Lordship and the Select Committee that since the
Arrival of Hyder Ally in the Carnatic your Petitioners
Received their Pay sometimes Monthly and after once
About 35 40. 45 & 50. days a Month Pay, at last
your Petitioners are 10 Months in Arrears and going
on Eleventh Months and there is now about 3
Months not Received a Single Cash of Pay beside
a Measure of Bad Rice a Day which after Clean
it your Petitioners have only about 3/4 of Measure
and out of which your Petitioners are Obliged to Buy
Salt and other Ingradients being your Petitioners in
such

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Such Distresses and declare that your Petitioners cannot uphold any longer or are unable to do their Duty for there is not a beat of Strength left in them —

As your Petitioners being in such Situations therefore was obliged to Arrest their Superior Offices &c. Account of their Arrears of Pay therefore your Petitioners Humbly Request that your Lordship and the Select Committee will Compassionate as to take the foregoing Cause in to your Lordship and the Select Committees Serious Considerations to Settle and Send their Arrears and for which Bounty Your Petitioners are to Serve with all utmost fidelity your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

P.S. Your Petitioners Humbly Begs leave to inform your Lordship and the Select Committee that your Petitioners heartly wish for An Answer and their Arrears together by the Bearer hereof if not your Petitioners will left the Carnatic and proceed to Some other Country —

P.S. The Peons that carry this are Ordered to wait two days for an Answer on the Money —

The

1760 Fort St. George 7th May 1760

The Troopers also brought the following Letter from

Major Campbell to the Town Major

To Captain Lydenham

Town Major

Sir

From Major Campbell to the Town Major requesting that no rice or money may be given to the Families of the Regiments of Cavalry

It is the Request of Black Officers and Private of the four Regiments of Cavalry that you discontinue in future to advance any Money or Rice to their Families and that you will Certify to the Paymaster or Colo. Campbell that such payment to their Families will be Stopt in future and that no farther stoppages will be made in their pay, an Account of their Families after the Receit of this. Their Vouchers to be sent to the Paymaster that he may settle their Accounts. This by desire of Cavalry

I am Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Camp Arnee 4th May 1760.

(Signed) Dug.le Campbell

Minute on the foregoing Letter & Papers

It is Apparent from the Above petition and from the whole conduct of the Natives that relief from immediate distress is not their object Major Campbell testifying to the truth of their representation and requesting that Money sufficient to pay

pay off their Arrears in full may be sent with the utmost haste must have been extorted from him and it is on their power to compell their Officers to write Such Letters and the alarm and anxiety they must occasion for the safety of the Officers that the Mutineers rest their expectation of a compliance with their unwarrantable demands, which they will encrease, and insist on with greater confidence in proportion as they find them attended to — The Committee therefore after mature consideration, Resolve that the following answer be returned to Major Campbells Letter to be delivered to the two Troopers —

Revolution thereon

To Major Dugald Campbell

To Colonel Campbell informing that the Board cannot Proceed to the Discharge of their orders. tell they shall have releases their Officers and have delivered up the horses and arms in their Possession

Sir, We have received your letter enclosing a Petition from the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of the 1st 2d 3d & 4th Regiments of Cavalry. The distresses for want of Pay represented in that Petition have already induced General Lang to send to them a Supply of Money notwithstanding their unwarrantable Proceedings. Their uneasiness about their Families have been provided

for

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for as much as possible by Government, there being an express clause in the Treaty with Tippoo Sultaun for the purpose of allowing all of them to return, some are already doing so, and letters have been written by our President to Tippoo and to Meyen un Deen Khan that no Obstruction may be given, but that all the Wives and Children of the Carnatic People may be able to join their Husbands.

But the Rash Step taken by these Men to Confine their Officers under pretence of want of Pay, that no more in Arrear than the Rest of the Army (which has not Sworn from its duty and their declaration of intending to go into another Country in case of not receiving the whole of their Arrears immediately, are so very contrary to the Subordination due by them to their Superiors and to the disposition of good and faithful Soldiers that this Government cannot proceed to the discharge of their Arrears until they shall have released their Officers and delivered up all the Horses and Arms in their Possession, but refer the whole to the Commander in Chief who is known to be a true friend to Soldiery — We allow the two Troopers to return in compliance with your desire —

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

(Signed) Macartney &c. Select Committee

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Fort St. George 7th. May 1743

The Presidents Infor:
mation to the Committee
in relation to the Two
Troopers

The President acquaints the Committe that he has certain Information that the two Troopers who arrived this Morning from the Mutineers went to the Durbar previous to their coming to the Fort and had Communication with the Nabob

Resolved that the Town Major be sent immediately to the Nabob to request to know what Correspondence his highness has had with the said Troopers and that he will not hold any Correspondence with the Native Cavalry at Arnee without imparting the same to the Right Honble the President —

Resolution thereon

Read the following Letter arrived this Morning from Arcot —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c.

&c.

My Lord,

I have receive the Committees Letter of the 3d. Instant by Mr. St. Leger and shall in my conduct towards the Mutineers follow the ideas therein contained as near as possible — I cannot as yet reply fully to that letter until I hear again from Arnee and am informed in what manner they received the Months pay which was sent them. I have acquainted Major Campbell that more money

From General Lang with three enclosures on the Subject of the 4th Regiments of Cavalry at Arnee —

Fort St. George 7th May 1764

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many is on the Road and that the Moment it arrives I shall dispatch the proportion due to the Cavalry but I cannot on any account think of sending those Men who are in a State of the Meeting. more pay. than I have in my power to issue to the Troops here. who, tho' equally distressed, have remained quiet and done their duty —

I find that many propositions have been made by the Officers in confinement for the payment of their Arrears, the last which I am informed by people who are came from thence that in case Government did not in a week pay off the Amount due to them they would raise the money on their own private Credit and discharge their Arrears in full — this is a mode I totally disapprove of and may be the cause of their holding out longer than they otherwise would. but as all letters are first explained to Imaun ud Deen before delivered to Campbell, I have no way of making him sensible of the impropriety of such a Step — I understand many Letters have been sent to Madras directing Money may be raised, I conceive it Necessary that all communications with Arnee should pass thro' my hands open — I have given out an order to this purpose in

Cantonments

1745 Fort St. George 1st. May 1804.

Cantonments — If I should not hear from Campbell to day, I have people in their Camp whom I expect in during the Night — I shall act according to their report — Permit me my Lord to congratulate You upon the narrow escape you have had of being in the same state that Campbell is now — I have undoubted information that every thing was planned against your arrival at Conjeveram, and had not a report of a large Sum of money being underchange of Mr Sadleir, which was supposed to have been paid by Tippoo for Peace, prevented the execution of the scheme, as it was said their Arrears were to be paid out of it. You, My Lord, as well as my self, would have been in a disagreeable predicament —

You may be assured I never can consent to these men being pardoned, it is incumbent on Us to punish them severely — Mutiny has been a Trade with them and nothing but the severest examples can put a stop to such conduct —

I am happy to find that you have been able to send me more money, when the Troops here find that their distresses are attended to and that every possible relief will be given them — they

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they will resume their wanted confidence in and attachment to their Officers and I shall in future have but little reason to doubt of their firmness or obedience

I mentioned, my Lord, that I thought I should be under the Necessity of sending on the Bombay Sepoys — I have, in consequence of their distress and the repeated representations of their Officers, at last determined to let them proceed this night, and have ordered them a supply of Seven days Rice — You will be able to provide for their reception as they will march but slowly and they may if you Judge proper be returned when provided with Arms Coaths &c. I have the honor to be with your Lordships — Most obedient humble Servant

(Signed) R Lang

H. 2. Cantonments
Recd 5. May 1784

P.S. Since writing the enclosed I have received a letter from Major Campbell a Copy of which I enclose and also forward three letters which were sent at the same time. they were left open for my perusal and they remain so for your information

Enclosed is Copy of a Letter from Captain

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Fort St. George 7th May 17[illegible]

Captain Cuppage for your information —

4 Clock Com.

To Lieutenant General Lawy

Commander in Chief

Sir I had the honor to address at

11 o'Clock last night and Mr Delamarte returned

from Vellore to day about 3 o Clock with only

three hundred Pagodas that Mr Ogilvie was

so good as to borrow for us which [illegible] the

people very much and notwithstanding my

having but Just explained to them your Letter

of this date promising that a Months pay would

be put for them two hours after the letter they

[illegible] all the Officers in to the Sun where they

kept them until it was nearly dawn - Captain

Brenglis and myself excepted. Tomorrow they

are to try a new Method of payment that

they think will hasten up the Troops. I have

sent back the 60 Rice Bullocks and their

bags, and given my receipt for 6,400 Seers

that they delivered here. The four days Rice can

be sent for to Arcot as soon as you direct, but

the followers will not be allowed to go for more

to Madras. The Troopers have dispatched

an

1768 Fort St. George 7th May 1768

an English petition to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee containing every Just account of their situation, by their desire I recommended it to the attention of Government when I can get a copy of it I will transmit it to you — It is impossible for us to supply the Horses at Arcot with Gram. We Request that Mr. Welch may be directed to give us money for that purpose — I have the honor to be with great respect — Your most obedient & very humble Servant

/signed/ Dugald Campbell

Camp Arnee
May 4th 1768
7 o Clock Evening

To Lieutenant General Lang
Commander in Chief

Sir, The foregoing letter the people declined sending off last night and at nine the 4070 Star Pagodas arrived which has not in any degree altered their conduct They will Distribute two Pagodas each to all the Native Officers many Commissioned Officers and Privates and not receive it on a Months Pay they Intended paying the Storekeepers and Proffesseurs a months Pay out of it We have no hope left but in the speedy payment of all their Arrears - For God Sake use every possible means to send it up every hour may bring fresh mutinies -

1749 Fort St. George 5th May 1750

Misnie upon us or may be our last we speake
from Circumstances unknown to any one else no
more money will be served out until the whole
arrives I have the honor to be with great respect
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
(signed) Dug.d Campbell

Camp Arnee
5th May 1750
8 o'Clock morning

Captain Maclister and his Brother are in the
Fort this forenoon very ill D.o
(signed) D.o

A true Copy
Joseph Garrow
Secry to the Comr.s in Chief

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

My Lord
I had the honor to receive your
Lordships Letter of the 3.d Instant this Morning
and am Sorry to inform your Lordship that this
Morning a most dangerous and daring attempt
was made by a Sepoy of the 11.th Battalion. to
Mr. Ogilvie was giving them a Months Pay /a
fellow formerly a Trooper in the 13.th Regiment
of Cavalry, after receiving his pay took it and
threw it at Captain Caun and the Cahelo, a
king

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asking them if that was one Months pay, Captain Baines
with several Sepoys immediately Seized him and sent
him to the Barrack guard (I have since Confined
him alone Prisoner in the European Main Guard)
No man could have behaved better then the rest of the
Sepoys did, most a Man of them offerd to Join him
nor can I hear that there is the least defaultion faction
in the rest of the Battalion: but as it is difficult
to say how that lengthe a thing of this kind may
be carryed or who may be at the bottom of it and as my
force in Europeans does not exceed Thirty Men fit
for Duty I did not think it Prudent to take any
other step in it then keeping him a close prisoner
till the General is made acquainted with it and
I have his orders how to act which I have
done this Morning — Every precaution that is
in my power shall be taken to prevent any further
disturbance happening and indeed at present I
have no reason to dread there will be any other
attempt made — I have the honor to be
with great respect —
My Lord
Your Lordships most Obt. hum. Servt
(Signed) John Cuppage

Vellore 5th
May 1824

1751 Fort St. George 7th May 1751

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

A most daring attempt
was made this morning by one of our own Sepoys
of the 1st Battalion to excite the whole Battalion
to follow the example of the Cavalry at Arnee
The Battalion paraded early in the
Morning at my house to receive a Month's Pay. I
had paid four Companys (each man seperately as
I always do) & paying the fifth Company one
of the Sepoys upon receiving the Money threw it
constantly in the faces of Captain Lieutenant Ram
M.s Riddell the adjutant and all my Conicapdys
calling out if that was all he was all he want to
get for nine months pay, he was instantly seized,
tho not till he run in Amongst the Sepoys
calling out to help him. fortunately not a man
moved, nor could I perceive by the most countenances
that any one then present seemed to have
previous intimation of his plan.

The man is a very suspicious
(character)

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character having been formerly in the Nabob's third Regiment of Cavalry and was a leading man in the Muteny that happened in that Regiment to the Southward —

Altho' I know that Captain Cuppage has made the Right Honble the Committee acquainted with every particular of this affair I thought it also my duty, as it happened under my own eye, and where I was immediately concerned —

I have the honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

with the greatest respect your most obedient and very humble Servt.

Vellore
5th May 1784

(Signed) Thos. E. Ogilvie
Capt.

Resolved that the following Answer be returned to the above Letter —

To Lieutenant General Lang;

Sir, We have received your Letter of the 4th Instant and find that a sufficient Sum of Money had been there Sent by you to Arnee to relieve any real Distresses under which the Troops there might have labored, after which their persisting in a State

To General Lang with their Observation on the Muteny and their Opinion how it may be quelled.

1753 Fort St. George 7th May 1758

State of Mutiny ceases to have any color of Excuse, and denotes a Disposition ready to abuse any further Complacence shewn to them. Their conduct must be accompanied by a consciousness of the Punishment it deserves. They will not be very willing to expose themselves to it by continuing in the Service even if all the arrears were fully paid up to them, and will, therefore, be inclined to go away with the Company's Horses as well as with it's money — The Threat which they now use of carrying away their European Officers might be as well executed by them, whether they go off with or without the arrears demanded by them. Their European Officers in either case must be an Incumbrance to them. They have no Personal animosity to them and probably have on the Contrary some remains of that veneration arising from habitual Deference to them — The Confinement of their Officers, the ill Treatment of them, are merely for the Purpose of exciting the Compassion of their Friends and of preventing the adoption of effectual Measures for quelling the Mutiny, lest the Officers should be made to suffer by it, but if Troops march towards us

Armies

1754

Fort St. George 7th May 1794

Annee or the pass leading from thence out of the Carnatic, the Mutineers will necessarily find themselves baffled in their Scheme of intimidating Government, and will be too much in a hurry to retreat to employ any time in inflicting useless Punishments on Men against whom they have no personal Resentment. They will probably in their flight Suffer their Officers to get away, or at the worst will carry them along without doing them any more personal Injury, and it would no doubt, have been preferable for the Officers to have been carried into Tippoo's Country when they could not be long detained, than to be exposed to one hours Suffering in the Sun or other Personal Injury at Annee. It will be therefore better in fact for them, as well as highly necessary to the Public Welfare and Safety, immediately endangered while the subordination of the Army is in suspense, to yield to no Demands of Mutineers after their real wants are Satisfied and to issue no more monies or provisions to them untill they lay down their Arms, or at least give up their Horses to you, and it will be essential that a Sufficient Corps of Troops march immediately between Annee and the Pass, and there Measures

1755 Fort St. George 7th May 1755

Measures be taken instantly to surround them after having sent them word that their late Treatment in exposing several of their Officers wilfully in the Sun for three hours has excited great indignation, and that any further Instance of ill Treatment to them will effectually cut off the Mutineers from the Possibility of forgiveness to any of them. A considerable Body of Europeans will march this Evening towards Arcot to be under your Orders, and we are fully of Opinion that every Motive of Public Duty and Private Feelings points out the Necessity of a Spirited Determination and immediate March against the Mutineers. a Petition from them has been sent to our President a Copy of which is enclosed with a Copy of Major Campbells Letter and our answer Justly expressing the Attention of Government to the Distresses of the Cavalry which have induced you to send them some Relief, notwithstanding their late Proceedings, but that the Confinement by them of their Officers and their Declaration of going into another Country unless the whole of their Arrears shall be immediately discharged, are so Contrary to the Subordination due by them

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them and to the Disposition of faithful Soldiers. that Government can take no Notice of their Petition until they Release the Officers and deliver their Horses and Arms to you to whom the whole is referred. Decisive and Spirited measures on occasions of this kind seem to us the most likely to be effectual and we are concerned that you should have wasted so much time in reference to us. We desire you to consult with Brigadier General Horne and the principal Officers of your Army, but you have not mentioned to us that you had done so, or if you had what their Opinions were upon the business.

We are &c.

(Signed) Macartney &c.

Fort St. George
May 7th 1784

Select Committee

The Committee regret that the Commanding Officer at Vellour did not make an immediate Example of the Sepoys who attempted to excite Mutiny in that Garrison.

The President lays before the Committee the following draft of Letter which to save time his Lordship wrote last night to the Resident at Tanjaur, and the Officer Commanding the

1757

Fort St. George 7th. May 1757

The Southern Forces.

To John Sullivan Esqr. or in his absent.

John Coxe Hippesley Esqr.

Tanjore

Dear Sir

To Mr. Sullivan enclosing Letter to Mr. Sullivan desiring him to order 300 European and 2 Battalions of Sepoys to hold themselves in readiness to march to the Northward at a moments Notice that a Brigade of Guns must accompany them & must be commanded by an Officer of distinguished Character.

Fort St. George 6th. May 1757

Enclosed is a letter for Colonel Fullarton, I leave it open to be committed to the nearest Officer of rank in your Neighbourhood from whence you imagine it likely that the Colonel will order the Detachment. No time must be lost the Official letter will go tomorrow—

I am

Dear Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) Macartney

To Colonel Fullarton

Commanding to the Southward

Dear Sir

I write to you an Account of a Mutiny having broke out among the Black Cavalry stationed at Arcot—

To be as early as possible in preventing it from spreading I think it necessary to take every precaution & therefore desire that you will order 300 Europeans & two Battalions of Sepoys to hold themselves in readiness to march to the Northward at a Moments Notice

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Fort St George 7th May 1781

Memo

You will order a Brigade of Guns at least to accompany them and put them under the Command of an Officer of approved Spirit and discretion, they will carry with them as large a Quantity of provisions as can be done without impeding the Celerity of their March which it will be necessary to render speedy and active — A month or two'd pay will put them in good Spirits, and give confidence to their Expedition — you will receive the Official Letter tomorrow

(signed) Macartney

N.B. I leave this open to be committed to the Nearest Officer of rank at Tanjore to prevent the delay owing to its Distance from Dindigul where you probably now are (signed) Macartney

Fort St George
6th May 1781

The Committee intirely approve the Instructions sent by the President to Colonel Fullarton, and it is resolved that the same be confirmed and that Colonel Fullarton be directed to order the detachment mentioned in the President's Letter to March towards Arcot unless there should be any appearance of a Spirit of Mutiny among his

Minute thereon

his own Troops which might render it dangerous
to put with any Europeans, in that case not to
send the Detachment at all — but should the
Detachment proceed it must be advanced 8 months
pay and Supplied with as much Provisions as it
can take without impeding the march, the
Officer commanding it to correspond with and
obey General Lang. or Officer Commanding at
Arcot —

A Detachment from his Majesty's 28th Regiment of Light Dragoons ordered to Join the Army at Arcot —

Resolved that a Detachment from
his Majesty's 28th Regiment of light Dragoons
consisting of 100 ranks & file with the proper proportion
of Officers, being of the same Strength as the
former Ordered immediately to Join the Army
at Arcot. —

Read the following Letter from
the Governor General & Council —

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From the Governor General & Council on the dispatches received from the Secret &

We have received Advices
from the Select Committee of the Honble Court
of Directors Dated the 9th September 1793. and

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Committee of the Hon.ble Court of Directors the 9th September

containing a Postscript dated the 19th of that Month — We understand that your Lordship &c have Copies of them The General Instructions contained in the Committee's Letter are addressed to the several Presidencies in India. We are sure that they will be duly attended to at your Presidency and that your Lordship &c will establish the surest and most Secret channel of Intelligence by which you may be duly and opportunely informed on the Subject of them, in order to defeat the views of the Parties therein mentioned. Nothing shall be wanting on our Part, and you shall be advised of our Proceedings as far as may be necessary — We request that all that is done by your Lordship &c may be regularly communicated to us from Time to Time —

The advices from the Secret Committee are of so private and confidential a Nature, that our Proceedings — on them are to be recorded separately from our other Secret Proceedings —

We beg leave to recommend that the most Secret and cautious mode of Correspondence

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Correspondence in your communications with us upon the Subject of their advices —

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
(Signed) Edward Wheler
John Macpherson

Fort William
Sent Department
13th April 1784

* Minute thereon

The Committee having Maturely considered the foregoing Letter, Resolved that the following answer be returned to it —

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.
Governor General and Council
of Bengal

Gentlemen

We have this Day the honor to receive your letter Dated the 13th of last Month in which you inform us that you had received advices from the Committee of the Honble Court of Directors Dated the 9th of September and Containing a Postscript Dated the 10th of September — To those advices of which you mention that you understand we have Copies, you are pleased to express your Reliance upon a Due attention on our parts. It cannot but give us Satisfaction to the-

To the Governor General & Council In answer to the foregoing Letter respecting the Situation of Affairs here of the alarming Circumstances that has happened among the Cavalry and of the consequences to be apprehended unless a speedy and plentiful Supply of Money is sent them from Bengal.

Fort St. George 5th March 1763

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be able to mark out to you that Attention as expressed in our letter to your Board so early as the 20th of February last, within a few Days after the Arrival of those Advices. We observed in that letter to your Board That we presumed Copies of all the Papers sent to us were transmitted to you by the Court of Directors You would please to advert particularly to those which related to the French Projects in this Part of the World That, Altho' the Definitive Treaty was signed and in all probability an Appearance of good faith with us would be observed for some time by the French, yet it could not be doubted that they would prosecute their Ambitious Views, by every Secret Art and Intrigue till it should be time to throw off the Mask and act openly against us — Those Reflections led us to add, in the next Paragraph which followed immediately, that a Peace with all the Indian Powers if possible to be obtained on honorable Conditions and a Conciliation of them to our Interests by a Moderate Conduct and consistent Policy, were therefore became more and more necessary for us to accomplish — That Peace has since fortunately been accomplished as

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Fort St. George 1th May 1764

as we wrote you on the 22d and 27th Days of March
last and enclosed to you copy of the Treaty with Tippoo
Sultaun in which it was particularly Stipulated
that it should be ratified by your Board and returned
to Tippoo Sultaun within three Months or Sooner
if possible. Our Letter being Sent by sea probably reached
your hands on or about the 9th of April, and the
Peace announced in the Calcutta Gazette the 12th ultimo.
Your Acknowledgement of that Letter with the
Ratification of the Treaty might have arrived here
Some Days since and we are anxious to receive that
Ratification to forward it to Tippoo Sultaun as two
of the three Months are within a few Days of being
expired. and as he will notice any delay in the Receipt
of that Ratification and as per them it behoves
the honor and Interest of the English Government
to give the Example to the Powers of Indostan of
the most rigid Punctuality on every Occasion finally, as until we can Send this Ratification we
cannot urge with the Same Efficacy our Demands
for the punctual Execution of the Clauses of the
Treaty, obligatory upon him particularly relative
to the Prisoners Several of whom are yet detained,

the

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tho the greatest part are already arrived — If therefore
by any accident the Ratification has not been for-
warded to us before your Receipt of this letter we
request that you will please upon the Receipt of
this letter instantly to dispatch it to us. With the
Subject of your letter more before us is connected also an
alarming Event that has taken place here a few
Days since as naturally tending to encourage the
undertakings against which were to be guarded and
facilitating their Success. This Alarming Event is
nothing less than the Mutiny of all the Cavalry
which were quartered near Arnee the Privates of
whom have confined all their Officers — The Sir Eyre
Coote long since informed your Board and the
Court of Directors that the whole Army upon
this Coast must be maintained by Remittances
from their Revenues in Bengal, this they were
repeatedly assured by your Presidency that Such
effectual Support would be given and that regular
Remittances were established and would be continued,
tho the Same was approved and directed by our
Common

1765 Fort St. George 7th May 1765

Common Superiors, Yet, since the Death of Sir
Eyre Coote, above twelve Months, no Remittances
in Specie have been made to us; such remittances can
only be of use to us, as the Bills you sent to us on
the Bengal Soucars can not be depended on. And
besides you particularly directed that the produce
of them should be applied exclusively to the
Bengal Detachment which produces here but
a Small Proportion to their Arrears. or of what
was paid to them out of the Scanty Resources of
this Presidency — With respect to our bills upon
you nothing could induce us to draw them but
the necessity of the Gentlemen who accepts of them
and who are so much in arrears and so distrust
that they take them of the certain discount of 25 to
30 per Cent for such is their Diffidence that those
who buy them change that exorbitant discount upon
them — of the pressing Exigencies of the Carnatic
of the fatal Consequences likely to ensue from
your withholding those Pecuniary Supplies you
thus promised and were authorised and directed
to

1766 Fort St. George 7th May 1766

directed to make for the Preservation of the Company's
Affairs on this Coast. we have not failed to give you
full and frequent notice, and to join our Remonstran-
ces and Requests to the Orders of our Common Superi-
ors We have indeed waded thro a Scene of Difficulties for
some years past and are laboring to surmount
the present Danger; but the other Causes may have
Joined in this instance to the heavy Arrears due to
the Cavalry, yet the Public Exigencies are still
and will be for some time so much beyond the
Resources of this Presidency growing as they are
under the Nabob's Assignment, that we must e-
xpect the Renewal of Danger and perhaps un-
surmountable Evil, unless we shall be speedily and
splentifully assisted by you. We still entertain a
hope that our Application to you on this Subject
will not be in vain, as the Interest of the Company
equally binding on you as upon us, calls for your
Compliance — You will Judge of the Critical
Situation of Matters here after having duly
considered the advices from the Secret Committee
of the 6th of September, when we add to the actual
State

1767 Fort St. George 7th May 1767.

State of the Mutiny the Murmurs really excited from want of regular Pay among the Infantry as well as the Discontents artfully spread among them. The increase of Troops under the Command of the Amer ul Omrah, whose Designs to wrest from his Elder Brother the Succession of the Carnatic render him disaffected to the Company, who have determined not to alter the established Succession. The Difficulties which by his influence on the Nabob, the latter has endeavoured to throw in the way of the Execution of the Treaty made in Europe as relating to the Cession to the French of Villenaur and Bahour by demanding a Previous Treaty with Monsieur De Bussy Separately from the Company and lastly the Delays caused by Mr. De Bussy in the Cession of Tricomalay. The Actual Designs of the Court of France to tamper with the Princes dependant upon the Company as mentioned among the Advices from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors in London of the 9th Day of September are mentioned as Justly to be apprehended and proper to be guarded against in a Minute of our President of the Same 9th Day of September and adopted by the

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the Select Committee of this Presidency. We shall transmit to you Copies of the Transactions with Monsieur De Bussy ending with the Dispatch arrived to day which is voluminous and cannot be Copied to go by this Nights Post — We have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedient humble Servants

(Signed) G. Macartney &c.

Fort St. George
7th May 1768

Select Committee

Read the following Letter

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

Select Committee

of Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

Our Last address was under date the 25th Ultimo, since when we have had the honor to receive your Commands of the 26th 27th 28th and 29th with their several Enclosures.

From the Commissaries at Pondicherry with their Proceedings since the 21st April

Immediately after the Receipt of your Letter of the 28th we informed the French Commissaries that we had received an Answer to the Letter we addressed to your Lordships &c. Committee on the 21st Ultimo and that we were ready to confer with them again whenever it might suit their Convenience

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Commencing, and a Conference was accordingly held on the following Day —

Enclosed we have the Honor to transmit to your Lordship &c: Committee, Copies of our Letter to the French Commissaries under date the 27th Ultimo, of their's to us of the 29th and of our reply of yesterdays date, By which you will perceive that your Several Commands respecting the Conduct to be observed by us in the present Negotiation, have been fully executed. —

We have directed that the Troops on board the Ship Swallow be landed here with all possible dispatch and have put Captain Richard Bendy Commander of that Ship under the Orders of Colonel William Dalrymple whom you have directed to remain with the Troops at Pondicherry — We have wrote to the Colonel on this Subject, and have furnished him with Copy of our Letter to us of the 27th Ultimo which contain your Orders for his future Conduct —

Your Commands to us being now fully Accomplished, Mr Flayer and Mr Tollofield will, in obedience to your Orders, proceed to

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to the Presidency without Delay —

We have the honor to be &c.

Charles Floyer
William Dalrymple
E. Wt Fallofield

Pondicherry
1st May 1784

(Signed)

To Charles Monneron Esqr
Brigadier General Contenceau
and
John Francis Monacin Esqr —

At our Last Conference held on the 21st Instant we had the honor to inform you that we found ourselves under the Necessity of post= poning our Negotiations until we had Communi= cated to the Right Honble the Governor and Select Committee at Fort St. George the result of our mutual deliberations, and until we should receive their Orders in Consequence of such reference be= being made to them —

We had yesterday morning the honor to inform you, Gentlemen on the very instant of the Arrival of the Tappals from Madras & that we had received an answer to the Letter we addressed to our Superiors there, bearing Date the 21st Instant, and that we were ready to confer with you again whenever it might best suit

(C. your

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your Convenience and a Conference having been held between us this Morning we Shall here in beg Leave to recapitulate what Passed on this Occasion

We had the honor to inform you Gentlemen that we were instructed to repeat to you. that as the definitive Treaty directs that the restitutions and Cessions intended to be made in pursuance of it should take place within Six Months from the Signing of such Treaty. or Sooner if Possible. this Government at Fort St. George lost not a Moment after the arrival of the Said Definitive Treaty. in appointing Commissaries on their part to meet Such Commissaries as the Marquis De Bussy Should think Proper to appoint on the part of the French Government, for the Settlement and Interchange of those Several Restitutions That the Marquis De Bussy having in his Letter of the 24th. of March last Signified that he was ready on his part. to execute the Same and that after our arrival at Pondicherry in Consequence of such a Declaration, it could not but be a Subject of some Surprize to our Government that he should then declare that he was ready to make only part of the Cessions which had been Stipulated by

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by that Treaty. the Marquis De Bussy having Said that he was not ready to cede Trincomalle. this he acknowledged it to be a part of the Cessions Stipulated by that Treaty. That as the Letters from Lord Macartney to the Marquis De Bussy bearing date the 9th and 15th. of last Month applie to the whole of these Cessions. and as his answer bearing date the 24th. of March. that he was ready, applied to a readiness of ceding the whole, it Could not be expected that our Govern: ment would have particularized Trincomalle as they could not Suppose, that there would have been any Difficulty on the part of the Marquis De Bussy in Carrying any part of the Treaty made by his Sovereign punctually into execution ——

We had also the honor to inform you Gentlemen that 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 Com: pletely not partially executed. it ceased to be pos Possible for our Government to make the Cessions on the part of England while the Marquis De Bussy delayed taking Steps for fulfilling the reciprocal Obligations on the part of France — That the

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Nature of the Treaty implied that there was to be no other Proceedings in the order of those restitutions than what their Nature and Situation rendered necessary That on this Principle, we gave you our fullest assurance that as soon as the Marquis De Bussy should give an open passeport with the order for the delivery to us or any one of us on Behalf of his Britannick Majesty of the Forts Harbour Forts and Districts of Trincomalle, we would give to the Marquis De Bussy an order for the restitution of Chandernagore, or Karrical with the four Magans which are to be dependent on that Place which so ever the Marquis de Bussy might prefer, and we do further assure you Gentlemen that we would proceed to ascertain the Boundaries of Villanour and Bahour and, if the Limits of these two districts should be ascertained and agreed upon between us that we would in such case restore Pondicherry and its dependencies together with the said Districts to the Marquis De Bussy upon our receiving an authentic account of Trincomalle being in the Actual Possession of his Britannick Majesty, and which account we do engage to

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to Communicate to you Gentlemen as soon as it shall be received by us —

These, Gentlemen, were the principal Matters which we had the honor to lay before you at the Morning's Conference, and upon which you were desirous of receiving Instructions from the Marquis De Bussy —

We cannot conclude without Expressing our wishes, that these Proposals may be accepted, as in Such Case we may hope for a Speedy Settlement and interchange of those Constitutions which are Provided to be made in the definitive Treaty —

We have the honor to be

&c

(Signed) Charles Floyer
William Dalrymple
E: W: Fallofield

A True Copy

(Signed) E. W. Fallofield
Secry

To Charles Floyer William Dalrymple and
E: W: Fallofield

Gentlemen,

The Negotiations we are empowered to execute with you, appear to us to have become

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become of as much Importance as they will could;
we propose therefore to represent in this Letter our
Ideas and our thoughts with as much clearness
preciseness and precaution as possible.

If you have properly comprehended the Spirit of your Correspondence as
well as the results of every point which has been
the Subject of our Conferences to this Day We
have reason to imagine that the Recapitulation
of your Observations, dispositions, or Sentiments,
will be found to agree with a faithful Repre-
sentation of your principle propositions, which
we are now going to explain. Some part will
concern the form, Some the matter tho' of these
both, of the objects submitted to our Mutual
Discussion, we shall endeavour to affix to our
Answers a decided Opinion, which shall indicate
when we consider the form, when the Matter, of
the Subject; and when both.

You informed us, Gentlemen, that
the Government of Madras imagined the Marquis
De Bussy was fully authorized to treat on all
the Resolutions that France should make to
Great Britain in Asia, and consequently
received with Surprize the Account that the
Marquis

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Marquis De Bussy should then declare he was ready to make only part of the Cessions which had been Stipulated by that Treaty, and not the consequent ones; Such as Trincomallee &c. &c.

After having positively Assured us at the first Conference (upon the request we had the honor to make you of being furnished with a Copy of the Preliminary Articles between Great Britain and the States General) as likewise at all our Meetings that the Interest of Holland was not concerned, you considered it never the less as an indispensible Preamble of our Negotiations. the most explicit Assurance of the immediate restitution of Trincomallee, which could not be executed by us without concerning the Interest of the Dutch; you more expressly confirmed this preamble by declaring in your Letter of the 27th Ultimo that, as soon as the Marquis De Bussy should give an open positive, written Order for the delivery to you, or any one of you, on behalf of his Britannic Majesty of the Forts, Harbors, Ports, & Districts of Trincomallee, you would give to the Marquis De Bussy an Order for the restitution of Chandernagore & Karical, with the four contiguous Majoris which are to be dependent on that place which soever the

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the Marquis De Bussy might prefer, assuring us you would proceed to ascertain the exact Boundaries of Pellenaur and Bahaur, and, if the Limits of those Districts should be ascertained and agreed upon, you would in such Case restore Pondicherry and its dependencies together with the said districts, upon your Receiving Authentic Account of Trincomallee being in the actual Possession of his Britannic Majesty, you likewise say in the same Letter that you are instructed to repeat to us, that, as the definitive Treaty directs that the Restitutions and Cessions intended to be made in pursuance of it should take place within Six Months from the Signing of such a Treaty, or Sooner if possible, the Government of Fort St. George lost not a Moment, after the Arrival of the said Treaty, in appointing Commissaries on their part to meet such Commissaries as the Marquis De Bussy should think proper to appoint on the part of the French Government, for the Settlement and interchange of those several Restitutions that the Marquis De Bussy had in his Letters of the 16th & 24th of March last assured

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a sound Lord Macartney He was ready to execute on
that part of the Treaty which concerned them —
That it was plainly the Intention
of our respective Sovereigns and the obvious meaning
of the Treaty that it should be fully, not partially
executed, it ceased to be possible for your Government to
make the Cessions on the part of England while the
Marquis De Bussy declined taking Steps for fulfilling the reciprocal Obligations on the Part of
France — That the Nature of the Treaty implied
that there was to be no other precedence in the Order
of Restitutions than what their Nature & Situation
rendered Necessary —

We have here, Gentlemen, pointed out
the exact Substance and at the same time the most
literal Sense of what you have either informed us of
personally or by Letter, Since we have had the honor
to confer or correspond together, we have now That
of replying — That the Marquis De Bussy
has been and his always ready to fulfill every part of
the definitive Treaty, but, not having as yet received
any Orders from his Court regarding the Ratification, not even an Order relative to the execution
of the Treaty, he does not conceive himself vested
with as full powers as you seem to imagine —

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Without entering here into any long unnecessary details of the Causes that have led the Government of Madras unto an Error more or less respecting the preparations of the Marquis De Bussy to execute on his part every Clause and Condition of the Treaty, conformable to their tenor and form, we beg leave to observe ——

That Lord Macartney, in Communicating to the Marquis De Bussy in his Letter of the 9th March last the Arrival of the Euridice Frigate with full powers for your Government to act in the reciprocal Ratifications to be executed between the two Nations, offered to send to Mr. Bussy a Copy of the Order and Instructions of the Company to the Representatives in India, their Contents to be communicated to the Court of Pondicherry as might be of Service to Mr. Bussy in the Embarkment he was then in of having received Troops from his Court ——

That the Marquis De Bussy by his Answer of the 16th March, accepted Lord Macartney's Offer, and that nevertheless those Instructions have not been sent, tho' he has received a Reply from Lord Macartney of the 19th of the same Month ——

No unfavorable Conclusion

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can be formed on Mr. Bussy's Conduct from the Confirmation contained in his Letter of the 24th. March to Lord Macartney respecting his being ready to receive the English Commissaries, the true Cause being, that that General has informed his Lordship that he had received no Order relative to the fulfilment of the definitive Treaty. The Marquis De Bussy had reason to imagine that the Government of Madras were completely versed in a Knowledge of the extent of his Powers —

That the Marquis De Bussy not being willing to agree to the prior and simple Restitution of Trincomalee, as the preamble of the Negotiation cannot alter his Sentiments before he receives the Orders which he daily expects from his Court, he is sensible that Trincomalee should be restored to Great Britain, that such is the Intention of the two Courts. that such is the literal Sense of the 19th. Article of the definitive Treaty. But he is willing to give a positive assurance to the Madras Government of giving up that Place to Great Britain directly he receives his Majesty's Orders regarding a Restitution of so much a delicacy and so simple in itself it appears that that Restitution should have been attended with Conditions more or less favorable for Holland — Conditions that the expected Orders from France will serve explain. you must, Gentlemen, be as sensible as us of the Necessity and Importance of that Measure

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Measure if you will be at the Trouble to remark that the two Courts with only the Preliminaries of Peace mutually communicated the Orders and reciprocally trusted the Packets addressed to their Representatives in India without having as it appears taken any Joint precaution for the most expeditious of the definitive Treaty before it could take effect in the most distant Quarter of the Globe —

We concur with you Gentlemen that the fulfillment of the Treaty should be complete not partial for without that special Clause it would be almost impossible that a complete execution can operate the same day at all Places. Subject to Mutual retrocessions. it would found in the end that in whatever manner the Business is transacted the execution of the said Treaty will be more or less partial in its form the necessarily and absolutely complete in its matter — You doubtless are persuaded Gentlemen of that kind of exception to a General Rule since you proposed to us the very partial restitution of Trencomallee for that equally partial of Chandernagore or Karical at the option of the Marquis De Bussy. As it is impossible to form a Principle for a Complete fulfillment. you have attempted to ground from that precept a Consequence

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perfectly partial. we are convinced that you never imagined it possible to execute an entire fulfillment of the Treaty of which you reminded us, but that you have considered the restitution of Trincomalee as comprising a part of those / in our Opinion whose Situation or Nature made susceptible of preceding every other —

In arguing with you Gentlemen whether or not the foregoing Interpretation should be admitted as Acceptions to the Treaty, we are of Opinion it cannot and much less that it ought to be particularly applied to Trincomalee as the General Sence of this Letter will sufficiently unfold our Motives for entertaining a Similar Opinion, we shall here lay before you two distinct Reasons because they naturally Originate not only from the Actual Subject. but even from both —

1st That in all transactions or Conventions whatever the Articles Specified ought without doubt to take place before those that are only intended —

2nd That it has been the intention of our respective Sovereigns that Pondicherry which was always the principal French Establishment in India should be restored previous to any other possessions

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possession on the Coast of Coromandel that every other different Interpretation of the Treaty would entirely change the Order of the Periods, Places, and even the meaning of the said Treaty. Since it is indisputable that the 18th. Article has been necessarily examined, discussed and corrected before the 19th. Article, which only can have effect towards Trincomalé——

We are going to communicate to you, Gentlemen, with Candor and Frankness, reflections that urge us to reply to your demands because they contain our Opinion on every point we are able to represent at this Moment; we will conclude this Subject of Discussion in Soliciting you will answer to yourselves the following Question——

Persuaded, Gentlemen, that you are equally sensible as ourselves of the passive Obedience that in every well Governed State is due to the Orders of a Sovereign; put yourselves without any regular Order into any place, and particularly a place which from Extraordinary Circumstances but very few ones has been from the Day of its possession

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possession a Simple Depot in your hands, no;
Gentlemen, you would not do it for the Orders of your
Company which in the present Case has besides the
Ministerial Sanctions, if not parliamentary, you
would strictly persevere in not executing any of the
Restitutions specified in the Preliminary Articles
before you had received the definitive Treaty thro'
its proper Channel

To positive an explanation
requires no other Support; we are going to make
you in our Turn two Offers —

The 1st is putting you in the entire possession of
Cuddalore and its dependencies to receive from you
the same Day and at the same hour Pondicherry
with the Territory that has belonged to it since
1769. to 1778 that is to say excluding the Districts
of Vellenaur and Bahaur, which are to be depen-
dencies round it for the future, the other Restitutions
to remain in Statu quo till the arrival of Orders
from our respective Courts —

The 2nd is that provided, whether
you admit or reject the first Offer we have just
now had the honor to propose / that every
thing remains in its present State that we
commence upon Such Measures as must
some time or other be taken that is to say to
prepare

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prepare as if we were now completely empowered to do what we shall soon be authorized to execute that Work of so much Importance which our Superiors have thought proper to commit to our Reciprocal Attention without waiting for the definitive Signatures till the Reception of Orders —

This Second proposition which, in every Since maintains the priviledge of both parties without exposing either to the least Inconvenience, should at least be accepted by you, Gentlemen, if you are Solicitous of avoiding the reproach of having lost a favorable Opportunity.

We hope, Gentlemen, you will accept two propositions so simple, and analogous to the Spirit of the Treaty executed by our Sovereigns; if not, we flatter ourselves, at least, you will dispel the Objection you before made, that the Marquis De Bussy not being authorized to fulfill the whole Treaty, could not be empowered to execute a part, in other words, that we should not restore Cuddalore to you without Trincomale, because these two places are not specified but only understood in the definitive Treaty, tho it was well known in Europe at the time the Treaty was Signed

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that there two places were then in our possession —
Nevertheless as our duty urges us to prevent every
Objection that can again retard the progress of our
Negotiations, we have the honor to remark that
Supposing you should make the aforegoing Objection
we shall be obliged to reply that, whenever the
Marquis De Bussy shall take upon himself
to make your Nation any restitution whatever,
it appears to us sufficient that he assures himself
by the possession the full and entire effect of his
restitution without being obliged to Justify his
Conduct. —

This principal of equality in our Tran-
sactions, to which we beg leave to remind you to point
out to us the following Consequence. That Cud-
dalore is at least of equal value with Pondicherry. &
Observe the Condition of these two Places and besides
the prime object in our hands to serve / in the accep-
tation of a partial restitution / as an equivalent
for our Chief establishment in any point of View
either Military, political, or even moral; you
must consider the restitution of these two Settlements
as pure and Simple + 127

We very Sincerely wish —
Gentlemen that the execution of the whole or a
part of the foregoing propositions will permit
a renewal of our conferences, the Interruption of
which

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which, has been very painful to us. This Just and Natural Desire in us is inspired from a wish to terminate a Business whose execution is equally interesting to our two Nations and appears only to have been procrastinated from a misunderstanding at first, respecting the exact Situation of the two Governments previous to the Commencement of our Conferences —

We shall be very happy if the Lights we have pointed out in this Letter can accomplish the double Object of Reconciliation and perfect good understanding we venture to expect Gentlemen, as much Justice in the Cause we Support as we are sensible of that politiness which belongs to you, and of which we have already experienced it's agreable effect, & rest — Assured we shall Strive to deserve and gain Similar Sentiments from you —

We have the honor to be with the greatest Consideration —

Gentlemen, &c.

(Signed) Conntencean, Monneran, Moracin

A true Translation —

(Signed) Thomas Chase

French Translator.

&c

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To Charles. Manneron Esquire

Brigadeer General Contencean

and Johan Francis. Moracci Esqr.

Gentlemen,

We had the honor Yesterday Evening to receive your Letter of the same date, and shall now beg leave to lay before you a few General Observations which we think will render it unnecessary for us at present to enter into a particular discussion of the Several Arguments adduced by you in the Course of the said Letter —

On the Receipt of the Definitive Treaty between Great Britain and France at Fort St. George, by the Every dice Frigate, the Right Honble the Governor transmitted a Copy thereof to the Marquis de Bussy, inclosed in a Letter dated the 9th of March, wherein his Lordship informed the Marquis de Bussy that the English Government were Completely authorized to execute their part of it — Lord Macartney at the same time, informed the Marquis de Bussy a Copy of the Orders sent by the East India Company to their Representatives in India had been furnished to the Court of France, and that if the Marquis De Bussy had not received them, his Lordship would Communicate to him a Copy thereof. The Marquis De Bussy, in his answer of the 16th of March-

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. March, observed that he was ready as soon, as
Lord . Macartney and the Committee should think
fit, to begin the busines of re-establishment.—

In a Second Letter from Lord
. Macartney to the . Marquis De Bussy of the 19th.
of . March on this Subject, his Lordship makes
use of these Words, "Our desire of Conforming
to the Terms of the Treaty agreeably to the Orders
we have received, as far as this Presidency is Concerned,
hath induced us to appoint Commissaries who will
be ready to Proceed to Pondicherry the . Moment
we are informed of your being prepared to receive them,
and to perform what is requisite to be done on your
part for the execution of the Treaty—

The . Marquis De Bussy, on the 21st of
the same . Month, acknowledges the Receipt of
this Letter and expresses himself in Terms of which
the following, we Conceive, to be a literal Trans-
=lation. "It rests with you to fix the Day of their
(the Commissaries) departure, as you shall think
fit; I am ready to fulfil the part of the Treaty
which regards me"—

In addition to the Declaration
of Lord . Macartney the Marquis De Bussy,
we Assured you, Gentlemen, that we were fully

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authorized to Carry into execution on the part of the
British nation every Article in the Definitive
which related to any part of the East Indies —

The inference to be drawn from the
Correspondence of the Marquis De Bussy with
Lord Macartney as before recited appears to be
Clearly this, that he had either received orders from
the Court of France upon the Subject of executing
the Treaty — or that he conceived himself to be
Sufficiently authorized by the Authentic Copy of the
Definitive Treaty Transmitted to him by Lord
Macartney, to perform on his part every Condition
of the Same —

We must here remark, Gentlemen,
that it was not unnecessary for our Government to
particularize Trincomalee, as they Could not Suppose
that there would be any Difficulty on the part of
the Marquis De Bussy to Carry every part of the
Treaty punctually into execution —

This Treaty expressly says, that the
whole of the restitutions and Cessions to be made
Between Great Britain and France, should take
place as nearly as possible at the same time. The
Marquis de Bussy now Offers to yield the
Possession of Cuddalore with its dependencies
for Pondicherry and its Dependencies, such as

they

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they were at the Commencement of the late War;
but yet he denies having any Authority and, therefore,
refuses to restore Trincomallee to His Britannick
Majesty, without express orders from his Court;
this Gentlemen, leads us to the following Conclu-
sion, that, if the Marquis De Bussy has authority
to restore one place, or to perform one part of the
Treaty, he has authority to execute the whole;
and, on the Contrary, if he cannot, without expre-
orders from the Court of France, venture to restore
Trincomallee, which, though Comprehended in the
19th. Article of the Said Treaty, which provides
for the Mutual restitutions of all Countries and
Territories, neither under the title of Cessions nor
under the title of Restitutions, which shall have
been Conquered by either Nation in the Course of
the War, is yet no where particularly mentioned
therein — Doubts must necessarily arise respec-
ting his Power to restore Cuddalore, which is
plain in the Treaty precisely in the same predi-
cament with Trincomallee ——

A fair and Candid interpreta-
tion of the Spirit as well as Letter of the Definitive
Treaty was the principle upon which our Govern-
ment Commenced the Negotiation with the
Marquis

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Marquis De Bussy, and upon which they instructed us to make the Propositions which have been some time before you — this, which has been our Governing Principle through the whole of this Negotiation, Manifested itself at our first Conference, when we had the honor to assure you, Gentlemen, that we should proceed on the Business of our Commission with all the expedition in our Power in order to evince the Sincere desire which actuated the Right Honble the Governor and Select Committee of Fort St. George to see every Article of the Treaty relative to the East Indies Completely performed —

We had flattered ourselves with the hopes that the Last Propositions we had the honor to lay before you, Gentlemen, in Consequence, as we informed you, of Instructions from the Right Honble the President and Select Committee of Fort St. George, would have appeared so Candid and equitable that they would have been accepted without hesitation, but the burning of Ratification having been thus begun, our Progress in the investigation of the other Subjects Comprehended in the Treaty, would have been rapid, and the Mutual Performance of every Condition Stipulated therein effected in as Short a Period as the Nature of the Business Could Admit —

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Disappointed in these agreeable expectation we Cannot but feel uneasiness in the necessity we are under of Communicating to the Marquis De Bussy, which we now beg leave to do through your Gentlemen, the Orders we have received from our Superiors which are that we do return to Fort St. George immediately - we have it in Charge, however to assure the Marquis De Bussy that, whenever he shall be impowered and Disposed to fulfil the Obligations on the part of France, Stipulated in the Definitive Treaty in relation to India, that the Right Honble the Governor & Committee will Immediately proceed to fulfil 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 into entire and reciprocal performance of them. We have it in Charge further to assure the Marquis De Bussy that this Delay will make no difference in the Disposition of the Government of Fort St George to Accommodate and Assist the Marquis de Bussy and the Troops of His most Christian Majesty, who will have Liberty to remain at Pondicherry But

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but that the English Flag and the Authority of the English Government are to be Maintained there until the Possession of that Place shall be given in form to the French Nation, in Purswance of the Treaty —

We further request, Gentlemen, that you will be pleased to inform the Marquis De Bussy that, in Obedience to orders received from the Government of Fort St. George, we have directed the Detachment of his Britannick Majesty's Troops on board the Swallow to be landed at Pondicherry, as soon as possible, where they will remain in readiness to reimbark for Trincomalee when the Orders from France for the Evacuation of the Place shall have arrived and which we Conceive Cannot be long Delayed — Colonel Dalrymple, who has orders to remain in the Command of these Troops, will, in the quartering of them, Consult as much as possible the Convenience of the Marquis De Bussy and the Subjects of France —

We Cannot Conclude this Subject, Gentlemen, without Feeling the most Sensible regret that any impediment should have arisen to obstruct the Progress of our Negotiation — We Can assure you with Great Truth that it would have been no small addition to the Pleasure we should have received in effecting the desirable objects of our Mission

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to have been Accompanied throughout by Gentlemen, whose Characters have been long respected, and deservedly distinguished; and with them to have brought a business of such great & National Importance to a happy Conclusion —

We have the honor to be
&c.
Charles Oclayer
(Signed) Wm. Dalrymple
E. W. Follofield

A true Copy
E W. Follofield
Secretary

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Colonel Dalrymple enclosing an extract of his Letter to Lieut. Tennoks of the 52d. Regiment Commanding a Detachment on board the Chatham.

As Doubts have arisen among us whether it be the Intention of your Lordship and the Select Committee that the British Flag should be Displayed in Pondicherry, and, as I pay great Deference to the Opinion of my Colleagues I shall defer hoisting it, until I receive your explicit orders. as so short a Delay can be attended with no prejudice to the authority of Government which your Lordship and the Select Committee mean to Establish here —

I enclose for your Lordship and the Select -

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Select Committee's Information an Extract of a Letter containing my Orders to Lieutenant Jarret of the 52d. Regiment in Conformity to your Commands that the Troops may be kept in strict Discipline, the Certain mode of avoiding Disputes —

I have wrote a Polite Card to the Marquis De Bussy that I would do myself the honor of waiting on him this afternoon; and shall consult his Convenience and that of the French in the Quartering of the Troops under my Command —

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Wm. Dalrymple

Pondicherry 4th. May 1796

Copy of a Letter from Colonel Dalrymple to Lt. Jarret, Commanding a Detachment of the 52d. Regiment on board the Swallow. —

Sir,

You will hold the Detachment of the 52d. Regiment on board the Swallow in readiness to Disembark, as they are to remain for the present in Pondicherry. —

I have it in Command to be Cautious in avoiding all disputes with the French Troops, you will therefore take particular care to keep your men sober, the Smallest irregularity will be punished with the utmost rigour and you will warn your Men and let them know my Resolution; but, I flatter myself, there will be no occasion for severity, and that the Detachment of the 52d. Regiment will make a -

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a point to Maintain their Antient discipline and Good Conduct in the midst of the French Army. to impress them with the high Idea of our Troops for the honor of England. and the Corps they belong to. Should an insult be offered to any of them. which I do not think likely. they are to take no notice of it. but to inform their Officers. and they Ought to keep quietly and peaceably among themselves as the likeliest means to prevent disputes —

They will always be Civil in Saluting the French Officers and Soldiers at the same time, that they pay them the like Compliment —

The President lays before the Committee the following Draft of a Letter written by his Lordship last Night to Mr. Flayer —

To. Mr. Flayer;

Dear Sir;

To Mr. Flayer inclosing him a Copy of the Instructions from the Company and informing him that the English Flag must Fly at Pondicherry & that any Obstruction to prevent it will be Considered as premeditated Hostility

Your letter of the — Instant with its inclosures reached me this day — It shall be laid before the Committee tomorrow and an Official answer sent to you — In the meantime I enclose you a Copy of the Instructions to us from the Company which were Communicated to the French Court, and which Mr. Bussy seems to Complain of not having been Communicated to him. I think

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think It as among the Number of our Dispatches but left by an Accident it has been Omitted I now send it to you to be Shewn to the French Commissary's not that I expect it will make any difference but Merely to take away the Slightest ground of Mistake or pretended misapprehension on their part or their Principles — The English Flag must Certainly fly at Pondicherry and any Idea of abstracting it, Can be considered as little less than Premeditated hostility; but, Down, I don't apprehend it —>

I am &c.
(Signed) G. Macartney

Fort St. George
May 6th. 1798

P.S. If our flag is not flying it must have arisen from some Mistake, When could it have been taken down —

The Committee entirely approve the foregoing Letter The Circumstance of the British Flag not being flying at Pondicherry was unknown to the Committee, there Cannot be the least Doubt of the Propriety of its continuing to fly until the place shall be formally given up to the French, the Committee highly Approve the Instructions given by Colonel Dalrymple to Rent. Rent ordered that a letter be written to Colonel Dalrymple to the above purport

Read the following Letter from Military Paymaster General enclosing the Account therein Mentioned as Ordered the 4th Inst.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From the Military Paymasters General requesting to know if the Second War with Flydur ali is to

In the Accounts of the Paymaster to the Subsidaries at Tanjore for the Month of February 92. The Military Paymaster General is debited for the Sum of Pagodas 570 said to be taken by the Enemy when the Detachment under Colo. Bathwaite was

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be debited for certain Sums, on the Gross as the particular Charges cannot be known and to what Head he is to Carry the money paid to the Kings Troops for Subsistance

was obliged to Surrender an Estimate account, how also been sent for the Same: Month wherein the Pay Genl is debited to the Amount of Pagodas 25,430, amongst the different Articles there is a Charge for the Sum of Pagodas 20,000. 12. stated to have been paid, and the Vouchers last; I beg leave to Submit it to your Lordship &c. whether, The Second War with Hyderally shall be debited for these Sums in the Gross as the Particular Charges cannot be distinguished.

I am also to request your Lordship &c. Directions to what Head I shall carry the Money paid to the Kings Troops for Subsistance; also, If I may be permitted to open a particular Head for the Subsistence paid to the Hanoverians. The Books of the Office ending in April 1792, will be closed as soon as I may have been honored with your Lordship &c. Commands on these Points.

I beg leave to observe that the Paymr. of the Sybandy's at Tanjore has regularly charged an Interest of 12 Pr. Cent. on the Balance of his Accounts from the June 1784. The Money being advanced by him on behalf of the Company for charges carried to the debet of the King of Tanjore.

I have the honor to be &c.

(signed) John Turing.
Mily. Cay. Genl.

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Minute thereon

Resolved that the Military Paymaster be directed to raise in his Books two heads of The other Subjects in his Letter to remain for Consideration

The President lays before the Committee a Return sent to his Lordship of people lately arrived from the Mysore Country, belonging to the Bombay Commissarys Department

A Return of people belonging to the Bombay Commissarys department lately arrived from the

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Mysore Country with their Monthly Pay laid before the Board by the President

Resolution thereon

department with their Monthly Pay Amounting to Rupees, 20196, ——

Resolved that Mr. William Henry Owen, a Civil Servant belonging to the Bombay establishment and among the Prisoners lately returned, be appointed to act as Commissary and Paymaster to the Bombay Troops.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Alcock ——

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

My Lord & Gentlemen, I have the honor to inform your Lordship &c. that I came from the Army at Arcot by leave from the Commander in Chief, for the purport of soliciting your permission to proceed to Europe on leave, on my own private Business: which, I am to request, you will be pleased to grant agreable to the Orders of the Honble the Court of Directors lately issued on that head ——

I have the honor to be &c.

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(Signed) Hugh. Alcock. Lieut Colonel.

Granted

Resolved that conformably to the Orders of the Honble Court of Directors Lieutenant Colonel Alcock be permitted to resign the Company's Service and proceed to Europe ——

Resolved

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Resolved that the following promotions take place in consequence of Lieutenant Colonel Alcocks Resignation —

Major Charles Fraser to be Lieut.t Colonel, vice Alcock resigned — Date — of rank — 7th May 1804

Captain James Edmingtoun, Major vice Fraser 7th May 1804

Captain Lieutenant John Bringle, Captain vice Edmingtoun —

Lieutenant Joseph Bagshaw Buttler, — Captain Lieutenant, vice Bringle —

Ensign John Baillie, Senior Lieutenant, vice Buttler.

Ed. Wpln.

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7.th Dispatched the following Letter to the Commissary to the Army —

To M.r William Jackson;

Commissary

Sir,

To M.r Jackson.
Brigadier General Horne
to receive the Pay and
Allowances of a Colonel
of Infantry.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge Your Letter of the 17.th Ult.o with its enclosure, and to inform You that Brigadier General Horne is to receive for the present no more than the pay and allowances of a Colonel of Infantry —

Lieutenant General Lang receives no additional pay for that rank his allowances, exclusive of his pay as Colonel of Infantry, being those annexed to his station as Commander in Chief. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed.t Servant
Fort S.t George
6.th May 1784
/ signed / John Huddleston.
Secretary

Dispatched the following Letter to Masulipatam

To James Daniell Esq.r
Chief &.a Council of Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

To Masulipatam.
Approves of a Longe
House being erected
within the Walls of
the

I am directed by the Right Honble the

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the Hospital; — Mr. Weston to be paid his Allowances as Company's Surgeon for the time he acted in Genl Lowis's Army without any contingent charges.

" the Secret and Select Committee to acknowledge your letter and enclosure of the 27th ultimo, and to inform You in answer to the first part of it, that they do not think it necessary to have a Lazie house erected within the Walls of the hospital but desire that You will find some other place for the two Lunatics as they think the hospital a very improper one.

Respecting the Letter from Mr. Weston and the demand it contains, I am directed to express to You the surprize of the Select Committee that after they have repeatedly signified to You their disapprobation of such reference, You should continue to make the disputes and demands of Your Surgeons the constant subject of Your Correspondence with Government — In the case before them the Select Committee direct me to observe to You it was wholly unnecessary, as, with the knowledge You profess of their desire to establish the strictest economy in every Branch of expenditure, You could be at no loss to conjecture what would be their decision on Mr. Weston's claim, as Surgeon in General Lowis's Army; of which the whole number of Europeans, Kings & Companies, did not exceed 350 — to draw Allowances in the separate Capacities of Kings & Company's Surgeon. As the Europeans of both Corps were acting together and under the charge of one Company's Surgeon there was no

omission

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7th omissions in not putting both under the regulations established for the Company's Troops, and the Select Committee desire that You will cause it to be rectified and that Mr. Weston may be paid his allowances as Company's Surgeon for the whole period without any contingent charges — his actual disbursements for Country medicines, must be submitted to Mr. Bulman. —

I have the honor to be

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7th May 1784

Sir
Your most obedt. Servt.
[signed] John Huddleston
Secretary

8th Dispatched the following letter to Colt. Floyd. —

To Colonel Floyd;

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge Your letter of the 4th Instt. and to inform You, in answer, that, in their opinion, there can be no doubt that the Captains who are gone to Europe have no claim to any profit arising from feeding their Horses, and they think, if there be any, that it should be enjoyed by the Officers who respectively command each troop; with regard to the Captains absent to the Southward, the Select Committee are

ignorant

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Mr. ignorant of the occasion of his going thither but they think that regulations might be established among the Officers for such cases and that the Absentees should have notice of them previous to their taking place.

I have the honor to be

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&c.

(signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

Received the following Letters / ascertained in the Miscellany Book No.)

From Mr. Hawkins

From Mr. Hawkins with a Return of Rice

From the Secretary at Bencoolen

From the Secretary at Bencoolen representing that two Sepoys have been shipped on board the Intelligence for Fort St George without the Captains receiving any Payment for victualling them.

From Vizagapatam

From Vizagapatam with Return of Troops, Ordnance, and Stores for the month of April

From Nellore

From Nellore with an Account of Revenue for the month of April

From Capt. Cuppage

From Captain Cuppage — No. Disturbances among the Troops on garrison. General Lacy sends a Detachment thereto

To Capt. Campbell

Wrote letter to Captain Donald Campbell Senior, (ascertained in M. B. No.) Informing him that the Resident of Tanjore has been directed

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8th Directed to pay him what he is entitled to for Off Reckonings for the Tanjore Sibbandy —

Received the following letter and Enclosures from the Commissaries at Pondicherry —

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

President Governor &c Select committee

at Fort St George.

From the English Commissaries, enclosing Copies of their last letter to the French Commissaries and of their answer.

My Lord Gentlemen,

We have the honor to transmit to Your Lordships &c enclosed, Copy of another Letter addressed to us by the French Commissaries together with a Copy of our answer; which, as well as the rest of our Proceedings in the Course of this Negotiation, will, we hope, be honored by Your Lordships' &c approbation. —

We are with the greatest Respect

&c

Charles Floyer

Wm Dalrymple

C W Fallofield

Pondicherry 5th May 1784

signed

To Charles Monneron Esquire, Brigadier General Contenuan

and

John Francis Moracin Esquire

Gentlemen

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Gentlemen,

We had Yesterday Evening the honor to be favored with Your letter of the same date -

The Orders we have received from the Right Honble the Governor & Select Committee of Fort St. George being to return to that Presidency in Case the propositions we had the honor to lay before You at our last Conference, could not be accepted by the Marquis de Bussy: we are under the necessity of paying implicit Obedience to those Orders but shall not fail to transmit a Copy of Your last letter to us, to the Right Honble the Governor & Select Committee by this night's Packet.

We have the honor to be with great Consideration;

Pondicherry
5th May 1784

&c
/ signed / Charles Floyer.
Wm Dalrymple.
C. W. Fallofield.

A true Copy —

/ signed / C. W. Fallofield
Secretary

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Received the following letter from Captain Cuppage -

From Capt.n Cuppage confines out of the 14 Sepoys of his Battalion for refusing his pay, and for stimulating others to do the same -

My Lord;

I have the Honor to receive Your Lordships letter of the 3d Inst.t this Morning and am sorry to inform Your Lordship that this Morning a most dangerous and daring attempt was made by a Sepoy of the 10.th Battalion. 1st N.C. Ogilvie was giving them a Months pay, a fellow, formerly a Trooper of the 3d Regiment of Cavalry, after receiving his pay, took it and threw it at Captain Parr, and the Cabuls asking them if that was nine Months pay, and cried out to the rest of the Men to join him; Captain Parr with Several Sepoys immediately seized him and sent him to the Barrack guard. I have since confined him close prisoner to the European Main guard. No man could have behaved better than the rest of the Sepoys did, not a man of them offered to join him, nor can I learn that there is the least dissatisfaction in the rest of the Battalion, but as it is difficult to say to what length this a thing of this kind may be carryed, or who may be at the bottom of it, and as my force in Europeans does not exceed thirty Men fit for Duty, I did not think it prudent to take any other steps in it than keeping him a close prisoner until the General is made acquainted with it

and

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8th and I have his orders how to act. which I have done this morning. &c

Every precaution that is in my power shall be taken to prevent any further disturbance happening, and indeed, at present, I have not any reason to dread any other attempts being made.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
&c
(signed) John Cuppage

Vellore
5th May 1784 (Duplicate)

Received the following letter & Enclosures from the Commander in Chief. —

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

My Lord,

From the Commander in Chief. with Intelligence relative to the Mutiny at Arnee —

Since closing my letter to the Committee I have received one from Arnee copy of which is enclosed - the stile seems more moderate & I hope the men may cool a little. tho' from their known Character, there is but little reason to expect it — I do not find that they have ill used their Officers yesterday or to day — the abuse they give them is chiefly respecting the Nabob whom they represent as very ill used

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8th used and say, they suppose the English mean to be Kings of the Carnatic — The Bs 15,000 arrived this morning — I send You also copy of a letter from Capt Cuppage — I am happy to find the Detachment arrived there so well. I trust the steps taken by Cuppage will meet with the approbation of your Lordship & the Committee, as an example is now become necessary and by all accounts a better subject for it, could not have been found —

I have the honor to be with

H: Q: Cantonments
Arcot 6th May 1784

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&c
/signed/ Ross Lang

To Lieut General Lang,
Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am honored with Your favors of yesterday, and as this goes by the posted Troopers, I shall detain your packet until Evening

Permit me to request that my Letters may be forwarded to Government with Your strongest recommendations, for raising a sufficient Sum, for the immediate payment of the Arrears. Captains Jourdan, Macalister, Stevenson, & myself, have written our friends at Madras, to raise as much Money, as they possibly can on our account, to assist in so necessary

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necessary an occasion. If you will do me the favor to acquaint
me, what Sums of Government money arrives for us, I will be
the better able to judge, when it should be sent here. Permit
me also to request, that our private Letters may be forward-
-ed duly from Arcot, to the people posted at Timery; and that
Letters sent open from here, may be sealed by some of your
Gentlemen at Arcot. The Men have directed the Vakeels to
pay about 440 Pagodas to the Public Followers, to keep
them together, instead of a Month's Pay, that they at first
intended to give — They seem now more resolved than be-
-fore, on keeping Captain Bayne here, & desire me to ac-
-quaint You, that he will be very safe. —

I have the honor to be, with

Camp at Arnee the greatest respect,

6th May 1784

10 A.M.

(signed) Dug.d Campbell

A true Copy

(signed) Joseph Garrow

Secretary to the Commander in Chief

To Lieutenant General Lang;

Commander in Chief &c &c.

Sir,

The detachment You sent me last night

arrived

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8th arrived this morning about four o'clock not a Man was left in the rear —

Judging it best for the Honor of the 14th Battalion to assemble the Black Officers and take their opinion what punishment they thought adequate to be inflicted on the Sepoy who behaved in so mutinous a manner Yesterday. They were unanimously of opinion that he should be hanged, leaving it to myself, the time and place.

I have in consequence of the above resolution ordered the Sepoys off duty to parade this evening at 5 o'clock to attend the execution, which I am confident they will do without hesitating —

I have the honor to be
with greatest respect
&c
(signed) John Cuppage.

Vellore
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(A true Copy)
(signed) Joseph Garrow
Secretary to the Commander in Chief

Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.
Governor General &c. Council of Fort William

Gentlemen,

Enclosed we have the honor to send You

To Bengal Inclosing Copy of a Letter from General Macleod, covering 7 Numbers and

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and requesting their particular Attention to the last of those Numbers —

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You a Copy of a letter from Brigadier General Macleod, covering 7 Numbers; but it is chiefly to the last that we wish to call Your attention. — It contains an Abstract of certain Sums of money for which that Officer granted Certificates & bills of Exchange upon You to the Persons of Respective to whose Names the respective Sums are charged, amounting in the whole to no less than 177287 Rupees. —

As we have no regular accounts from the other Coast, of these Charges, no discrimination of Articles, or commissariat Signature annexed to them, we have declined to pay the demand as made in the Lump; but we have agreed to pay the Subsistance gratuity and Batta due to the Kings Troops, from the time of their leaving this Coast last Autumn to the time of their Return here in the Squadron, on the 25th. Ultimo and have already discharged the greatest part, leaving the remainder, not Subsistance, Pay, or gratuity to be adjusted and certified by the proper Officer on the Bombay establishment. — What that remainder consists of We know not, but we think it right that You should know how far we had provided here, that, in case General Macleods bills should be presented to You, & that You were disposed to accept them, You should know What we had done on our part. ——

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When a Detachment went from hence some Years since to Tellicherry, the Chief & Council there not being able to discharge the Arrears, gave bonds or bills on us to the amount. & we liquidated them; but, in the present case, We don't find that General Macleod consulted with the Chief & Factors of Tellicherry at all. but took upon himself to give Certificates & draw bills upon his own single authority. — We shall acquaint the Bombay Gentlemen of this transaction and if they authorize the Charges certified by General Macleod, over & above the Subsistance, Gratuity & Batta, we shall endeavour to pay them, if we should receive remittances from You for the purpose or we shall give our Sanction to bills on You for the balance. —

We have the honor to be

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/signed/ Macartney

&c Select Committee

Sent the following letter to Colonel Dalrymple

To Colonel Dalrymple;

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge your Letter of the 4th Inst. with its enclosure, and to inform You that

To Colonel Dalrymple, informing him that there can be no doubt of the Property of the English Flag's flying at Pondicherry till the Place is formally given up

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up to the French

8th that the circumstance of the British Flag not being flying at Pondicherry was unknown to them and that in their opinion there cannot be the least doubt of the propriety of hoisting it, and of its continuing to fly at Pondicherry until the place shall be formally given up to the French. —

The Select Committee direct me also to signify to You their entire approbation of Your Instructions to Lieutenant Ternot. —

I have the honor to be,

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for
(signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

Received the following letter From Mr. Boisgard Resident at Pondicherry

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

From Mr. Boisgard with Intelligence.

My Lord,

I beg leave to acquaint You, that Yesterday Mr. Hoyer, accompanied by Mr. Chase left Pondicherry on their return to Madras; Mr. Fallofield intends following in a few days. Col. Dalrymple remains here in Command. and the Troops on board the Swallow are to be landed tomorrow Morning. —

The

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8th The Coventry returned this Morning from Trinco-
=malee whether she was sent some Days ago with Dispatches,
I am informed that Monsieur Peyrier is expected at Pondi-
=cherry with the Ships under his command in the course of
next Week.

The Brilliant will sail to day or tomorrow
to the French Islands, with the Regiment of Royal Rosillon
on board. The Marquis de Castries Fleet is also under sailing
orders for the same Place —

I have the Honor to be
&c
Geo: G: Bonjard.

Pondicherry
5th May 1784

(signed)

Received the following letter & Enclosure from
the Commander in Chief

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

From the Commander in Chief enclosing a Council of War, recommended to take into Consideration the present State of Affairs at Arnee —

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have received your letter of the
5th Instant - by which I perceive You have postponed coming
to any final determination respecting the Military Arrange-
=ments until I return to the Presidency, which I shall do the
moment

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moment the troubles are subsided and I can leave the Cantonment with propriety —

I shall wait Your further orders on the subject of Batta, and am glad to find You approved of my deferring the publication of the G: O: for its discontinuance.

You will have been acquainted by my last letter that the Bombay Sepoys were on their way to Madras, and my reasons for permitting them to proceed thither. —

You may depend on every exertion in my power being tried to settle the Mutiny at Once. — I have, as You recommended, taken the opinion of the principal Officers here respecting the conduct to be observed, & am happy to find that they entirely agree with me in their Sentiments on this subject — I enclose a copy of the Council of War held this Morning — by which I shall regulate my conduct, unless I receive Your orders to the contrary.

Some alarming circumstances having appeared respecting the Light Infantry & Artillery that were attached to the Cavalry & who are now here — I am under the necessity of assembling the Officers again this afternoon — the result of their Deliberations shall be made known to You tomorrow —

I have

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Head Quarters

Cantonments Arcot

7th May 1784

I have the honor to be

&c.

(Signed) Ross Lang.

At a Council of War held at Head Quarters in Cantonments at Arcot this 7th day of May 1784

Present

Lieutenant General Ross Lang Commander in Chief.

Brigadier General Matthew Horne

Lieut.t Colonel John Davies

Major Charles Fraser

Major John Ripault

The Members being met, the Commander in Chief addressed them as follows —

Gentlemen. Having thought it advisable to call You together to consult with me & to take your opinions upon the present state of Affairs at Arnee, I shall lay before You all such letters as have passed upon the subject both between me and the Select Committee and Major Campbell — The alarming & distressed state that our Brother Officers are now in, the very great arrears due to every part of the Army, the obstinate perseverance of the Mutineers — the disaffection that seems to gather strength among the different Corps, require that we should be mature in our

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8th our deliberations United in the most spirited exertions to extricate the Company Yourselves from the impending danger at this critical period of their affairs —

It will be necessary that I mention to You that I have written for the 23d. Regt. of Dragoons & part of the 52d. Regt, the former may be here in a few days, but the latter I fear, from the extreme heat of the weather, will not be here for some time —

I shall order the different Letters to be read to You and would propose for Your consideration the following Questions —

Letters read, copies of which have been sent to the Select Committee. —

From Major Campbell
Dated 30th April 1784
Do 30th do do
Do 1st May do
Do 2d do do
Do 3d do do
Do 3d do do
Do 5th do do
Do 6th do do

All letters in answer thereto. The Committee letters to General Lang & his answers

You

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You will perceive from the Letter of the 3d. Inst. from the Committee that it is an object with the Committee to prevent the Mutineers from leaving the Carnatic with their Horses. Do you, from the Returns now laid before You, conceive that a body of Europeans can be moved towards the Pass as they recommend, to be so stationed as to prevent their leaving the Carnatic with their Horses?

As there is not any particular Station in which Europeans can be stationed that can prevent the Troopers from moving out of the Carnatic with their Horses, there being so many passes which they might avail themselves of, We are of opinion that the object cannot be obtained by that means

As the object of securing the Horses does not seem attainable by the means recommended by the Committee with the present force — might that object be attained by making an attack upon the Mutineers at Arnee?

We are of Opinion that any attempt by Force should not be made against them until the 23d. Dragoons are arrived — unless they should, by their conduct to their Officers, render such a measure necessary — in which case we are of opinion that by a speedy march against them, some of them might be secured. —

Whether

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8th Whether, in endeavours to quell the Mutiny, the lives of the Officers should be risked. Whether the General is authorized to make such a sacrifice without consulting the Select Committee.?—

We are of opinion that the General has no doubt the power of taking any measures for quelling the Mutiny that he may think will have that effect—at the same time we are sensible that his humanity will induce him to pay every possible attention to the Officers, & use every means to preserve their Lives.—

Would it be advisable to send to Arnee a greater proportion of the money now coming, than is paid to the Troops now here.?

We are of opinion that not a Fanam more than their proportion should be sent—Whether the Mutineers would not be as much alarmed by an attempt to stop the Pay.ed. and the consequences to the Officers be the same as if they were directly attacked.?—

We are of Opinion that such an attempt would cause a greater alarm & more dreadful consequences to the Officers than a direct attack—& further that, should any operations be intended, they should be direct & rapid:, the difficulty of stopping them removing out of the Carnatic

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3th. by the Paper appears to us insurmountable, as they have the undermentioned thro which if checked at once, they can immediately retire to — the Berramal by Amboor — direct from Arnee the Vaniambady — Changama Salam — & Attoor, there are to the Southward: — besides which, the Passes to the Northward thro which they may escape —

The Commander in Chief acquaints the Board, that he intends / as the money is arrived from Madras / immediately to inform Major Campbell that a months pay will be issued to the Troops here tomorrow and that sufficient for the paying the Cavalry the same proportion will be sent to Arnee when he acquaints the General that they are determined to receive it as such — that he shall at the same time acquaint the People that he has received every assurance from Government that the arrears of the Army will be paid off as speedily as possible — that they may depend upon these assurances — but that they must not expect to receive a greater proportion than the other Troops belonging to the Company — that as their Pay is greater than the Sepoys, they will be better enabled to wait for their arrears, but that they may be assured, in whatever measures may be adopted by the Government, they will be paid only as the rest of the Troops — that he expects they will

immediately

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8th immediately return to their duty & be obedient to their Officers -

We are of opinion that, when the Orders are given out respecting the pay to be issued to the Troops, such a letter should be written, & we think that it should also be mentioned that a large Sum of money will soon be received by his Ma=jesty's Ship the Eurydice, which will be applied to the pay=ment of the Army, & the Cavalry will receive their Share -

/ signed
Ross Lang
Matw. Horne
John Davies
Jno. Riguult
C. Fraser

Received the following letters from the Commander in Chief

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

From the Commander in Chief with further Advice of the Meeting at Arnee

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have been honored with your letter of the 3d Instt. by Mr. St. Leger and am glad to find that a further supply of money is now on the road —

By the copy of Major Campbells letter which

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8th which I had the honor of forwarding to his Lordship yesterday. You will perceive that the money which I sent to Arnee as a months pay has not had the smallest effect upon the conduct of the Mutineers, & that they have determined not to distribute any more until the whole shall arrive - and have begun to ill-treat their Officers, whose offer of paying their arrears in a month by their own private Credit, they have refused. I shall not therefore send them any more money at present, but inform them when it arrives that a months pay will be issued to them, when they are disposed to receive it as such — The offer made by their Officers will I fear be attended with bad consequences among the Black Troops now here - the Native Cavalry of the Body Guard, refused to receive a months pay saying those at Arnee had received much more & were to be paid the whole of their arrears by Colonel Camp-bell in less than a month. — they are now pretty quiet, but upon such Men I cannot place any dependance — a further number of Europeans is become very necessary & I should be glad that the same Detachment of the 23d. Dragoons that were in camp were ordered to join immediately, as they would be essentially serviceable should the conduct of the Mutineers render our marching against them necessary — and also a part of Col: Straubenzee's people — as many as convenient — You may

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may rest assured that I shall not enter into engagements to pardon the offence now committed by the Cavalry, as I conceive an exemplary punishment absolutely necessary —

In consequence of the representation of Capt.n Cuppage of ill behaviour of a Serjt of the 14th Batt.n & the probable consequences that might follow, owing to the small number of Europeans in Vellore — I have sent him a reinforcement of fifty of the 36th Regiment and twenty Artillery, which I hope will be sufficient to prevent any further disturbance in that Garrison —

With respect to the Families of the Mutineers. I have made every possible enquiry, but find their connections are all with them at Arnee. possibly Your Lordship &c.a may have understood that the Families of the Light Infantry, who have remained here, belonged to the Troopers — but they are no ways connected —

It is my intention to avail myself of the observation and experience of the Senior Officers here, which I shall transmit for Your information —

I have the honor to be

&c.a

(signed) Rob.t Lang

My

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From the Commander in Chief. the Arms taken from the Infantry & Artillery attached to the Cavalry. on a Supposition that they were inclined to be mutinous agreed upon at a Council of War. —

My Lord & Gentlemen,

In another letter of this date I mentioned that I had reason to suppose some disturbance might happen among the Infantry & Artillery attached to the Cavalry, the enclosed will explain this matter more particularly — agreeable to the opinion therein contained I paraded all the Troops in the Cantonments forward the 73d with the Sepoys to move down to where their People were encamped and immediately to disarm them & march them into the Fort, whilst the rest of the Troops were ready on the Works to assist if required — I am glad to inform Your Lordship &c that their Arms were taken from them without any resistance and they are now secured in the Fort. —

I have detained the Tappall that I might be able to inform You how this matter might end

I have the honor to be

&c

(signed) Rob Lang

Head Quarters
Fort St. May 1784
½ past 7 o'clock at Night

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At a Council of War held this 7th day of May 1784, at ½ past 3 o'clock in the Afternoon.

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Present,

Lieutenant General Ross Lang

Brigadier General Mathew Horne

Lieutenant Colonel John Davies

Major Charles Fraser

Major John Reynault

Commander in Chief. — Since I had the honor of consulting You in the morning, I have received certain information from Captains Murray and Pater — that the Light Infantry and Artillery, who were attached to the Cavalry and who have hitherto remained here quiet and obedient — have come to a resolution to move away from hence and take away with them Capt.n Murray & the Black Officers, and join the Cavalry at Arnee — that this resolution would have been carried into execution last night had they not found some difficulty with respect to a supply of Rice which they deem necessary to have with them —

Captains Pater & Murray will inform You what they are acquainted with — and as from what passed in the morning, You are well acquainted with every thing in my power to inform You of — I have only further to add that I would wish You to consider this matter well & that You would give me

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B.th me Your opinions in what manner I should act with regard to these People ——

We are unanimously of opinion that these Men should be immediately disarmed & given to understand that they must remain so, until the Mutiny at Arnee shall be at an end — and that they be confined in the meantime —

I signed { Ross Lang
Mat.w Horne
John Davies
Jn.o Rigault
C. Fraser

Received the following letter from Colonel Pearse

The Right Honorable George Lord Macartney K.B.

Governor of Madras

From Colonel Pearse. reports prevail that the Cavalry have mutinied and taken Possession of Arnee shall remain on his present Encampment till he hear again from the Presidency

My Lord,

I had the honor to inform You by the Thank what steps I had taken relative to the Ordnance, in consequence of the Orders from Bengal.

It is now 9 o'Clock, & I have this moment received the honor of Your Lordship's letter dated the 3.d in consequence of which I have countermanded the Guns and march, & shall remain

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8th till I have the honor to hear from You again.

I had heard this day of a mutiny, of a very dangerous nature, as we got the story, & I own I was reflecting in my mind whether it would be right to obey General Hibberts' order or to carry the Guns to Masulipatam. but as I had not heard the account from any authority, I concluded that, as Your Lordship did not deem it a matter that required any notice to be sent to me, that it would be highly improper for me to take any steps in Consequence of a report only. It was said the Cavalry had mutinied & seized Arnee, & fired from the Walls at General Lang.

There are great numbers of the nabobs' disbanded Sepahis in these parts, who I believe were not cleared off when they were turned adrift, and if they should resolve to ask their clearance in a like manner, eight good Guns would be a very fine supply.

This is deviating I fear from the rules of Pro=priety, but think Your Lordship will not be offended at my relating what passes in my mind on a publick matter in consequence of a very unpleas[illegible]port, and I hope will be excused.

I am with the greatest Respect

&c.

(signed) T. D. Pearse

Col: Received

Nellore
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7th Received the following Letters from Vellore —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.

President & Governor &c &c &c

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Captain Cuppage the Sepoy who endeavoured to excite a Mutiny among the Troops has been tried in the Presence of the Battalion.

General Lang having sent me yesterday a discretionary power to punish the Sepoy of the 14th. Batt.n that behaved in so Mutinous a manner on the 5th. Instant, and endeavouring to excite Mutiny into the rest of the Battalion — From the steady and good behaviour of the Battalion of which I was an eye witness, and from every account that I would have that there was not another Man concerned with him, and judging that it would be for the Credit of the Corps, and have greater weight with the Sepoys, I assembled the Native Officers to take their opinion what punishment they thought adequate to so infamous a Crime. They were unanimously of opinion that he should be hanged, leaving the time and place to me for the execution. In consequence of the above opinion I ordered the Sepoys off Duty of the 14th. Battalion to be under Arms at 5 o'clock in the evening, to attend the execution which they obeyed with the greatest alacrity, not a Man of the Battalion but seemed perfectly sensible of the justness of

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of the punishment, and am more perfectly convinced, from the good behaviour of the Battalion, that there was not another Man concerned with him. —

I have the honor to be,

with great respect,

&c.

(signed) Robert Cuppage. —

Vellore

7th May 1784

My Lord,

From the Baymaster of Vellore with Information of the same

The Sepoy who attempted to excite the Battalion to mutiny was hung yesterday Evening at 5 o'clock in consequence of the unanimous voice of the Native Officers of the Battalion, Captain Cuppage call'd a Council of war consisting of all the Native Officers, who gave it as their unanimous opinion that the Sepoy was guilty of mutiny and deserved immediate death and that he ought to be hanged, as shooting was too honorable a death for such a Crime. —

The Battalion has gain'd great Credit, and certainly deserves public thanks for their steady good behaviour on the occasion; Capt.n Cuppage having so good an opinion of the Native Officers and of the attachment of the Battalion in General to the service, permitted them alone to see the sentence put in execution. At five o'clock all the Sepoys off Duty

escorted

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8th worled the man to the place of execution about half a mile from the Fort, where there was a Gallows erected; Capt. Carr, after reading the Sentence to the man, and the Battalion, he asked him, what inducement he had to committ such a Crime and, if he had any accomplices; he said he was in debt for Pagodas, and that nobody was concerned with him, that he submitted to God and his Officers, and Salam'd to Capt. Carr, and the Adjutant then submitted to the execution without another word; upon which a one or two call'd out Allah! Allah! and one or two more desired another to intercede for him, but, upon Captain Carr calling out silence, Not another word was utterd; but waited with becoming decency and fortitude till Capt. Carr thought proper to march them home again. It seems he has only one full brother in the Battalion and he is now orderly Havildar with Capt. Campbell at Madras. he was concerned with him in the mutiny to the Southward, — I hope this example has effectually secured us in Vellore, and the good orderly conduct of the Battalion on the occasion will shew a good example to others. —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Vellore
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(signed) Thos. E. Agilvie

Received the following letter from the Chief of Masulipatam.

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The Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.

Governor &c &c &c

Madras

From Mr. Daniell
Tippoo's Horse retire
to their own Territory
on the Borders of
Guntoor.

My Lord,

By my information of to day I understand that Tippoo's horse have retired into their own territory on the Borders of Guntoor and that Bazalet Jung's second son is with them —

I expect Mr. Richard Johnson here in a day or two on his way to Hydrabad —

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
(signed) J. Daniell.

Rajahmundry
30th April 1784

Received the following letter from Colonel Pearse

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President &c Select committee

From Colonel Pearse
incloses the Ordnance
Returns belonging to
his Detachment at
Nellore in Consequence
of a letter received by
him from General
Stibbert. —

My Lord & Gentlemen

Late last night I received a letter from Major General Stibbert Commander in Chief of the Bengal Establishment of which I subjoin an Extract —

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A day

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A Day or two since I did myself the Honor of acknowledging the Receipt of your Letter of the 22d. Ultimo, enclosing one for the Honble the Governor General & Council, requiring their Orders for the Conduct of your Detachment on its Return to Bengal"

An answer to that Letter was Yesterday dispatched to You by the Secretary to the Secret Department, and a Copy of it sent to me for my Information of the Instructions conveyed to You; — by them You are directed to leave at Madras all the Ordnance & Stores belonging to your Detachment; or, should You have commenced Your march before that Letter reaches You, to lodge them at Masulipatam — These orders are given by the Board with a View not only of saving the heavy Expence that must unavoidably attend the Transportation by Land of a large Field Train, but of diminishing the Difficulties that must occur in Your March —

If You left Madras on or about the Day fixed in Your Letter to the Board, You will have advanced a good way on Your March before the Receipt of the above Instructions; but, should You not have passed Nellore, I take upon me to desire that You leave Your Ordnance & Stores at that Place, instead of bringing them to Masulipatam. The Sepoys are to bring with them 20 Rounds of Ammunition

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8th Jemadar and a spare Flint or two, but, should You not deem that sufficient, You may augment it to 30 Rounds which the Men can carry in their Pouches.

In Consequence of the above I have left the whole at Vellore in charge of our Deputy Commissary, who will wait Your orders.

The Artillery & Lascars allowed for these Guns are all ordered back & proceed tomorrow Morning.

at the same time we shall resume our march which I was obliged to delay on account of their orders

The letter from the Secretary of the secret department has not reached me, what, I confess, I am not only surprized but concern'd at, because, in all Probability, it contains my Instructions at large without which I shall be much at a loss.

And I learn from Captain Williamson that another Letter from General Stibbert has been miscarried it contained Orders about recruiting & was sent off with one he has received & is mentioned in a Duplicate sent to him.

I have

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Camp Nellore River

5th May 1784.

I have the honor to be

with the greatest Respect

Sr

(signed) T. L. Pearse

Col:

Sent the following Letter to Mr. Secretary May

To Edward May Esqr.

Secretary to the Honble the Governor General & Council

in their political department

Fort William.

To Mr. May transmitting a Copy of the Committee of Assigned Revenue for the Year 1783

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to transmit for the Information of the Honble the Governor General & Council a Copy of the Proceedings of the Committee of Assigned Revenue for the Year 1783.

I have the honor to be

Sir

(signed) John Huddleston

Secretary

Fort St. George

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Dispatched the following Letters

To Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart

To Sir John Burgoyne acknowledging the Receipt of

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and

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of his letter of the 30th ultimo and informing him that the Requisition contained therein cannot be complied with.

8th and Select Committee to acknowledge Your letter of the 30th ultimo and to inform You that they are not authorized by any instructions which they have received to comply with Your desire —

I have the honor to be.

Sir

Fort St. George

8th May 1784

(signed) John Huddleston

Secretary

To Colonel William Fullarton

Commanding the Southern Army.

Sir

To Colonel Fullarton directing him to order the detachment to march towards Arcot immediately unless a Spirit of mutiny should appear among the Troops. —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform You that they approve and confirm the Instructions sent to You by the President the 6th Inst. the detachment You were therein directed to hold in readiness. the Select Committee desire You will, on receipt hereof, order to march towards Arcot, unless there should be any appearance of a spirit of mutiny among Your Troops which might render it dangerous to part with any Europeans — in that case You are not to send the detachment, as at this Juncture the Select Committee think it would not be advisable to trust the Sepoys to themselves.

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8th Should the detachment proceed the Select Committee desire You will order it to be advanced 3 months pay and supplied with as much provisions as it can take without impeding the march — the Officer who may be appointed to the Command will correspond with General Lang, who is now at Arcot on his march, and obey any orders he may receive from him.

The Select Committee desire the Europeans of the detachment may be taken from one of the Regiments that are ordered home.

I have the honor to be

&c

(signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

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To Colonel Pearse
Commanding the Bengal Detachment

Sir

To Colonel Pearse, directing him to take his Guns Carriages &c as far as Masulipatam from whence they will be conveyed to Bengal by the Indiamen ordered to stop there. The Detachment to halt near Angole, if convenient, to wait for further Orders.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge your letter to them of the 5th Instt and Your letter of the same date to the President

In the present state of things the Select Committee think it advisable and accordingly direct that You take

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8th " take Your Guns Lascars &c with You as far as Masulipatam and leave them there to be forwarded to Bengal by the Indiamen that will be ordered to call at Masulipatam in their way. — but You are to halt at Masulipatam for further orders, or, if equally convenient for Your Troops in respect to receiving supplies & not otherwise, the Select Committee wish You to halt at, or near, Ongole. —

I have the honor to be
&c
(signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

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9th " Dispatched Letter to Captain Joseph Greenway, (as entered in a Miscellany Book No) informing him that the Impress Account, including his own Pay from the day the Admiral Hughes Packet was taken up, will be discharged when the state of the Treasury will permit. —

To Capt. Joseph Greenway —

Sent letter to Mr. William Henry Cowan (as entered in Miscellany Book No) appointing him Paymaster & Commissary to the Bombay Sepoys. —

To Mr. W. H. Cowan

Received the following letter and Enclosures from Sir Edward Hughes. —

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

My

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From Sir Edward Hughes enclosing Copy of a letter to him from his Majesty's Agent Victualler assigning his Reasons for refusing to accept of Bills on Bengal in repayment of Godown Rent advanced by him for his Majesty's Stores and Provisions. —

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My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have been honored with your letter of the 6th of this Month, in answer to mine of the 5th on the subject of repaying a Sum of Money to the Agent Victualler and Storekeeper of His Majesty's Squadron under my Command, which Sum he informs me he was under the absolute necessity of advancing to individuals at this place for Rent of Godowns for the preservation of the Stores and Provisions of the Squadron. —

I do not see how this matter refers to the chearful and uniform assistance You say You have granted His Majesty's Squadron under my Command, and not readily comprehending the Transaction, as You have been pleased to state it in Your Letter, I have directed the Agent Victualler and Storekeeper to assign to me his reasons why he has refused the Bills You tendered him on Bengal, for reimbursing him the Amount of the Godown Rent he has advanced; which appears to me both Cogent and Satisfactory, and a Copy of them is herewith inclosed.

It now remains with You to repay the Sum so advanced, and provide for the payment of the Rent of such Godowns as may be wanted for His Majesty's Service in future, or to signify to me Your inability to do so. that, in justice to the Public

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9th Officer, I may order him to carry the Rent of Godowns to the Debit of the respective Public Boards, if it be not refunded by the Company.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obt & hble
Servt
(signed) Edwd Hughes.

Sultan in Madras Road
the 8th May 1784

Sir Edward Hughes Knight of the Bath, Vice Admiral of the Blue Squadron of His Majesty's Fleet, and Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed in the East Indies

Sir,

In obedience to Your directions to me to assign my reasons for having heretofore accepted this Presidency's Bills on Bengal in repayment of [illegible] Godown Rent advanced by me for His Majesty's Stores and Provisions at this place, and now refused the like Bills under the same head, I beg leave to lay before You the following: —

It is true that from the year 1780 till the last adjustment of Godown Rent here in June 1783, I have reluctantly accepted this Presidency's Bills on Bengal for the Advances made by me from time to time on that head, and as

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1st as the Bills were punctually paid and Money was wanted in Bengal for His Majesty's Service, no great inconvenience arose to me nor any loss to Government, by the Transaction; but now, that the Presidency's Bills on Bengal are not punctually paid, that they are actually selling and negociating here at a heavy discount of more than 30 P Cent, and that no Money is wanted in Bengal for His Majesty's Service, how can I in justice to myself accept such Bills.—

I am ready to produce authentic Vouchers that I have paid the Sum of Pagodas 12,569..18..40 to Individuals in this Settlement as Godown Rent for His Majesty's Stores and Provisions since the 7th June last, without the regular Payment of which to the Proprietors of such Godowns they would no doubt have insisted on their Godowns being cleared of the Stores and Provisions, and I had no other Means of safety to put them in; so that I had only the alternative to pay the Godown Rent or suffer the Stores & Provisions of the Squadron to be rendered unserviceable.—

Under these circumstances I request You will be pleased to renew Your application to the President and Council of this Settlement for the immediate repayment of the Sum of Pagodas 12,569.18..40 being the Amount of Godown Rent paid in Advance on their Account by me to the

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9th 31st March last, and that they will take proper measures for the repayment of such Sums as may in future be advanced by me on that head, as the Individuals from whom the Godowns are hired will not consent to wait till the Company's Treasury is replenished, but insist on regular payment from me in ready Money, or that I vacate their Godowns.

I have the honor to be, with great

Sultan in Madras Road
the 8th May 1784

Regard and Respect.—

&c
(signed) Arthr. Cuthbert

(a Copy)
(signed) Edwd. Hughes

Sent the following letter to the Military Paymaster General.

To John Turing Esqr.
Military Paymaster General.

To the Military Paymaster General, informing him that he will receive directions respecting the settlement of Mr. Barry Taylor's Accounts with the Company as soon as Colonel Braithwaite shall give an answer to some Papers referred to him on the Subject —

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Presidt & Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to them of the 5th Instt. enclosing two Accounts Current, and to inform You, that the consideration of the Charges made by Mr. Barry Taylor for the Sum said to be captured at the

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9th. at the time of the defeat of Colonel Braithwaite's Army has been deferred untill the Committee shall receive their information on the subject from Colonel Braithwaite, to whom the papers have been referred; & as soon as an Answer shall be received from him, directions will be sent to You, for Your guidance in the Settlement of Mr. Taylor's Accounts with the Company.

With regard to that Para of Your Letter which relates to the Sums advanced to the King's Troops, the Select Committee agree with You in the propriety of creating heads for the Subsistence paid to the several British Regiments as likewise to the two Hanoverian Regiments, and they also desire that an head be established in Your Books for the Hospital Charges on account of His Majesty's Troops.

I have the honor to be,

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Sr
(signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

From Capt. Armstrong

Received letter from Capt.n Armstrong, as entered in Miscellany Book No.) representing that he did not, as Paymaster of the 102d. Regiment, discharge the Surgeons account of disbursements for the sick, but, as Senior Officer of the 5 Companies at Ellore.

Received the following letter & Enclosure from Masulipatam -

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c.a Select Committee

of Fort S.t George

From Masulipatam enclosing an Extract containing Intelligence respecting the late Commotions in the Guntoor Circar — think it unnecessary at present to assemble a Force on the Banks of the Kistna.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

We have the honor herewith to enclose Extract of a Letter which we have received from Captain Edmonds, containing Intelligence respecting the late Commotions in the Guntoor Circar.

Mr. Daniell lately suggested to our consideration the Idea of assembling a Force on the Banks of the Kistnah while that River is fordable, which, however, we are of Opinion is unnecessary at this time; Colonel Pearce, in a Letter to Mr. Daniell, informs him that he expects to reach the Kistnah by the 17.th Inst.t or 19.th at farthest, and, before the Bengall Detachment will leave the District, we have reason to suppose that the River will come down — Unless the force on the Banks of the Kistnah was to consist entirely of the Detachment of the 102.d Regiment, we could not assemble them from any other place without calling in those which are at present employed on the Service of the Revenue in the Norzeed & other Districts — We think

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9th think therefore it would be putting the Company to an unnecessary Expence while we have no reason to Suppose that either the Nizam or Tippoo Sultaun have any intentions of disturbing the Peace of the Circars — Mr Darnell did not recommend the Measure but left it entirely to us, and we shall not think of it without further appearance of necessity —

We have been honored with Your letter of the 30th Ultimo, and desired Major Chesshyre to communicate the Contents to Captain Armstrong

We have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Sir
Your
Most Obedient Humble Servants
James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Tho.. Barnard
Sam.l Statham

Masulipatam
4th May 1784

Extract of a letter from Captain Edmonds under date the 1st May 1784 —

The strange Conduct observed by Meer Kummur Ul Deen Khaun since the Cessation of Hostilities with Tippoo Sultaun, and which conduct he still observes towards our allies the Venkatagherry and Collastry Rajahs, has given room to various

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various reports, nor is it possible to say what his real intentions are or from what authority he acts; he has plundered and laid waste all the neighbouring Countries belonging to the above Rajahs and even threatned to possess himself of their Forts. His people have certainly entered the Guntoor Circar and plunde=red Some Villages in the Ennaconah Talloch. this has caused Saib Jung to call into the Guntoor Circar the Troops that came with him from Hydrabad, and which, till now, were left on the other side of the River Kishnah, this information is to be depended on; Reports also say, and I believe with some degree of truth, that the Nizam has taken the field, as has also the Kannoule Nabob and that their advanced guard has been joined by some Mahratta horse to the westward of Ghoatyat, a place called Settracull; and that one of Tippoo's Generals is on his march towards them with a large force. You may depend, Gentlemen, of my giving You every certain information that may come to my Knowledge —

A true Extract

(signed) Ad. Scott secretary

Received the following letter & Enclosure from Bengal.

To

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President &c. Select Committee

at Fort St. George

From Bengal – are sorry they cannot supply the Presidency of Madras with Cash, stating their Sentiments in respect to the Cession of Territory to be made to the French – and enclosing Copy of a letter from Mr. White to his Highness the Nabob, on that Subject –

My Lord & Gentlemen,

We have been honored with your Letters of the 19th and 23d February and 1st and 19th of last Month. —

The Accounts transmitted with your Letter of the 1st of March between the Nabob Nizam Ally Cawn and the late Nabob Bassalut Jung were sent to Mr. Richard Johnson, who by the last Accounts which we have received from him was at Buttac. We suppose that he is now arrived at Jangam —

We are concerned that it is not at present in our power to supply Your Wants of Cash, and hope that the Conclusion of the Peace with Tippoo Saheb, will relieve Your Situation so much as to diminish them considerably. —

Your Lordship &c. have desired our Sentiments in respect to the Cession of Territory to be made to the French in consequence of the 14th Article of the late definitive Treaty between his Majesty and the most Christian King, and expressed Yourselves uncertain of obtaining the Consent of the Nabob and Rajah

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9th of Tanjore to this Lession. To admit the principle of your Reason-
=ing upon this Subject or the Inference of Authority which you
wish to connect with the Instructions of the Secret Committee, with
respect to the Nabob's Assignment, would be to authorize Injustice
from a Perversion of Argument. The Plea of even Necessity is
neither an Order nor a Rule of Justice. Should the Necessity have
been created by Oppression from those who use it as a plea,
it ceases to operate in any light of candour but as a pretext.

We are persuaded that on a proper Representation
to the Nabob and the Rajah of Tanjore they will not hesitate
to comply with the Stipulations of the general Peace, which
depend on their Execution of them. We have requested
Mr. Wheler to address the Nabob on the Subject, and have
the Honor to enclose a Translation of the letter recommending
it to Your Lordship &c. to make a similar applica-
=tion to the Rajah of Tanjore.

Your Lordship &c. will observe by Mr. Wheler's
Letter to the Nabob that we have trusted to Your Discretion
acquainting him when Pondicherry is to be given up that
Villanore and Bahour (or what is intended by Bahour)
may be given up by His Highness at the same Time and

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9th We are therefore to request that his Highness may be so informed. —

We have the honor to be
&c
Edwd. Wheler
John Macpherson

Fort William
Secret Department
13th April 1784

(signed)

To His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic

Your Highness is probably acquainted that the Governor General is not at present in Calcutta, having left it in the month of February last to proceed to Lucknow upon the Business of the Company; As I am the next Member of the Government it is incumbent on me to address Your Highness on such Matters as are proper to be written and I am perswaded that Your Highness will pay attention thereto, considering me as Your sincere Friend. —

It has long given me the greatest concern to observe the Differences which have subsisted between Your Highness, and Lord Macartney. They have all been for some Time before the Company in England. and I have been waiting with Anxiety for the Results of their Deliberations on them but there is one Subject which presses for Decision, and, as it rests with Your Highness to afford the King and the Company

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y.th Company satisfaction on it. I am perswaded that you will not permit the Opportunity to escape —

Your Highness knows that a Definitive Treaty of Peace was concluded between his Brittannic Majesty Your Friend and the King of France on the 3.d of September last. The 14.th Article of this Treaty stipulates among other matters that his Brittannic Majesty should procure for an additional dependancy to Pondicherry the two Districts of Valanour and Bahour, and to Karical the four Mugans bordering thereupon Valanour and Bahour (or the Country intended by Bahour) and Dependancies of the Carnatic and belong to Your Highness.

The King in entering into this Engagement was perswaded that Your Friendship for him was so great that there would be no Difficulty in giving Effect to his Engagement to procure these Places to France, and if his Majesty, or his Ministers, have not written to Your Highness concerning it, the Omission must have been owing to their Confidence that a Treaty, which tended so much to the ease of Your Highness's affairs, would have Your Concurrence in all its parts; & that it would be sufficient for this Government to represent his Majesty's Wishes to Your Highness. I think it probable also that all Your Highness's Affairs have been under Consideration

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in England, and that, when You are informed of their final settle-
=ment, his Majesty's Desire in respect to the Treaty will be
communicated to Your Highness

I have seen Your Highness's Letter to the
Governor General of the 15th of September, and the Letters be-
=tween Your Highness and Lord Macartney which it enc-
=losed on this Subject, and I am in Consequence, induced to make
it my own Request and that of the Gentlemen of the Council,
that Your Highness will give Effect to the 14th Article of
the Definitive Treaty as far as the same includes Villanour
and Bahour / or what is intended by Bahour / by delivering these
places at the same time that Pondicherry is restored to the Posse-
=ssion of France. I have requested Lord Macartney to inform You
when Pondicherry is given up. If Pondicherry shall have been
restored, and these places not yielded on Your Highness's Receipt
of this Letter, I am persuaded that Your Highness will yet give
Orders for their being ceded agreeably to the Wish of the
King of England. —

May Your Highness's Days be long and happy,
and may Your prosperity encrease —

What can I say more?

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A true Copy
(signed) C. Macy
Secretary

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From Mr. Woolf

10th Received letter from Mr. Woolf Paymaster of Tripassore (as entered in Miscellany Book No.) with a Return of Rice

From Cornet Loy

Received letter from Cornet Loy (as entered in Miscellany Book No) enclosing a Bill for an Horse hitted in Action —

Received the following letter from Colonel Stuart

From Col: Stuart
The Troops under his Command seem at present well satisfied —

My Lord,

I had the honor of receiving Your Lordships letter dated the 3d this morning, and shall pay particular attention to what Your Lordship recommends. The Troops here Under my Command, at present shew no Signs of Dissatisfaction.

I have the honor most respectfully to be

&ca

Camp Curtallum
May the 8th 1784

(signed) Jas. Stuart

Received the following letter from Mr. Secretary Hay

To William George Wasey Esqr.
Acting Secretary to the Right Honble the President & Select Committee at Fort St. George

From Mr. Hay enclosing a duplicate of a letter from Mr. Whiler to the Nabob, and requesting it may be immediately forwarded —

Sir,

Enclosed I transmit to You a Duplicate of Mr. Whiler's

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10th. Mr. Wheler's letter to His Highness the Nabob of the Carna-
=tic Translation of which accompanied the Honble Boards
address to the Right Honble the President & Select Committee
under Date the 13th. Instant, and I am directed to request that
it may be immediately transmitted to them.

Sam
Jr

/ signed / C. Hay Secretary

Fort William
Secret Department
23d. April 1793

Received the following letter and Enclosure from
Lieutenant Miller —

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

From Lieut. Miller enclosing a letter from Ensign Darley respecting the Prisoners received by him from Meer Kummer ul Deen Cawn. —

My Lord Gentlemen,

I have the Honour to Transmit You a letter which I received from Ens.n John Darley now on his way to Nellore with the Prisoners. I have been Honoured with Your letter of 3d. and Imagine a letter to Vincat Row, Renter of Nellore, would be Necessary, relative to Your letter, as his Influ-
=ence must be greater with the Polygars than that of the Com-
=manding Officer. I hope at the same time, I shall exert myself
as much as Possible relative to Your Orders. I have been informed
by

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10th by Ensign Darley that Meer Cummeradien Cawn was on his way to Conigery & was Determined to take & Destroy that fort.

I have the honor to be,

&ca

(signed) B. Miller
Lieut.

Nellore
May 7th 1784

To Lieutenant Miller
Commanding
Nellore.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acquaint You that the Europeans, Prisoners, have been this morning delivered to me, and that I have signed receipts and finished my business with the Nabob; but I am Sorry, at the same time, to inform You that he will not give up the natives; - he says they have taken service and have received five months pay. I assured him from good foundation it was not as he represented, on the contrary they were in confinement for not doing so. he then replied the business was settled at Seringapatam and that he had his orders what to do, that it was needless discussing the subject in his Durbar, that the Company and Tippoo had settled every thing. I found it in vain to urge the matter further, assuring, that as the detention of them was admit breach of the 2d Article

of

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address to the Right Honble the President & Select Committee
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Secret Department
23d. April 1783

I am &c.
(signed) C. Bay Secretary

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

From Lieut. Miller enclosing a letter from Ensign Darley respecting the Prisoners received by him from Meer Kummur ul Deen Cawn. —

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have the Honour to Transmit You a letter which I received from Ens.n John Darley now on his way to Vellore with the Prisoners. I have been Honoured with Your letter of 3d. and Imagine a letter to Vincent Row, Senior of Vellore, would be Necessary, relative to Your letter, as his Influ-
-ence must be greater with the Polygars than that of the Com-
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10th of the Treaty, it might be the cause of disagreement between the Company and the Nabob Tipsoo Sultaun. I then had permission granted me to return to Vellore, and I propose setting off with the Europeans this Evening, I shall go by the Pass of Bouravalli. the Prisoners delivered to me, are Captain Montgomery, Ensigns Bailie, Martin, and Stewart. three Serjeants, two Corporals & six Privates of the Company's. one Officer and one Private of Sir Hamets —

Woonapettah
6th May 1784

I am,
Sir
Your
(signed) John Darley —

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[illegible] the following letter to Monsr. Le Marquis
de Bu[illegible]
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Marquis de Bussy —

To the Marquis de Bussy.
in Consequence of his being
restricted from ceding Trin-
comalay to the English. —

Sir,

As the Commissioners appointed by this Government to execute the Treaty on the part of Great Britain, found, that the Commissaries appointed by You, were not, in like manner, empowered to execute the same, on the part of the French Nation, being particularly restricted from ceding Trincomalay, the accord to be included in the Treaty, & the Principal of the Stipulations etc. stipulated by that Treaty, to be made to the English, the arrangements which

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10.th which were necessarily to be reciprocal, were consequently deferred,
until Your Commissaries shall have powers equally complete
with ours. The articles of the definitive Treaty relative to those
Cessions are indeed very clearly expressed; no difference has
arisen in the interpretation of them, little difficulty can
arise in their execution; whenever You shall be ready to pro-
=ceed upon them; It appears, by the last letter from Your
Commissaries to ours, that, if You receive no instructions from
the first to the tenth of July next from Your Court, You will
undertake to deliver what the French Nation possess at Trin-
=comalay: If at that Period, or at any other, You shall deter-
=mine to cede agreeably to the Treaty what had been taken by
the French arms from the English, this Government will
resume its determination of proceeding without delay to the
fullfillment of the Treaty on the part of the English: Your
declaration of not waiting for orders from Europe longer than
the tenth day of July next, took
=missaries, till, in consequence of the previous declaration made
on Your part, in general terms, that You could take no mea-
=sures for the restitution of Trincomalay, and consequently
not to execute the conditions of the Treaty agreable to Your
letter of the 24.th of March last, our Commissaries were
ordered to return to the Presidency; but any observations
which

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10th which might be made in conformity with them as preparatory to the Restitutions to be made in future may be communicated directly to the Presidency where every attention shall be paid to them. Every precaution taken to prevent delay whenever You shall chuse to bring this business to a conclu-

=sion —

I have the honor to be with the

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distinguished Consideration —

&c

(signed) Macartney

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From Mr. Light

Received letter from the Baymaster of Palamcotah (as entered on M: B: N°) with a Monthly Return of Sick in that Garrison —

From Lieut. Cooper

Received letter from Lieut. Cooper (as entered in M° N°) with Information that the Sepoys in the Fort of Coimbetoor are very quiet & nothing to be apprehended from them

From Capt. Dawes

Received letter from Capt. Dawes (as entered in M. C N°) on the same, as the foregoing —

11th Received the following letter and Enclosure from Lieut. Miller —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

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