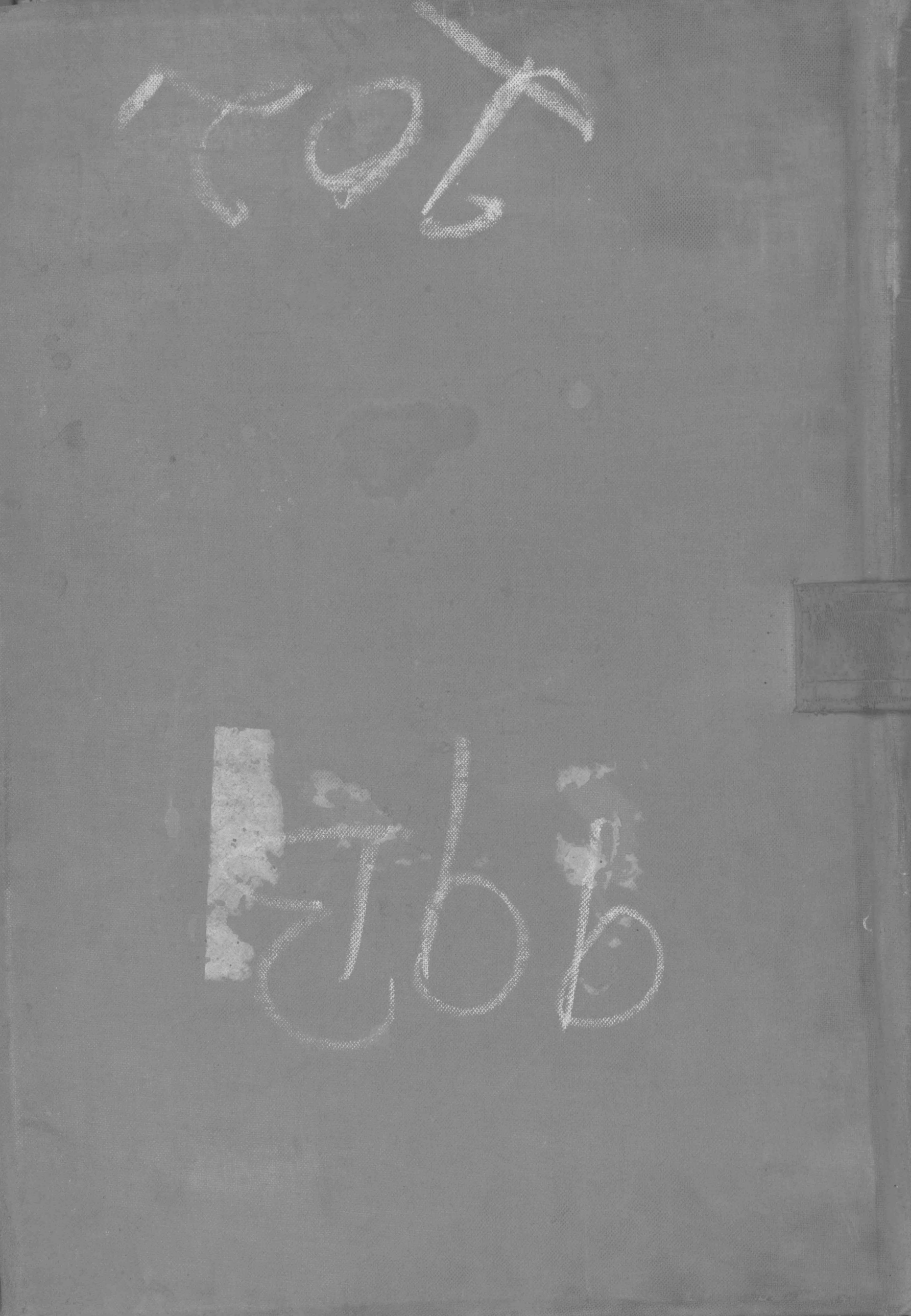


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From Lieut. Miller enclosing letter from Ensign Darley, advising of his arrival at Nellore with the Prisoners. —

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My Lord,

I have the Honour to Transmit Your Lordship a Letter which I this day received from Ensign John Darley, who arrived here this Morning with the Pri-

-soners

I have the Honour to be

&c

(signed) B: Miller., Lieut.

Nellore
May 3rd 1784

To the Right Honourable Lord George Macartney K: B:

President and Governor &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George. —

My Lord,

I have the honor to acquaint Your Lordship that I arrived here from Cudapah the 3rd in the evening, and have brought with me the Europeans who were Prisoners agreeably to the enclosed list; the Officers are re-markably healthy and but five Soldiers unwell, of trifling complaints; but it is with much regret I am to inform Your Lordship, that I could not possibly obtain the release of the Native Prisoners, After having demanded the Prisoners the

Nabob

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11th Nabob told me he would deliver the Europeans but that the Natives had taken service and had received five months pay from him, that he, therefor, looked on them as Subjects of his. I told him I supposed by the word pay was meant the subsistance they had received to the conclusion of the War. and that the Honourable Company would reimburse him any expense incurred on their accounts. that, as to their having taken service, I assured him from the best authority it was not the case; on the contrary, they had to a man rejected his proposals and that they were in close confinement for doing so, he then said the subject could not be canvased in his Durbar, as he acted by orders from Nabob Tippoo Sultan who had previously settled every thing respecting them. finding it in vain to urge the matter further, I concluded with assuring him I should not fail in making Your Lordship acquainted with the real cause of their detention; and, as it was a direct Breach of the 2d. Art. of the Treaty of peace, I did no doubt but Your Lordship would make a serious matter of it. I herewith enclose a letter for Your Lordship's better information which I received from the Lapoys when at Cuddapah.

I hope Your Lordship will be convinced that nothing has been wanting on my part to effect a release of the whole, and that it was with much concern I quitted Cuddapah without having

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11th having been able to compleat my Commission to its fullest extent — I now beg leave to submit to Your Lordship the great expence incurred to me on this business the charge of a Table for the Officers for a month, Palanquins &c.a for their conveyance, hire of Coolies, besides the many unavoidable expences on these occasions, all of which, I am convinced, Your Lordship will take into Your Consideration and direct the Paymaster hereto make such allowances as You may judge me entitled to. —

I am with the greatest respect,

Sir &c.a

(signed) John Darley

Nellore
10th May 1784

A list of Prisoners delivered to me by the Nabob of Cudapah on the 5th May 1784 —

Captain Alexr. Montgomery

Ensigns George Martin
Thomas Bailie
Robert Stewart

Serjeant Butler

Privates, Macartney
Murry
Aldridge
Mead
Phillips
Quin

} His Majesty's 102d Regiment

Serjeants

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11th. Sergeants Brampton, Staker; Corporals Davis, Brookes } Honourable Company's

One Officer and one Private of Sidi Mahomed's. There were four European Prisoners detained at Gootie when the rest, who were confined, were sent to Seringapatam; two of them / Wilson and Frank, of the 102d. / in attempting their escape, were retaken near Cummum, and dreading severe punishment would be inflicted, said they were deserters from the Nizam, and are now in the Nabob's Service. —

Natives of the Honourable Company's detained by the Cudapah Nabob on pretence of their having received pay from him ——

2nd. Carnatic Battalion

One Havildar, Two Naigues & Thirty one Sepoys.

2nd. Circar Grenadier Battalion ——

One Havildar, Two Naigues, & Forty five Sepoys.

Nellore
10th. May 1784

(signed) John Darley, Ensign & Adjutant,
of the 11th. Carnatic Batt.

From Mr. Firth

Received letter from the Paymaster at Pulicat (as entered in Miscellany Book No.) with Information of his having

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11th. Drawn on the Military Paymaster General for £7: 10. the amount of things supplied Colonel Pearce's Detachment —

Received letter from Lieutenant Macalister (as entered in M: B: No) will deliver in his Accounts as soon as possible.

Lieut. Keath
Macalister.

At Select Committee Present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K: B: President

Anthony Sadleir Esqr. — Alexander Davidson Esqr.

Robert Maansell Esqr. —

Lieutenant General Ross Lang absent upon Service

The Minutes of the last Committee read and approved

Read the following dispatches from the Governor General and Council: —

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President &c. Select Committee.

at Fort St. George.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

On the Evening of the 3d. Inst. we received a letter from Your acting Secretary dated the 22d. Ultimo transmitting Copy of a letter from Your Commissioners

From the Governor General and Council enclosing Copy of their Minute containing their observations on the Treaty of Peace with Tippoo Sultaun enclosing also Copy of their Instructions

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to Colonel Pearse together with a Copy of the Treaty ratified by them. agreeably to the 10th. article =

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of the 11th. which announced the Conclusion of Peace [illegible] Saheb on that Day. On the 9th. Instant we were honoured with [illegible] from Your Lordship &c.a dated the 27th. which inclosed a Copy of the Treaty —

We have taken the Terms and Conditions of the Tr into our serious Consideration, and as we owe it in Candour attention to Your Presidency to make Your Lordship &c.a acquainted with our Observations on them, we do ourselves the Honor of enclosing a Copy of our Minute on that Occ

tho we cannot approve the Treaty, we have agreed to acknowledge it in the Manner specified in the 10th. Article for the reasons set forth in our Minute, and enclose a Copy of the Treaty, so acknowledged by the Mem of the Council, who are now at the Presidency. We have tra mitted another Copy with our Signatures to the Governor that it may obtain his; and, as soon as the same shall returned to us with his Acknowledgment, we shall forw it to You. We have written to Bombay respecting the Te agreeably to Your Request. —

Colonel Pearse, having informed us that, in consequence of a Conversation with Your Right Hon.ble President, subsequent to the Conclusion of the Peace with Ty

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he expected that the Detachment under his Command would not be detained at Your Presidency longer than the 15.th of the present month, We have sent him some Orders, and enclose a Copy of them for Your Lordships Br.s Information.

We have the Honor to be

Br.s

Edw.d Wheler

/signed/ John Macpherson.

Fort William

Secret Department

20.th April 1784

The Board having read & considered with the most deliberate attention the Treaty of Peace executed on the 11.th of March last at Mangulore between the Commissioners of the Presidency of Fort S.t George in the name of the Compa-=ny & the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun on his own behalf we cor-=ny to be obliged to observe that the conditions and Arrangements of the Treaty have not been regulated either according to the Spirit or letter of the instructions of this Government, which empowered the Right Honble the President & Select Committee of Fort S.t George to negociate & conclude the said Treaty through their Agents, the Board see, at the same time, a necessity to which they most reluctantly submit of acknowledging the Treaty, as it has been made, because such acknowledgement is

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" is stipulated in the 10th. Article, because the whole Treaty has been acknowledged & confirmed in Form by the President & Select Committee of Fort St. George. Especially because an exercise of the Power which this Government professes of disavowing & revoking any treaty not concluded in conformity to [illegible] instructions would in the present instance, be productive of the greatest confusion & embarrassment to the Company's affairs.

It is besides probable that some of the conditions of the Treaty, such as the release of our Countrymen who were prisoners in Tippoo's hands, & the final evacuation of the Carnatic on the part of his Troops, have been already performed by him. Under these probable circumstances, it would not be impolitic, because it would be uncreditable, not to consider the opposite obligations of the Treaty in force. But no performance of any or of all the conditions of the Treaty on the part of Tippoo can compensate, in the opinion of the Board, for the [illegible] critical omissions & defects, which render the agreement with Tippoo inadequate to our just expectations, embarrassing, & may involve us with the other powers, & unwarrantable on the part of the Presidency of Fort St. George. For those particular defects & omissions in the Treaty, the Board resolve that

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" that the President & Select Committee at Fort St. George are to be held responsible, suspending, as they now do, any further resolu-
=tions upon this subject, till they are furnished with a more parti-
=cular account of the proceedings of the Commissioners of Fort
= St. George, together with any explanation & justification which
the Commissioners may chuse to give of the reprehensible parts
of the Treaty. If the Board were to judge, from the information
contained in the letters lately received from the President &
Select Committee of Bombay of the 6th & 17th of last month,
as well as from the want of regular information from the
Presidency of Fort St. George & the evident interruption to
their Correspondence with the Commissioners, it would be
natural to suppose that, from the Commencement of the
negociation with Tippoo in November last, to near the period
of its conclusion, it does not seem to have been conducted by a
free & responsible agency on the part of the Company; on the
contrary the Commissioners appear to us to have been lead about
through Tippoos dominions more in the state of Prisoners
under Military check, than as the respectable & unrestrained re-
=presentatives of a powerful state. it seems an undoubted fact
that Tippoo had cut them off from any regular communication

with

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while a combination of prosperous Circumstances seemed to favor our cause against the Successor of Hyder Ally, are considerations which, on the present occasion, suggest themselves in their strongest light to the Board. Tippoo was at the head of a mutinous Army, & scarcely, established in any settled Power over the Possessions of his Father: He stood the only enemy, whom the Company had to contend with in Indostan, nor is it unlikely, that the Chief Only Circumstances which maintained him against the violence & resentment of his own people, & which gave Stability to his authority, has been the Commission deputed to him by the Presidency of Fort S.t George, with so persevering a solicitude to sue for Peace, & which he has had the address to exhibit as a circulating testimony to his dominions, as well as to the states of India, of the high opinion which the English had of his Friendship, & the dread which they possessed of his power.

The Board do not mean by these observations to accuse the Presidency of Fort S.t George of wilful Mismanagement, nor can they forget that the general establishment of peace throughout India was necessary from the general distress of the company's affairs: Had Tippoo been called upon categorically

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catergorically in august last to declare for peace or a continuance of the war & had the immediate restoration of the Prisoners been insisted on as a security for his pacific intentions the board are perswaded that a great expence would have been saved to the Company, & an honorable & advantageous Peace remained at our option to secure & command.

The point in which the Treaty with Tippoo appears peculiarly & unnecessarily impolitic & defective to the Board, is the total & apparently studied omission of the Nabob of Arcots name & rights as a party, in a Treaty was undertaken & negotiated to secure the peace of his dominions. This omission is the more unpardonable as one of the conditions proposed by Tippoo himself, through his Vakeel was that the Nabob Mahomed Ally should be a contracting party in the peace, & sign it. Hence the Board are to infer that the omission of the Nabobs Name as a Principal in the Treaty, though he & his dominions had been particularly included in that made with the Marattas, was one of those marked, unmerited, & impolitical indignities of which the present Administration of Fort St. George have labored to keep upon this unfortunate Prince, though the truest & most honoured ally of the English in India, & though in the way

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he may be truly said to have been the only Friend & Ally who has contributed all his power to assist the British Nation in the course of the late war in any part of the earth. —

It is necessary for the Board to add that the directions of the controuling Government has been neglected in this instance. that the Carnatic Payen Ghaut does not strictly include the district of Trichinopoly, & that Tippoo may still observe with the same justice, on which Hyder founded a plea of Invasion, that neither the India Company nor Mahomed Ally Cawn are secured by any literal Article or interpretation of the new Treaty from the old claims of Mysore upon Trichinopoly. —

Tho' the Nabob Wallah Jaw has not obtained the honor of being mentioned as a party or Principal in this Treaty, his name is mentioned indirectly & on the same footing nearly on which his Subject & Zemindar the Rajah of Vencatgerry is taken notice of for in the 6th Article it is said "A list of the principal Persons belonging to the Nabob Mahommud Ally Cawn & to the Rajah Vencatgerry shall be delivered to the Nabob Tippoo's Ministers, & the Nabob will cause the contents of this article to be publickly

notified

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7th notified throughout his dominions. —

The Board have not a doubt that Tippoo will perform this condition of the Treaty faithfully; but the Presi= =dent & Select Committee of Fort St. George forget that the insult offered in this Article to the Nabob of Arcot in rank= =ing him with One of his most dependent Zemindars, was offered to the first Ally of the India Company; To a Prince acknowledged in the national Treaties as the Nabob of the Carnatic, & to the only Prince in India whom our Sov= =ereign has honored by deputing to his Court special & successive Ministers on the part of the Crown of Great Bri= =tain.

In the instructions of this Government to Fort St. George of the 14th November we declared that we would not give our consent & approbation to a Treaty or convention with Tippoo, purporting that, in the case of the Company being at war with any Indian or European Power in India, or of Tippoo being at war with any Powers excepting those under the immediate Protection of the English, no Assistance what= =ever directly or indirectly shall be afforded by the Company, or by Tippoo to their respective Enemies, because a stipulation

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4th in such specifick terms would be offensive to the Marattas & other states with whom we are in Friendship, & who would consider themselves as the objects of it; & because it is unnecessary since we are already bound & willing to repeat the obligation. that so long as Tippoo Sait after the performance of the first condition required of him shall abstain from hostilities against us & our allies, that is to say, against the Nabob Nizam ul Mulck & the Nabob Wallah Jaw & consequently against the Rajahs of Tanjore & Travencore whose territories are dependencies of the Carnatic. We, on our parts, will abstain from hostilities against him, "but the Treaty concluded with Tippoo Sultaun declares that the English will not directly or indirectly assist the enemies of the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun Behauder nor make war upon his friends or allies without specifying any of them, but the Bibby of Cannanore. This is a positive deviation & it may hereafter found a dangerous breach of our instructions

Article 2nd We see little objection to this Article referring to the 4th which agrees, that after all the Prisoners are released & delivered & the Fort & dis thed

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district of Cannanore shall be evacuated & restored to the Rajahs Bibby, orders shall be given for Amboorghur & Satgur to be restored to the English. The last mentioned Places must be restored to the Nabob of the Carnatic, & we wish that the places agreed to be mutually restored according to the 4th Article had been agreed to have been restored at the same time. An influence unfavourable to the credit of our public faith is evidently marked & submitted to by the delay in surrendering these fortresses which command the passes into the Carnatic.

Article 7th A material Objection occurs to this Article it stipulates that the Rajahs or Zemindars on the coast of Malabar, who have favoured the English in the late war, shall not be molested on that account, but it does not specify who those Rajahs or Zemindars are tho' the Commanders of our Troops on the Coast have made Special Agreements with them when they assisted the Company.

The Board having thought it a duty incumbent on them to make the preceding remarks on the treaty concluded with Tippoo yield most unwillingly to the Necessity which they have already stated, & which leave them no alternative but to acknowledge the Treaty. — They at the same time resolve to avail themselves of the first favorable occasion that may occur in

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in the correspondence of this Government with Tippoo, to arrange with him some additional Stipulations which shall secure the interests of the Company & their Allies upon clearer, more extensive, & more Honorable Grounds.

A true Copy
(signed) C. Hay Secretary

To Colonel T. D. Pearse

Commanding the Bengal Troops serving in the Carnatic

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the Gover= =nor General & Council to acknowledge their receipt of your letter of the 22d Ultimo which reached them yesterday, in which You announce Your expectation founded on a con= =versation with the Right Honble the President at Fort= =St. George subsequent to the conclusion of the Peace with Tippoo Saheb, that the detachment under Your command would not be detained at that Presidency longer than the 15th of the present month & request the orders of the Honble Board —

In order to save the heavy expence which would unavoidably

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unavoidably attend the transportation by land of so large a Field train as that which You propose to bring with You on detach= =ment, as there is no Enemy on the way likely to oppose Your march. Was the progress of it would be impeded by ordnance which, were it carried, might also compel You, if overtaken by the rains, to halt & cantone, the Board are pleased to direct that You leave all Your ordnance & stores at Madras, or should You have begun Your march from that Place that You lodge them at Mu= =sulipatam, either to be transferred to the Arsenal at Fort= =St. George or conveyed to Bengal by sea, but the men should bring with them in their pouches twenty rounds of Ammuni= =tion & a spare Flint or two, to guard them against the insults of the Robbers or of the natives of the districts thro' which they pass. The Draft & carriage Cattle, were some time since turned over from this establishment to that of Mad= =ras of course to continue on it if required or discharged if they should not be wanted.

In addition to the objections against Your marching with Your Ordnance the Board have considered the damage which the Carriages will suffer in so long a journey, & the encrease of difficulty in procuring a provision for the Bullocks & their Attendants as well as Money for the purchase

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of it -

The Honble Board entirely approve of your intention to send round the European Artillery with their Lascars by Sea.

Your are directed to obey such directions, in addition to those conveyed in this letter, as You may receive from the commander in Chief for conducting the detachment to the frontier of Bengal.

With respect to cash the Board direct me to acquaint You that they will devise such means to supply Your detachment with it as shall be most likely to answer Your expectations, & that they rely on Your exerting, or having exerted, Your best endeavours to obtain some supply of money at Fort St. George previous to Your departure

The Board will write to You hereafter in respect to the march of Your detachment through the Country of Cuttack

I have the honor to be

Sir

(signed) C. Lacy
Secretary

Fort William
Secret Department
11th April 1784

Ordered to lie for consideration

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The following is the Bengal Ratification of the Treaty annexed to the Copy of it received with the above letter.

Bengal Ratification of the Treaty with Tippoo Sultaun –

We the Governor General and Council appointed by the King and Parliament of Great Britain to direct and controul all Political Affairs of the Honble English East India Company in India, in Compliance with the tenth Article of the within Copy of the Treaty, between the Honble the English East India Company, and the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun Bahauder, do acknowledge the said Treaty and declare it binding upon all the said Company's Settlements in India, and have signed and sealed the same the Seal of the Company at Fort William in Bengal, on the twentieth day of April in the Year one thousand seven hundred and eighty four of the Christian Æra, corresponding with the twenty eighth Day of Jomadie ul Awul of the Year one thousand one hundred and ninety eight of the Hegyra

Signed and Sealed
in the Presence of

(signed) J. Lumsden
Subsecretary

(signed) Edward Wheler
John Macpherson
John Stables

signed E. Hay
Secretary

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Proposal of the Presidents.

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The President proposes draft of a letter to Tippoo Sultaun to be sent with the ratified Copy of the Treaty as entered in Country Correspondence No —

approved and ordered to be translated and dispatched

Read the following Letters

To W. G. Wasey Esqr.

Acting Secretary

at Fort St. George

Sir,

From Mr. Secretary Wm advising of the Instructions sent to Colonel Pearse regarding the Ordnance & Stores — And of the Resolution made by the Governor General and Council to the Chief of Canjam. to arrange Colonel Pearse some Lack of Rupees

The Honble the Governor General and Council have had the Honor of transmitting to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee a Copy of the Orders sent to Colo. Pearse under Date the 11th Inst. on the Supposition that the Detachment under his Command would March for these Provinces about the 15th Instant.

In these Orders the Select Committee will observe that Colo. Pearse is directed to leave all his Ordnance and Stores at Madras, or should he have begun his march from that place, to lodge them at Masulipatam either to be transferred to the Arsenal at Fort St. George or conveyed to Bengal by sea. I am now directed to acquaint You for the Information of the Select Committee that the Board have

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have this Days sent orders to Colonel Pearse to leave the Ordnance and Stores at Masulipatam and not to embark them for Bengal & that the Chief at Masulipatam has been requested to receive them for the use of Fort S.t George.

I am further directed to acquaint You that I have written, by the Board's Order, to the Chief at Vizagapatam to enquire whether he will be able to supply the wants of Colonel Pearse's Detachment with the Sum of one Lack of Rupees on its arrival there, or to raise the Amount for Bills on this Government; & if this should be in his power to request him to do so.

Fort William
Secret Department
20.th April 1784

I have the Honor to be
&c.
Sign.d C. Macartney

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President &c.a Select Committee
Madras

From Col: Pearse,
has entertained two hundred Bullocks for the use of the detachment, and shall continue his March to the Northward

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have been duly honored with your letter of the 6.th Inst.t

I have entertained, thro' the Buy master two

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two hundred Bullocks which I hope will suffice, at least I will try because I would not willingly incur any expence and certainly will not any that can be avoided

It gave me great pain that I was reduced to the necessity of troubling You with a representation concerning the Rice, therefore I beg You will be assured that I shall use my utmost endeavors to persuade the Troops to put up with such inconveniences as may occur.

I had the honor to address the President on the 5th to inform his Lordship what orders I had received from Bengal, & of my having ordered the Guns to Nellore in Obedience to them

I presume the Supreme Council informed You of it at the same time. & therefore as I have not had any orders of a contrary nature from You, I presume, what I did, stands approved.

Agreeably to your orders I shall resume my March. & shall proceed tomorrow Morning.

I am
with the greatest Respect
Sir
(signed) J. D. Pearse Col:
Commanding at Bengal Detachment

Nellore River
9th May 1784

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Colonel Pearse to be ordered to regulate his Conduct by Instructions from Bengal

Agreed that Copy of the above letter from the Secretary of the Government General be sent to Colonel Pearse and that he be desired to regulate his conduct by his Instructions from Bengal

Letter from the Rajah of Vencatagherry - Meer Kummur ul Deen Cawn signifies his determination to take Possession of the Fort of Vencatagherry request the Assistance of the Company to prevent it —

Read letter from the Vencatagerry Rajah with a letter enclosed to him from Meer Commerdien Cawn as entered in Country Correspondence — the former represent-ing that Meer Cammeruddien Cawn had signified his determination of taking possession of the Fort of Ven-catchery, & requesting that we would be pleased to take such measures as may extricate him from his present diffi-culties, & at the same time, inform him what we will please should be done — The letter from Kummer Cawn to the Raja takes notice that the latter, not having discharged his arrears for three years past, it is necess-ary above all things that it should be done, now "if God's victorious Army will, by the Blessing of God, shortly move that way, & it is proper you should before its arrival, sur-render the Fort of Vencatachery. He concludes with say that it was not his Intention to distress the Inhabetants

A letter has already been written to Tippoo Sultaun on the subject and it is hoped he will be inclined to come to a reasonable accommodation with the

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Minute on the aforementioned letter from the Rajah of Vencatagherry

the Vencatagerry Rajah — in the mean while, as the Fort of Conukgerry, is acknowledged to belong to the Cadapah Country, the keeping possession of it by force of arms would not be justifiable — the President is, therefore, re= =quested to write to the Vencatagerry Rajah and to inform him that the Company cannot support him in such an attempt. —

Read the following letter from Colonel Dal= =rymple —

To Colonel Dalrymple

acquainting that some Sepoys might be sent to Pondicherry and that the Europeans there might be allowed Batta

My Lord,

I have the honor to acquaint Your Lordship that the Detachment of the 52d. Regiment Disembarked this Morning and are Quartered in Barracks without Inconvenience to the French Troops —

As a Guard of our Troops is necessary, and some Centries absolutely requisite for the Maintenance of Discipline and Good Order, I submit it to Your Lordship's better Judgement, whether a Serjeant & 20 Sepoys might not be Ordered here to assist in taking the Day Duties, especially as the Men of the 52d. Regiment have never been accustomed to be much in the Sun — This may be

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Sir — for Your information. I have the honor to send Copies of sundry Papers I have this morning received from Major Campbell —

Lieutenant Dallas arrived here last night with his people, and I am in hopes I shall soon see Col: Wheat, and the Detachment of the 23d. Dragoons — upon whose arrival I shall take such measures as I think expedient to put an immediate end to this business without paying any regard to the Engagements entered into by the Officers, which I can by no means approve of.

Having received information of the part forward in raising disturbances among my Body Guard, I have only confined about a Dozen of them — I cannot at present inflict any punishment on them, as they are connected with those at Arnee, who in all probability would retaliate upon the Officers in their possession, but at a proper season, I shall not be unmindful of their behaviour —

I have the honor to be
Sir
[signed] Ross Lang

Head Quarters
Cantonments Arcot
10th. May 1784

24 [illegible] 1/2 past 4 o'clock P.M. I have this moment received Major Campbell's letter of this date copy of which is enclosed

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enclosed - as I can by no means agree to the terms proposed and assented to by the Captains — I shall endeavour to amuse them until the Detachments arrive when I shall determine this matter by force as other means seem ineffectual —

Read also the following letter and enclosure from Genl. Lang received to day —

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Genl. Lang inclosing Copies of Information from Capt. Pringle relative to the Mutineers &c.

I wrote You yesterday enclosing copies of various papers received from Major Campbell I have now the honor to send You a paper of information given me by Captain Pringle who arrived here last night from Arnee — I have directed Captain Pringle to proceed with all expedition to Madras. as he is well able to give You every satisfaction on this subject, that You may wish to obtain — he will be in Madras in the course of the day tomorrow.

I have not received any account of the Head Quarters 23d. Dragoons yet —

Cantonments Arcot
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I have the honor to be
&c
(signed) Robt Lang

I am just informed that Colonel Knox will be at Conjeveram as to day — & as he is in want of Rice I have ordered some to be forwarded to him —

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Information received from Captain Pringle respecting the Mutineers at Arnee Arcot 11.th May 1784

At the particular request of Colonel Camp= =bell and the Officers, they permitted him to leave Arnee where he had been confined to proceed to Madras, after having made him take an Oath that he would do his utmost to recover the arrears due to them, and that he would not assist in leading any Troops against them. — The Offiers requested that he would endeavour to pro= =cure the Generals ratification of the agreement made by them with the men and that he would if possible, pro= =cure the money to be sent within the limited time — Captain Pringle is of opinion that the sending Troops against them would be to no effect — and gives the following reasons for such opinion — First they have Spies in every place; Madras, Arcot, Vellore, & in every Di= =rection from which they can suppose they may receive intelligence of Troops moving — and Guards and Patroles in every road leading to their Camp at the distance of 6 or 7 miles, whose thirness & alertness on their posts, is not to be surpassed, — from these they receive certain accounts

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of the smallest movements made in Arcot in the space of three hours — as a proof of the certainty of their intelligence they were by 9 o'Clock at night fully informed of the movement of the party against the Light Infantry, and immediately moved into a plain & were prepared against an attack at a good distance from their Camp — their Officers being then surrounded by the Light Infantry, who had each a running Ball in his Musquet and had positive orders to dispatch them the moment the first Rocket was fired — which orders, he believes, would have been strictly executed, as the men who guarded these Officers were much intoxicated with Bang & were very clamorous & abusive the whole night; — they appear much alarmed at the idea of being attacked more from a consciousness of Guilt than any danger in their situation. That they have Videttes posted in the Topes at a small distance from the road — The distance as measured by Capt.n Pringle is 17 miles — he is of opinion it is impossible to surprize them and their constant talk is that they shall destroy their Officers if attacked — If they fired any preparations made for that purpose

that

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that they will move away with their Officers to the Passes — were Troops to get round them without being known. they would have no difficulty in getting off as the Country is quite open —

/signed/ Jn°. Pringle

The Committee think it unnecessary at present to send any further Instructions to General Lang on the subject of the Mutiny

Read the following letter

The Right Honble Lord Macartney

President & Governor & Select Committee

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Mr. Hope — Registerow enters the Balaud from the Guntoor Circar and ravages the Country the Nizam in arms and waits for the Marattas, in order to fall on Tippoo

A few days ago a body of Horse under Registerow the Son of Vinpaterow, from whom the Balaud was taken, & who has since from time to time been making incursions into it, plundering the villages; entered it from the Guntoor Circar and plundered many Villages, cutting off the ears & noses of the inhabitants. I happened to be at this place, which is about the Center of the Country, with fifty Sepoys: which I dispatched after them the moment I received the account & would have taken them had they not got into the Nizams Country

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Country on the Combum side to which place they are gone. this body was chiefly raised and assisted by the Chintapilly Zemindar & Coelin Ram both of whom rent countries in the Masulipatam Circar. I shall write to that Board acquainting them of their behaviour and also of the Village, where Rageterow's family resides, under the protection of the Chintapilly Ze= =mindar, which being seized would keep Rageterow quiet.

I shall also write to Suffer Sing who commands at Guntoor complaining of his Suffering those people to assemble in that Circar in order to plunder the Company's country and of their being provided there with powder.

The Amildar having so many Sepoys employ'd on the Circar business, leaves me so few that I cannot prevent one part or other of the country being plundered by those people, who are in & out of it in an instant. — The Amildar by the advice of his Manager has entertained between two & three hundred Peons to guard the passes that lead into this country from the Combum quarter; from whence I have daily accounts of a body of horse being ready to enter the Balnaud. and also to disperse some of them into different parts to protect the inhabitants with whom he has not yet settled for last Years Crop.

Munny Sing

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Harry Ling spoke to me about his entertaining these Peons, I told him I could not authorize him to do it, but I thought it very proper & made no doubt but Your Lordship & the Select Committee would also think so protecting the inhabetants & the country from being plundered would much over balance the expence — I am at present here with a small guard. fifty Sepoys. the only part of the country that is not settled, there is also a Subedar & fifty more detached Ten or Twelve Cos from this. these are all the Men I can spare able after leaving a few at Timery Cottah to guard the Fort & Stores, with two or three other small guards defending passes; the Amildar has a hundred, collecting; hardly two of which are together. —

The accounts from Cumbum are so frequent & being from people there, to their relations here, desiring them to remove out of the Balaud. that the inhabetants are removing their effects & leaving the country, and their being no place of defence here. I shall find it necessary to remove back to Timery Cottah in a few days, at the same time I shall do every thing in my power to protect the Country from those plunderers.

A body of horse from Cumbum have burnt many

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many villages in the Guntoor Circar near Inecunda & it is reported a very large body is following: a body of a thousand of the Nizam's horse, under a Gollam Rusal Cawn, passed thro' this place, & I hear now are following with Guns for Guntoor. when I understand they are assembling to oppose Meer Sahibs Son, I should be glad to have Your Lordships and Select Committee's instructions how I am to act between these two powers. as their countries bound the Palnaud, one party or other may come into it for protection. I find much occasion for a Second Officer —

Some time ago I had accounts of the Nizam having marched from Hydrabad with two Camps. one under his eldest Son & had halted till he heard from Puna. Yesterday I had intelligence of his having moved further on to a place called Ferdut-nagar where he is to be met by a principal Moratta Chief called Paramchau=nauies after which they are to fall on Tippoo. this account is from Men of consequence in the Nizam's Durbar —

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

&c

(signed) Robt. Hope

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The Right Honble President & Select
Committee of Fort St. George

My Lord Gentlemen,

From Mr. Lundt relative to Reductions at Chandernagurry — The Grain forbad to be issued to the Sepoys

I have been honored with Your Letter of the 24th April. My original Idea in retaining so many of the Calastry Peons, was founded on a wish to have a force, in some measure sufficient to defend the works on the hill, inch by inch, at an inconsiderable expence to the Honble Company: but experience having taught me that the Peons are but an impediment to regular duty I shall with singular pleasure obey the suggestion of the right Honble board, by making a very large reduction in their numbers, on the 1st of their month, which answers to the 8th of yours, before which time I shall probably be honored with an answer to my letter of the 24th of April, which may afford me some guidance in this business. — With respect to Grain I imagine this Garrison may be supplied to any amount by the Tripetty Aumildar with greater convenience and certainly than any other. Since my last I have discovered that to the list of stores expended, or taken away by the Calastry Rajahs people, may be added at least 30,000 Marcauls of new paddy.

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The Keys of the Granary were at this time in the hands of a person deputed by the Tippetty Aumildar and large quantity of the grain was sent to Tippetty — The influence is too plain — I shall be careful to observe your instructions with respect to the returns in future to be made to the right Honble President. —

There are arrangements in every Garrison which afford constant employ to a few artificers and lascars, and the little attention paid to this place for sometime past has increased them. I therefore beg the sanction of the right Honble Select Committee, for entertaining 2 black smiths 2 Carpenters 1 Tindal & 20 lascars for the use of the Garrison.

The old paddy which I have returned fit only for immediate use has been found on trial to be so much damaged, that 10 sears yielded only 3 of rice, and so excessive bad, that it cannot again with any propriety be issued to the Sepoys —

I have the honor to be
&c
(signed) I. Lundt Lieut.
Comdg

Chanderragerry
May 3d. 1784

agreed

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Minute on Mr. Hope's Letter

Agreed that Mr. Hope be instructed to use his best endeavors to protect the District, and not to interfere in the disputes around him, nor give either offence or assistance to either party — Captain Edmonds to be directed to send a European Officer to Lieutenant Hope if one can be spared. —

Minute on Mr. Lundt's letter

Agreed that Mr. Lundt be directed to acquaint us in what manner he received, or took charge of the Grain whose property it was considered, and under what plea any of it was removed by the Calastree Vajah — the Committee see no necessity for supplying the Fort of Chundergerry with Artificers at present.

The President delivers in the following Report made to his Lordship by the Town Major of the answer returned by the Nabob to the Message sent to his highness as resolved in Committee the 7th Instt.

Report made by the Town Major of a Message received by him from his Highness the Nabob —

His Highness the Nabob desires it may be communicated to Lord Macartney in Committee, — that he received a letter from the Cavalry at Arnee by the hands of two Troopers this Morning, — & that immediately on receipt of it he ordered his Secretary to write a public letter to the Board

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Communicating the Contents, — Now as the Town Major came with Lord Macartney's message to the above effect, — His Highness will order it to be done quickly, — and send it to his Lordship. — His Highness hopes that Lord Macartney will do justice to the Cavalry, & punish severely the Ringleaders of this Mutiny to deter others from following the same pernicious example.

7th May 1784
2 o'Clock

The following letter from his highness with the paper mentioned therein a copy of a letter received from the Regiments of Cavalry, was received the next day.

His Highness the Nabob Wallajah Bahauder

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor Fort St George &c &c &c

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From his Highness the Nabob Wallajah, stating the services the four Regiments of Cavalry have rendered the Company, and enclosing

My Lord

The Accounts that I heard from report of the

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enclosing a Petition to his Highness from the Mutineers explaining the Reason why they confined their Officers, and requesting to be taken into the Service of the Circar.

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the Mutiny of my Regiments of Cavalry, which I had appointed to do Duty with the Company's Forces during the War, gave great concern and uneasiness to my Mind. To raise and discipline these men under English Officers by the advice of my Friends, the English, had cost me many Years pains and immense Sums of Money; — They have served in conjunction with the Troops of my Friends the Company in every War, and in the late War with Hyder; it is well known to every One how gallantly they behaved and that their Exertions were unremitted in the Public Cause — at last after the Peace, the Treatment they have met with, and being Ten or Eleven Months without Pay, has made them take this alarming Step; on which account they are not to be trusted hereafter. —

When I received the letter this Morning by two Troopers from the Regiments, and I understand they brought Letters to Your Lordship, I immediately ordered it to be sent to Your Lordship enclosed in a public letter from myself — between 2 & 3 o'clock in the afternoon Your Lordship's message to me relating to the contents of said letter was delivered to me by the Town Major, my Moonshies being all gone to their respective homes for Dinner, the letter to Your Lordship was delayed, otherwise it would have reached Your Lordship before the Town Major brought

Your

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Your Message to me — a Copy of the letter from the Regiments comes enclosed — Desired the Town Major to tell the Troopers (before Your Lordship) from me that they would know every thing from a letter which they would receive from the Gover=nor & Committee — I hope Your Lordship and the Committee will be pleased first to cause Justice to be done to the Regiments and afterwards to inflict such punishment upon the Ring leaders of this Mutiny as may deter others from attempt=ing any thing of the like nature —

I expressed myself to the above effect in writing to the Town Major in Answer to Your Lordships' Message and I assure myself that he communicated the same to Your Lordship in the Committee. —

What can I say more? —

Translation of the Copy of an Arzdasht from the Troopers of the four Regiments of Cavalry

We are the hereditary servants of the Cir=car which has supported us from our infancy, may even from the time of our fathers and forefathers — agreably to the orders given to us we have exerted ourselves and devoted our lives along with the Company's army in all the wars and

Letterally We have been supported by the Salt of the Circar.

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and now again in the late war with Hyder naig, we have been stationed with the Company by Your High Commands and have acted as became us in the Service in risking our lives, — and have shewn our courage and bravery in different battles, not sparing our lives in the service of the Circar — Our wives and children have fallen prisoners in the hands of the enemy and suffer many hardships — This is well known and now that peace is made with the enemy, they have not effected the releasement of our wives and children — We have received accounts from our families that some are dead and others are starving — They do not give us Eleven months arrears of pay which are due to us. During these Years that the war has lasted They gave us one Seer of coarse rice of which one half was lost, when beat and the other half went to support us Thus instead of rewarding us for our services we meet with ill treatment — We have therefore confined the European Officers and demanded our arrears of pay of them; they put us off from day to day and are refractory —

Your Highness is our Master and the Sovereign / lettonally Padshavet King / of the Carnatic and have cherished us

till

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till this time like your children:

We hope that You will give orders to the Company's people to give us the our pay we are entitled to by our Cowle and that You will afterwards take us into the service of the Circar and give us our pay

The President observes to the Committee that the circumstances of the two Troopers going to the Durbar immediately on their arrival, the Nabob's not sending the original Petition this delay in sending, what he calls the Copy of it, together with some particular passages in the petition, incline him to be of opinion that it was either entirely Fabricated at the Durbar, or that the original petition, or letter if any was sent has undergone considerable alterations there-Agreed that the persian Translater be desired to report to the Committee his opinion on this subject, and whether, from his knowledge of the persian Idiom, Phrase, and general mode of expression he conceives the Petition to have come from the Meetinecor or not -

Lord Macartney's observation thereon —

Read the following letter from the Committee of assigned Revenue with the papers therein mentioned —

To

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K: B:

President &c. Select Committee

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From the Committee of Assigned Revenue inclosing Extract of a Petition from the Renter of Arcott and Copy of a Petition from the Rajah of Ramnaud Boram and recommending that a Civil Servant be appointed to proceed to the latter, to regulate the Affairs of the Rajah

My Lord & Gentlemen,

We have the honor to submit to Your Consideration the enclosed Extract of a Petition from the Renter of Arcot ——

We beg leave to represent to Your Lordship &c. that many Inconveniences will arise if the Sepoys who are scattered in the small Forts throughout the Arcot Province are to receive their Pay and Batta from the different Renters, as it will give an opening to great Impositions, and cause an infinity of little intricate Accounts, all of which may at once be obviated by their being paid in a regular Manner. —

[We take the liberty of troubling Your Lordship &c. once more on the subject of the Ramnad Country, and of repeating our former recommendation that a Civil Servant should be appointed to proceed thither to regulate the affairs of the Rajah, and to remove the obnoxious people from about his Person. The urgent Necessity of adopting this Measure will we conceive, appear very evident to

You

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Your Lordship &c. on perusing the accompanying Copy of a Letter lately received from the Raja, which exhibits a striking Picture of his distresses, and of the Confusion which reigns in the Government of this Country —

We have the honor to be

&c.

Chas. Bakeley

David Haliburton

Geo: Maubray

Fort St. George
30th April 1784.

/ signed

Substance of a letter from the Rajah of Ramnaud Coram

The letter from the Rajah of Ramnadporam mentioned in the above / as entered in Country Correspondence No. / represents in substance that a Tribute had been settled on the usual footing for the Countries of Ramnaud poram & Sevagunga. that at the commencement of the War a body of Troops were sent by him under Col: Martins to put a stop to the Troubles raised by Hyders Horse & likewise to attack one Mandapah that assisted Hyder in Sevagunga, & who was defeated by the Rajas Troops. That, after this Transaction, Colonel Martins gave his protection to Ramnadpa & delivered some of the Rajas districts to his charge & he is now in possession of them — that when the Rajas Peishcaus told Colonel Martins of his intention to address the

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Honble Company on this subject he was seized & put under a guard. that Mr. De Souza had but the Raja two lacks of Rupees which has been discharged with Interest & some more besides – that he had got into his pofession all the Chunk that was collected in the different parts of the Raja's Country, but that notwithstanding these Indulgences, Mr. De Souza in conjunction with Colonel Martins had employed Muteralpa, a mean fellow belonging to the Raja to Seize & put in confinement in the Forts of Trappatore one Rayagopalia who had brought up the Raja from his Infancy – & that he had also confined all his other agents not suffering a single servant to approach him – that from the mischief which has been done & the Injustice the Raja has suffered, the Honble Company will be pleased to order Mootapilla to be removed. to take the management of his affairs into their own hands & appoint a proper person to settle every thing & relieve him from the Tirany & hardship which he suffers under the present Managers.

The Petition from the Renter of Arcot Districts as entered in Country Correspondence No 1 represents in substance that he was ordered some time since to collect all the grain that could be reaped in the districts that were near arcot for the use of the Army & wishes to know whether he should keep it or dispose of it also that their Rents both in Arcot & Porto Novo which were stopped

Substance of a Petition from the Renter of the Arcot Districts –

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Stopped on account of the War. The Merchants from Ramnaud &c being at a loss how to get their gold coined into Pagodas requests our orders may be granted to establish Mints in the above places as usual.

As there is already a subsisting engagement by which 2 Lacks of Rupees are to be paid from the Ramnaud country by the month of July the Committee defer for the present the consideration of the measure of sending a person thither; but it is resolved that Copy of the letter be transmitted to the Resident at Tanjour with directions to enquire into the truth of the complaints it contains, and to cause effectual Justice to be rendered to the Rajah.

Minute on the letter from the Ramnaud Poram Rajah. —

Resolved that Mr. Welch the Army paymaster be directed to pay the small Garrisons in the Arcot districts and Mr. Oglivey those of the Vellour District

Mr. Welch to pay the Garrisons in the Arcot districts & Mr. Oglivee those of Vellore. —

Resolved that the Arcot Renter be desired to recommend to the merchants the bringing their Gold to Madras to be coined into Porto Novo Pagodas and the Assay Master be directed to report to the Committee the Touch and standard of the Porto Novo and what number of Porto Novo Pagodas

To desire the Renter of Arcot to recommend to the merchants to bring their [illegible] to Madras to be coined.

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100 Star Pagodas will produce

Read the following Letters

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.

&c &c &c

From Capt. Cuppage. Commands Ensign Shaw with a Company of Sepoys to Chittoor; and requests that 20 casks of Salt Provisions may be sent to Vellore.

My Lord

Agreeable to Your Lordships orders of the 10th of April last I detached from this Garrison with the Route Baubos Row to Chittoor Ensign Shaw with a complete Company of Sepoys.

The addition of such a number of Europeans to the Garrison has made it a very difficult matter for me to find meat for them, if Your Lordship will be pleased to order 15 or 20 Casks of Salt provisions to Vellore, it would be of very great service and ease my anxiety much on that head. —

Every thing is perfectly quiet here, nor can I find that there is any discontent or murmuring among the Troops

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

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Garrison Storekeeper be ordered to send 20 Casks to Vellore

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Vellour 20 casks of salt Provisions and to cause it to be well examined and packeted

Lieutenant Hook requests a court martial.

Read letter from Lieutenant Hook of the Bombay establishment / asentend in M. B. / complaining of having been accused of cowardice by Lieutenant Mc. Donald and requesting a court Martial ——

To be deferred till the arrival of Genl. Lavy.

Agreed that the matter be deferred till the arrival of the Commander in Chief.

Lieutenant Macalister to be directed to receive Mr. Sadleirs Accounts.

Agreed that Lieutenant Mac Alister, the Paymaster of the late Commission to Tippoo Sultaun be directed to receive from Mr. Sadleir the accounts of monies received & paid and disbursements made by him on account of the Commission and include the same in the general Accounts of the Commission and deliver in the whole as the official paymasters

Bills on Bengal granted to the Bengal Agent for Rice & Arrack supplied the Garrison of Vellore —

Mr. Morrison the Bengal Agent having produced the original receipt of the Paymaster of Vellour for Rice & Arrack supplied by the former to that Garrison amounting to Pags. 252. 21. agreed that the same be discharged by Bills on Bengal, & the amount carried to the head 2d. War with Hyder Ally.

Read the following letter from Genl. Lavy inclosing

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enclosing several letters from Major Campbell (as entered in a separate Book Lodged in the Office)

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c. &c. Select Committee

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From Genl. Lang, advising of the Situation and disposition of the Mutineers at Arnee

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have received Your letter of the 7th Inst. with the Enclosures

As Your letter contains the sentiments of the Board respecting the Mutiny & the measures which should be pursued for the quelling it, which are stated in a pointed manner (as referring to me some blame in not having already settled this busineſs. it is incumbent on me to mention such things as appear deserving of Your notice and to place my conduct resulting from Your letters and the temper & situation of the times, in a more conspicuous view for Your information -

You will recollect, my Lord & Gentlemen, that the Cavalry were detached to Arnee in consequence of the directions of Your Honble Board signified in the Extract from Your Minutes of the 12th. April that upon their arrival there the spirit of Mutiny, which has ever been predominant in that Corps, broke out; the

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the ostensible reason for such conduct being their multiplied distresses.
in consequence of being Eleven months in Arrears — I was no sooner in-
formed of this Event than I secured the Guns which had been attached
to them. & thereby prevented them from becoming really formidable
to them. At this time the Europeans of the Army were
not arrived & I had only the 18th. Battalion Sepoys, the 5th.
& the Artillery — the Sepoys being as much in Arrears as the
Cavalry I had every reason to suppose might follow their exam-
=ple — there appeared no alternative but to make You acquainted
with my Situation, which I lost no time in doing & the representa-
=tion I made appeared so striking that the consequent resolution
of Your Board was, that what money could be procured should be
immediately dispatched, and You thought it necessary to strengthen
my hands with a further number of Europeans. thereby intimating
that the number I then stood possessed of were not adequate to the
Service that might be required of them, seeing that the Native
Troops were not to be relied on —

The first supply of money arrived here the 4th.
Inst. being Pr. 10,000 — as this Sum was so far inadequate
to my wants I represented the necessity of further Supplies & in
order that You might judge of the magnitude of the Demands

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to be satisfied I transmitted You an Estimate of the money necessary for the payment of the fighting men alone for one month-

In the mean time I did every thing in my power to sooth the minds of the Mutineers. by representing to them that every attention would be paid to their distresses, that I should interest Government in their behalf, and that their Arrears should be discharged as speedily as possible in an equal proportion with the rest of the Army; and, in order to convince them that I intended what I had expressed, I ordered them an immediate supply of Rice, upon being acquainted that they were in want of it - still hoping that mild measures might induce them to return to their Duty

On the 4th Inst. I was favored with Your letter of the 3d - informing me that more money was on the road — and that from Masulipatam further Sums were shortly expected That You had reason to apprehend that Persons disaffected to the Company's interest were using Efforts to reduce the Sepoys into an other Service — receiving this information from You, my Lord Hyder-=men I deemed it necessary to wait until I should be able to issue another months pay to the Sepoys, knowing that this attention was the most likely mode of confirming them in their attachment

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to the Company and preventing the baneful influence of evil designing Men — I was the rather induced to wait yet longer before I attempted any thing by force against the Mutineers — from the Knowledge I had of their having sent to lay their complaints before Government, for whose answer they were determined to wait. at the same time that I hoped it might turn out as represented by Cornet Lt. Leger that they were not unanimous and that many, being permitted to reflect, might return to their duty —

Your Lordship &c recommended the marching a body of Europeans to the Pass leading out of the Carnatic from Arnee. & thereby to prevent their moving out of the Carnatic with their Horses — fully sensible in my own mind of the impracticability of such a measure. I nevertheless, for the satisfaction of Your Honble Board, assembled the Senior Officers of the Army, before whom I laid every information in my power to afford them, and particularly Your letter of the 3d Instant — You will find upon reference to the Council of War, that those Officers were unanimously of opinion that the plan proposed by Your Honble Committee was not practicable and that the object proposed by it was not attainable

You

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You will find they also were of opinion that nothing hostile should be attempted until the Cavalry / the 23d Dragoons / should arrive, in which case they recommended a direct attack as pre=ferable to the plan proposed of securing the Passes even if it were to be done — Your Lordship &c will easily perceive the motives that could induce these Officers to recommend delay until the Dragoons arrive, when You recollect the distance between this place and Arnee / 18 miles / in which distance they have a continued chain of Posts and Videttes to give them intelligence of the least movement made here — unless these could be secured there is not a shadow of hope that we could surprize them — the only way in which we could hope to — secure them this can alone be done by Cavalry — You will also see that the Officers at the Council of War, were of opinion that another months pay should be offered them — which, at the request of Major Campbell, was sent to them yesterday — I have hopes that the supply of a part of their arrears & the expec=tation of more may induce them to wait until I can be reinforced by the Europeans, but more particularly the Dragoons without whom I do not conceive I can march against them with

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any prospect of securing them — You will observe from the General Return of the Corps here which I transmitted with the Council of War, how weak the native Corps are at this time — and must be sensible how many of them together with Europeans must necessarily be employed in guarding the Men of the Light Infantry & Artillery, whom I was under the necessity of confining and against whom it was proper I should be on my guard even tho they were apparently obedient — The Force I sent to Vellore / which I trust You will entirely approve of / has weakened my European strength & the bad behaviour of the Native Cavalry of my Body Guard, whom I mean this Evening to dismount & disarm, leaves me so few men to move towards Arnee, after having provided for the safety of this place, that I trust, when Your Lordship &c shall have well weighed my present situation, that You will be so far from thinking that I have lost time or that I shall have been in the least degree backward in adopting decisive and spirited measures, You will agree that I have acted for the best, that the part I have taken was dictated by prudence and that it is better that I should remain here quiet until reinforced, than by an ineffectual

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ineffectual attempt to suffer them to escape in a Body — I have written to the Officer commanding the reinforcement of Europeans & the Dragoons to move on with all expedition — and on their arrival I shall loose no time in proceeding against the Mutineers. I shall in the mean while by supplying them with Rice endeavour to keep them at Arnee ——

I send You enclosed copies of letters from Major Campbell, by which You will perceive that their informa=tion respecting the people sent to disarm the Light Infan=try was very soon received by them — and the measures they took to secure their Officers, proves that they are not by any means considered by them as an incumbrance, but as a Security for their being well received by Tippoo Sultaun, whom they know to have retained many of our People in his hands notwithstanding his being on terms of amity with the English — Humanity to the Officers requires that I should not move until I have a chance by such movement of liberating them from their present confine=ment — the distress & cruelty of which can alone be heightened by the thoughts of being given up to Tippoo ——

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

Head Quarters
Cantonments Arcot
9th. May 1784

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P. S. Since writing the above I have received the enclosed letter from Major Campbell dated at 9 o'clock this morning, from the tenor of which I have reason to suppose that the Men are not quite so disorderly — and it appears to point out the necessity of a further trial of mild measures at least I shall gain time to allow of the reinforcement joining me —

Observation thereon

The Committee only think it necessary to observe on the above letter that the contoning the Cavalry at Arnee was a measure suggested and particularly recommended by himself or it would not have been ordered, that no particular time was pointed out for it's being carried into execution — that it was connected with the contoning of the Army at Arcot and the Committee naturally supposed that both would take place at the same time. and that if the spirit of mutiny has ever been predominant in the Cavalry it was more immediately the presence of the Commander in Chief than of the Committee to provide against it, and to consider ~~whether~~ or not that spirit might be encouraged by sending the whole together to Arnee without any other Troops to overawe them, and before the rest of the Army were at hand &c —

The Committee think it unnecessary at present

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present to send any further Instructions to Genl. Lang on the subject of the Mutiny.

Read the following letter and Enclosures from Mr. Welch -

To John Hudleston Esqr.

Secretary to the Select Committee

Sir

From Mr. Welch with account of Cash advanced the Bengal Detachment

I have received Your letter of the 3d. Inst. and am to request Yourwill be pleased to inform the Right Honble the President and Select Committee that I advanced the the Paymaster or Deputy Paymaster of the Troops from Bengal at different periods the Sum of Seven Hundred and Eighty Nine thousand Six Hundred and Six Pagodas Eleven Fanams and forty two Cash (789.606..11-42) for the use of the said Troops -

Arcot
8th May 1784

I have the honor to be
&c
(signed) Tho. Welch
Paymaster

Advanced

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Fort St. George, 12th May 1784

Advanced to the Bengall Paymaster as p. Receipts

Month	Days	Nos		Ps.	Fs.	Cs.
1781						
Novemr.	25th	1	as p. Receipt	5000		
Decemr.	21st	2	Do.	13333	15	
		3	Do.	10000		
	24th	4	Do.	9600		
	26th	5	Do.	10000		
82	27	6	Do.	15400		
January	1st	7	Do.	15000		
	3d	8	Do.	20000		
	29th	9	Do.	40000		
	30th	10	Do.	10000		
Febry	18th	11	Do.	5000		
	19th	12	Do.	16000		
	21st	13	Do.	2666	30	
March	29th	14	Do.	34000		
April	1st	15	Do.	6000		
	2d	16	Do.	7000		
	3d	17	Do.	2000		
	6th	18	Do.	8000		
	13th	19	Do.	12000		
	15th	20	Do.	5000		
May	16th	21	Do.	12000		
	18th	22	Do.	8000		
	22d	23	Do.	10000		
June	10th	24	Do.	11000		
	22d	25	Do.	11000		
	24th	26	Do.	5000		
	25th	27	Do.	18000		
July	5th	28	Do.	6000		
	31st	29	Do.	19000		
Sept.	8th	30	Do.	16000		
	22d	31	Do.	11000		
	28	32	Do.	3000		
			Carried Over	415,000	3	—

Month	Days	Nos		Ps.	Fs.	Cs.
			Brought Over	415,000	3	
1782						
Octr.	9th	33	as p. Receipt	18000		
	28th	34	Do.	12500		
Novr.	2d	35	Do.	10,000		
	5th	36	Do.	1000		
Decemr.	22d	37	Do.	31236	28	
1783						
Janry	5th	38	Do.	26241	10	
July	24	39	Do.	22520		
August	17th	40	Do.	2000		
	20th	41	Do.	1500		
	29th	42	Do.	20,000		
1784	3d	43	Do.	5000		
	21st	44	Do.	121875	12	42
	23d	45	Do.	4000		
	24th	46	Do.	6000		
Octr.	5th	47	Do.	1500		
	9th	48	Do.	16000		
	31st	49	Do.	7000		
Novr.	29th	50	Do.	550		
Decr.	21st	51	Do.	3200		
	22d	52	Do.	10000		
1784	25th	53	Do.	7000		
Janry	20th	54	Do.	30683		
Febry	25th	55	Do.	33000		
			Pagodas	739606	11	42

(signed) F. Welch

Paymaster

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Fort St. George 12th May 1784

The President lays before the Committee the following Paper which his Lordship received the day before Yesterday from Lieut.t Oakes of the Bombay Establishment, who acted as Assistant General to the Army under the Command of Brigadier General Matthews —

Ed. Monckton

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Fort S.t Georg May 1784

12 Dispatched the following Letters, viz.t

To John Sullivan Esq.re

Resident at Tanjore.

Sir, Mr. Basil Cochrane having represented to the Select Committee that he is extremely pressed for Payment of some Money which he had borrowed on the Company's Account from several Danish Gentlemen to the amount of Pagodas 6049.37/ as particularly specified in the enclosed List/ and that he had been authorized by you to assure the Committee that you would be enabled to discharge these Sums, Provided you received their permission for so doing, under these Circumstances I am directed by the Right Honble the President and select Committee to desire you will satisfy Messrs.rs Lyche, Pingel, Harkier, Lebze & Watties, for the Sums which they respectively advanced to Mr Cochrane on Account of the Company and you will accordingly be pleased to debit Cusin for the amount.

Enclosed I am directed to transmit the Copy of a Letter addressed to the Select Committee by Captain Donald Campbell who lately commanded the Tanjore Sibbendies, and to inform you that, having acquiesced in the Propriety of his Request, they desire that you will pay to Captain Campbell as soon

2 The resident of Tanjore desireing he will discharge the amount of the demands of some Danish Gentlemen on Account of Cash they supplied to Mr Cochrane and which he appropriated to the Company use also to discharge Captain D.n Campbell's off reckonings for the Tanjore Sibbendy

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12 soon as the state of your Cash will admit, whatever he may be entitled to for Offreckonings for the Tanjore Subbendies during the time he commanded that —

Fort St George
12 May 1784

Copy —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
your most Obed Servant
(signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

To Colonel Pearse.

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to Acknowledge your Letter of the 9th Instant; before this can reach your hands you will have received their directions to take your Guns &c with you, as far as Masulipatam, and I now enclose you a Letter from the Secretary to the Governor General and Council to the same purport, the Select Committee now revoke their Orders for your halting at Masulipatam or Ongole, and desire you will regulate your march by your Instruction from Bengal. —

To Colonel Pearse to take his Guns to Masulipatam and put himself under the Orders of the Governor General & Council.

Fort St George
12 May 1784

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

Received the following Letter from Lieut General Lang enclosing one to him from Major Campbell —

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

From General Lang with Letter from Major Campbell respecting the Conduct of the mutineers —

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have not had the honor to receive any of your favors since that of the 7th Instant, I now enclose a Copy of a letter letter from major Campbell which I have just received. I shall endeavour to arrest the Mutineers untill the reinforcement of Europeans arrives, which I impatiently wait for —

I have the Honor to be &c
(signed) Rob Lang —

Head Quarters Cantonments
Arcot 12th May 1784

To Lieutenant General Lang
Commander in Chief;

Sir,

I was honored with your letter of Yesterday about eight at night and every part of your Letter has been explained to the People in the clearest manner in my power — They say they are determined to obey no orders untill the whole of their arrears are paid off, and that they will strictly adhere to their agreement with us. — I have the honor to be with great respect

Sir &c
(signed) Dug. Campbell
Com. in Chief

Camp arnee
12 May 1784
9 o Clock am

A true Copy
Joseph Garraw - Secry

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Fort St George May 1784

13th Received the following Letter from Richard Johnson Esqr. President at Hydrabad —

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President &c. Members of the Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I lose not a moment in acknowledging the Honor I received upon my arrival here, by your Commands under date 13th March. —

Allow me to return my hearty thanks for the congratulations you have been pleased to express and for the Attachments conveyed in your letter. I shall omit no exertion to answer the Selection with which I have been honored, and shall avail myself of the lights you have been pleased to afford me —

If any thing material should occur, the Cypher will be of great use —

Rajamundry
3 May 1784

I have the Honor to be with respect

(signed) &c. Richard Johnson

Res. Hyd.

Dispatched this day to Bengal, by the Intelligence Schooner duplicates of the Letters to Governor General & Council of 28th & 30th Ultimo, & 7th & 8th Instant likewise a return of Men embarked on Board the

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13th said Vessel, as likewise the following Letter of that date to the Governor General and Council—

To The Honble Warren Hastings
Governor General & Council of
Fort William —

Gentlemen,

We have the honor to Transmit Co-pies to you of all the Proceedings which have been had in relation to the Cessions to be mutually made by the Representatives of the English and French nations, in conformity to the respective Engagements of the Two Courts — The Instruc-tions from the Directors of the 6th of March 1783 having empowered Each of its Presidencies to carry into Execution the measures stipulated by the Contracting Parties, and the marquis de Bussy having signified to us that he was ready on his Part, we lost no time in proceeding to obey the Orders of our Superiors, and sent Commissio-ners to execute Them, but with Instructions to make no Cession of Territory to the French till proper arrangements should be made on their part, for delivering possession to us of Trincom-alay, as included in the restitutions directed by

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13 the Treaty; but, the Marquis de Bufsy, whose anxi
=ety to establish his authority in Pondecherry and
to receive the Revenues of its' Environs, led him
to the declaration of being ready to execute the Trea
=ty, in the hope of obtaining his object and yet
Elude, for a time, the performance to the English
of the restitution of Torncamalay, which its' im=
=portance and the late Instructions of the Com
=pany concur in rendering a pre'eminary object
with this Government, M^r de Bufsy's last Letter,
offering to post pone the complete restitution to
which the Treaty has bound him, no longer than
to the 10^th of July last is the necessary Consequence
of the determination to them here to interrupt
the Conferences of the Commissioners until those
on this Part shall be as completely authorized
to execute the whole of the Treaty as those on ours.
It gives us indeed a considerable advantage that
we are ready to comply with every part of the Trea
=ty obligatory upon us, which would not be the
case if the Cession of Villenaur and Bahour were
to be made by His Highness the Nabob as your
Letter of the 13^th of April supposes; for, tho' the oblig
=ation which his Highness is under to the English
nation and to the Company for the dignity and

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13 Servitories he has professed, led you to be persuaded
that he would not hesitate to Comply with the Stipu-
-lations of the General Peace; yet he has hesitated in
-that compliance, previously demanding, as the enclo-
-sed Papers testify, a new Treaty between him
and the French nation and expresly excluding
the Interference of this Government from the Letter
of the Secret Committee of the 9th of September
last, with its Enclosures. It may be inferred that
such a seperate negociation between the Marquis
de Bussy and the Nabob, would be considered
as favorable to the designs avowed by the former
and perhaps as indicative of a Correspondent
disposition in the latter. The Court of Directors
indeed, however desirous that the measures of the
Peace in relation to the Carnatic should have the
approbation of his Highness the Nabob, did not
chuse entirely to depend upon him for the Executi
-on of them; and, therefore, have specially declared
that the Possession of those Places should be given
by Us to the French and you had been apprized
by us that the assignment fortunately enabled
us to comply with the Command of our Superiors.
We are sensible indeed of the misfortune of your
disapprobation of us for continuing the Assign
-ment

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13 -ment and you suppose we wish to connect an Inference of authority with the Instructions of the Select Committee for rendering the Assignment effectual, but the authority for rendering it effectual is abundantly contained in the act itself, & the Instructions of the Secret Committee manifesting the Intentions of the Company that the Assignment should be made effectual, are sufficient to impose upon Us the necessity of exercising the authority we already hold, to render it so, tho' this Principal of Reasoning must hold good while we are bound to execute the Intentions of the Company, You declare that to admit it would be to authorize Injustice from a Perversion of argument, you proceed to observe that the Plea of even necessity is neither an order nor a Rule of Justice, and it is in fact allowed to have no order or Rule of Law or Justice, and you add that necessity created by the oppression of those who plead it, ceases to operate in any light of Candor but as a pretext, we are not indeed quite certain of your meaning or of your intended applications of those words, for to our Conception, necessity is equally urgent whether occasioned by misconduct or misfortune

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13 by Appropriation or by Senity, necessity once created by whatever means and in whatever light considered, is a reality not a pretext; but whatever were our Principles or the perversion of our arguments in relation to the Assignment, we did not establish Principles or offer arguments in relation to the Execution of the European Treaty, we requested simply to know your Sentiments on the line to be observed by us in our future Transactions in the uncertainty of obtaining the consent of the Nabob and the Rajah of Tanjore to the measures dictated by that Treaty; with this request you do not comply, you do not give us your Sentiments on the line to be observed by us, you apply observations to this subject in common with the Assignment already sufficiently discussed and denoting a Common disapprobation, you consider our Request as a Reversing of which you reprobate the Principle & yet the Principle of this Request must be the obligation of Complying with a Treaty, solemnly concluded by our Sovereign and entrusted to our Execution in this part of the world by our Employers, their express Commands must guide our Conduct, we wish for your approbation and require your Cooperation in measures directed by our Common

Superiors

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13 Superiors, we Request, therefore, that in any applic-
ation on the Part of the French for the Repossessi-
on of Chandernagore, or any other Factory within
your Government that you will please to refer them
to Us, to whom Tranquebar is to be delivered and
for which all the necessary arangements must
be made before any Cessions are to take place on
the part of the English, and that you will please
to write to the same Effect to the Governor and Se-
lect Committee of Bombay in relation to any of the
French Factories within that Presidency.

We had the Honor to receive on
the 11th Instant your letter of the 20th of April
together with its Enclosures.

The mutiny of which we made mention in our last continues still and the same is likely to happen among other divisions of the Troops, unless we shall be speadily supplied with means to discharge their arrears, or at least to relieve more of their distresses than our Resources can as yet effectuate.

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

Fort St. George
the 13th May 1784.

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14 Sent a letter to Lieutenant Colonel Allcock
that the Select Committee had been pleased to accept
of his resignation of the Honble Company's Service

Sent Orders to the Captain of the Intel-
ligence Schooner to proceed on Board his Vessell &
make the best of his way to Bengal —

Received the following letter and enc-
losure from Lieutenant General Lang

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to transmit
you copy of my letter to major Campbell of this date
together with one received from him

I have heard from Colonel Knox
who informs me that he hopes to be in arcot tomorrow
night or the next morning — I have also a letter from
Captain Beetham from Trepennadore. I fear he will
not be here so soon as I could wish him —

I have the Honor to be
&c.a

(signed) Ross Lang —

From General Lang
with letter to and
from Major Cam
pbell relative an
Account of Capt.
Macallasters dea-
th —

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Arcot 13 May 1784

To Lieutenant General Lang
Commander in Chief

Sir, Captain John Macalister died in the

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14 Fort at six o'Clock this Evening —

I have the honor to be with great

Camp at Arnee Respect, Sir your most obed Servant

12 May 1784 (signed) Dugald Campbell

7 o'Clock P. M.

(A true copy)

Joseph Garrow

Secry to Comr in Chief

To Major Dugald Campbell,

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 12th from the tenor of which I am sorry to find the new pay no regard to what I have written, all your letters and the papers you sent me have been transmitted to the Select Committee who must alternately decide upon this business, as they will have every information from Captain Pringle, they will not be long in coming to a determination —

I am Sir

&c.

(signed) Rose Lang.

Fort St. George

Arcot 13 May 1784

½ P 9 o'Clock A M

(A true copy)

Joseph Garrow

Secry to Comr in Chief

The following Letter was dispatched to Colonel Dalrymple —

To Colonel Dalrymple

Commanding at Pondichery

Sir

I am

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Fort St. George 14th May 1784

14 Sam directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge your letter of the 6th Instant and to inform you that they have directed the Commanding Officer of Permacoil to send you 20 Sepoys from that Garrison under the Command of a European Officer if one can be spared—

The Select Committee at your recommendation consent to your people receiving dry Batta / 3. 30 cash ₱ day / which will accordingly be paid to them by Mr Michel—

I have the Honor to be
&c.
(Signed) John Hudleston
Secretary

Fort St. George
14th May 1784

Received Letter from Ensign Henderson as entered in M. B. / enclosing Certificate of his ill Health, and requesting leave to proceed to sea—

Received from Commissary General of stores returns for February and March—

Received the following letter from Colonel Bruce—

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

My Lord,

I am Honored with your Lordships letter of 5

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Fort St George May 1784

11th 14 of the 3d Respecting the disturbance amongst the Cavalry but from the orderly and decent behaviour of the Sepoys of this Garrison for many Months under the greatest hardships, I am in great hopes, even should the Report reach them, that it will be of little effect, particularly as they have just now got a Months pay, but it will be a Matter of some surprise to your Lordship to hear that, as for the Month of November 1782, that pay is now ensuing to the Garrison, and had not Mr Andrews been fortunate enough to collect at Manapar between 6 and 7000 Pagodas we must have been without it, and for which I have been under the necessity of Soliciting in the strongest manner Mr Sullivan, several Months ago, promised that one third of the Revenues of this Country should be appropriated to the use of this Garrison but it has been sometime done away, whether the fault is with the Rajah or whether what Cash he might have sent us, has been forwarded to the army, I am at a loss to judge, tho' I hope Mr Sullivan's intentions will in future take place for our Relief—

From Colonel Bruce representing the Great distress of his Garrison for want of Pay—

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Thos Bruce

Despatched the following Letters—

Trichenapolly
3d May 1784

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4 To His Excellency

The Governor of Batavia &c. &c.

Sir

I am to acknowledge the Honor of your obliging Letter of the 10th of December which I have received within these few days, the restoration of Peace and the renewal of that ancient friendship and harmony which has so long subsisted between our two nations, afford me the most sincere satisfaction and it is with infinite pleasure that I observe the same Sentiments in your Excellency whose obliging attention and assistance to the English Ships, which touched at Batavia in their way to China, demand my best thanks, & cannot fail to meet with every suitable Return on my part —

To Governor of Batavia with copy of the Preliminary articles of Peace between Great Britain and the States General

Inclosed I have the honor to send to you a Copy of the Preliminary Treaty between Great Britain and the United Provinces, and I am in expectation of soon receiving the Definitive Treaty by which I flatter myself all future Source of difference between them, will be effectually obviated and all former disputes for-gotten, and a Mutual good understanding established on the firmest and most permanent foundation —

This

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This Letter will be delivered to you by Captain Mercer a Gentleman of a most respectable Character, who has been long established in this part of India and is now proceeding on his Voyage to Batavia —

Fort St George
14 May 1784

To Edward Hay Esqr.
Secretary to the Honble the Governor General and Council in their Political Department

Fort William

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 23 Ultimo covering the Duplicate of Mr. Whelers Letter to the Nabob, which has agreeably to your Request been transmitted to His Highness —

By his Majesty's Cutter the Swallow, which now sails for Bengal, you will receive several Papers specified on the List of the Packet (No 42.) which comprehend all the Correspondence of this Government with the Marquis de Bussy from the 1st of December 1783 to the present date, together with the Documents and proceedings of the Commissaries who were lately deputed from hence to Pondicherry. I beg leave to observe to you that, by a reference to my letter to Mr. Arnaud of the 13th

To Secretary to the supreme Council with Copy of the proceedings of the Correspondencies deputed to the Marquis de Bussy and Copy of the Correspondence between his Excellency and this Government from 1st December 83 to the present time —

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14. 13th of December last, you will find that all the
French Correspondence to the 1st of that Month had
been transmitted to the Governor General &
Council. The additional Papers now sent will,
therefore, complete the whole of that subject to
this date —

I have the honor to be,
&c.a
(signed) Wm. George Wasey
Acting Secy.

Fort St. George
4th May 1784

Sent Orders to the Commanding Officer
at Permacoil to detach an European Officer and 20
Seapoys to Pondicherry and put them under the Com-
mand of Colonel Dalrymple —

Sent letter to Mr Mitchell, that
the Detachment of his Majestys 52 Regiment now
at Pondichery is to be allowed dry Batta —

Dispatched the following letter to
the Commanding Officer at Chinglipat —

To Lieutenant Colonel Alcock
Or Officer Commanding at Chinglipat.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee to Acknow-
ledge the receipt of your letter to them of the 3d
Instant and to desire that you will acquaint
them

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15 Mem: with the Daily consumption of fresh meet at Chinglepute, that they may be enabled to supply that Garrison by contract with a Sufficient number of Slaughter Cattle—

With regard to the independent Companies at Chinglepute, as you mention that they will only serve at that place, and that most of the Men who had been incorporated in Captain Muirhead's Battalion had deserted the Committee are of Opinion those Companies ought on no Account to be reestablished—

To Call a Clerk desiring to know the Consumption of fresh Provisions at Chinglepute

Enclosed is the Copy of a Letter which has been received from the Committee of assigned Revenue on the subject of Duties at Chinglepute with a Copy of which you will be pleased to furnish the Renter and explain to him the contents—

I have the Honor to be
&c.
(Signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

Fort St. George
15 May 1784

Dispatched the following Letter—

To Mr. Robert Gardiner,
Paymaster at Ongole.

Sir,

In consequence of a Letter from Capt. Edmonds mentioning the destress of Bhastrau Naig and

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15 and J. Bey Ram Reddy two of the Combum Poligars, who have acted with the Northern Army, and of several representations which they have addressed to the Right Honble the President, the Select Committee, of pleased to authorize you to pay to the above mentioned Poligars a Monthly allowance of 200 Pags. from the date to the 1st of January next, which sum must be devided between them in proportion to the number of Men that were employed under, by each of them. —

To paymaster at Ongole with orders to supply Bhastur nauy and Jay Ram Reddy with 200 Pags. pr Month to be equal ly devided among the Poligars under them —

Sam. l
Sir
&c.
(Signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

Fort St George
15th May 1784

Wrote Letters (as entered in M. B. N.)
to the Commanding Officer at Ongole advising him
of the above —

Received Letters (as entered in M B N.)
from Captain Greenway requesting a supply of Copper
from the Company's Stores to sheath a Vessel he has just
purchased —

Received from Chief Engineer (as entered
in M. B. N.) a letter enclosing an application
from Lieutenant Trapaud for leave to proceed to
Bengal —

Received the following Letters —

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Fort St George 6 May 1784

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B

President & Governor &c &c &c

Fort St George

My Lord,

In the absence of Mr Sadleir I have
the honour to receive your Lordships
Commands of the 4th Instant
Signifying Colonel Fullarton
is returned from Captain Wedderburn's Detachment
to this place I shall immediately dispatch your Lordships Letter
Express & shall also immediately Communicate an
attested Copy to Colonel Stuart at Cuddalore for
whose & forces the Detachment will march &c
Necessary

Mr Digby being on Tanjore will im-
mediately provide the Necessary Advance to the
Troops

I have the Honor to be with great
Respect
&c
Signed G. Core Sapp & Judg

Tanjore 10th
May 1784
R. T.

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

From Mr Sapp &
Judg will forward
the several Letters
he has received
agreeably to this
address

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to Commander of the 3d Instant and shall accordingly Communicate to Mr Johnson any material Intelligence which we may receive respecting the movements of the Nizam's or Tippoo Sultaun's Troops, on the West side of the Mysore Mountains of the Eastward.

We have likewise been honored with the receipt of a letter from the Right Honble the President under date the 3d Instant, In consequence of which letters were immediately despatched to the different Officers Commanding Garrisons in the district, Acquainting them with what his Lordship had been pleased to Communicate to us, and desiring they would be particularly on their Guard and watchful to Counteract any clandestine disposition, or evil intentions in the Troops under their respective Commands.—

We have just received your Secretarys' Letter of the 3d Instant, and will forward the Account therein mentioned, as soon as it can be drawn out.

We have the Honor to be
&c.

(Signed) James Hodges,
John Peter Boulard
W. Dobbyn

Masulipatam
10th May 1784

1940 to Johnson of our movement of the Nizams Troops and the Officers of the Mysore Country of the Contents of the Presidents Letter of the 3 Instant

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My Lord,

I beg leave to report to your Lord-
ship from certain information that two of the nabobs
Commandants left Madras yesterday for the south-
ward, for the purpose of Staging Recruits for Cavalry
one of these Commandants has orders to raise as
many as possible in the Trichenopaly Country, the
other has the same orders for the Tanjour Country
each of them six 500 Pagodas with him & more
money is to follow — It is evident that this
step is taken with a view of distressing Government
and to counteract their endeavours of reestablishing
the Cavalry, and it is not an improbable conjecture
that these two Officers may endeavour to retain some
of the absconded Cavalry privately, as was formerly
the case in the nabobs Service —

From Lieut. Orr with intelligence of Two of the Nabob Commandants having gone to the South to levy Recruits

I took the liberty very lately to men-
tion to your Lordship that I feared the Nabob or
some of his emissaries would privately oppose Gover
nment in raising Recruits for the Companys Ca-
valry —

I have the Honor to be with
great Respect, &c.
(signed) J. Orr
Comm.g Cor.s Cav.y

Companies Gardens
15th May 1784

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19.

15 Received Letter from Lieut.t General Long (as
15 entered in M.B.N.o) enclosing Copy of a Letter
to him from the Officer Commanding the detachment of
his Majesty's 52d. Regiment at Chinglepaut and desiring
they may be supplied with every necessary on their march
to Poonamallee—

16. Received from the Paymaster at Poonamallee a
Return of Rice in that Garrison—

Received Letter from Captain
Muirhead as entered in M.B. a Letter enclos-
ing a warning Certificate of a Sergeant belonging
to the 20th. Battalion, Received letter from Comman-
ding Officer at Madura as entered in M.B.N.
on the Subject of the meeting, and that his Troops
are greatly in arrears—

Received the following Letters—

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

My Lord,

I arrived here this morning at
day break with the Company of Golandauze 12th & 13th
Regiments of Sepoys, and have the pleasure to ac-
quaint your Lordship that the Guns, ammunition
&c

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From Colonel Edmondson the Stores Colonel Pearse left at Nellore are safe under his Charge—

Sir, which Colonel Pearse left at Nellore, are now in my possession—

I shall return with the Detachment this Evening—

And have the Honor to be with the great Respect—

My Lord &c.

(signed) S. Edmondson Lieut. Colonel
Bengal Detachment

Camp near
Nellore 18th
May 1784

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

My Lord & Sirs

From Lieutenant Hart Ensign Godfrey being indisposed has appointed Ensign Dyce to take Charge of the Detachment at Rungengun—

Having Received information that Ensign Godfrey, who Commanded a Detachment of the 20th Battalion at Rungengurr, being taken very ill and obliged to be sent to Trichenapoly place near where Assistance could be had / in consequence taken upon me to Detach Ensign Dyce from this Battalion to take Charge of the said Detachment at Rungengun, until your pleasure be known, which, I hope, will meet with your approbation—

Captain Muirhead on his passing this place for Madura having informed me that he had procured leave / thro' the Proper Channel / for Ensigns Kirkpatrick

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Mr Kippon and Davidson to go to the Presidency Shaw
in Consequence complied with their request to proceed
thither -

Shaw the honor to be &c.
(signed) Thomas Hart Lieut.
Commanding 20th Batt Sepoys

Camp at Tygar
16th May 1784

Dispatched the following Letters to the President
and Select Committee of Bombay by the Honble Com-
pany's Cutter Viper -

To the Honble Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr
President and Governor &c Select Committee at
Bombay;

Gentlemen,

We have the honor to acknowledge
your Letters of the 6th & 9th March p.r Morning Star,
which arrived here on the 9th Ultimo having on Board
Mr Staunton and Mr Hudleston, and we have like-
wise received your Letter of the 31st March by the Viper
Cutter and that of the 12th Ulto p.r Royal Bishop, which
imparted here on the 3 Instant, together with the several
Enclosures that accompanied all the above Letters -

We receive with sincere pleasure your
Congratulation on the conclusion of Peace with Tippoo
Sultaun, and offer you ours in return, on an event
so indispensibly necessary to the Interests of the
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16th Company throughout India, the ratification of the Treaty by the Governor General and Council reached us a few days since and we enclose you a Copy thereof—

We have the pleasure to inform you that of the Garrisoners about 1200 Europeans (excluding nearly 200 officers) and 3000 Sepoys, are already returned, of those which belong to your Presidency, as we enclose a return

amounting to Europeans 167, and 1668 natives, the former we shall send to you by sea as soon as the season with permit, together with as many of the latter as may determine to return to Bombay, and have no objection to that mode of Conveyance, 276 of the following being the people belonging to the Commissaries department are already on their return with sepoys; their Conductor, over land, who has received here an advance of 5000 Rupees, for their Expences on the Journey—

We have appointed Mr. William Henry Cawon, a Civil Servant in your Establishment, who was one of the Prisoners lately returned from the Myoore Country, to act as Commissary and Paymaster to your Troops—

As it appears from your Letters that you will be under the necessary of making a Considerable reduction in your military Establishment we Conclude you will have no objection to [illegible] retaining as

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to as many of your Sepoys as may chuse to serve on
this Coast, but, should we herein be mistaken, we requ
est you will give us timely notice and the whole shall
be returned to you.

Sir Edward Hughes arrived here
on the 23 Ultimo with his Majesty's Squadron, having
on board the detachments of his Majesty's 36 & 52
Regiments, which were sent from hence last year to
reinforce your army under General Macleod, with a
very part of our own establishment so deeply in arrear
as were to endanger the allegiance of the Troops,
having firmly upon our hands the payment of nearly
the whole of the national forces employed for the Gene
ral protection of the Company's Settlements, and
deprived, ever since the death of Sir Eyre Coote, of
all pecuniary aid in specie, from their Treasury
in Bengal, altho' a Considerable detachment of the
Troops of that Presidency have been daily contribu
ting to drain our resources, add to these, the sudden
arrival of the numerous Body of Prisoners al
ready mentioned, whose distresses called for
immediate attention, and you will be enab
led to form a Judgement of our situation
when, in addition to those embarrassments,
we were called upon to discharge the arrears
of

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the Kings Troops sent to your assistance for the whole period during which they have served on the Malabar Coast, we are too sensible, however, of the urgent necessity which Compelled you to throw upon us this expence, to hesitate complying with the demand to the utmost extent of our ability, but we cannot help being surprized at not having heard from you upon the subject nor received any accounts or documents exceptting an abstract from General Macleod wherein are charged three or four Sums amounting in the whole to no less than Rupees 177287 for which that Officer has granted Certificates and Bills of exchange upon the Governor General & Council

We enclose Copies of our Correspondence with Colonel Knox and of our letter to Bengal upon the subject by which you will perceive that we have consented to discharge the subsistance, Gratuity and Batta, deferring the other Charges till we shall have received Authenticated Accounts from you.

We sometime since appointed Commissaries to settle with the Marquis de Bussy arrangements for the execution of the articles of the late Treaty with France, which relate

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to this Country, but the Marquis having objected to
the delivery of Trincomale upon the plea of not
having yet received the definitive Treaty from
this Court the conferences were broken off, and our
Commissaries directed to return to the Presidency,
you will therefore, of course, for the present, continue
to keep possession of the French Factory at Surat.

The Morning Star was dispat-
ched from hence on the 2d Instant to Fort Marl-
boro', to carry round to the Malabar Coast such
Prisoners belonging to Tippoo Sultaun as may
have been sent thither during the War, and who,
conformably to the 2d Article of the late Treaty
with that Chief are to be delivered at the nearest
Port or Settlement in the Mysore Country —

The Dispatches which we informed
you had been received from England under
your address, were forwarded to you by the Cuny-
dice on the beginning of the Month of March —
but the Commander Captain Courtney having
joined Sir Edward Hughes off Calicut, he trans-
shipped the Packets on board of the Chesterfield
Indiaman, which, as she was to sail the next day
for Bombay, We hope you have long since recei-
ved those letters —

Agree

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16 Agreeably to your desire We shall detain the Viper Cutter till the arrival of the Ships from England, when she shall be immediately dispatched to Bombay with whatever Packets we may receive under your address from the Court of Directors—

Our late Commissioners have requested us to recommend to your favor Captain Jervis of the Morning star, for his Attention towards them and his Chearful zeal on every occasion on which he could be useful in forwarding the Public Service under their Charge.

We have the honor to be &c.

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15th May 1784

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient Servants

Macartney &c. &c.

To the Honble Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.
President &c. Select Committee at
Bombay;

Honble Sir and Sirs,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform you that Since closing their dispatches to you of the 15th Instant, and just as the Pollona was on the point of being dispatched they received a letter from Brigadier

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Brigadier General Macleod of which enclosed is a

Copy —

You will observe that General Mac-
leod in this Letter informs the Select Committee that
Cannanore is evacuated; but, whether we are to un-
derstand that that was among the measures, or that
General Macleod has done it from his own authe-
rity directed by your Board we are under some doubt,
but, in either case, it is an obvious deviation
from the 5th Article of the Treaty of Peace with
Tippoo Sultaun, in which are expressly pointed
out the period and manner of the delivery of Canna
more to the Dupin in these words, 'as soon as all the
'Prisoners are released and delivered, the Fort and
'District of Cannanore shall be evacuated and re-
'stored to Ali Raja Biby the Dupin of that Coun
'try in the presence of any one person without
'Troops, whom the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun Bahander
'may appoint for that purpose; and, at the same
'time, that the orders are given for the Evacuation and
'delivery of the Forts of Cannanore & dindigul, the said
'Nabob shall give written orders for the evacuation
'and delivery of Amboorgur and Satgur, to
'the English, its having, therefore, been evacuated be-
'fore the return and delivery of the prisoners and
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16th without being done in the Presence of one of Tippoo Sultaun's Servants is a measure that is disadvantageous to the Company / by surrendering up one of the securities they possessed for his faithful delivery of the Prisoners / and gives him at the same time Just cause to complain of a violation of our faith —

The Select Committee direct me to make to your honor &c the foregoing observations and, in addition to them, to mention that, should they receive any Complaint on the subject from Tippoo Sultaun, they will find themselves under the necessity of refering him to you for an explanation

I have the Honor to be with great Respect —

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
/ signed / John Huddleston Secy

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16th May 1784

At a Select Committee

Present —

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K. B.
President

Anthony Sadlier
Alexander Davidson, Robert Mackrell,
Lieutenant General Lang absent upon Service

The Minutes of the last Committee
were read and approved —

Read

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Read the following letter and enclosure

— from General Long —

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President and Governor &c. &c. Select Committee of

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform you

& That the Detachment of the 23 Regiment of Dra-

-goons arrived here this morning about 9 o'Clock and

to enclose, for your information, copy of a report

I have received from Captain Beckwith who Com-

-mands them, and also the present state of the

Detachment. —

I have also received accounts from

Lieutenant Colonel Knox this morning who in-

-forms me that he will be here tomorrow morning

If it should be your intention to

appoint any person at this time for the Command

of the Regiment of Cavalry now vacant by the death

of Captain Macalister, I beg leave to recommend

Captain Younge for that appointment, as a person

well worthy such an attention, he has been in the

Field during the whole War and has conducted him-

-self with propriety and paid a strict attention to

his duty —

I have &

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Should your Lordship &c.a think proper to appoint him to the Command of the vacant Regiment I would propose that Captain Darley may succeed in the Command of the European Troops composing a part of my Body Guard, as he is an active brave Officers

Head Qrs
May 1781

I have the honor to &c.
(signed) Ross La[illegible]

To Lieutenant General Lang
Commander in Chief &c.

Sir,

I have just now had the [illegible] receiving your Order for making out an immediate report of the state of the Detachment under my Command and likewise for informing you if the Horses are able to proceed directly upon a distant service. I beg leave to represent to you that, on Account of having made two very long Marches and having [illegible] all our followers, the horses have been two days without very little forage, and, on Account of our men being totally exhausted by the heat of the weather, I am clearly of opinion that the Detachment stands absolutely in need of one entire days and nights rest, before it can proceed with any effect upon a Distant Service. Enclosed I send the present state of the Detachment

I have the Honour to [illegible] Sir

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Sir

your most Obedient Servant

(signed) J Beckwith

Captain 23 L. D.

Arcot 14th May 1784

A true Copy

Joseph Ganow

Secretary Comr in Chief

State of the Detachment of His Majestys 23 Light Dragoons

Arcot 14th May 1784

	Capt.	Lieut.	Cornets	Surgeon	Dr Mast.	Trumpeters	Farriers	Serjeants	Rank & File	Horses
Present fit for duty	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	6	96	115
Sick	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	2	14	14
Total	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	8	110	119

(signed) J Beckwith

Captain 23 L. D.

A true Copy

Joseph Ganow

Secry Comr in Chief

The Committee are glad to find that the Dragoons are at length arrived at Camp and hope the General will now proceed against the mutineers — Read the following letter from the persian Translater —

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c &c

President &c. &c. Select Committee

My Lord & Gentlemen,

In consequence of your Lordships &c
Order communicated to me by Mr. Secretary Studleston
I have again perused with the utmost attention on the Pernicious Scoop
an Copy of the letter, addressed by the muteseers to His Highness the Nabob, which has already been
Translated by me, and, with submission, beg leave to
offer the following observations which have occured to
me, This letter, which is entitled an arzdaast or Petition
seems to differ in style as well as in form, from
any I have hitherto met with; the Language is in
General good and even better than what might be
expected from men in the stations of life of the
Petitioners, who are in General very illiterate, and
I, therefore, cannot suppose it to be a composition
of their own, Besides that the idiom is not preserved throughout, I have been struck with the particular mode of expression in some places, which
seem calculated more for the reading of an Englishman, than for that of a native, from which
Circumstances I should imagine that the Moonshy or Composer of it, was a person acquainted
with the English manner of writing, These are the
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observations which I have to make, but I do not wish your Lordships &c.a should rest your determination in a matter of this consequence on my Judgement alone, but hope you will think it proper to call upon persons skilled in the Persian Language to give you their opinion upon the Letter in Question —

I am with great Respect

&c.a —

(signed) David Haleburton

Persian Translator

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The Secretary is desired to send for the principal Moonshes and learn from them their opinion with regard to the letter in question —

Read letter from his Highness the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondences the Substance of which is as follows. Complaining of not having heard further from the President on the Subject of the Mutiny of the Cavalry; that the Officers are still in the same situation sufferingevery kind of ill treatment, that he had heard, that when the European officers, finding themselves disappointed in their Expectations of support had made application to their Friends who had in consequence procured a supply of money

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his Lordship for bad them to send it to the officers that he was surprised that since the beginning of the Business no proper steps had been taken nor mode adopted for the relief of the Cavalry or their Officers that the men are his hereditary subjects and had he been counselled before the late Innovations he would have given his best advice for the public good; that with the bare allowance of a measure of rice Paddy, which, when boiled, was but half a measure, they had served throughout the war without the least murmuring; that their wives and Children were carried into Captivity and not released at the return of peace that his the Nabobs' Brother and relations are still prisoners and the families of the Cavalry and other Subidars &c. that the Accounts of their ill treatment had reached the Cavalry that no satisfaction being given them for their long arrears of Months pay and orders being suddenly given for altering the ranks of their officers, for withdrawing them from their Old Master, and incorporating in the different Battalions the Infantry attached to the Regiments they were driven to despair, and saw no other means of obtaining Justice but by meeting, which rendered them indeed deserving of punishment but proper

Proper steps ought to have been taken for satisfying them, which might easily have been done, lamenting that such brave men, whom he had raised and disciplined under English officers, should be lost and distroyed merely by want of attention to them, repeating his Complaint on the subject of his Assignment of his revenues under Conditions and restrictions which had been broken through, and that, upon the same principles of Gratitude, his Cavalry, after ~~going~~ having through all the dangers of a long War, in conjunction with the Company's Troops, are reduced to a situation that has forced them to mutiny, that these are not the Jirst men who ~~mutinied~~, had not his regiments, and likewise the Company's Troops often done the same formerly, and were they not by prudent measures satisfied and brought back to their duty after the Ringleaders were properly punished, advising first to satisfy the Cavalry and cause their officers to be set at liberty, and then inflict such punishment on the Ringleaders of the mutiny as may deter others from any future attempts of the like dangerous nature.

The Committee have long since given up the Task of replying to the a-

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A Criminous Invectives of the Incendiaries to whose directions his highness, unfortunately for his case and reputation, has committed himself, the nabob by reviewing his Conduct towards the Presidency for these two years past, would recollect that to consult him (his highness) on any subject is only to provoke abuse and Calumny, and his surprize at not having been consulted on the occasion of the mutiny would immediately cease; on the letter now before them, the Committee think it unnecessary to take any further notice than to observe that what is said in the first paragraph of the friends of the European Officers being forbid to send money to them is without foundation that the assertion relative to the ill treatment of the Cavalry during the war is equally so, it being well known that they were fed with the same Rice and received pay at the same period, and in the same proportions with the Company's own Troops, and that the whole were indulged with the Rice at the rate of 90 Pagodas per Garce, while the Company, for the same rice, paid 150 and for some time 200. The assertion that Orders were given for allowing the Ranks of the officers, is also groundless that his Highness's Regiments had

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had often matinied before, cannot be denied, but the measures generally taken to bring them back to their duty, that of complying with their demands, and which we suppose, his highness means to recommend under the Term of satisfying them, is a dangerous and impolitic instead of a prudent measure, and the Committee flatter themselves that those which they have adopted for Supressing the present muting will be more Effectual —

Read letters from M.r Hipreasly of the 11.th Instant with Extracts from private Letters as entered in Miscellany Book, mentioning that a muting had brethen out among the Troops at Rammadporam that Colonel Fullarton was surprized, he having received no official Information respecting the arrival of the Prisoners and the Consequences it was supposed would follow, that went that of Dindigul was to be retained by the English, Wils would arise from the drawing it of the Grain and resources —

The following was among the Extracts abovementioned —

Extract of a letter from John Hutchinson Esq.re Resident of Anjango Dated 1.st May 1784

Dear Sir

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Dear Sir,

I have just received a letter from Mr. Latouche. He says the Company now stand on very ticklish Ground — According to our latest Accounts from England to the 28th of November Mr Fox had brought in a Bill for vesting their affairs both at home and abroad in 7 Commissioners & 8 Assistants, to be chosen by the King, and the bill had been carried thro' a second reading, so that there seemed little hopes of its miscarriage except in the House of Lords. —

Agreed Colonel Fullarton be informed that, of the prisoners, 1200 Europeans and 3000 Sepoys are returned, but that the Stipulations on this head are not yet completely fulfilled, he is, therefore, for the present, to keep possession of Dindigul and its' districts till specially directed to deliver them up, but that, as we understand, apprehend a want of Provisions to subsist the Troops under his Command, he is at liberty to make any arrangements that he may judge proper to obviate that Inconvenience, observing that strict Oconomy which the present state of the Company's Affairs renders so indispensibly necessary.

The President lays before the Comm-
ittee

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Mee the following Intelligence received from a quarter which he can depend upon—

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Dawaysh Mahomed Subadar of Cavalry in the nabobs Service left Madras the 4th Instant with orders to proceed with expedition to Sanjore & to raise as many Recruits for the Nabobs Cavalry as he could find in that Country—

Annun Chawn, Subedar of the Cavalry in the Nababs Service, and adjutant, left Madras the same day with orders to proceed to Mutranipoly on the same Service, each of these Officers carried with him 500 Pagodas, for the Recruiting Service, with Strict Orders to exert themselves by giving every encouragement in those two Countrys, and to enable them so to do further supplies of Money will follow them—

The former of these Subadars was reduced and discharged from the Company's Service or rather from a Regement Commanded by a Company's officer, Captain Bruce, and has met with this encouragement in the nabobs—

These two Subadars are to be appointed Commandants of two new Regements in case they raise a Sufficient number of Men to Compleat them—

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The Force already kept up by ameer al omrah, which he has been encreasing for these two years past, now amounts to 2600 Men, a Body of Troops much too numerous to come under the description of a Guard for the person of the nabob, and, as the Carnatic is defended solely by the Company's army, his Highness can want them for no other Proper purpose, the Committee, therefore, whatever may be their ultimate resolution with regard to the Troops already raised, and now in their Cantonments under the direction of ameer al omrah, think it highly necessary to endeavor to put an immediate stop to the further Increase of it, and, for that purpose, it is resolved that Copies of the above report be sent to Colonel Fullarton and to all the Officers Commanding stations to the southward with orders to use their utmost endeavors to discover and secure the Subadars therein named and all other persons whatsoever who may at any time be found recruiting without proper authority from this Government. Resolved, also that it be published in General Orders that whoever shall hereafter be found recruiting Sepoys or Troopers without express authority for that purpose in writing from this Government, or the Field Officer Commanding the district shall be sure

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tly furnished, and that in future all orders or authority to European or native Officers for the purpose of recruiting be delivered in writing—

Read the following letter from Brigadier General Macleod—

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform you that by order of the Honble the President and Select Committee of Bombay the army under my Command is broken up, the Troops of his Majesty sent from Fort St George returned on the squadron together with a part of a Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys, the 42d and 100th Regiments are gone to Bombay with a detachment of Royal artillery. Cananore is evacuated, a strong Garrison remains at Tellicherry, the rest of the Troops are embarked and Embarking for the Presidency to which I set out this Evening—

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

Tellicherry
27 April 1784

The Committee are much surprized to find on a perusal of the foregoing letter that Cannanore is evacuated, whether it was among the measures decreed

directed by the Bombay Government, or done by Ge-
neral Macleod upon his own authority, the letter does
not clearly express; but, in either case, it is an obvious
deviation from the — Article of the Treaty of Peace
with Tippoo Sultaun, in which are expressly pointed
out the period and manner of the delivery of Can-
nanore to the Queen in these words, "as soon as all the
"prisoners are released and delivered, the Fort & district
"of Cannanore shall be evacuated and restored to
"Ali Rajah Biby, the Queen of that Country, on the
"presentation of any one person, without troops, whom
"the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun Bahauder may ap-
"point for that purpose, and, at the same time, that the
"Orders are given for the evacuation and delivery of the
"Forts of Cannanore and Dundigul, the said Nabob
"shall give written orders for the evacuation and de
"livery of Amboorgur and Satgur to the English;"
it having, therefore, been evacuated before the release
and Delivery of the prisoners, and without being done
in the presence of one of Tippoo Sultaun's servants,
is a measure disadvantageous to the Company by
surrendering one of the Securities they possessed
for his faithful delivery of the Prisoners, and at the
same time give him just cause to Complain of a
violation of our faith, should Tippoo Sultaun Com-
plain.

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plain to us upon the Subject, we shall be under the Necessity of referring him to the Gentlemen at Bombay for an Explanation —

The dispatches for Bombay being already closed, the Secretary is desired to write a short letter to the Select Committee there by the above pacquet — Resolved that the Committee of Assigned Revenue be directed to send Orders to all the Renters and amildars to endeavor to obtain the fullest Information concerning the families of the Carnatic detained in the mysore Country, and the places of their detention, and to Communicate the same punctually to Government —

Read the following letter from Colonel Pearse —

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

The orders sent to me from Bengal are so unusually peremptory that I could not venture to act up to my own Judgement as there was not any thing like discretionary Power left with me —

Therefore, as I had only a report from more private letters & common talk of Camp and not

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not even a private letter to myself that mentioned the subject, I confounded into the letter I wrote to his Lordship, I could not make use of it in my publick Capacity—

For which reason I left the Guns as I informed you and sent away the artillery—

This Night I received your Secretary letter of the 8. In consequence of which I have halted and sent back two Regiments for the Guns and mean to wait till they arrive.—

I shall, after this, wait as to get to the Kistnah by the first of June, cross the Second, and then I shall be ready to obey such orders as you may be pleased to send to me, but, if the Kistnah falls before we cross, infinite will be the difficulties and the dangers ——— The artillery were sent away, but if your Lordships and the Committee deem it necessary, they can join by water—

And, as there is a chance of their not being gone, I have written to order them to join if at Nellore—

There will be time enough for me to hear from you again and I hope to have an answer to this letter before I cross the Kistnah, for, if we go over it, I will not even flatter you with hopes of being

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able to get the Troops to recross it to the southward.

Sam with the greatest

Respect &c.

(Signed) T. D. Pearse, Colonel.

Commanding Bengal Detachment

Orders have already been sent to Colonel

Pearse to continue his march to Calcutta.

Read the following letters from Mr.

Richard Johnson the Resident at Hydrabad.

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11th May 1784

O. P.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

K. B. President &c. members of the Select Committee

Fort St. George.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

On the 30 Instant I had the

honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Commands

under date 13th March and now set down to return

my thanks for those of the 1st May.

I feel myself much honord by

these early and favorable testimonies of your ready

disposition to furnish me with every assistance and

support in your power, towards forwarding the objects

of my appointment, even preventing my applications.

I beg leave to repeat my acknowledgements for such

marks of your Favor, and, at the same time, to solicit

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the extension of your indulgence by forwarding through me any letters which you may have occasion to write to the Nizam, with a Separate copy for my information, to enable me to converse with his Highness upon the Subject of them - and I would venture further, were I assured of the propriety of my Request, to urge your Lordship &c.a to recommend to the Nabob Wallahjah to adopt the same Channel; not only because I have it in peculiar charge to endeavor to reconcile any mis-understanding that may have arisen or still subsists between that Nabob and the Soubahdar of the Deccan, but because such marks of General confidence and support will prove of the greatest Service to my Personal Credit in the Eyes of the Nizam, and thereby of the greatest benefit towards a successful discharge of my present business. I understand that your Correspondence with the Nizam Chiefly regards some disputed Boundary lands which, from a letter to the Governor General, I observe the Nizam claims as his Property, now held under the sanction of the English (as he says) without sufficient Firmaud. I shall make it my study, when fully instructed, to set forth your Claims in answer to those of his Highness, with as much ardour and perseverance as I can command, or the argument will admit, being confident that it must be founded

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on your side in strict justice —

Under cover of your last commands

you did me the honor to transmit an authentic copy

of the Mangalore treaty, A question occurs upon the

Perusal which I trust your Lordship &c.a will pardon

when I explain my motive for making it. —

In the first article wherein our allies

are mentioned, as included in the peace, I perceive

our ally specifically named, excepting the Rajahs of

Tanjore and Travancore. In a letter to the Nizam

dated 4th. November last, from the Governor General

on behalf of the Governor General and Council, He

Particularly promises the Nabob that he shall be

specifically named in the Treaty, when adjusting under

their instructions with the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun,

and, in a letter written on the same day by the Governor

General and Council, upon the different points of

this Treaty to your Lordship &c.a, I perceive the Ni-

zam particularly named and considered as one

Ally in the same paragraph wherein the Nabob

Wallahjah and the Rajahs of Tanjour &c.a are named,

to be considerd and discribed as allies in the Treaty; this

Particular intended mention of the Nabob Nizam

was promised, I believe, in Consequence of his own re-

quest, and is, I imagine, in my present Crude state

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of Knowledge of his Highness's affairs) of material im-
port to him — I, therefore, apprehend that he may very
early upon my arrival at his court, question me upon
the cause of a deviation from the promise made to
him. It is to enable me to answer such a query, that
I now take the liberty thus preparatively to apply to
your Lordship &c.a an apology as the more necessary as the
question arises solely in my own doubts, unauthorised
by any instructions, or the Nizam's remonstrances.
Your Lordship &c.a will therefore I trust attribute my
hastiness to the anxiety I could wish to shew towards
Preserving that amity and good understanding
between the Nizam and the English to cement the
which formed a principal object in my present Com-
mission —

Rajahmundry
6th May 1784

I have the honor to be &c.a
(signed) Richard Johnson
Resident Hydrabad

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B
President &c.a members of the Select Committee of
Fort S.t George ;

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Upon the 6th Instant, I had the
Honor, from Rajamundry, to acknowledge the receipt
of your commands of the 1st of this Month —

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It gave me, as it must every English
man, the most unfeigned joy to learn that so large a
number of my countrymen have at length returned
from their most painful confinement, but I had not
yet received your authentic information of the peace with
the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun, when I heard that the
Troops of that restless Chief had already Commenced
Hostilities on the Canara, a district upon which he
Cannot be ignorant of our Claims, this pretence is said
to be the support which he has thought proper to
give to one part of the claimants to Bejalet jungs
Succession; this pretence is little less hostile than the
openly declared invasion of the Canara, because the support
he has so readily entered into of one party of the Clai-
mants to the Succession of the Deceased Brother
of the Nizam, is an evident and declared opposi-
tion to the support given by the Nizam to the other,
(said to be the lawful) party. The Nizam is our a-
lly by Former Treaties, still in force, and his inter-
ference in a family Succession is in all respects
regular. In as much as the Nabob Tippoo's inter-
sion upon our ally and our lands (for such the
Canara must be acknowledged) is the Contrary.

Himself an usurper of more sacred rights, the
Rights of his immediate Sovereign, it is not wonder-
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—put that he should grasp at every surrounding object, while he has a Sword to wield he never will cease to violate the Peace of his neighbours, & among these, I apprehend you will be kept in constant trouble with them, not withstanding the Treaty scarcely yet dry —

I stated the fact, as soon as apprised of it, to the Governor General and Council, but my statement will be crude, as I was unenlightened by your sentiments upon it. I, therefore, only wait to be honored by your Lordship &c. with a Knowledge of the mean in which you consider this invasion of the Guntoor, I shall then be enabled to address with more confidence and efficacy the Honble Board at Fort William — permit me therefore to solicit an early Communication from your Lordship &c. upon this subject —

I have the honor to be with great Respect

&c.

Ellore 10th May 1784

(signed) Richard Johnson
Resident Hydrabad

Ordered to lie for Consideration —

Read the following Letters and Enclosures —

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.

President & Governor &c. &c. Select Committee

at Fort St. George;

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have the honor to enclose

your Lordship &c. Copy of a letter which I sent yes-

terday Evening to the Marquis De Bussy I received

no answer to it till about 12 Oclock at Night,

when Monsieur Moneron, one of the French Com-

missaries, delivered me a Message from the Mar-

quis De Bussy purporting that if the English

Colours were not hoisted this Morning, that the

Two Forts of Trincomalée should be restored to his

Britannick Majesty, provided the French Gover-

nment were put in Possession of Pondicherry—

I desired Monsieur Moneron to

give me in writing, any Proposal of this nature he

might have to offer, on the part of the Marquis De-

Bussy, and I would Communicate it to your Lord-

ship &c. without loss of time, and, in the mean time,

post pone hoisting the Colours till I should be

favored with your further Orders on the Subject—

A Letter has just been sent me by

the French Commissaries on this Subject, Copy

of which waits on your Lordship &c. enclosed and it

will

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will afford me particular satisfaction if my Conduct
on this Instance should meet with the approbation
of your Lordship and Select Committee —

I have the Honor to be
&c.

(Signed) William Dalrymple

Pondichery 12th
May 1784

To His Excellency the Marquis De Bussy

Sir,

The Commissaries appointed by your Excellency were informed by a letter from the English Commissaries, bearing Date the 3 Instant that the Governor & Select Committee had directed them to inform your Excellency that the English flag and the authority of the English Government were to be maintained in Pondichery until the Possession of that place should be given up to the French nation, in pursuance of the Treaty

I have since received a letter from the Madras Government to the same effect & as it therefore becomes my duty that their intentions should be carried into execution — I have the honor to acquaint your Excell.y that I propose to display the the British flag in Pondechirry early to morrow morning —

I have the Honor to be with the

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with the greatest Respect and most perfect Con-
-sideration —

Your most Humble Servant
(Signed) William Dalrymple
Col.e of This Britannick
Majesty's Service in India —

Condicherry
11th May 1784

A true Copy
William Dalrymple

A Monsieur
Monsieur William Dalrymple Colonel d'un
Regiment De Sa Majesté Britannique —
Condicherry ;

Monsieur,

Nous sommes autorisés par M.r le
Marquis de Bussy de vous offrir un ordre de sa part
a M.r Le Ch.er, du Roy, Commandant a Trinque-
-male, de rendre les deux forts que nous y pose-
-dons a Sa Majesté Britannique. Le Government
de Madras, de son coté, donnera un ordre pour
rendre Condicherry a sa majesté très Chretienne —

Il y à un Batallion de malais
appartenant aux Hollandois en Garnison, dans les
dits forts de Trinquemalé, M.r le Marquis De
Bussy remettra, en même tems que l'ordre pour
leur restitution, une lettre a M.r Vanlendem

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qui commande a Trinquemalé pour la Hollande de faire retirer ces troupes, des forts, devant être remis purement et simplement en vertu du traité de paix, dont copie a été envoyée officiellement par le gouvernement de Madras. a Mr. Le marquis de Bussy —

Nous avons l'honneur de vous reiterer que nous ne possedons que les deux forts de Trinquemalé & que les Hollandois jouissent de tout le reste —

Nous avons l'honneur d'être avec une très parfaite consideration —

Monsieur

Vos très humbles &

très Obeissants Serviteurs

(Signed) Cauloinceau Monneron,

Moracon,

Pondicherry
12 May 1784

a true Copy William Dalrymple

The President Proposes to the Committee the following Draft of an answer to the above letter which is read accordingly —

To Colonel Dalrymple

Sir, We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th Instant enclosing

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enclosing a Proposal made to you on the part of the Marquis de Bussy relative to the Cession of Trincomalay, the sense & letter of the Treaty pursuant to which that Cession is to be made, extends to complete Restitution of the whole that was taken from us at Trincomalay, which was not confin'd to the two Forts but to the whole Harbour and District. What ever was allowed by Mons^r Suffrein to be enjoyed by the Dutch was, according to M^r Fraleth's own letter, a Copy of which is enclosed, to be enjoyed only untill, and subject, to the French Kings Pleasure, when it should be known which is now known by his Treaty with Great Britain, whereby he engages to Deliver back to the English all places taken from them not specified in the Treaty. It is his pleasure therefore that so much of those places as was in the meantime in the hands of the Dutch, should be taken from thence to be put into those of the English. It is absolutely necessary therefore that the Marquis de Bussy's order for the Restitution of Trincomalay shall include all that had been in Possession of the English until deprived of it by Mons^r De Suffrein. We are willing that at the same time Pondicherry shall be ceded in form to the French Nation, but as the Dutch Commandant

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dait at Trincomalay may occuseon delay by waiting for orders from his immediate Superiors, notwithstanding the letter proposed to be written to him by the Marquis de Bufsy, it is necessary that the actual posession of the whole Distrect of Trincomalay, which has been in their hands, shall be as certained at Pondicherry, before the Investiture of that Place is made to the French, lest which otherwise might, contrary to the Intentions of the contracting Parties, take place long before the like Investeture of Trincomalay to the English might be effected; but, as it is not the desire of this Government that even the difficulty about the Dutch, which does not proceed from their act, should occasion any apparent inequality as to priority of posseession in the proposed arrangement between the representatives of the contracting Parties to the Definitive Treaty, we are willing to agree that, after the French Troops shall have evacuated Trincomalay and the Dutch Commandant shall agree to the just demand of the Marquis de Bufsy to withdraw from thence the Commandant who shall be sent to command there by us, shall not hoist the English Flag for a sufficient length of time, the departure of

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the French Troops to allow of their arrival at Pon-
dicherry or the certain account of their Embarkation
and Departure to be immediately followed by the
Cession in form of that place to the French, so as
that the French flag shall be hoisted there as soon
as the English flag at Trincomalay. We observe that,
to the Marquis de Bussy's proposal to you is tacked
a condition of your not hasting in the mean
time, the English flag at Pondicherry. The Marquis
de Bussy must be conscious that he can have no
right to propose any Condition previous to the
Performance of obligations imposed upon him
by the Treaty, which is not contained in that Treaty.
That Pondicherry is an English Possession in every
sence until the moment of its formal Cession
to France, that the English flag flew constantly
there till the Troubles caused by Hyder & Tippoo,
that, after the Death of one of those Princes & the
Departure of the others from the Carnatic, it was
from the inattention, unknown to this Govern-
ment, of the Officer who visited the Place in July 83,
that the English flag was not replaced there, & that
doing it was a matter of Course, which we directed
the moment we knew of the Omission. We cannot,
therefore, make it a matter of agreement with

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the Marquis De Bussy not to hoist the English
Flag in the Mean time, as it remains with us not
to make new agreements but to execute those of our
Sovereign. But we are willing, from a disposition
which has guided the whole of our Conduct towards
the Marquis de Bussy; that the Direction we sent
to hoist the Flag may be suspended for the present
moment, & shall not be carried into Execution
unless it shall appear to us or you that any Consi
derable or unnecessary delay be made in effecting
the restitution of Trincomalay to us. If the Marquis
de Bussy be willing to terminate this business im
mediately you will please to lose no time in
giving us notice, that we may send an order for
the (Cession) of Pondicherry to be made on the Terms
and on the events already mentioned, the orders rela
tive to Trincomalay must be forwarded to us as we
shall send them directly from hence, as it is proper
you should remain in the mean time with the few
Troops under your Command at Pondicherry —

We have the honor —

(Signed) Macartney —

Fort St George
15th May 1784

approved and ordered to be Copied fair and
Dispatched —

Read Letters (as ordered in M B —)

from

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from Lieutenants Thomson, Patterson, Mason, and Wells of the Bombay Establishment, requesting permission to proceed by the first opportunity to Bombay—

Agreed that they be permitted accordingly.

Agreed that the two Senior Bombay Officers be appointed to the Command of the Two Bombay Battalions—

Read the following letter from Captain Cuppage—

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

My Lord,

Having been attacked several Days ago with a violent pain and inflamation in both my feet, which confines me to my bed, and as the Surgeon Mr. Duffin is of opinion that I should go to the Coast for the benefit of the sea air, I must, therefore, request your Lordship will grant me permission to quit the Garrison, and that you will be pleased to let me know to whom I am to deliver over the Command—

Nothing but the bad state of my health and the necessity there is to have a person here who injoys a free use of his Limbs, shall I do

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do at present, could oblige me to make this re-
quest of your Lordship's —

I have the honor to be with
great respect

My Lord,

Your most Obedient humble
Servant,

[signed] John Cuppage —

Nellore
12th
13 May 1784

Agreed that Copy of the above Letter be sent to Gen-
eral Lang with direction to send an Officer he can depend
on to take the Command of Vellour for the present, and
to permit Captain Cuppage to come away as soon
as relieved —

Mr. Sadlier delivers in some accounts
and Vouchers of money expended by him on account
of the late Commission to Tippoo Sultaun, ordered
to be sent to Lieutenant Macalester the Paymaster
to the Commission to be included with his Accounts

Lieutenant Trapaud of the Corps of
Engineers being returned from Fort Marlbro',
where he has served with the Rank of Captain, and being
recommended by that Government for his conduct
and services there, agreed that he be appointed Capt.
Lieutenant of Engineers to rank as such from this
day —

In consideration of the meritorious Ser-
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vices of the late Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Fletcher,
who fell in the Action at Carambacum and as a tes-
timoney of the Company's regard to his memory, Resolved
that his son, Mr Robert Fletcher, be appointed a Cadet
on this Establishment —

Read the following letter from Sir
John Burgoyne —

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

My Lord,

Though I have little hopes that any
Representation from me will have weight with your
Lordship, yet I cannot refrain from remonstrating on the
Treatment my Regiment receives, the order of last night,
for one hundred Men to March to Arcot, seems a conti-
nuation of that determined plan to ruin my Regi-
ment which took place on its first arrival from
their being put in the Damp Lunetts, where they con-
tracted a Disorder, by which near one third of my
Regiment died, to this Moment no one opportunity
has been lost to ruin and undo it, Though the
Surgeon General gave it under his hand that the
Cause of my mens death was owing to their lyeing
on the damp Ground in the Malabar houses at

Mammalon

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Marmalon and Hough Swore to you myself on the Subject yet the wellfare of my men was treated with the same compltempt as my letter, and they were continued in the same situation by which I lost above Twenty men: they were, contrary to every custom in the King's Service, put upon an establishment of your own order, and one hundred Men devided into two Troops, sent to Camp, and the rest with my Lieutenant Colonel to the Most improper place for Cavalry in the whole settlement, the same One Hundred Men are now ordered to arcot at the hottest and most unhealthy season of the year, where your Lordship knows there is no accomodation for them; if your Lordship means they should go against the mutinous Cavalry, I must beg to Protest against it they are not sufficiently numerous to march against so large a body, and if, from being overpowered, they meet with disgrace, your Lordship stands accountable for it, why is not my whole Regiment sent! they are but weak, its true, but, an addition of sixty Men, would certainly make them more formidable - I will answer for their doing their utmost, Ill used as they are; but they should have fair play - you now owe the Captains four months pay for feed and its impossible they can go on

longer

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longer without being paid - the Slaves must starve for we have no money. If his Majestys Orders had been suffered to be obeyed, if they had not been evaded and scandalously delayed, my Regiment whould have been now Compleat, its near three Months since the Order came and yet nothing has been done, the whole should be now to gether to receive and discipline their Recruits of which I have a sufficient number offering to come. - your Lordship may be surprized at a letter of this sort from me, but, as long as my powers of remonstrating remain, I will stand up the Protector of my Regiment and, shall whenever I see it ill used, not only make my sentiments known to you, but to his Majesty, likewise, who, I trust, will not suffer such treatment of his Troops to pass unnoticed -

I have the Honor to be
My Lord
Your most Obed.t
humble Servant
(Signed)
John Burgoyne

Gardens
8th May 1784

The Committee cannot without forgetting what they owe themselves continue to correspond with

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with an Officer capable of assisting that there has been a determined plan to ruin his Regiment, this assertion with others of the same nature and the indecent stile which in General marks his late Correspondence with this Government, are obviously the effect of ill humour and Chagrin at the situation to which Sir John Burgoyne has brought himself by his own Conduct. It is true Sir John Burgoyne, immediately on his arrival, began to distinguish himself by his Complaints of every thing furnished for the Accommodation of his Regiment, Quarters, which had been inhabited by other Troops, both of his Majesty and the Company, without the least Murmur, and Cotts not only received without Complaint but were highly approved by other Corps of his Majesty's Troops, were condemned by Sir John Burgoyne and represented as unwholesome, and unfit for use, to gratify him the Quarters were changed and the Cotts strictly examined and found perfectly good but the removal of every supposed cause of Complaint would not extinguish his passion for Complaining, of which He gave

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but a very inadequate discription in our General
Letter by the Pondicherry, by saying that the ut-
most endeavors on our part to shew attention
to Sir John Burgoyne, as well as to his
Regiment, had fallen short of the sense he
entertained of the Claims of both —

As to Sir John Burgoyne's
Complaint that his whole Regiment was not
sent to Arcot, we do not think him so good
a Judge as the Commander in Chief, who
expressly pointed out the Detachment that
was sent.

It is true that there are four
Months pay due on Account of the Contract
for feeding the horses of the 23 Regiments, or
about one third of the arrears due for the Con-
tract for feeding the Company's Cavalry —
the other Officers of the 23 Regiment thought
this small and do not Complain and,
if Sir John Burgoyne really thinks it a
Grievance he may at any time relieve himself
from his share of it by giving up the con-
tract for feeding his Troops, Sir John
Burgoyne's Complaints are the more unjustifiable as he must know our distresses and

cannot

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Cannot be ignorant that while this Regiment and the rest of the Kings Troops receive their Pay two Months in advance / an Indulgence unknown elsewhere / our own Troops are deeply in arrears —

The orders of his Majesty's are not directed to this Government but we neither know, nor believe that there has been any avoidably delay in executing them —

Agreed that a Company's Bond for five thousand (5000) Star Pagodas be granted to Mr William Ross and that a Bill to the same amount be granted in his favor on the Honble the Governor General and Council at the Exch.e of 375 Rupees p.r 100 Star Pagodas both the above Sums to be carried to the debit of the agent Victuallers —

E.P. Morris

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Fort St George May 1784

16th

Dispatched the following Letter to Colonel Fullarton

To Colonel Fullarton.

Commanding the Southern

Forces;

Sir,

To Colonel Fullarton enclosing Copy of a Report respecting some Subidars belonging to the Nabob, who have been sent to the Southward to recruit. Directing him to use his Endeavours to secure them and to retain Possession of Dindigul, in Consequence of Tippoo not having restored all the Prisoners.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to send you the enclosed Copy of a report made to the Right Honble the President, and to desire that you will use your utmost endeavors to discover and Secure the Subadars therein named, and all other persons whatsoever who may at any time be found recruiting without proper authority from this Government.

I am also directed to inform you that, of the Prisoners who were in the Mysore Country about 1200 Europeans and 3000 Sepoys, are returned; but the Stipulations on this head in the treaty of peace with Tippoo Sultaun are not yet completely fulfilled as you will perceive by the enclosed Copy of a letter lately written to him. You are, therefore, of course for the present to keep possession of Dindegul and its districts, till specially directed by the Select Committee to deliver them up; but, as the Select Committee understand that you apprehend a want of provisions to subsist the Troops under your Command, they authorise you to make any arrangements that you may judge necessary to obviate that Inconvenience, Observing that Strict Economy which the present State of the Company's affairs renders so indispensibly necessary.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(Signd) John Stoddeston

Secretary

Fort St George
16th May 1784

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Your most obedient

humble Servant

(Signd) John Huddleston

Secretary

Fort St George

16th May 1784

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16 NB. The first Paragraph of the foregoing Letter was Circular to the different Southern Garrisons

Received Letters / as entered in Miscellany Book No.

From Ensign Dyce

From Ensign Dyce, takes the Command of the Troops in the Fort of Rungen Ghur

From Mr. Ogilvie

From the Paymaster of Vellore, enclosing a Return of Casualties in that Garrison for two Years

From Masulipatam

From the Chief & Council of Masulipatam advising of the loss of the Madeira, on Board of which 150 Troopers Saddles had been embarked.

From Colonel Forbes

From Colonel Forbes the Troops under his Command perfectly quiet.

From Genl. Campbell

From General Campbell, requesting that a Field Officer may be ordered from the Fort of Pondamalley to sit as President to the General Court martial to be convened the 20th Instant

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Dispatched Letters as entered in Miscellany Book No.

To Capt. Edmonds

To Capt. Edmonds, directing him to send a European Officer to Captain Hope, Commanding in the Palmaud.

To Capt. Hope

To Capt. Hope directing him to use his best Endeavours to protect the Palmaud, without interfering in the Cause of either Party

To Mr. Geo. Savage

To the Import Warehousekeeper, directing him to furnish Capt. Joseph Greenway with twelve Candles of Sheet Copper

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To Mr John Turing

To the Military Paymaster General, desiring him to deduct the amount of 12 Candles of Sheet Copper from the Sum due to Captain Joseph Greenway from the Company

To Col Straubenzie

To Colonel Straubenzie, desiring him to order a field Officer from the Garrison of Pondamallee, to Sit as President to the General Court Martial about to be convened.

Received the following Letter and Enclosures from Captain George Campbell

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Capt. George Campbell, requesting permission to return to Europe, and to be favorably mentioned to the Court of Directors enclosing certificate of ill Health, and a recommendation of the Commander in Chief to be entitled to the Provision made for the Support of wounded Officers

The situation of my Health, proceeding from the Wound which I received on the 11th September 1781 having reduced me to the Necessity of returning to Europe, In hopes of obtaining that Relief which I have in vain expected here, I request Your Lordship &c. permission to resign the Honble Company's Service, and that you will be pleased to make such mention of me to the Honble Court of Directors, That, if I should ever be restored to Health (which, however, is very doubtful) I may have leave to return to this Service without prejudice to my Rank. It is a Service which is my only Dependence and I beg leave to enclose a Recommendation of the Commander in Chief, as well as one from the three principal Surgeons, to entitle me to the provision made for the Relief and Support of Officers who, from Wounds &c. are Incapable of further Service. To this recommendation I have

subjoined

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17 Subjoined a Certificate on oath of my not being possessed in any manner whatever of the Sum which would exclude me from that Provision; and I have further to request that Your Lordship &c will be pleased to direct my being received on Board the Royal Bishop with my Servant and Baggage that I may be enable to proceed to Europe in that Ship, which I understand will Sail in a Day or two —

I have the honor to be with Great Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most faithfull
& Obed.t Servant,
(signd) Geo. Campbell —

Fort St George
17th May 1784

By Lieutenant General Ross Lang, Commander in Chief of the Hon.ble Company's Forces on the Coast of Coromandel.

Whereas it is ordered by the regulations for transacting the business of the Hon.ble Company's Military Fund, for the relief & maintainance of European Officers and Soldiers who by wounds or otherwise, are rendered incapable of further Service in India, that they produce a Certificate from their Commanding Officer as one of the requisites to entitle them to the provision made by the said fund —

I do hereby Certify that Captain George Campbell Commanded the 11th Battalion of Sepoys on this Establishment, that he served the Hon.ble Company faithfully for the term of fourteen Years, and that by a severe wound he received in the loins on the 11th of September 1780 (which wound he

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If has hitherto proved incurable) he is entirely incapable of rending the Company any further Service in India, and therefore returns to England depending on the provision made by the Said Fund—

Given under my hand in Fort St George this 14th Day of May 1784—

(signd) Ross Lang
Lieutenant General & Commandr in Chief of the Honble East India Company's Forces on the Coast of Coromandel

To the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies—

We the President & Select Committee of Fort St George do approve of the foregoing given under our hands at Fort St George this 18th Day of May 1784—

Macartney
Anthony Sadlier
Alexander Davidson
Robert Maunsell

Madras 13th May 1784—

We three Surgeons declare on oath that Captain George Campbell of this Establishment is so much weakened by the discharge of matter from a Wound in the Loins,

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17th a colder climate is thought neessary for his recovery, and therefore recommend his taking the earliest Opportunity of a Voyage to Europe

Ja.s Anderson
Surgion Genl.

(Signd) Colley Lucas
Surgion Majr.

W.m Rain
Surgion

Sworn to Before me
(Signd) John Turing
One of His Majesty's Justices
of the Peace.

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I George Campbell, Captain, do Swear that I am not possessed of the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds Sterling

(Signd) Geo Campbell

Sworn before me (no Stamp'd paper to be had) this day

(Signd) Alex.r Davidson
Justice

Received the following Letter and Enclosure from Mr Hippesley

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

My Lord,

From Mr Hippisley enclosing Copy of a letter to him from Col: Martine at Ramnad, advising of the Battalion of Sepoys quartered in that Fort having mutinied and of their having returned to their duty, on Promise of being paid their arrears in a few Days

I have the honor to transmit to Your Lordship Copy of a Letter which I this Evening received from Colonel Martine, I now also dispatched Express, Copies of the same to Colonel Fullarton & Mr Sullivan

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your Lordships
most Obedient
& most humble Servant
(Signed) J. Cox: Hippesley

Tanjore
May 14th 1784

To John Cox Hippesley Esqr
acting Resident at
Tanjore.

Sir,

I am extremely Sorry to inform You that the 6th inst in the morning the Battalion of Sepoys on this Garrison mutinyd, they brought the Arms on the Parade and would not mount the guard. I went to them to endeavour to make them understand Reason, but without Effect, nothing would Satisfy them but to Recive the whole arears of Pay due to them - I offerd to Advance to them 2 Pag[s] aman towards their Arears, requested of them to be quiet, that Government would undoubtedly do them justice done &c but they would not hearken to any thing. it was then about 2 o Clock & as I saw that they would not come to any

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the 17 terms, and I was almost exhausted with anxiety, & by the extraordinary Heat of the Sun wanted to retire, but they would not let me; as the Men's Barracks are just by, I took a Sudden Walk there to be Sheltered from the Sun, where I remaind till 8 o'Clock at night, when Some of them, by Agreement of the whole, came to me giving me Leave to go Home to Victuals, & in the morning to Come to Settle their business here again. I argued with them, wanting to make them Sensible of the impropriety of their Behaviour &c but in vain; & went home & the next morning before I had time to Come to them, most of them went to Moota Tola Poly's House and insisted upon his coming to the Parade along with them, He wanted to Reason with them, but, observing them resolved to insult him, he came out and got into his Pallankeen & came. & as the Katchery is just at the Parade, altho they wanted he Should go to the Parade to sit in the Sun &c. he stepd under the Katchery's Pandall and seated himself on the Steps, where I likewise went and again endeavord to persuade the men to be quiet; but to no purpose at all; at last they came to a Resolution that, for the arrears Due to them by the Company, that they would wait, but the arrears due to them by the Nabob, they must have it immediately. The Rajah fearing of being insulted must, Sent Several times to his Minister to Pay & Satisfy the men &c

Vengata Subiah, who has been appointed by Mr. Sulivan to Receive & Disburse the Public Money, was present himself, & and the Rajah's Minister, we three Consulted & agreed, that it was proper to Pay the Battalion to prevent Confusion in the Town, afterwards to represent the Case to Government who will take it into Consideration & give Orders to what account this Money is to be carried to —

The men were told that they should have the

Arrears

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17th arrears Due to them by the Nabob to return to their Duty, Now the term of Payment was another point to be Settled, the Minister Said he would pay them in 30 Days, the men wanted it in two Days, and before they would take up the arms, at last by good Deal of trouble I persuaded them to wait 8 or 10 Days, they went off, & this morning (have) mounted the Guard & are now Settling their accounts with their Vakeels & Sheebdars, by a moderate Calculation I think it will amount to 10,000 Pag.s and upwards, the payment being so Sudden it must be made out of the money intended to be remitted to Tanjore, for which the Rajah and his Minister are very Sorry, being thereby unable to Comply with the Greement made Lately at Tanjore with Mr. Sullivan for a Lack of Rupees & requested of me to represent to you this affair in a proper manner So as that no Blame may come on them for not making the remittances as agreed upon. —

I have the honor to be —

Sir,

Your most Obdt humble

Servant

(Signd) Mo Hartley.

Ramnad
8th May 1784

/ true Copy /
(Signd) J Cox Kippesley.

Wrote the following letter to Colonel Fullarton

To Colonel Fullarton
Commanding the Southern Forces,

Sir,

I am directed by the President & Select Committee to inform You that on General Lang

To Col. Fullarton informing him of the Commencement of the mutiny at Arnee, and Countermanding the Orders sent to him

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17 with a Detachment against the Mutinous Cavalry at Arnee, they laid down their arms, & returned to their duty. The Ringleaders are secured, except two who made their escape but as high rewards are offered, it is hoped they may be taken & brought back.

This affair has happily terminated so that any Conditions what can bind our hands from making such severe Examples of the principal offenders, as will effectually prevent future disorders of this kind.

I am now to inform You that in case the Detachment ordered in the letter of the 8th Instant has not begun its march & that you think its remaining to the Southward at this time necessary for the public Service, the Select Committee desire you to detain it, but if it is already on its way & that no inconvenience is to be apprehended from so many Europeans being detached hither, It is to proceed to Arcott & wait there for further advice.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient
& humble Servant
(Signd) J. Hudleston
Secretary.

Fort St George
17th May 1784

Received the following Letter from Brigd. General Horne and Lieut. General Lang

My Lord,

Permit me to congratulate Your Lordship on the happy termination of the Mutiny at Arnee - as this has been accomplished without the Generals having given any

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17th terms that can bind his hands or Govt, Such examples may be made on the principal Offenders - as may have the most Salutary effects, not only in awing the discontented parts of every part of our Army - But may deter any body of Troops in future from ever presuming to go the lengths these Regiments have done - I am sorry three or four of the ring Leaders are escapd - Among these Mutineers it appears there are some have some Merit, Stephenson's Regt appears to have behaVd well -

I have the honor to be with great Respect,
My Lord,
Your Lordships most Obd
Humble Servant
(Signd) Natl Horne

Innes
May 16th 1784

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Genl Lang the mutineers Surrender

I have now the pleasure to inform You that the Cavalry upon my appearing with a Detachment, have laid down their Arms and returned to their Duty - Capt Stevenson's Regiment have behaved pretty well, & prevented the other Regiments from carrying off their Officers Yesterday, agreeable to the plan they had formed - I have secured some of the Ringleaders and have offered a reward of a thousand Rupees for the persons of Imaum ud Dien, & aly beg both principals in this business - who have this morning made off -

I Shall Write You more particularly tomorrow, when matters are in a more regular State than at present - The Officers are all well I have the honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Yr

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17th Anne
9 o'Clock A.M.
16th May 1784

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signd) R. Lang

Received the following Letter from Colonel Stuart

My Lord,

From Col Stuart a Detachment agreeably to the orders of Government, moves to Tritchinopolly, to be in readiness to march to the Northward, under the Command of Colonel Elphinstone

In Consequence of your Lordships letter of the 6th to Colonel Fullarton, a Copy of which was forwarded to me by Mr Hippesley and Received this forenoon, I have ordered Colonial Elphinston with the detachments of the 15th and 16th Hanoverians and Madrass Regt with Two Six pounders and the 17th & 21st Battalions of Sepoys with their Guns to proceed to Tritchinopolly; they march in half an hour and will arrive there tomorrow forenoon, where Colonel Elphinston is directed to remain untill he receives further orders from Colonel Fullarton, or from me.

I have acquainted Colonel Fullarton by Express of the March of this detachment for Trichinopolly, and have given every necessary direction Respecting the two Months pay, provision &c which your Lordship desires the detachment may be furnished with, in order that there may be no delay, should your Lordship still find it necessary for this detachment to proceed to the northward.

The 17th & 21st Battalions have Each a Brigade of Six pounders attached to them which makes the Artillery with the Detachment to Consist of Six Sixpounders under Capt Pte Santa.

As Your Lordship desires that this

detachment

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17th detachment may be put under the Command of an Officer of approved Spirit and discretion, Your intentions could not be more amply fulfilled than in the present Instance, Sending Colonel Stephenson who very justly merits that Character.

I have the honor most Respectfully to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordships most Obt.

and most humble Servant

(Signd) J. Stuart

Camp Curtallum
12th May 1784

Sent the following Letter to Major General Campbell

To Major General Allan Campbell
Commanding His Majesty's Troops
in India.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of Your Letter to them of the — Inst. & to inform You that agreeably to Your Request, they have been pleased to direct Colonel Straubenzee to order a Field Officer from the Garrison of Comanallee to Sit as President of the General Court Martial to be assembled in this Fort on Thursday the 20th Inst.

To Major Genl. Campbell informing him that a field Officer has been ordered from the Garrison of Pondicherry to sit as President General Court martial to be convened on Thursday next

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obd. Servant

(Signd) J. Hudleston Secretary

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Received the following Letter from Colonel

Pearse

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B. ~

President & Select Committee ;

My Lord & Gentlemen ,

From Colonel Pearse hopes to be able to cross the Kistna, before the flood comes down which generally happens at this Season of the year, and makes the River impassable - - -

This Morning I received a Devise from Lieut. Col. Edmondson, whom I detached with two Regiments & the Native Artillery &c to Setop the Guns, that they were in his possession & in his Camp, & that he Should Set off as this morning & join tomorrow.

Major Deare was gone, but a Letter was dispatched after him, or the Officer, who has charge of the Lascars &c on their way back to follow me with all Convenient Speed

Colonel Edmondson writes that the People of the Villages behaved extreamly well, Supplying him with Rice, the finest we have met with, & Sold it at eighteen Seers; & he Says the Rice was extreamly good. I mention this to Shew there is good Rice to be had in Nellore district, & also we are as well Supplied as this Place as we could wish to be & now we have a few Bullocks to find round about, & the Country People find they get well paid & protected when they come to us, our difficulties diminish, & we are better off now we shift for ourselves, than we have been since we quitted the Presidency

This Morning too I was informed that the Kishna rose four days ago & is not fordable, but they expect the Waters will Subside as it seems it is usual for the waters to rise Soon in Land then to Storms about this

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17th Season, & to fall again, the rising that is occasioned by the Monsoon does not happen till June, we crossed it on the 8th in the morning going to Madras: it was fordable, with care, till the 9; then rose gradually & slowly, till on a Sudden the flood came down & spread it from Bank to Bank, & in the Branch which we passed in the morning of the eleventh over a dry sand, there was barely a ford at Sun Set, & that dangerous from the rapidity of the Waters.

Such being the usual Progress of the waters, as the Season draws so very near, I hope we shall be permitted to push to the Banks to be ready to Cross when we can.

Agreeably to this I shall proceed the day after tomorrow & get to Ongole, where I hope to be honord with Your further Commands in answer to my Letter of the 11th Inst.

I am,
with the greatest Respect
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
& most Humble Servant,
(Signd) J. D. Pearse.
Comanding the Bengal Troops
Serving Under the
Madras Presidency.

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14th May 1784

Received the following Letter and Enclosures
from the Committee of Assigned Revenue

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

Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From the Committee of assigned Revenues are ignorant of the Supplies furnished the Bengal Detachment, having no accounts of the Revenue previous to the assignment Enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Renter of Palnaud respecting the Chowndy Poligar, not paying his arrears of Peshcash, and Extracts of a Letter from the Renter of Nellore respecting the Rice provided for Colonel Pearse's Detachment

We have received the honor of your Commands of the 3d Instant, and in reply beg leave to inform your Lordship &c. that we have no accounts of the Revenue previous to the Nabob's assignment, and Consequently cannot ascertain the Supplies which were furnished the Bengal Detachment on its march to Madras.

We have the honor to inclose for your information Copy of a Letter from the Renter of Palnaud, and two Extracts of a Letter from the Renter of Nellore, one alluding to the backwardness of the Chowndy Poligar in discharging his arrears of Peshcash, and the other to the Rice provided for the Bengal Detachment, In Consequence of the bad quality of the Rice then sent by Colonel Pearse, we had recommended that Vencat Row should be reprimanded, but it now appears that he was not culpable, the Rice having Been furnished by Mr Lind from the Company's Store.

We have the honor to be,
My Lord and Gentlemen,
your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signd) Chas Oakeley,
David Haliburton,
Geo. Stanbray.

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Copy of a Letter from Hurry Sing Renter of Palnaud to the Governor ~

Dated Jammadyul Sany or 25th Aprie 1784

Rajeshevor row, the Son of the late Zemindar of this Country, Veer Budero, has for a length of time lived under the protection of Wajeriddy Ramanah, a Zemindar in the district of Guntoor and Ellore; and from thence, has made frequent incursions into this district. ~ on the 29th of last month he came and plundered the Villages of Pourgueral, Senepaud, Chintapully &c and the town of Caratmpoody, and cut the ears and noses of many of the inhabitants ~ Sent Some peons after him to the Gauts, but his people took Shelter in the woods and hills, from whence they will probably make inroads into this district, and it is necessary that the Gauts Should be secured ~

It was on that account that I applied to your Excellency lately to raise Some peons, but you were pleased to inform me in answer to this that the defence of the District rested with the Officer who commanded here ~ Therefore applied to him, as soon as the ravages above mentioned were reported to me ~ He returned for answer that it was very true the defence of the district rested with him, but his force was very Small, and he could not spare any to Send to the Gauts, that then people were only plunderers and there was no pursuing them with a certainty of reaching them. But that I Should raise Some Sibbendy peons to guard the passes against their incursions ~ Having no other remedy, I have with the knowledge of the Commanding Officer, raised Some Sibbendys for this Service alone ~ the Case is this ~ Rummerud deen Caun's people

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17th People have plundered several Villages in the Circar of Guntoor, and it is reported that the above mentioned Rajes hower has sent a Vakeel to him, for his assistance to recover the possession of this district, and all the troubles that have happened are owing to the encouragement given him by Rummer ud Deen Cawn. This is the Season for collecting the revenue, and all Business is at a Stand, owing to the constant alarms the Ryots are under. I shall hereafter transmit Your Excellency an account of the damage sustained. — I now send You enclosed an original letter under the Seal of the above Rajeshower, addressed to the Ryots of the Purgunah of Yanguva and he has wrote in like Manner to the Ryots of the other Purgunas. — I hope Your Excellency will write to the Chief of Masulipatam to make Wasareddy Ramana deliver up this troublesome enemy, who has taken refuge with him at Gurimetta in the Purgunah of Vin-dawore, 8 Cos from Condapilla, and make Wasareddy Ramanah answerable for all the damage he occasions, untill he delivers up the abovementioned Zemindar. — Untill this is done there will be no end to his incursions, and the Ryots will be constantly under alarms. —

This district is not only open to the incursions of this Zemindar, but is a thorough Pass for the troops of the Nabob — Nizam ud Doula, which have lately passed in great numbers under the Ammand of Seyf Jung. — Your Excellency will, therefore, be pleased to take measures for its safety — the Troops Stationed here are very few, and not adequate to the Service required. —

Translation of a Gentoo Letter from Ram Raiz Rajaswara Row, Dafsatry of the Circar of Cumbum to the Currums and Ryots

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17th Ryots of the District of Palnaud, Dated 15th April 1784

I am collecting forces in the District if you continue to live in your Villages I will have your Bellys opened and filled with Shells, and Straw, you are therefore not to reap the Crop, and begin the Cultivation of the district, observe this as an Order

True Copies
(Signd) J. Landon
Secrt.

Extracts of a Letter From the Renter of Nellore to the Governor

Dated 14th Jemmadyul Sani or 6th May 1784

The Polygar of Choundy has not yet paid his arrears of Peshcush, altho' I have written to him and used force with his Vakeel, but he is not to be brought to any terms unless two or three Companies of Sepoys are Sent against him, and if this is not done Soon, nothing will be received from him

The Detachment commanded by Colo. Pearse arrived here the 12th of this month - In consequence of Your Orders, I had sent to every Stage throughout this District, & provided the Grain - When Colonel Pearse arrived at Nellore, he found the Rice that was provided by Mr Lind to be so bad that he would not take it, and he thereupon ordered one Thurry Pundit (whom I had sent to him in Order to furnish him with whatever he might want) to procure fine rice for which he would pay re-

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of money which Hurry Pundit accordingly paid at every Stage they came to, and Colonel Pearse was fully supplied with every thing he wanted - When he arrived within one Cos of Vellore I went out to meet him, and presented my Nuzzer to him, and was graciously received, after which I accompanied him to Vellore and during his Stay, which was four days, sent him fruits &c

I also furnished firewood and Straw as I was directed by Colonel Pearse & sent him 200 Coolies 100 Palenkeen Bearers, five Hasearrahs, Dehlagets, & Horsekeepers, as he is to make four Stages between this & Ongole, and I have written to my Aumils at each Stage to furnish him with whatever he may want for the Detachment, and have sent Hurry Pundit along with him to receive his orders -

True Extracts
(Signd) J Landon
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Wm Wm Rose

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Dispatched Letters as entered in Misc Larry Book No

To the agent Victualler directing him to Send to Vellore 20 Casks of Salt Provisions, well examined and packed up -

Mr Ogilvie

To the Paymaster of Vellore, desiring him in future to issue Pay to the Small Forts & Garrisons in the Vellore distrct lately restored to us -

Mr Wm Light

To the Paymaster of Pallamcottah granting him Permission to return to the Presidency

Mr Thos Welch

To the Paymaster to the Army, desiring him in future to issue Pay to the Small Garrisons lately restored to us in the Arcot Districts -

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To Capt Wm Mears

To Captain Mears Commander of the Royal Bishop, directing him to accomodate Capt George Campbell with a passage to England

To Lieut Mandeville

To Lieut Charles Fredrick Mandeville, enclosing Extract from the Letter to Fort Marlbo

Received Letters as entered in Miscellany Book Nos

From Capt Montgomery

From Captain Montgomery, with a particular account of the Loss of the Detachment under his Command on the 30th August 1783

From Col Pearse

From Colonel Pearse, shall use the utmost Expedition on his Route, and leave his Guns at Ellore

Sent the following Letter to the Committee of assigned Revenue

To Charles Oakely Esq
& Member of the Committee
of Assigned Revenue.

Gentlemen,

To the Committee of assigned Revenue acknowledging the receipt of this letter of the 30th ultimo, and informing them of what has been done in Consequence thereof

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of Your Letter to them of the 30th Ultimo, enclosing the Translation of a Letter from the Rajah of Ramnadporam & an Extract from a Petition from the Renter at Arcot & to inform You, that a Copy of the former has been transmitted to the Resident at Tanjore with directions to enquire into the truth of the Complaints contained therein & to cause Speedy & effectual justice to be rendered to the Rajah but the Committee have deferred for the present, the Consideration of the

measure

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Measure of sending a Civil Servant to reside in his Country—

In consequence of the petition from the Inhabitants Renter— the Select Committee desire that you will recommend to the Merchants the bringing their Gold to the Madras Mint to be coined into Porto Novo Pagodas—

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) I. Huddleston
Secretary—

Fort St. George
18th May 1784

I Sent the following Letters

To Lieut. Sundt
Commanding at Chundergurry.

To Lieut. Sundt desiring to know from whom & in what manner he received the Grain found in the Fort of Chundergurry, and why so large a Quantity has been since removed by the Calastry Rajah

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Your Letter of the 3d Instt and to inform you that the Select Committee desire You will acquaint them from whom, & in what Manner, You received, or took Charge of, the Grains found in the Fort of Chundergurry— whose property it was considered to be, and under what plea so large a Quantity, as is mentioned in Your Letter to them, has been since removed by the Calastry Rajah or his people—

With respect to Your application for Artificers, the Select Committee do not think it necessary to order any to be sent to Chundergurry untill they shall have a report of the plan

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18th plaw and how far such an Establishment may be necessary.—

I am,

Sir,

Your most Obed.t Servant,

(Signed) J. Hudleston

Secretary

Fort St George
18th May 1784

To Mr James Taylor,

Assay Master.

To Mr James Taylor, directing him to ascertain and report the touch & exact standard of Portonovo Pagodas; and how many may be procured by one hundred Star Pagodas.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee, to desire you will, with as little delay as possible, ascertain, & report to them, the touch & exact Standard of each Species of Porto Novo Pagodas and what number of Porto Novo Pagodas may be produced by one hundred Star Pagodas.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obed.t Servant

(Signed) J. Hudleston

Secretary

Fort St George
18th May 1784

To Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K.t B.t

Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed in the East Indies.

To Sir Edward Hughes cannot discharge the Sum advanced by the agent Victualler for Godown Rent in Spain

Sir,

We have had the honor to receive Your Letter and Enclosure of the 8th Instant in answer to which We are under the necessity of assuring You, that it is wholly out of our power to discharge

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18th discharge the Sum advanced by the agent Victualler and Store-keeper for the Rent of Godowns for the Stores and Provisions of his Majesty's Squadron, nor can we answer, in the present situation of the Company's affairs, that We Shall be able, in future, exactly to discharge it in Specie when due, but so desirous are we to do every thing in our power to Settle this matter, that we are willing to grant either a Bond for the Amount, or Bills on Bengal, or even on the Honble Court of Directors, altho' the latter is liable to so much exception that nothing could induce us to do it but the most pressing necessity.

We have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
(Signd) Macartney &c.
Select Committee.

Fort St George
18th May 1784

To Lieut. Keith Macalester
Paymaster to the late Commission. to the Nabob Tippoo
Sultaun Bahauder

Sir,

To the paymaster to the late deputation to Tippoo Sultaun directing him to receive Mr Sadlers accounts and include them in the General accounts to be delivered in by him as official Paymaster

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to desire You will receive from Mr Sadlier the accounts of the Monies received & paid, and of disbursement made by him on account of the late Commission, and that You will include the Same in the General accounts which must be delivered in by You as the Official Paymaster to the Same.

I am,
Sir,
Your most Obdt Servant
(Signd) J Stoddeston
Secretary

Fort St George
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Fort St George, 6 May 1784

18: P.S. Since writing the above, Mr Sadlier having delivered to the Select Committee his accounts of Disbursements, I now enclose them to You for the purpose above mentioned

To the Honble Edward Coles Esqr
President & Governor
& Select Committee
Fort Marlbro

Gentlemen,

To Bencoolen, desiring to know of the Conduct of Captn Mandeville has been such as to forfeit the Rewards promised to him, and if not his Rank will be restored to him here and he is to be allowed return to this Presidency if he think proper. [illegible]

We had the honor to address You a Letter on the 27th ult. by the Honble Company's Packet Morning Star which Sailed from hence on the 2d Inst. — a Duplicate of that Letter is now forwarded to You by the Royal Bishop, together with a List of the Papers that were enclosed in our Letter to You p. Morning Star —

As Captn Mandeville had complained of not having met with the Encouragement from You, which was promised in your Letter to us of the 13th august 1779, We desire to know of You, whether his Conduct has been such as to forfeit the Rewards which he was given to expect on being ceded to you, — should nothing of that kind be objected to him on good grounds, We shall restore him to his Rank on our Establishment, & We desire you to permit him to return to his Duty here, in case he prefers such restoration of Rank to the Station he now holds at Fort Marlbro

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen

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Fort St George, 18th May 1784

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servants

(Signd) Macartney &c

Select Committee

To James Daniel Esqr.

Chief & Council of Masulipatam.

Circular Letter to out Garrisons advising of the mutiny having been fortunately quelled

I am directed by the President & Select Committee to inform you, that on General Lang's appearing with a Detachment against the Mutinous Cavalry at Arnee, they laid down their arms, and returned to their duty. The Ring leaders are secured except two, who made their Escape, but as high rewards are offered, it is hoped they may be taken & brought back. This affair has happily terminated without any Conditions which can bind our hands from making such Severe examples of the principal Offenders, as will effectually prevent future disasters of this kind.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient & Servant

(Signd) J. Hudleston.

Secretary

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To John Sullivan Esqr.

Resident at Tanjore.

Sir,

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To Mr Sulivan
desiring him to
enquire into the
Complaints made
by the Rajah of Ramnad
on the enclosed Copy
of a Letter from him

Fort St George, May 19th 1784

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to transmit to you the enclosed Letter which has been received from the Rajah of Ramnad, & to desire you will enquire into the Truth of the Complaints contained therein, and cause speedy & effectual Justice to be rendered to the Rajah.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) J. Hudleston
Secretary

Fort St George
18th May 1784

From the Commander
in Chief with an
account of the surrender
of the mutineers and
of the manner it
was effected enclosing
Letter to him from
Major Campbell

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I wrote you Yesterday informing you that the mutiny of the Cavalry at Arnee was happily at an end, without my being under the necessity of making use of the force I had with me against them.

I marched the 15th at night from Arcot, and arrived a little after day break near the Fort of Arnee, where I found a Piket posted — a message was sent me by the Ringleader, to which I made no other answer than desiring the European officers might be immediately sent to me — They then sent me a Mr Wilson — but I told them I should not listen to any proposals but what were made by Colonel Campbell who must be immediately sent to me — this they declined doing, but sent me a letter, a Copy of which is enclosed upon perusing this I ordered the Troops to advance determined to compel them to obedience — as they were drawn up on the other side of the Fort I was obliged to take a circuit round the Glacis — where to my great

Satisfaction

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Satisfaction I feard Captain Stevensons Regiment disinclined to the Service may be depended upon during the Contest may be depend the Officers have any attempt of the other Regiments to carry them off upon seeing the Detachment advance and that they could not escape, the rest of them submitted during the confusion amongst them the head man with a few of the most guilty made off. I immediately sent some people after them, but without success. They followed them about 14 miles and found his Cloaths which he had thrown away & also those of Ali Beg his associate. Sauer Sauer, a Subidar in the Service, had joined the mutineers in the beginning of the business them we found together with a private Trooper who had been one of the most active and daring — as I deemed it highly necessary for the benefit of the Service to make a severe example on the Spot, I ordered them both (with the Concurrence of the Field Officers) to be blown away from a Gun in the Evening — this was done in presence of the whole of the Troops & I hope & trust will be attended with every good effect — Some others who were represented as having behaved ill tho' not in so great a degree, received very severe Corporal punishment & were ordered to be discharged. I thought it proper to march this morning & was glad to find that they were perfectly Obedient — I am thus far on my return to the place where I shall post the Cavalry in such a manner as to keep them under the eye of the Europeans — I shall be in Madras in a few days and shall then Consult with your Lordship &c on the measures it may be necessary further to take respecting the Cavalry —

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
your most obd servant
(Signd) Ross Lang.

Camp near Timeray
17th May 1784.

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18th P.S. The father of Imaum ud Deen is a Fackeer & has a Mosque near Masulipatam — as he has been disappointed in his views of Carrying off the Cavalry, I think it probable he may retire thither — Mr Daniel may possibly discover him, if advised of this circumstance

To Lieut. General Lang, or officer Commanding the Troops approaching — Arnee.

Sir

Since I sent Lieut Wilson to acquaint you that the wellaffected part of the men (nearly 9/10ths of their number) had offered to return to their duty & that the disaffected had requested their discharge & to be paid off, I have had a request from those who mean to serve for a promise of payment of their arrears at early and Stated periods, which I entreat they may be indulged with — as it may save the lives of many innocent creatures —

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obd. humble Servt.

(signd) Dug. Campbell.

Camp at Arnee
17th May 1784.

A true Copy

(signd) Joseph Garrow
Lieut. Commt in Chief

Sam. L. Ballman

Received Letters as entered in Miscellany Book No. 19...

From Lieut. Ballman with Information of the extreme Indisposition of the Commandant of Chingleput in Consequence of

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19th of which he assumed the Command of that Garrison

From Tippoo Sultaun

Received Letter from Tippoo Sultaun as entered in Country Correspondence No representing that the district of Canara, including Coneikgerry, has been put under the orders of Kummerud Deen Cawn, with Permission either to let the Zemindar of Veneatagherry Continue to rent it, or appoint another in his Room

From Capt. Laws

From the Commandant of Pennacoil, as unable to send at present a European officer with the Detachment to Condicherry.

From Masulipatam

From the Chief & Council at Masulipatam respecting Mr Weston's Accounts as Surgeon to General Jones' Detachment.

To Mr Wm Balfour

Sent Letter to Mr William Balfour as entered in Miscellany Book No enclosing Copy of a Letter to the Committee from Capt. Watts respecting his Claim to Share in the off Reckoning Fund

Received the following Letter from Colonel Fullarton

To the Right Honble The Governor and President and Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Colonel Fullarton the movements of the Detachment ordered to arrive to be Contented with the utmost Expedition – two months pay to be issued immediately to the whole army – Recommends that the full allowances be not struck off till the Dividend

In obedience to the orders of the Right Honble the President, and those Communicated to me by Mr Studdeston Colonel Stuart, commanding the Troops near Cuttalo

at present because in general orders
I had notified to the whole army previously
to the receipt of your orders that two
months pay

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Fort St George, May 1796

10 and two Battalions of Sepoys to be in readiness to move towards Amee, and I shall immediatly write to him, desiring that their movements may be conducted with the greatest expedition. Mr Hippesley forwarded Copies of your orders to Colonel Stuart so that he received the Instructions sooner than they could reach me at this distance.

I have also a Letter from Mr Digby informing me that Money arrack and other necessary Articles are prepared for them at Trichinopoly. But I am sorry that it will be impossible to advance that Detachment more than two Months Pay and allowances, would be immediately Issued and the means are barely sufficient for that purpose. I need not remark that a failure in any assurance of that nature, might be attended with the worst consequences at present &, therefore I trust, My Lord & Gentlemen, you will approve of the Detachmt receiving only two months Pay before they march. The 101st & 102d Regts are at present to the Westward of this Place & I conceive it is your intentions that no time should be lost, in marching off the Detachment, otherwise it should certainly be formed of three Corps agreeable to your Orders. Your Lordships & the Board may be assured of the best endeavours on my part to prevent any disturbance among the Southern Forces. I have the most perfect reliance on the Zeal, attention, and abilities of Colonel Stuart, in the management of the Division under his Command, the Division in this District Consisting of 9 Battalions, shall be also very watchfully regarded. The Corps are now gone to Outrampollam for Grain, I hope to complete them for the remainder of this month in that Quarter, & shall then move them to Shulivandum and the Madura Districts, where Mr Serjeant has prepared a Large Supply for our arrival. The Troops have undergone very severe fatigues

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Fort St George, 6 May 1784

19th fatigues in carrying their daily Provisions 70 miles since they returned from Darapooram, it will be impossible with any safety to strike off their Field allowances untill your Lordship and the Board shall direct me to abandon the Dindigull Country & consequently to take no further precautions for its defence — There was a disturbance about Pay a few days ago at Ramnad amongst the Nabobs people there but I am happy to find that the good conduct of Colonel Harting, in whom all ranks of men to the Southward have the utmost confidence, has brought the business to a peaceable Conclusions —

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
your most obidient & very faithfull
Servant
(signd) W. Fullarton

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14th May 1784 —

Received the following Letter from the adjudent General —

John Huddleston Esqr
Secr. of the Select Committee
Fort St George

Sir

I have received the inclosed Certificate and recommendation of Native officers for promotion in the 14th Battalion from the Commander in Chief — he has in the mean time appointed the officers to act in the ranks they are recommended for as a reward and for their activity and good Conduct in suppressing the late mutiny at Vellore and requests that the approval of the Right Honble the President &

From the adjutant General enclosing Certificate of recommendation of Native officers for Promotion in the 14th Battalion, received from the Commander in Chief, and requesting that the approve of the Select Committee may be obtained —

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Fort St George, 16 May 1784

19th Select Committee may be obtained and the Commissions forwarded without delay — he has directed me to Signify the same and which I request you will Communicate to his Lordship and the Select Committee

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant.
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Adjt Genl of the Army

Fort St George
19th May 1784 —

20th Dispatched the following Letter to the Commander in Chief —

To Lieutenant General Lang
Commander in Chief
Sir,

To General Lang approving his conduct in quelling the mutiny and suggesting to him the steps necessary to be taken in order to prevent the like in future —

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 16th and 17th Instant. We are extremely glad to find that you have quelled the mutiny in the manner we wished and recommended, by a firm and decisive movement, without making any terms with the mutineers, and we desire to assure you that we entertain a just sense of your Conduct on this occasion. — The object now is to adopt such measures and precaution as may prevent mutiny in future. — You mention having already made two examples but we apprehend that more will have been necessary and the modes of punishment should be the most disgraceful and unmilitary that can be employed. Besides the capital punishments inflicted on the most atrocious, many should be turned out of the Regements with marks of disgrace & Infamy, some may be branded on

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20th the Cheek or forehead, and others sent to Bombay

the Regiment Commanded by the late Captain M.Alister having by every account, been the most active in the Mutiny, we desire it may be divested of its Colours and broke in the presence of the whole Army, in such manner and with such Ceremonies as you judge best calculated to make a proper Impression upon the Troops

With regard to the other Regiments before we can determine how to dispose of them, it will be necessary that every circumstance regarding the Mutiny, and the Conduct of the Officers should be very fully enquired into, for it appears very singular indeed that Troops, however distrest, should enter into and execute a Conspiracy so Suddenly, and effectually, not only without the least Suspicion in their European officers, but without their native officers having any previous Intimation, as it will probably take up a good deal of your time to make the necessary Army arrangements here when you return to the Presidency You will leave with General Stone, on whom the Command will devolve directions to take such Steps as shall appear proper for putting the Cantonment of Arcot into the best posture possible

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servants
(Signd) Macartney &
Select Committee

Fort St George
20th May 1784

Sent the following Letter to Capt. Paterson

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Fort St George, 20th May 1784

To Captain Alexr Patterson,
Commanding
at
Chingleput;

Sir,

To Capt. Patterson informing him that no Charges for Secret Services will be admitted in future unless they shall be countersigned by Lord Macartney

The War with the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun having at length been terminated, the Select Committee conceive there can be no further necessity for any disbursements for Secret Services. I am therefore directed to desire that all Charges on that account be forthwith discontinued, but as circumstances may possibly occur which may render it expedient to make small advances of Cash to procure Intelligence, the Select Committee have thought proper to vest a discretionary latitude in the Right Honble the President, for the purpose of judging of the necessity of such Cases, and I am directed to inform You that no Charges for Secret Services will in future be admitted, unless they shall have been first countersigned by his Lordship.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant
(Signd) J. Huddleston
Secretary

Fort St George
28th May 1784

Sent the following Letter to Colonel Brathwaite

To Colonel John Brathwaite,

Sir,

To Colonel Brathwaite enclosing an account current from Mr Harry Taylor, and requesting every Information in his Power relating to it

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to enclose to you the Copy of an Account Current that has been received from Mr Harry Taylor, Paymr to the Detachment you formerly

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20th formerly Commanded in the Tanjore Country in which the Honble Company are debited for Pag. 1820 — The Select Committee desire you will with as little delay as possible furnish them with every information in your power relative to the enclosed account Current / that You will acquaint them whether there was any Cash belonging to the Company in your possession or in that of the Paymaster at the time of your Capture

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signd) P Hudleston
Secretary

Fort St George
20th May 1784

Dispatched the following

Letter to Colonel Fullarton —

To Colonel Fullarton
Commanding the Southren Forces —

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor and Select Committee to send you the enclosed Copy of Intelligence relative to the persons employed in recruiting to the Southward and to desire you will use your utmost endeavors to discover and secure the persons thereon alluded to.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signd) P Hudleston
Secretary

To Colonel Fullarton
enclosing a Paper containing
further Information
relative to the People employed
by the Nabob in recruiting
to the Southward

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Memorandum For the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B. &c &c

The two Subidars who are employed in raising Recruits for the Nabobs Service in the Tanjore & Trichenopoly Countries are assisted by 1 Havildar & 4 Sepoys each. These 4 men accompanied the Subidars to the Southward in disguise that is, without Sepoy Cloathing or Turbans.

The mode proposed by them two Recruiting parties is, that one of the Subidars shall be Stationed in a centrical but private place in the Tanjore Country, to receive whatever Recruits his party can collect then Men an disguised to prevent Suspicion in Tanjore or in any other of the Companies Forts, as they are to distributed all over the Tanjore Country —

The same disposition is made by the other Subidar and his party for the Trichinopoly Country —

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Dispatched the following Letter to the Resident at Hydrabad —

To Richard Johnson Esqr
Resident at Hydrabad;

Sir

To the Resident at Hydrabad requesting to be furnished with Copies of his Instructions from Bengal and an answer to his Queries respecting some of the terms of the late Treaty with Tippoo Sultaun & particularly returns to the above specified therein

We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 6th Instant, and feel much Satisfaction at the early attention it announces to the Interests of the Company now Committed to your care at the Court of the Nizam, and we shall avail

ourselves

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20th ourselves of the opportunity of your Residence there to promote those Interests by a Communication of the Facts and Suggestion of the Plans which may appear to us most likely to produce that Effect as your Appointment proceeds. however, from the Governor General and Council of Bengal, and that any difference in our Sentiments from those conveyed in their Instructions to you might be a Source of Embarrassment to you, and possibly of disadvantage to the Company, We conceive it will be necessary that you furnish us with a Copy of all your Instructions from the Government of Bengal with which we shall endeavour that ours shall Cooperate, or at least not interfere. We shall in the first instance observe to you in the words of the Governor General in relation to Lands which you find in a Letter of the Nizams are claimed by him, and now held, as he says, under the Sanction of the English without Sufficient Grounds, that we are not acquainted with the particulars of His Highness's Claims, and beg he will explain the Subject to us, that every thing proper and right may be done. We expect the same Justice at his hands; and therefore hope that he will not hesitate to order his Troops to Evacuate the Circar of Guntoor or Murtezanagur, of which the right of possession devolved to us upon the death of Bazalet Jung, His Highness the Nizams Brother, as the same was settled by a Solemn Treaty to which his Highness was a Party. We have too much Reliance on the Candor as well as Justice of His Highness to Suppose that he would advance as a motive for voluntarily retaining of the Property of the Company, that we have, very involuntarily on our part, been prevented, by the vast Expences of a war Sustained against an unprovoked Enemy, from paying the arrears which we acknowledge due to His Highness. a possession may be some times withheld in order

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20 to obtain the acknowledgement of a disputed Claim, or to accelerate the Satisfaction of it where willfully protracted, but the Guntoor Circar could not be withheld by His Highness for either of these Purposes, because his Claim upon the Company was fully acknowledged before that Circar was in his hands, and when it was in ours, and because he was aware that all the resources of the Company were necessarily employed in answering the Calls of a most Expensive War, & that Consequently other claims did not willfully remain unsatisfied. The deprivation of the Guntoor Circar as indeed it diminished our resources, so the possession of it, restored to us, will encrease our means of accomplishing our Desire to satisfy His Highness's just Demand. The High-minded Princes of Hindostan are not apt, beside, to consider Pecuniary demands in which Common Individuals may partake, as worthy of being put in Competetion with Territory in which they cannot; and it might therefore not uselessly be suggested to him that the Existence of the former is not a Sufficient ground for a detention of the latter. Your Letter of the 15th. of May agrees with other Intelligence mentioning the Commission of Hostilities by the Troops of Tippoo Sultaun in the Guntoor Circar, under pretence of supporting one of the Claimants to the Succession of Bazalet Jung to whom that Province formerly belonged, and in opposition to the Support given by the Nizam to the other Party, But however Culpable the Conduct of Tippoo may be on this occasion, and however truly it argues the restlessness of his disposition and the Justness of your Observation, that being already an Usurper of the rights of his immediate Sovereign, it is not wonderful that he should grasp at every Surrounding object, yet his interference between the respective Claimants to Bazalet Jung's Succession with neither

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20th of whom the Company is immediately in alliance, may not come fully within the clause of the late Treaty with him in favor of the Company's allies and Freinds — neither of those Claimants can be lawfull in respect to that Circar, the Company's Right to it by Treaty taking place on the Instant of Bazalet Jung's decease. But as the profession of it in the hands of either of them affords a pretext to Tippoo to attack it without any literal infraction of the Treaty, so the restoration of it to the Company by the Evacuation of the Nizam's Troops from thence will enable us to demand the immediate Retreat of Tippoo's forces from thence, and we are fully able by the Troops we have in that neighbourhood, to take and maintain the possession of it. The Ready and early Evacuation of the Nizams Troops would be an act of Justice, that would effectually cement the Freendship between him and the Company. It would tend to remove the Troops of Tippoo from the Frontiers of His Highness's Dominions, and it would be a material Convenience to the Company, the Communication between whose Territories to the north and South of the Kistna is interrupted by foreign Troops posted between them in the Guntoor Circar. The late treaty with Tippoo provides for the protection of his Highness the Nizam's own Dominions, as the Friend and ally of the Company, which the Treaty of 1768 known to the world, proclaimed him to be, and which our Commissioners repeatedly declared and Confirmed in their conferences with Tippoo's Ministers. It was therefore thought less necessary to specify him by name, the Clauses of the Treaty including many Persons, and objects, consist chiefly of general discriptions. The Rajahs of Tanjore, and Travancore happen to be mentioned particularly, as Dependants upon the Company

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20th and liable, without its protection, to become an easy Prey to a restless neighbour. But the Numerous and independent Friends, and allies of the Company were too powerful to require a Specific Insertion of their names. Mr Hastings it Seems indeed, did promise, in a Letter to the Nizam of the 14th of november 1783, that if Peace should be concluded with Tippoo Saheb, it would include all the allies of the English Government and his Highness by name, but it does not appear that the Nizam in his Letter of the 13th October proceding as far as the same has been communicated from Bengal to this Presidency, and to which Letter That of Mr Hastings's was an answer, required any such Specification. nor was this Promise communicated to this Presidency, and consequently could not be so, from the Latter to the Commissioners for making Peace, until it, after it was Concluded. Tho the negociation was not a rapid one, the Governor General & Council of Bengal wrote a Letter dated the 14th of November to this Presidency, with Instructions relative to the Conditions of the Peace to be required from Tippoo, but a Copy of the Governor General's Letter containing his Promise to the Nizam did not accompany it. The Instructions arrived here on the 10th of December before the Negociation of Mangalore commenced. The Governor General's Letter containing this promise did not arrive here tille the 25th of March when the negociation was over, and the Treaty had already been Concluded. It was perhaps thought proper to fix upon this Presidency a knowledge of this Promise, but it was in fact withheld from them during the time in which their Commissioners could be instructed to attend to the Performance of it. Copies of the Letters and Instructions from the Governor General and Council of Bengal were regularly and immediately communicated

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20th to the Commissioners with directions to be guided by them; and they are alone therefore answerable for any, if any deviation from such Instructions. It does not indeed seem, that they considered those Instructions as strictly and necessarely involving the Specification which Mr Hastings's letter had promised, as afterwards appeared in the Extract sent here from that Letter. If it were so involved, it would have been indeed unnecessary to have included it in that Extract, of which the nature implies the Selection of such parts only, as are necessary to be communicated which cannot be the case of what had been Communicated already. The only prior Communications that were made Contained no Approbation of Specific Stipulations in the Treaty, It is given as a reason in the Instruction from the Governor General and Council of the 15th of November, against a Specific Stipulation of neutrality, that it was unnecessary; and that it would be offensive to the Marattas and other States, with whom we were in Friendship, and who would Consider themselves the Objects of it, and it is observed by way of proof that such Stipulation was unnecessary since we were already bound, and were willing to repeat the Obligation, that so long as Tippoo Saib after the performance of the first condition required of him, (the evacuation of the Carnatic, and restoration of the Prisoners) should abstain from Hostilities against us, and our allies, that is to say against the Nabob Nizam ul Mulk, and the Nabob Wanolawjah, and consequently against the Rajahs of Tanjore and Travancore, whose Territories are dependencies of the Carnatic, we on our Parts would abstain from Hostilities against him. The Commissioners did not venture to Consider the mere assertion of a fact, in the course of Argument, or the incidental Expression of a willingness on the Part of the

Company

20th. Company to repeat an Obligation, as a Command to insist upon such a Repetition, or upon a Reciprocal Declaration from the opposite Party: they may have supposed that an Instruction for including in the Peace his Highness the Nizam by name, ought to have been as Direct and peremptory, as the Promise made to the Nizam, that it would be so, was clear and unconditional; they might be apprehensive that an Instruction which simply says, that a proposed Clause of Neutrality was not to be inserted, because it might be offensive to the Company's allies, and was unnecessary as being already bound (in some degree,) could not without the addition of some Positive Injunction, be construed into an Instruction for peremptorily requiring a Clause Contrary to such neutrality, and inclusive of those allies in the Peace, with a Specification of some of them by name. The Commissioners might be apprehensive that an addition of the words of the Instruction, conveying the Obligation of the Company, might have tended to the Production of that Evil, against which the Governor General and Council professed a Desire of being provided; for the Promise, as worded in the Instructions, on the part of the Company conditional on Tippoo's abstaining from Hostilities against us and our Allies, that is to say against the Nabob Nizam ul Mulck and the Nabob Wawlawjah and consequently against the Rajahs of Tanjore and Travancore, that we would abstain also from hostilities against Tippoo, seems to confine our Alliances to those persons so named. The Enumeration of our Allies without any General Expression inclusive of others, not named, might be taken for an Exclusion of those others from our Alliance, which might really be offensive to the latter, and especially to the Marattas, whose Indisposition against the Company the Governor General & Council had pointed out in the same Instructions as an Event to be avoided, and whose Engagements for obliging Tippoo to evacuate the Carnatic,

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20th and to restore the Prisoners, may have operated on his mind in agreeing to those Demands such a Clause might be understood as amounting to a Prohibition to Tippoo on the Part of the Company to attack the Nizam, but implying a Permission to attack the Marattas, or at least would be such a marked and exclusive preference of the Former to the latter, as would render a General Clause of Neutrality much more acceptable to them, as it would be much safer for the Company. The Alternative left with the Commissioners seems therefore either to have avoided the occasion of Offence to the Marattas by avoiding the Enumeration in the letter of the Governor General and Council, which was beside erroneous in fact, as the marattas who are omitted are really our allies, or to adopt the words and Errors of the Governor General & Council, without even the Excuse of their Commands to do so. The Commissioners therefore chose to frame a Clause which might operate to include all those friendly Connections mentioned by the Governor General & Council, and those forgotten by them, of whom the omission might be prejudicial to the Company; Beside the difficulty and Delay which an Enumeration of all our Allies might have thrown in the way of the Negociation, it could not be made without such omission and prejudice, or without differing in such Instances from the Enumeration of the Governor General and Council. If on the Idea of the necessity of adopting the Enumeration of the Governor General and Council and in the case of the opposition to such a Specification on the part of Tippoo, the Treaty had been broken off, the Commissioners could find no Resource in the Supposition of being ordered to insist on such a Specification, as the Governor General and Council would very justly deny having issued any such orders, But it may be observed to His Highness that the

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20th Clause applies, as much to him, as if he were specified by Name, and as much as to the Marattas who had an equal Right to be included, and is as obligatory on Tippoo as if the Names of our Allies, of whom he cannot pretend Ignorance, were expressed at length. We trust that His Highness will by Acts of Justice, and Friendship to the Company give such Proofs to the World of His Strict alliance, and Connection with us as may convince Tippoo of the Danger of attacking either, from the Certainty of meeting Resistance from Both of the Company's friendly Disposition to the Nizam, and of its inviolable attachment to its Engagements, we have no Doubt but that you will find means of sufficiently convincing him, and we form no Common hopes of the success of your Efforts to improve a like favorable Disposition in him towards the Company. The successful Resistance of the Arms of the English to so many Enemies has made no Change in those Sentiments of Moderation, which have prevented its Retention of any Conquered Territory, and which must be Satisfactory to its neighbours, as well as Conducive to the Happiness of its own Subjects, our Troops are merely meant for our own Defence, and for that of our friends. We have the pleasure to inform You that the late mutiny of the Cavalry has been happily quelled without making Condetions with the mutineers: Conditions always dangerous to the Discipline and due Subordination of the Army, and some of the Ringleaders have already been punished as an Example to deter others from similar attempts—

We have the Honor to be
your most obedient
& humble Servants
Signd, Macartney &c
Select Committee

Fort St George.
May 20th 1784—

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20th Wrote Letters as entered in Miscellany Book No.

To Capt. Mears. To Capt. Mears enclosing a List of Persons ordered for Fort Marlbro in the Royal Bishop

To Lieut. Paris To Lieut. Paris permitting to draw till further orders the same allowances as he enjoys at present

To Mr Lind To the Paymaster of Vellore informing him that no half Batta is to be allowed in future to the Officers & Troops at Vellore.

From Mr Lind 21st Received Letter from Mr Lind as entered in miscellany Book No. stating his Reasons for not employing the Bengal Detachment with new Grain, and enclosing Mr Tyler's Receipts for Rice Delivered to him for the use of the Detachment

Received Letter as entered in Miscellany Book No. from Lieut Macpherson of the 78th Regt requesting a passage to England on Board of the Royal Bishop

From Mr Ogilvie Received Letter from Mr Ogilvie as entered in miscellany Book No. requesting that orders might be sent him, respecting twenty battering Cannon arrived at Vellore from the Presidency

Dispatched letter to the Secretary at Bombay as entered in Miscellany Book No. advising that Several Letters for that Presidency dispatched by a Vessel from hence which had been unable to reach the Malabar Coast were now forwarded to him

Sent the following Letter to the Commander in Chief

To Lieutenant General Lang
Commander in Chief

Sir

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21st Sir

To General Lacy advising him of the march of the Detachment from the Southward, towards Arnee under the Command of Colonel Stuart and desiring him to inform the Commanding Officer of the Cantonments of this Circumstance —

In the Letter to you dispatched this Evening the Select Committee omitted to mention that in consequence of the mutiny a detachment of 300 Europeans and 2 Battalions of Seapoys with Guns was ordered from the Southward to join the army at Arcot and marched for that purpose the 13th from Trichinopoly under the Command of Colonel Stuart who is directed to Correspond with You on his march and obey your orders — I am directed to desire You will inform General Horn or the Officer left in Command of the Cantonment of these circumstances —

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) J. Huddleston

Secretary

Fort St George
21st May 1784

22 Received the following letters from the Commanding Officer at Chinglipet

William George Wasey Esqr,

Dep. Secretary,

Sir,

From the Commanding officer at Chinglipet respecting the Subadar sent by his Highness the Nabob to recruit to the Southward —

I immediately after I was favord with Your Letter of the 16th instant, by order of Government I detached a Hawildar's Guard some Distance from this Garrison upon the North Road, giving them Strict orders to let no one pass before they examined them minutely. The next morning the Hawildar informed me he had learnd from some of the Inhabitants of Pully

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22d Paulk, that a Subidar of Cavalry well mounted had left a Poultry near that Village, early on the Morning of the 18th thinking he might take the Route of Carrangooly Madrantinum and Ackery Wauk, I sent off three men in Disguise and ordered a guard of Sepoys to pursue the same Road giving them orders to keep a little in the Rear and in Case the Hircarrahs came up with him, one Man would immediately return to expedite the Naigue to carry the orders of Government the sooner into Execution - I am sorry to inform you that he has made his Escape, the Naigues Guard have this moment returned, and inform me they have not been successful - Late last night the Havildar who had Charge of the Guard to the Northward came and reported to me he had Apprehended two Men, one he said was a Jemidar the other a Havildar belonging to his Highness the Nabob - I gave them Orders to enquire the Name of the former he returned and informed me his Name was Dirwayth Mahomed I thought proper to bring them into the Fort and have to request of You to inform the Right Honble the President and Select Committee that no Violence has been offerd to either, on the Contrary, they have both been treated with the utmost Lenity - I judged it most prudent to Confine them in Seperate Guards to prevent their inflaming the Minds of the Troops at present under my Command, they both proceed this Night for the Presidency under a proper Guard for the Examination of Government -

I am with Respect
Sir
Your most Obd. Servant
(Signd) Edwd Baldman
Lieut. Comm.dt

Chingleput
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To William George Wasey Esqr
Deputy Secretary
Sir

From Do Do on the same

The Bearer has under his Charge the Jemidar & Havildar belonging to his Highness the Nabob of whom I mentioned to you were apprehended by my Guard near this Garrison —

I am with Respect
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Signd) Edwd Balonan
Lieut Commdt

Cringleput
May 21st 1784
9 P. M.

Sent the following Letter to the Commander in Chief

To Lieut General Lang
Commander in Chief &c &c &c
or to the Officer Commanding in Camp

Sir,

To General Lang desiring him to send to Vellore an Officer of Experience and Ability, to receive from Capt Coppage the Command of that Garrison

Captain John Coppage Commanding at Vellore having requested to be relieved from the Command of Vellore I am directed by the Select Committee to desire you will be pleased to order an Officer of ability and experience to proceed to Vellore with as little delay as possible, and to take the Command of that Fort till further orders —

Should you have quitted Camp before the receipt of this Letter, the Select Committee desire You will communicate its contents to Brigadier General Horne, or to the Officer who shall

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22d Shall be left in the Comonand of the Army — that no Time may be lost in relieving Captain Cuppage agreeably to his Request.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most Obedient Servant;
(Signd) John Hudleston.
Secretary

Fort St George
22d May 1784

Sent the following Letter to the Paymasters of the different out Garrisons —

To Mr William Light,
Paymaster at Palamcotahs.

Sir,

To the Paymasters of the Different out Garrisons Directing them to transmit to the Presidency a Statement of their monthly Expences, and to point out in what articles reductions may be effected —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to desire you will transmit to them without loss of time, a particular Statement of all your monthly Expences, and that you will point out in what articles you conceive reductions may be effected; as it is the determination of Government to make every possible retrenchment, and you are therefore expected to inform them in what particular points you are of opinion this System can with the least inconvenience be adopted, and in what articles of Expences those reductions can best be made —

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signd) John Hudleston
Secretary

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NB.
The same to Madura, Trichinopolly, Tanjore, Vellore, Chingleput, Poonamalee, Pulicat, Nellore, Ongole, Ellore, Chicacole, Ishapoor, Samulcotah, To the Chiefs &c at Masulipatam, Vizagapatam, Ganjam, and to the Residents at Ingeram and Maddepollam —

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22d Received the following Letter from Sir John Burgoyne

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Sir John Burgoyne requesting to be furnished with the Paper containing the Charges exhibited against him for mutiny and Sedition

In your Letter to me of the 13th of March last, and again of the 3d of April You were pleased to promise to furnish me with a paper containing the Circumstances to which You particularly allude in the Serious Charge exhibited against me for acts of Mutiny and Sedition &c &c

Under this heavy accusation have I now remained a Prisoner five Months, and though Several General Court Martials have been since held by which I might have been tried I am still in the same predicament contrary to the Laws of the British constitution, and the constant usage of the Service — Dispatches are now going to England, and I beg leave once more to call on You for the paper above mentioned that I may know the Specific charges against me, for as the accusation now Stands it's impossible for me to furnish my Counsel at home with Sufficient information to prepare for my defence — I am

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t hum.e Ser.t

(Signd) J. Burgoyne

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Dispatched Letters as entered in Miscellany Book Nos

To Lt Col: Ross ... To the Chief Engineer, Captain Lieut.t Trapaud permitted to go to Bengal

To Capt.n Cuppage. To Captain Cuppage, granting him Permission to proceed to the Presidency

To Lieut.t Capper To Lieutenant Capper, directing him to Send to the Presidency a Monthly account of the Expences of the Garrison of Chellumbrum

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Book No

Received Letters as entered in Miscellany

From Mr Blackader

From Mr Blackader requesting Permission to proceed to the Presidency

From Capt Dawes

From Captain Dawes, will use his best Endeavours to intercept the Subadars sent by the Nabob to recruit to the Southward

From Mr Ogilvie

From Mr Ogilvie, acknowledging the Receipt of the Committee's Orders respecting the Smale Forts and Garrisons in the District of Vellore

From Capt Cuppage

From Captain Cuppage, acknowledging the Receipt of the Deputy Secretary's Letter of the 18th Instant

Received the following Letter from the Commander in Chief

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Genl Lang is desirous of Consulting with the Committee's pleasure as to the Punishments to be inflicted on the Ringleaders of the late Mutiny

It is with the most earnest desire that my Conduct should meet with the approbation of Your Honble Committee and my Honble Employers the receipt of Your Letter of the 20th Instant approving of the manner in which I have quelled the Mutiny at Vmee could not fail of giving me much Satisfaction

With respect to the punishments recommended by Your Lordship &c to be inflicted on the Mutineers I could wish to consult with You previous to any Orders being given on that Subject, The Cavalry are now encamped on the Glacis of that commanded by the Europeans in which situation they will be unable to attempt any thing were they so inclined this Consideration induces me to hope that no Steps will be taken respecting them until I have the honor of seeing

You

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22d you which will be in three days at farthest being thus far on my way to the Presidency—

I have also received Your Secretarys letter respecting the Detachment Ordered from the Southward—(it is the first intimation I have had on this Subject,) and shall tomorrow inform General Stone of the circumstances—

I have informed General Stone of my Ideas respecting the Cantonment and what may be necessary during my absence—

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obd.t humble Servt
(Signd) Ross Lang

Conjeveram
22d May 1784
9 o Clock P.M.

From Mer Moyan ud Deen Cawn

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Received Letter from Mer Moyan ud Deen Cawn as entered in C. Correspondence No (advising that Kummer ud Deen Cawn has received a fresh order to restore all the Prisoners taken by him, and enclosing Letter from Tippoo Sultaun

Sunday 23 May 1784

At a Select Committee present
The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.
Anthony Sadlier Esqr
Alexander Davidson Esqr
Lieutenant General Ross Lang absent upon Service
Robert Maunsell Esqr

The Minutes of the last Committee read & approved

Substance of a letter from his Highness the Nabob respecting his Brother abdul Wahab Cawn

Read Letter from his highness the Nabob (as entered in Country Correspondence) representing in substance that at the Departure of the Commissioners to treat with Tippoo Sultaun, he had sent to the President a List of the natives, Prisoners with the Enemy, among whom was his Brother,

Each

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but that altho' a Peace was now established, and a great number of Prisoners released, yet not one mentioned in that List had been returned. That his Brother Abdul Wahab Cawn, had lately marched from Seringapatam to Bangalore on foot, suffering inexpressible Hardships, and that he had solicited the Nabob to send him some Meyssanies, in order to enable him to proceed to the Carnatic.

An answer to the foregoing Letter from the Nabob, laid before the Committee by the President.

The President lays before the Committee draft of a Letter to the Nabob in answer to the above (as entered in Country Correspondence) which is now read and approved. Ordered that it be translated into persian and sent to the Nabob.

The Secretary delivers in to the Committee the following Report of Examinations taken pursuant to their Orders at the last meeting.

Secretary's Report of Examinations taken by him, regarding a Paper sent by the Nabob, said to be a Petition received from the Mutineers.

Examinations taken by the Secretary to the Select Committee in consequence of their Orders to examine the principal Moonshees and learn their Opinion regarding the paper Sent in by the Nabob as a Copy of a Petition received by his highness from the Mutineers.

Vencata Rangiah, Interpreter to the late Commission to Tippoo Sultaun, who, understanding both persian and English, the Secretary Judged it might be useful to examine him on the occasion he was accordingly desired to read the paper and having done so the following Questions were put to him.

Question 1st ..... You have perused the paper: what do You find it to be?

Answer ..... It is entitled an Arzdasht or Petition from the Troopers of the four Regiments of Cavalry.

Q. ... 2d ..... What are the Observations that occur to Your mind on perusing this Letter or Petition.

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A ..... That it was written by the Instigation and Instruction of others and by a clever Moonshee

2 ... 3 ..... From the General Stile and Phrase of the Letter or Petition, do you think it was written, or Composed by the persons from whom it is said to have been received?

A ..... It might be the purport of their meaning, but it was not written or Composed by Common Troopers, nor by persons Commonly Skilled in the persian language

2 ... 4th ... What are your reasons for that Opinion?

A ..... Besides the General Goodness of the Stile there are particular stroking passages

2 ... 5th ... What are the particular passages you allude to?

A ..... How can a Common Cavalry man, who Serves 2 or 3 or 6, 8 or 10 Years, call himself "Mouruffy" or hereditary Servant: besides they say their Officers were "Serkerfsy" (a word he said he could not render exactly in English but "haughty or imprudent" he thought came the nearest to the sense) They call their master Pandshaw (King) which is not the title given by the people of this Country to the Nabob. They desire the Company's people may be ordered to pay them

Examination of Ameen ud deen ally Cawn principal, persian Moonshee thro' Subarow the Mayor Court Interpreter

Question 1st ..... The same as put to Venkata Rangiah.

Answer ..... It is a Copy of a Petition from the Troopers of 4 Regiments

2 ... 2d ... as Before

A ..... That he thinks Troopers cannot write such a Letter it is stiled an Arzdasht but the Body of the Letter is not consistent with an Arzdasht the Language is good, but it is wanting in the proper respectful forms of an Arzdasht from which he thinks the person who wrote it understands English

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2d ... 3d 4th ... Not put because fully Spoke to in the above answer to the 2d.

2 ... 5th ... What are the particular passages in the Petition which make him of the Opinion he has just expressed?

A ... The word "Mourufsie" which Signifies that his ancestors were in the Service and that he succeeded to his father. Troopers who have Served 8 or 10 Years have no right to use that word. these Regements were raised in his (ameerud Dun's) presence— how then can the Troopers can themselves Mourufsie— They are the word "mayan" (we) the first person instead of Saying "the Servants or Slaves" as is usual in an arzdasht on the same manner in the Verbs "Namuden" "bamelawerdan" Grifton" "Gushten" Kuresstdaseen" all on the first person. - "Serkufsy" is an improper word to apply to the Officers - it is used in describing the disobedience of a Zemendar, Vardashaw is a word which in muffulman would not use if you were to threaten to cutoff his head.— "Huck Tulab Wagiby" he thinks is a Translation from English - on persian it was enough to Say Huck Tulab— by the use, and putting together of all these words he thinks the man who wrote the Petition must understand English.—

Examination of Gulam Mohud Deen persian Moonshee—

2 ... 1st ... As before—

A ... The Same—

2 ... 2d ... As before—

A ... It is called in the Title Arzdasht but the Contents do not agree tho it is in General good language. The words mayan Chuderm, Daderm, bamelawerdeem and other words in the first person are too high are terms of equality— "Vandshaw Carnatic" is at Delhi— Such a word is not right, and never used to the Nabob—

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Morassy is used by those who succeed to their ancestors Employ on the same Service and therefore not proper to be and by the Troopers —

2 ..... 3d ..... as Before —

4 ..... Seapoys or Troopers cannot compose such a Letter — altho' it is good Language in general, by the words above mentioned and by the want of Compliments it must have been by a Person who understands English —

The above Examinations were taken Separately and apart from each other, by me

Fort St George
19th May 1784 —

(Signd) J Hudleston
Secretary —

The President acquaints the Committee that he Summoned them this morning Chiefly for the purpose of laying before them the following Communication

That Comeparause Seenvasarow, a near relation of Vencatarow Renter of the Nellour District, has informed his Lordship, and declared himself ready to make oath that Vencatarow, during the the time of his being employed in the Accounts management of the Nellore Country, embezzled of the public money 103,000 Star Pagodas which money he some time since sent to Madras, to the charge of and it is now concealed in the house of Coorakepellah Rawain in the Black Town — The President recommends to the consideration of the Committee the Steps proper to be taken on this occasion —

The President informs Committee, why he Summoned them this morning —

The Committee having taken the Subject into mature Consideration are of Opinion and accordingly resolve that Coorapporah Seenvasarow be ordered to attend and his Information immediately

Resolution of the Committee in Consequence of the foregoing Information, reported to them by the President —

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immediately taken upon oath, and if he shall therein confirm the particulars which he has already declared to the Right Honble the President to prevent the money from being taken away by the agent of Vencatarow that a Search warrant be issued by one of his Majestys Justices to discover the money sworn to have been embezzled, and if found in the place described in the Information to seize and secure the same in safe Custody Sealed and deposited in the publick Treasury so to remain until the necessary enquiry can be made into the Charge brought against Vencatarow in order that if the said Charge shall be proved the money may be recovered for the Company and otherwise that it may be restored to Vencatarow—

Conneparauje Seenavasa Row makes oath to the following Information

Seenavasarow being accordingly called before the Committee made oath to the following Information which was attested taken by Mr Sadlier and the annexed warrant issued—

Town of Madraspatnam ss

To Mr Russell or to any other Constable of the said Town

Information of Conneparauje Seenavasarow against Vencatarow Renter of Nellore

Whereas it appears to me Anthony Sadlier Esquire one of the Justices of our Lord the King assigned to keep the Peace in the said Town by the Information of Conneparauje Seenavasarow of Madras Bramine, that one hundred and three thousand Madras Pagodas and also Shawls and other Effects to the Value of five Thousand Madras Pagodas the property of the Honble East India Company have been taken and fraudulently concealed by Vencatarow Renter of Nellore Surreptitiously and that the said one hundred and three thousand Madras Pagodas and also the said Shawls and other Effects are concealed in the Dwelling House of Conakapettah Narrain Black merchant in Peddanaiks Street

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Street in the Black Town of Madraspatnam. These are therefore in the name of our said Lord the King to authorise and require you with necessary and proper assistants to enter in the Day Time into the said Dwelling House of the said Coorapettah Narrain in Peddanaiks Street aforesaid, and there deligently to Search for the said One hundred and three thousand Madras Pagodas and the said Shawls and other effects and if the same or any part thereof shall be found upon such Search that you bring the same or such part thereof and also the Body of the said Coorakopettah Narrain before me or some other of the Justices of our said Lord the King assigned to keep the Peace in the Town aforesaid to be disposed of and dealt with at according to Law—

Given Under my hand and Seal at Fort St George this Twenty third Day of May in the Twenty fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third and in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty four

(Signd) Anth. Sadlier

Justice

In Consequence of this Warrant

Three Chests & one Small Box } were Seized by the Constable William Russell

therein named, one of which Chests was opend and Contained two Bags of Pagodas, Some Silver plate and Shawls in the presence of William Russell Anna Sawmy, one Iron Smith Tremakyah, Veeraragaviah, Ganjan &c. and was afterwards Sealed and with the other packages were brought into the Fort Square and deposited there with the Seal affixd of Vera Permaul and Mr Gomond Fort adjutant and Tsenavasarow. In Witness this 25th day of May 1784 I hereunto Set my name—

Witness (Signd) Anth.y Sadlier

(Signd) Davy Neiguem

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Madraspatnam Ss.

Search Warrant issued by Anthony Sadleir Esq. one of his Majestys Justices of the Peace in Consequence of the above Information

Be it remembered that on the Twentieth Day of July in the Twenty fourth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King George the third before one Robert Maunsell Esq. one of the Justices of our said Lord the King assigned to keep the Peace within the said Districts did come Arinadauna Raugunnah and Condoor Athennah of Madras-patnam Black Merchants and took in bail until the next Sessions of the Peace to be holden within the said Districts Coonapuro Seenevausarow of Madraspatnam aforesaid Black merchant taken and detained in Prison for Suspicion of a Certain Perjury and took upon themselves each of them the said Arinadauna Raugan-nah and Condoor athennah under the Penalty of one Thousand Star Pagodas being equal to four hundred Pounds - of good and Lawful Money of Great Britain of the Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements of them and each of them to the use of our said Lord the King his Heirs and Successors, to be Levied if the said Coonapurout Seenevasarow Shall not personally appear at the said next Sessions of the Peace before the Justices of our said Lord the King assigned to hold the same, to stand to right Concerning the Perjury aforesaid according to the Law and Customs of England

Taken and acknowledged the Day and Year above Written

Before me

(Signd) R. Maunsell

Justice

Resolved that Copy of the Information be sent to the Committee

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The Committee of Assigned Revenue to be made acquainted with the above Circumstance, and to inform the Renter of Nellore of the Charge brought against him —

of Assigned Revenue with directions to make Venkatarow acquainted with the Charge brought against him and to proceed to make the necessary Enquiries for proving the facts from their own records — the Shereshtaar account, and whatsoever measures they judge will be most effectual for the purpose, so that the money said to be embezzled may be recovered for the Company if proved to be their property

Substance of a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun respecting the Evacuation of Cananore Contrary to the Treaty —

Read Letter from Tippoo Sultaun as entered in Country Correspondence representing that notwithstanding the article of the Treaty which Stipulated that Cananore was to be given up to Ali Rajah Beby in the Presence of an Officer deputed from the Circar, yet it has been evacuated by the Officer Commanding there, without waiting for the Arrival of the Person, in whose presence it was agreed to be restored — and that the Officer Commanding at Sadasheeagudda, on his evacuating that Place, destroyed the Fort, threw the Guns into the water, burnt the Houses, plundered the Inhabitants, and carried away the Stores, Contrary to the Treaty Lately executed —

Minute on Tippoo Sultaun's Letter

The President is requested to inform Tippoo Sultaun that the measures of evacuating Cannanore without waiting for its being done in the presence of one of his Officers agreeable to the Treaty was adopted without our knowledge or Concurrence, and we are intirely at a loss to account for it — that immediately on receiving Information of the fact from General Mathew we wrote to the Gentlemen at Bombay Communicating our disapprobation of it and requesting to know from what Cause it had perceeded and whether or not it had been done by their authority — that we shall communicate to him their answer as soon as it arrives, and that we are willing to do every thing in our power towards

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rectifying the mistake in any manner that he shall point out, and thereby convince him of our inviolable regard to public faith — that we shall also write to the Gentlemen at Bombay concerning the Conduct of the Officer at Sadashavagadee and transmit them Copy of the Complaint —

Read the following Letter from Colonel Dalrymple —

From Colonel Dalrymple enclosing Copies of a letter from him to the French Commissaries, Communicating the Purport of the Committees Letter of the 15th Instant and their answer thereto —

Dalrymple

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's & Committee's letter of the 15th Instant, the purport of which I communicated to the French Commissaries by my letter of the 17th a Copy of which is inclosed with their answer, and as soon as I receive the Marquis de Bussy's letter to your Lordship, which is mentiond by them, I shall instantly forward it —

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
With profound respect, Your most Obt
Humble Servant
(Signd) Wm Dalrymple

Pondechery
20th May 1784 —

To Chas Monneror Esqr
Brigr General Coutanceau &
John Francis Moracin Esqr
Gentlemen

The Right Honble the Governor and
Select

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Select Committee in a letter just received from them under date the 15th Instant on the Subject of the proposal contained in the letter you did me the honor to write me on the 12th relative to the cession of the forts of Trincomallee, are pleased to make the following remarks.

That the sense and letter of the treaty, pursuant to which the cession of Trincomallee is to be made, extends to a Compleat restitution of the whole that was taken from us at Trincomallee; not only the Forts, but the whole harbour & District.

That whatever was allowed by Mr Suffrein to be enjoyed, by the Dutch, was according to Mr Falck's own letter, to be enjoyed only until, & subject to the French King's pleasure when it should be known: That that is now known by his treaty with great Britain whereby he engages to deliver back to the English all places taken from them not specified in the treaty, & that it is therefore his pleasure that so much of those places as was in the mean time in the hands of the Dutch, should be taken from them, and be put into the hands of the English.

That it is absolutely necessary therefore that the Marquis de Bussy's order for the restitution of Trincomallee, shall include all that had been in possession of the English until deprived of it by Mons. de Suffrein.

I am further to acquaint you, Gentlemen, that the Madras Government are willing at the same time to cede Pondicherry in form to the French nation. But that, as the Dutch Comandant at Trincomallee may occasion delay by waiting for orders from his immediate Superiors, notwithstanding the letter proposed to be written to him by the Marquis de Bussy, they are pleased to

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Consider it as necessary, that the actual possession of the whole district of Trincomalee which has been in their hands, shall be ascertained at Pondichery, before the investiture of that place is made to the French, which otherwise might, (contrary to the intentions of the contracting parties) take place long before the like investiture of Trincomalee to the English, might be effected. But it not being the desire of the Government of Madras, that even the difficulty about the Dutch, (which does not proceed from their act,) should occasion any apparent inequality as to priority of possession in the proposed arrangement between the representatives of the contracting parties to the definitive treaty, they are willing to agree that after the French troops shall have evacuated Trincomalee, & the Dutch Commandant shall agree to the just demand of the Marquis de Bussy to withdraw from thence, the Commandant who shall be sent there by them, shall not hoist the English flag for a sufficient length of time after the Departure of the French troops to allow of their arrival at Pondichery, on the certain account of their embarkation, and Departure, to be immediately followed by the cession in form of that place to the French, so as that the French flag shall be hoisted there, as soon as the English flag at Trincomalee.

With respect to not hoisting the English flag in the mean time in Pondichery; the Right Honble the Governor and Select Committee are pleased to remark, that the Marquis de Bussy must be conscious that he can have no right to propose any Conditions previous to the performance of Obligations

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upon him by the treaty, which are not contained in the treaty. That Pondicherry is an English possession in every Sense until the moment of its formal cession to France that the English flag flew constantly there like the trouble caused by Hyder & Tippoo That after the death of one of those powers and the departure of the other from the Carnatick, it was from inattention unknown to them, (of the Officer in July 1781) that the English flag was not replaced there, and that doing it was a matter of course, which they directed the moment they knew of the omission. That therefore the Governor and Select Committee cannot make it a matter of agreement with the Marquis de Bussy not to hoist the English flag in the mean time, as it remains with them not to make new agreements but to execute those of His Britannic Majesty

But that the Governor & Select Committee from a disposition which has guided the whole of their conduct towards the marquis de Bussy, are willing that the direction given by them to hoist the flag may be suspended for the present moment and that it shall not be carried into execution, unless it shall appear that any considerable or unnecessary delay be made in effecting the restitution of Trincomalee to the English

I have the honor to be
with perfect Consideration,
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient &
most Humble Servant,
(Signd) Wm Dalrymple.

Pondicherry
17th May 1784

A true Copy
(Signd) Wm Dalrymple

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Copy of a Letter to Colonel Dalrymple;

Monsieur,

Nous avons reçu la Lettre que vous nous avez fait l'honneur de nous écrire hier. M. Le Marquis de Bussy, à qui nous l'avons communiquée, nous a chargé de vous déclarer de nouveau, que les intentions exprimées dans notre Lettre du 12. Courant sont les mêmes; parceque il est fortement convaincu qu'elles sont fondées sur la justice, qu'elles maintiennent l'egalité, & qu'elles prouvent incontestablement le desir qu'il a de conserver la bonne harmonie entre les deux nations.

M.r Le Marquis de Bussy écrira particulièrement au Lord Macartney, & il se propose de vous adresser sa Lettre, afin qu'elle parvienne plus surement & plus promptement.

Nous avons l'honneur d'être avec une haute Consideration

Monsieur

Vos tres humbles &

Tres obeissants Serviteurs

(Signé) Coutanceau, Morneron,

Moracin.

Pondichery
19 May 1784

A true Copy

(Signd) Wm Dalrymple

Minute thereon ....

As we may hourly expect a Letter from the Marquis de Bussy, agreed the Consideration of the Subject be deferred till it is received.

Read Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Ross

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From Col. Ross

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Ross's as entered in Miscellany Book / stating various reasons against destroying the fortification of Seringapore and recommending / their repairing of them —

The President delivers in the following in Consequence of the abovementioned Letter from Lieut. Colonel Ross —

Note on Colonel Ross's Letters and the Estimate of expence for destroying Seringapore enclosed by him in his last.

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The reasoning of Colonel Ross can have little weight unless we suppose that the Situation of things in this Country will hereafter be exactly the same that it was when Hyder entered it in 1780 — & that an Invading enemy will pursue precisely the same line which he did — Past experience, it is to be hoped, has convinced us that not only the Demolition of Seringapore but of many other places must take place, Indeed the greatest part of the Forts in the Carnatic are untenable for a length of time, when they fall into the Enemy's hands, as Seringapore and most others did in the late War, — Magazines for Grain & Stores, causes a dispersion of the Troops and encrease of military expence without adequate advantage — Indeed, as it is the opinion of this Government to establish two great Cantonments, from whence, on any occasion, a considerable force may be ready to move without delay, on the Establishment of such a System of Defence, a Number of Forts will be needless. For when it is known that we are so prepared; It is not likely that any Country power will be fond of attacking us. But to proceed upon Colonel Ross's paper, I beg leave to observe, that if in a future War, Vellore were to be supplied only from Madras, It would be much better to destroy Vellore at once than to keep it as we did in the late one, a constant check and Counteraction to every other operation — As to Seringapore, It signifies little what purpose it was originally built for, The Country, the

Government —

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Government & Situation of things are so changed, that it can be no longer considered in the former View— The oppression of the Prince might have been & often was (the) occasion of Rebellion in the Polygars, that is now ceased by the assignment, & nothing but their established Pesheash is demanded.— To preserve Tripassore as a place of Strength because there are Thieves and Robbers in the Neighbouring Pollams, does not appear more necessary than to fortify Brantsford on account of its Vicinity to Hounslow Heath & Turnham Green— Besides there are Pagodas 8/- other places not far distant fully sufficient to Station any Number of Troops which occasion might require to send to that part of the Country— But there is another reason which is conclusive, The Company's affairs do not permit the expence of more fortifications than are indispensibly necessary— Tripassore is not one of these, and as to the Estimate now before You for its distruction, I dare say it is made according to the usual manner, but I think 6,800 Pagodas too serious a Sum at this time to be so employed, & I will venture to promise if the Committee approves of it, I will get it performed for a Sixth of the Money—

Minute on Lieutenant Colonel Ross's letter

The Committee concurring in the sentiments expressed by the President in the foregoing minute do not See the Importance of Tripassore in the same light with Colonel Ross— the principal end proposed by it/ the relieving Vellore with provisions/ will be better answered by keeping always a proper Stock of provisions there and being always prepared to meet or resist an invading Enemy—

Agreed that Colonel Ross be directed to furnish us with an estimate of the Expence it will require to destroy the fortifications of Tripassore—

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The President informs the Committee that the admiral intends sending a Vessel to the Eastward to Explore the andiman Islands

The President informs the Committee that in a conversation with the Admiral he recommended the sending a Vessel to explore the andiman Islands to the Eastward and that the Admiral acquainted him it was his Intention to do so.

Read the following Letters —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Capt. moorhouse requesting Permission to assume the Office of Commissary of Stores at Fort St George, and recommending Capt. Speedman to be appointed Commissary of Stores to the Cantonment

Peace being established I request permission of Your Lordship &c. to proceed to Fort St George and assume the Office You were pleased to appoint me to in that Garrison near three Years since — It is of importance to the Service that an Officer of Ability and industry be appointed Commissary of Stores to this Cantonment, and to take charge of the Ordnance Stores & Grain from me —

I beg leave to recommend Capt.n Robert Speedman, whose great attention to his duty and qualifications as an Officer gives me every Assurance he will act to the Satisfaction of Your Lordship &c. Should he meet with Your Approbation —

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect —

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obedient
& faithful Servant
(Signd) Joseph Moorhouse
Commissary Gen.l of Stores

Arcot
19th May 1784 —

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My Lord

I arrived here the 14th Instant and agreeable to the Honble Select Committees instructions gave Orders for Captn Brickmayers Corps to proceed to the Presidency; and they will accordingly march in a day or two—

I have spoke to Mr Lind respecting the recall of the Garrison from Coilvay, who informs me the greater party of the Rice & provision laid up there still remains, for which reason I have deferred withdrawing that Garrison untill I shall have received your further Orders upon that head— upon a supposition that this Consideration may determine your Ordering the Troops to remain there untill the provisions can be removed, which I understand Mr Lind is doing as fast as possible—

The Troops in Garrison at Ramporre are so remarkably unhealthy, that I should imagine absolute necessity for the Safety of the place, would only induce your Ordering Troops to remain there, any more than a Havildars Guard, for the purpose of looking after the Gates, & keeping the possession of the Fort—

Ensign Darly informs me when he was at Santdout receiving the Prisoners— The Calaha Nabob complained of a horse being Stole from him by some of the people in the Vellore district, requesting that he would use his endeavours upon his return in finding it out & have it returned again; which he accordingly did & found the Horse in question among st the irregular Cavalry under Captain Brickmayer from whom it was immediately taken

and

From Capt. Campbell has ordered Capt. Brickmyer's Corps to the Presidency— recommends that only an Havildars Guard be kept in the Garrison of Ramporre— Sends to the Nabob of Cudapah a Horse that had been stolen from him—

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and I have this Day dispatched the Horse to the Cadapa nabob accompanyed by a Letter from myself acquainting him that it was Your Lordship's most positive Orders to me to avoid giving any cause of Complaint to any person in Tippoo Saibs dominions, in consequence of which I had returned the Horse and would do my utmost endeavours to prevent any Such irregularities happening in future — This I hope will meet with Your Lordship's approbation — and I have the Honor to be with the Greatest respect —

My Lord,

Your most obdt. and most,
devoted humble Servant,
(Signd) Donald Campbell —

Vellore May 19th
1784 —

Minute on Captain Moorhouse's Letter —

Agreed that Captain Moorhouse be permitted to return to his post of Commissary of Stores at Fort St George and that Captain Speedman be appointed to act as such at the Cantonements, & to take Charge of the Grain till further orders —

Captn Campbells Conduct approved of —

Agreed that Captain Campbell be informed that We entirely approve of his causing the Horse that was taken by the irregular Cavalry to be delivered up that he may withdraw the Garrison of Rampoor as he proposes having an Havildar's Guard —

Read the following Letter and enclosure.

My Lord,

I have received the enclosed Paper with a

Request

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From the Commissioners enclosing a Paper containing Charges brought against Andrew Dupree by the Officers lately Confined in the Prison of Bengalore—

request from the Officers, by whom it is Signed that it may be presented to Your Lordship.— It Contains the particular Charges which they have to bring forward against Andrew Dupree formerly in the Nabobs Service, who was a fellow-Prisoner with them at Bangalore, and lately sent under a Guard to this Place in Consequence of their representation of his Conduct to Lieut.t General Lang upon their Arrival at Arcott, and they have desired me to add, that they shall be ready to prove these Charges at any time Your Lordship and the Select Committee may be pleased to appoint.

I have the honor to be
My Lord,
Your Lordships most Obed.t &
Very humble Serv.t—
(Signed) W. Sydenham

Fort St George
26th May 1784

Captain Andrew Dupre formerly in the Nabobs Service having whilst prisoner at Bangalore behaved in a most infamous manner, We whose names are Subjoind will make good the following Charges against him—

1st ..... That he repeatedly Offerd his services to the Enemy and at the same time gave such Information with respect to Correspondence and other Matters transacted in our prison, as might have occasioned our being put to death or suffering the Cruelest treatment—

2d ..... That during almost the whole time of his imprisonment, his Conduct and behaviour was

utterly

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utterly unworthy, the Character of an Officer or a Gentleman, and his malicious disposition such as tended to keep us in continual alarm and apprehension—

(Signd) Alexr. Read
Alexr. Whyte
John Forbes
James Dalrymple
Danl. McNeile
Matthw. Hodges
David Campbell
Jas. Innes
George Ogelvy
Henry Gordon
Nls. Nash
William Forbes
Geo. Muat.

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NB. Lieut. Healey who is now Sick at Vellore is a principal evidence—but those whose names are signed above can say enough—

Minute thereon

Agreed that a Board of Officers be appointed to enquire into and report to the Committee their opinion upon the Charges against Mr Dupre contained in the above paper, and that it consist of Lieut. Colonel Ross, Major Edington and Captains Coker, Stewart, and Mitchel—

Read the following Letter from Captain Fotheringham—

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John Huddleston Esqr

Military Secretary

Sir

From Coll. Fotheringham enclosing a Bill for monthly allowance as Judge advocate General and Submitting the same to the Consideration of this Committee—

I take the Liberty of inclosing herewith a State of monthly allowances as Judge Advocate General to be laid before the Right Honourable the President & Select Committee for their approbation—

It may probably be objected that such Charges have not been made by my Predecessors in Office— I beg to Submit to the Consideration of the Honble Committee the following remarks in Vindication of them—

When I acted as Judge Advocate to the Troops Serving in the Field, I did myself the honor to address the then Commander in Chief, Sir Eyre Coote, representing the Necessity of having in Constant attendance an Interpreter, and such other people as were necessary for Conducting Sepoy Courts Martial, according to the Forms and religion of the Members who composd them, and that the pay was by no Means adequate to the Expence which would be unavoidably incurrd by retaining them; his Excellency after having consulted the then Dr Advocate Mr R: Sulivan was pleased to grant me a monthly allowance as stated under the Heads of an Interpreter and religious Casts &c.

It was not then necessary to Charge any thing for Writers, but now the Case is different as I am obliged to prepare Copies of all Trials by Courts martial for the Judge advocate General at Home, as also such others as may be legally required— my predecessors holding at the same time the office of military Secretary have thereby the use of the Honble Company's Writers attached

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to that Department, fully sufficient for the Business of both Presidencies.

The Charge for a Horse is only in time of actual Service and ceases with other Field allowances.

I have the honor to remain with Respect

Sir,

Your very obed.t Servant.

(Signd) Geo. Fothringham

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Monthly allowances for a Judge Advocate General

For an Interpreter . . . . . Pag.s 10

Three different religious Casts of people to swear Sepoy Courtmartial, Witnesses . . . 15

Ys. at Pag.s 5 each . . .

Two Writers at 10 Pag.s each 20

Allowance for a Horse on actual Service only . . 6

Pag.s 51

Minute on the foregoing Letter

Agreed that of the allowances Stated by Captain Fothringham in the paper enclosed in his letter, the Judge Advocate General be permitted to draw 10 Pagodas p.r month for an Interpreter and 20 Pagodas for two Writers — and that Captain Fothringham be permitted to Charge the said allowances together with the allowance of Judge advocate General from the time he was appointed to act as Such in consequence of the Absence of the Judge advocate General till the Court Martial now Sitting Shall be dissolved. — Also that Capt.n Fothringham be permitted to draw the Horse allowance

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during the time he acted as Judge advocate General upon actual Service

From Lieutenants Hooke & M.Donald

Read Letters from Lieutenants Hooke and M.Donald (as entered in Miscellany Book) the former repeating his request of a Trial by Court Martial and the latter stating that he has put Lieut. Hook in arrest for behaving unbecoming the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman and requesting that he (Lieut. Hooke) may be tried by the Court Martial now sitting

Minute thereon

Resolved accordingly that Copies of both Letters be sent to Major General Campbell and that he be desired to order Lieutenant Hooke to be tried upon the Charge brought against him by Lieutenant M.Donald

Read the following Letter & enclosure

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney Governor, President &c

and the Select Committee

Fort St George;

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Capt. Hodges late a Prisoner in Bangalore, requesting that some Provision might be made for himself & Family and enclosing Letter from the Bangalore Prisoners with high testimony in his Conduct during the time of the Confinement

My former Situation and present Distresses, impell me to Trouble you with the following particulars

I have been upwards of Twenty one Years in his Highness the Nabobs Employ as an Officer, and during the course of that long period actively in

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in conjunction with the Honble Company's troops and under the authority of their Commanders in Every publick Service that has occurred, having always executed with approbation whatever came within my small Sphere. I was prisoner with Hyder Ally in a former war and unfortunate enough to be captured by him in the late one— Considerable Offers were Repeatedly made and other methods attempted to induce me to enter into his Service but attached as I was to the British Nation, I claim no merit in refusing them having only mention'd the circumstance to Shew, that instead of meeting poverty as I now have, I had the option of competency at least, if not of affluence, During almost four Years Confinement in the Enemy's Country, I was happy in the friendship of many of the Honble Company's Officers who were also prisoners and had the good fortune & felicity of being in some degree useful to them, which they have been pleased to acknowledge, and generously to over rate my little Services by the warm recomendation that accompanies this Letter—

The sum of my Story, my Lord & Gentlemen is— That after having regained my liberty I find myself destitute of employment and my family reduced to want from my long absence, unable to recover any part of the long arrears due to me from the Nabob. I know not how to relieve my necessity but by applying to you in the hope that you will have the goodness to consider the reduced situation of an old Officer, and by making me useful in some station to the Honble Company enable me to procure subsistance for myself— & a provision for my family—

My Lord & Gentlemen,
with the highest respect
Your most Obedient & very humble Servt
(Signd) Jas Hoddel

Fort St George
the
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My Lord

This will be delivered to your Lordship by Captain James Hoddle, formerly in the Service of his Highness the Nabob, and lately our fellow prisoner at Bangalore.

The very meritorious behaviour of this Gentleman during a long Captivity in which, from his better knowledge of the customs of Black People, his Skill in the country languages and the confidence he had acquired with the Servants of the Enemy's Sircar, he was extremely usefull to us, and ever attentive to lose no opportunity of doing so, — makes it incumbent upon us to recommend him warmly to your Lordships notice, in the hope that Something may be done to alleviate his present distress, arising from being out of employment and unable to recover any part of the long Arrears due to him from the Nabob. — permit us also to observe, if the Circumstance can add to his merits, that he Steadily withstood the repeated and most advantageous Offers to enter into the Enemys Service, tho' pinched at the same time by a most miserable allowance for his own Subsistance. His unblemished Character for many Years previous to his being captured, is known to Such of us as had Opportunity of his acquaintance.

We are
My Lord,
with the highest respect,
Your Lordship's most Obedient
& very humble Servants

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Thos. Lee
John Haliburton
John Gorry

Robt. L. Wilson,
Henry Crewtzer,
Wm. Doring.

Both

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Robt Latham
R. M. Grant
P. H. Vesey
Alex Maitland
T. Taylor
William Forbes
Charles Curnur
Phillip Melvill
Francis Gowdie
W. Raine
David Smith
George Muat
Danl McNeile
David Campbell

John Forbes
Alexr Read
Hugh Cuthbert
Matthew Hodges
Evan Bushby
D. M. Donald
James Dalrymple
Alexr Foulis
Ja. Innes
George Ogilvy
Harry Gordon
Alexr Whyte
Nichs Nash

Minute thereon

Agreed in consequence of the Good Character of Captain Hoddel, his necessities and the assistance he has rendered to the prisoners at Bangalore, that he be for the present allowed Captain's Subsistance, and, should it hereafter be determined to Keep any Corps of Topasses, the Committee will endeavor to provide for him in that line.

160 Bengal artillery men recommended by the President to be sent to Calcutta on the Danish Ship Elizabeth

The President lays before the Committee a Return of 160 Bengal artillery men which his Lordship recommends may be embarked on the Danish Ship Elizabeth now under dispatch for Calcutta and that 1600 Rupees be allowed the Commander Captain Schroder for the freight to be paid by Bills on Bengal — Approved & Resolved

Agreed to —

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Resolved accordingly— The return be sent to the Secretary of the Government General—

The President also delivers in abstract of Bengal Troops for whom Vessel are wanted to transport them to Calcutta Stating Vessels proposed to be taken up for that Service— Resolved that the Vessels be taken up Accordingly and dispatched to Bengal with the Troops as Soon as may be practicable— The Abstract to be sent to the Secretary to the Government General—

Vessels to be taken up as soon as possible to transport some Bengal Troops to Calcutta

Read the following Letter from the Assay Master—

To Mr. W. G. Wasey
Dep. Secretary—

Sir,

I was Yesterday favored with your Letter of the 18th Instant written by Order of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, desiring that I will with as little delay as possible ascertain and Report to them to touch and exact Standard of each Species of Porto novo Pagodas— and what number of Porto novo Pagodas may be produced by one hundred Star Pagodas— In answer thereto, You will be pleased to acquaint the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, that there is no established Rule for the Standard of Porto novo Pagodas, it having varied for many Years past at the option of the Person who has had the Directions of the Coinage at Porto novo,— as every Porto novo Pagoda is almost of a different Standard, any

From the Assay master with Information that there is no Established Rule for the Standard of Porto novo Pags. it having varied for many Years past—

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that may
any assays be made, can only ascertain the Value of the
Porto novo Pagoda so assayed, and of Course, how many Porto
novo Pagodas can be produced from one hundred Star Pagodas
if coined into that Standard — upon examining the Books
of the mint I find from assays which have been made
from 1760 to the present Year, that the touch of Porto novo
Pagodas has varied from 66½ to 77¼ — and a Gentleman
who has for a great length of time been employed in
the mint informs me, he recollects, that about Forty Years
ago the Standard of Porto novo Pagodas was equal to that
of Stars.

I am,

Sir,

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signd) James Taylor
Assay Master

Fort St George
21st May 1784

Minute thereon

Ordered to lie on the Table

The President delivers in Statement
of Supplies received from Bengal from the 1st May
1780 to 30th April 1784

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Statement of Supplies Received from Ben

Statement of Supplies received from Bengal from May 1780 to April 1784

	Goods received from Stores & Stores obtained here which were sent from England to this Presidency	In Military Stores
From ... 1st May 1780 ... to ... 30th April 1781 ...	49088 17 22	5582 12 4
From ... 1st May ... 1781 ... to ... 30th April 1782 ...	3881 4 60	33674 33 64
From ... 1st May ... 1782 ... to ... 30th April 1783 ...	3836 1 60	181524 . 71
From ... 1st May ... 1783 to ... 30th April ... 1784 ...	34694 34 45	29554 16 11
	91500 24 7	250335 26 59

1783 ... ⊗

June .. 30 Received of Annapooram Sau Gomastah of Gopaul Doss in part of three Bills drawn on them in favor of the President and Council by Arry Kistnadoss amounting to Arc 179000 dated July last —

Ditto from Nanabry Viswanara in full of a Bill in favor of Do for ...

July ... 31 Received in further part of three Bills on Annapooram for ... 179000 Arc ...

August 12 Ditto ... Ditto ... Ditto ...

Sept^r .. 30 Ditto in full of Ditto ... Ditto ...

" Ditto in part of a Bill drawn on Annapooram Sau Gomastah of Gopauldoss for Arc 130000 ...

Ditto for a Bill on Gloss Bon dated in full for Arc 880 ...

October .. 31 Ditto in full of the Bill drawn on Annapooram Sau Gomastah of Gopauldoss for Arc 130000 ...

Ditto from Bodenjee in full for a Bill drawn on them for Arc 20000 ...

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March ... Received [illegible]

April ... Received in part of a Bill on Annapooram Sau Gomastah to Gopaul Doss for 100000 Rup^s due 26 February

Received from Bengal Covers at masulipatam from 1st May to 31st Decem^r 1783 Arc 365752 . 375 ...

Bills Receivable for so much remaining unpaid by Annapooram Sau Gomastah of Gopauldoss on account of the Bill on him for Arc 100000 due 26 February ... 7974 . 4 49

For Dby Bs on account of 3 Bills drawn on him amounting to 330000 due the 11 April 84 } 87142 . 28 41

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Bengal Presidency from 1st May 1780 to 30th April 1784

In Provisions	Bills drawn on that Presidency	Bills drawn by that Presidency in favor of this Government	In Treasure	Amount of Supply & Annuities	Total
191737 19 55	19879 22 63	2000 " "	+472090 20 70	740378 20 57	
268801 34 62	450868 0 78	" " "	*816390 13 49	1573616 20 73	
459633 22 30	903547 15 19	382782 13 16	819724 13 30	2751047 30 46	
132890 11 72	798350 20 18	@299147 2 34	8114043 12 65	1408680 25 74	
1052063 16 62	2172645 26 18	683929 15 50	22248 27 54	6473723 27 10	6473723 27 10
			S. Pagodas	6473723 27 10	

+ This Sum Consigned to Sir Eyre Coote 472090 20 70

* of this Sum Consigned to Do. 116916 6 20

589006 27 10

out of which he advanced for the use of this Government ..... 341500 " " 247506 27 10

@ This Sum Consigned to Sir E. Coote who died April 28th 1783. 16 days before the arrival of the St Carlos with the Treasure 114043 12 65

out of which Col. Owen paid into the Treasury ..... 15980 " "

NB The Sum paid by Col. Owen to the Admiral in part of one Lack of Pags. borrowed from him by Sir Eyre Coote & advanced to the Camp Payons. in April 1782 ..... 98063 12 65

7000 " "		
2666 24 "		
25000 " "		
12000 " "		
2493 17 60		
13500 " "		
236 20 8		
20266 11 "		
3338 12 "		
18000 " "		
97533 31 16		
204030 8 4		299147 2 34
95116 30 30		

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Errors Excepted

(Signed) D. Hoo Cockburn
Dept. Accountant

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Fort St. George 23d. May 1784.

Three Boxes conveyed to the Fort in Consequence of the warrant issued for the Seizure of money said to be embezzled by the Renter of Nellore

Ordered to lie on the Table

The Committee continuing to sett report is now brought to them that the Warrant issued for the Seizure of the money belonging to the Company stated in the Information delivered on oath Yesterday by Comparauze to have been taken and fraudulently convicted by Vencatarow Renter of the Nellore District, had been executed & that three Boxes had been Conveyed to the Fort; where they had received the Seals of Lieut. Gomond the Fort adjutant & of Vera Permaul the Governor's Head Dubash; the only two who were present at the time the Boxes were brought to the Fort.

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Madras
May 24th 1784

From Colonel Brathwaite giving his Opinion on Mr. Harry Taylors Account Current

George May 1784

Received the following Letter from Colonel Brathewaite

To William George Wamey Esq.r

Deputy militarys Secretary

Sir,

Late last night I received your letter of the 20th Instant in Consequence of which I now transmit to you a letter for the right Honble the President and the Gentlemen of the Committee relative to the Account Current which your said letter inclosed to me and the other information required —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Very obedient Sert
(Signed) John Brathewaite

To the Right Honble Geo: Lord Macartney
President and the Gentlemen of the Committee

My Lord
and Gentlemen,

I have received a letter from Mr. Wamey, the deputy military Secretary, enclosing an Account Current. He informs me that it is your desire that I will with as little delay as possible furnish you with every information in my power relative to the said account Current and inform you, whether there was Any Cash belonging

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21 belonging to the Company
or in that of the Paymaster at the
being Captured. In regard to
Current it appears to me to allu
elements which must have been
Nagapatam, while the South
in the Field were under the Comm
Major General Sir Hector Mun
principal charges being for the
October and November the Detac
left Nagapatnam on Christm
I took the Command of it some t
I can not recollect any monthly pa
being made in my time of Comm
before or after the fall of Nagapa
amounting to the sums set forth in
account; payments were in genera
irregular, but memorandums, I suppose, made
and they were brought to account in the usual
form, when a month was cleared off, as if
they had been issued in that month. I never
was able to get money but in small sums
which were issued on Account as far as they
would go to pacify the Seapoys and enable the
Officers to live. I considered 4 Rs. Sun

Fort St. George May 1784.

21. the Pay Master when I was last in the Field, and Mr. Taylor as his Assistant. I suppose Mr. Sullivan must have in his possession my latest letters to him, as pay-master from Camp. these I have no doubt will fully explain to you what money was sent to Camp. and how it I caused it to be issued. I can recollect that the Troops while under my Command received part of their pay in rice, for which they would be debited, as they Could not afford to pay it for it, which the Rajahs people did not like. there was no pay master with the Detachment from the time of my Second taking the Command to the day of my being Captured, and on this subject I wrote particularly to Mr. Sullivan and am allmost positive that I then told him, how I had directed the Camp Conicopoly to apply the whole of the last money sent; the Paymasters Dubash even was not in the Field, he had gone to Tanjore, as he told me, to bring up all Accounts, and had it applied to me for a grant, which I gave him, as he said he was to Carry all the papers and Accounts with him. this was not many days before we were attacked; there was no

Cash

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21. Cash of the Company's in my possession at the time of my surrender the 18th day of February 1782 and I believe now on the hands of the Paymasters Conjecturally for on the 16th day before I was attacked, I was Exceedingly pressed by Lieut. Flowman of the Artillery for a months pay. I think I signed an Order for that purpose, and he returned saying he was too late, the Conjecturally had paid away the Cash of his money the money which Mr. Sullivan sent he used to send to me and sent it in such proportion as I find ged necessary to the Conjecturally for there were two one Acting for Mr. Taylor as Paymr. to the Subsidy. I do not Conceive that either of them could have any money, at the time we were Captivated. if they had they denied it to my orders indeed which they had as I have observed passed through my hands to them I was in immediate want and had pressed Mr. Sullivan strongly. in Conseq: uence of which Mr. Sullivan my Aid de Camp was Coming from Tanjore which a small Supply of Money sent to me by.

Mr.

Fort St. George, May 1784.

24th Mr Sullivan he was within twelve or fifteen miles of me when the heavy and incessant Cannonade he heard occasioned him to halt and send an Hircarrah to me for Orders. I Ordered him back to Tanjore, when I have since heared he Arrived safe with the Money The Money chest of the Detachment was brought before Tippoo Saib when myself and most of the Officers of the Detachment were with him. the locks and Lashings unviolated, he asked me for the key. I told him the key was with the Paymaster Capte who were not to be found the locks were then opened by a Smith sent for. for the purpose and a very small quantity of gold Fanams was all that was found in the chest. at which he laughed —

I do not understand the charge of eighty Pagodas paid to Hircarrah Galloway paid the Hircarrah myself and drove for them when I drew pay for myself from the Paymaster, indeed there being no date to the last mentioned disbursements in the Account Current I am not say anything above them, in truth as to the last charge namely to the Vouchers &c I will own I do not

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24 I Got understand I have written to the best of my recollection, but having been long very sick and weak I would not wish it to be depended on I am Confident my latest letters to Mr Sullivan will elucidate every thing — I flatter myself that I have in the Above fullfilled the intention of your Lordship and the Committee having without delay furnished you with every information in my power relative to the Account enclosed to me, and some thing like positive information as to the state of the Cash Chest of the Detachment with me, when I was Captured —

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect My Lord
and Gentlemen
Your faithfull and
obedient Servant
(Signed) John Braithwaite

Madras
May 24th 1784

Sent Letters (as entered in M. B. No.)

To Mr Ogilvie

To the Paymaster of Vellore informing him that the Guns and Stores sent to that place were for the Defence and Use of the Garrison and not to remain on the Glacis —

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24 To Captain Mears directing him to receive on board the Royal Bishop as Charter Party Passenger Thirty Invalids of his Majestys Troops

To Captain Mears —

To Mr Bullman

To Lieutenant Bullman informing him that the Subadar he sent to the Presidency has been safely secured —

To Lieut Colonel Ross

25 To Lieutenant Colonel Ross desiring him to report to the Committee the Expence it would require to destroy the Fortifications at Tripassore

Sent the following Letters

To Major General Campbell

Commanding his Majestys Troops in India

Sir

To General Campbell req uesting he will order a Court Martial upon Lieut: Hooke for Charges brought against him by Lieut: Macdonald

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to furnish you with the enclosed Copies of Letters from Lieutenant Alexander Mc donald and Thomas Hooke of the Bombay Establishment and to desire that you will order a Court Martial upon the said Lieutenant Hooke upon the charges brought against him by the said Lieutenant Mc donald —

I have the Honor to be with respect Sir your Humble Servant

(signed) John Huddleston

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To Charles Cahelwy Esq.r
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&c. Members of the Committee
Gentlemen of Assigned Revenue

I am directed by the Right Honble
To the Committee the President and Select Committee to furnish
of Assigned Revenue you with the enclosed Copy of Information
informing them
of the Seizure of delivered in on oath the 23.d Instant before
the three Boxes one of his majestys Justices of the peace aga-
said to contain inst Venkatarow the Renter of the Mellore
Money embezzled by distrect in consequence were of a search
the Renter of Nellor Warrant was issued for the seizure of the
and deserving them Money and effects mentioned in the said
to inform the said Information which warrant has been
Renter of the Char executed and the three Chests discribed in
ge brought again the Information seized and brought to the
st him Fort and they are now seated and deposited
in the publick Treasury -

The Right Honble the President
and Select Committee desire that you will
inform Venkatarow without delay of the
charge brought against him and immediatly
proceed to make the necessary enquiries for
proving the facts from your own records the
sheraistadars Accounts and whatsoever if

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25 Measures you judge will be most effectual for the purpose so that the Money saved to be embarked may be recovered for the Company if it shall appear to be their property —

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant

Fort St. George (Signed) John Huddleston

25 May 1781. Secretary

From the Commanding Officers at Nellore (as entered in M. B. No.) congratulating Government on the Termination of the Mutiny at Arnee — Dispatched the following Letters —

To Lieutenant Colonel Ross

Major Edingtoun

Captain Croker

Arthur Stewart

James Mitchell

Gentlemen

To Colonel Ross Major Edingtone & Captain Croker Stewart and Mitchell &c.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform you that they have been pleased to appoint you a Board of Officers to

Fort St. George 25 May 1784.

Board of Officers 25 to enquire in to the Charge brou: ght against Mr. dupree by the Officers late pri: soners at Bangalore

enquire in to and report to them your opini: on upon certain Charge brought by the Gentlemen late Prisoners at Bangalore against Mr. Andrew dupree formerly a Captain in the Service of his Highness the Nabob who in consequence of the said charge is now in Confinement and will be brou: ght before you for examination —

I enclose you Copy of the Charge and the Select Committee desire you will proceed on this enquiry and lay before them the result with as little delay as possible

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) John Huddleston

Secretary

Fort St. George
25 May 1784.

From Meer Moyu: un Deen Chan

Received Letters from Meer Moyun Ul deen Caun (as entered in C.C. No.) representing that as Friendship and Peace are now firmly established between the Company and the Circar it is necessary that the English should evacuate the Country of Dindigul, when the Forts of Soulgur

and

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25 And Amboor will be evacuated by the Circar
and Enclosing a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun
for Lord Macartney —

26 Sent Letters to his Highness the Nabob (as
To his Highness the Nabob entered in C. C. No.) informing him
that Abdul Wahab Chan and his Family
were released on the Conclusion of the Peace

Received Letter from Lieut. Underwood (as
entered in M. B. No.) requesting
that he may be allowed to draw pay from
the Paymaster of Vellore, for the time he
may stay in that Garrison —

Received the following
Letter from the Committee of Assigned
Revenue —

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From the Committee of Assigned Revenue the all inform the Renter of the Nel. late Lore district of the Charge brug.

We have had the honor to receive your Secretary's Letter of yesterdays date — with its Enclosures —

In consequence of your Directions we shall immediately communicate

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it against him
nd request that
he Informer may
e ordered before
them in order to
examine him

cate to Vencatran the Charge brought against him and take such other steps as may on our Judgement be most likely to ascertain the truth of the Fact alledged in the Deposition of Coonepauraure Sennevasan :ron —

We beg leave here to observe that the Information of Sennevasaveron mentions only in general terms that the Money, Shawls and other Effects which have been seized are the property of the Company, without any Explanation, Account or other Vouchers to prove in what manner it become their property — If any such Explanation Account or other Document should have accompanied the Deposition or have been given in to your Lordship &c We request it may be communicated to us, and that you will be pleased to direct Coonepouravize Sennevasaveron to attend us, that we may examine him in support of the Information he has delivered —

We have the honor to be

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My Lord and Gentlemen

Your Most obedient

humble Servants

(Signed) Charles Oakeley

David Haliburton

Geo: Moubray

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

&c. Fort St. George

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My Lord and Gentlemen

From the Chief &
Council of Masulipatam enclosing an Account of Cash &c advanced to the Bengal detachment

Agreeable to your Commands under date the 3d Instant communicated to us by your Secretary we herewith forward an Account of the Amount of what has been advanced to the Bengall Detachment including the Amount of Some Grains delivered to Captain Blacke

We have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your Most Obt. Humble Servts.

(Signed) James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Saml. Statham

Masulipatam
21st May 1784

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26 Received the following

Letter from Mr Welch -

To the Right Honble Geo: Lord Macartney

President and Governor of

Fort St George

My Lord

From Mr Welch will follow the Orders he has received from Lord Macartney under date the 11th Instant -

I have had the honor to receive your Lordships Letter of the 11th Instant and shall take care to include in my Payments to the Army the Detachments that Garrison the several Forts through out the Arcot Province and agreeable to your Lordships Commands shall apply to the different Renters for such Supplies of Grain &c as the Commanding Officers of those Garrisons may Indent to me for granting my Receipt for the amount specifying the Buyar price of the different Articles at the time of delivery I shall likewise give a Receipt to each of the Renters for the amount of those they may Issue taken from the different Commanding Officers in their District for Supplies to

their

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26 their Garrisons —

I have the Honor to be & remain

With the greatest respect —

My Lord

Your Most Obedient Humble

Servant —

(Signed) Thomas Welch

Paymaster

Arcot
23d May 1784

Sent the following Letter to Mr Lind

To Mr. Francis Lind

Paymaster at

Sir Nellore

I am directed by the Right Honble the

To the Baymaster of Nellore respecting the diminishment of 259 Bullocks —

President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter to them of the 21st Inst with its several enclosures —

The Select Committee desire that the 134 Slaughter Bullocks at Nellore as likewise the 125 Draft Bullocks be immediately disposed of to the best advantage and the amount Carried to the Company's Credit —

I am directed to desire that you will forward with as little delay as possible to the proper Officers all your Accounts with the Company since your appointment to Nellore

I have the Honor to be &c

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26 May 1784

(Signed) John Huddleston

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From General Lang

Received Letter from the Commander in Chief as entered in Mr. B. Nov. advancing of Captain Pole having been ordered to take the Command of Vellore and Captain Bennevaux that of Arnee —

Sent the following Letter to the Committee of assigned Revenue

To Charles Cakely Esq.

President &c. Members of the Committee of Assigned Revenue

Gentlemen

The Committee of assigned Revenue enclosing them a Paper on the Subject that has been brought against the Renter enclosed paper relative to the subject now before you Velloré and you signed by one Assignee Bond which paper was sent to the Right Honble the President

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of Yesterday's date and to furnish you with the

With respect to Coorn pouvanee Timevasarow or any other persons whose evidence can in any degree assist you in the Investigation of this Business you are desired to send for them and examine them upon oath to be administered by a Justice of the Peace or Alderman of the Mayrs Court with

desiring them to examine on Oath any People whose Evidence may assist them in the Investigation of this Business —

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26 with the utmost strictness — The Select Committee rely on your care and attention for mentioning the exact truth with respect to the charge brought against Vencattaroo so that the Money may be recovered for the Company if their property, or restored to him of it shall be found to that he is unjustly accused —

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Most Obet. Sets.
(Signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

Fort St George
27 May 1784.

Recvd the following Letter

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from Capt. Cuppage

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have intelligence this

From Capt. Cuppage by my own Harcarahs that Side Sau
Saib has destro
yed a few yards of authorised a few yards of the Wild Fort of
the Fort of Amboor
but deviated from Amboor to the North ward some
going further in
Consequence of Orders consequence of orders received from
from Tippoo —

To

Tippoo

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27 Sultan they have desisted

I have the honor to be
with great respect —
My Lord and Gentlemen.
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant

Fort St. George
25th May 1784.

(Signed) John Cuppage

Received Letters as entered
in Miscellany Book No.

Capt. Cuppage — From the Commanding Officer of Vellore
acknowledging the Receipt of the Committee's
Orders relative to Secret Service Money —

Capt. Jones — From Captain Jones requesting
a Court Martial and enclosing a List of the
Officers who he intends to call upon —

Capt. Edmonds — From Captain Edmonds sends
Lieutenant Munro to take the Command
of the Troops in the Palmaud —

Knox — From Capt. Knox will take
every Precaution to execute the Wishes
Capt. Knox of Government relative to the two Subed-
dars sent to the Southward by his Highness
the Nabob to recruit —

recruit

From Captain Casper —

27 From Capt.n Casper on the same as the following Letter —

From Lieutenant Bellman

From the Commanding Officers of Chinglepute enclosing a List of Stores &c sent to the Army

From Mr. Wolf —

From the Paymaster of Trippasore enclosing an Account of Rice in that Garrison —

Received the following Letters from Mr. Irwin —

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Mr. Irwin stating an Account of the Advantages arising to the Company from the Rebel Poligars having been brought back to a just Sense of their obedience by the spirited and successful Conduct of Colo.l Fullarton Representing the intimate Connection which here before subsisted

I have now the honor to transmit you an Abstract of the Polygar Settlement (No 1) concluded at Guygunderum towards the close of the last year) with Original and Translate of sundry Papers (No 2) taken at Pandalum courtchy by Colonel Fullarton

If the rebellious and turbulent Spirit of the Polygars stood in need of any concurring circumstances to vouch their delinquency I trust that the proofs now exhibited of Cutt-Bom Naigs Correspondence with

severity

between the Dutch and Batt. Boat Brig and requesting Ins: truction from the Board to prevent the like in future

The Enemy will justify the severity of his Punishment and that it will appear to your Lordships &c that the reasonable moment in which this Arrangement took place was of equal Utility with the damages it has recovered and the Revenue it has secured to the Company —

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nection

The Begums means personne so advanced that Success is a Sanction for the prosperity of any measure the peculiar Situation of affairs at the Time it was undertaken encourage me to hope that the Event will have weight in the Consideration of the Polygar Settlement &c

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Nor do I mean to arrogate any Merit to myself on this occasion To the spirited and humane conduct of Colonel Fuller tion, I am of opinion that we owe the discharge of the greatest part of their Arrears and the present tractable disposition of the Polygars —

Not that I neglected any opportunity to improve these misled people with

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26 with a due sense of the moderation and Justice of the British Government. It required some extraordinary instance of Condescension & Clemency to make them forget the insolence & they had been subjected to from the Nabob & Invaders, and the persecution they had undergone. And it fortunately occurred that what your Lordship &c had decreed from a Sentiment of Compassion could be turned by me to a Political Account. In consequence of your Permission I have released all the Polygars confined in Pollamcottah Fort ... whose Liberty was solicited by their Relations and whose Gratitude might operate in reconciling the insurrections to the good that was intended them by the Company. On this occasion several Instances of natural Affection fell under my observation, and one in Particular which I hope to be excused mentioning, as it proves the Polygar are not so destitute of principle as has been Represented The Polygar of Colarpully was one of those imprisoned after the death of Isoof Kawn His Son, then an

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26 an Inpoant succeeded to the Pollam which he has maintained to this Time. But on the first intimation of the Reward held out to those who performed their Engagements he applied to me for the release of his Father and in my Presence resigned the authority he had held for upwards of twenty years to the venerable owner a Man bowed with age and infirmity, and dispirited to all Appearance by the long and rigid confinement he had experienced. (N B is a list of the Prisoners discharged on and Enquiry at the Cutcherry into the Causes of their detention which were just as frivolous as was represented to me But two or three Polygars remain whose Presence would create disturbance in the Country, and the Murderers, who wait the further Orders of your Lordship and the Select Committee.)

Before I quit the Subject of the Polygars I beg leave to recall to your Lord: ship's attention the intimate connexion that Subsisted between the Dutch and the Late Boma Naig & was so incompatible with

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26 with the welfare and Safety of the Tinnevally
Country. The day now approaches when the
Dutch are likely to return to this Coast and
with their professions. to recover that Influence
with Cattabomen Naig which alone can
secure him from the new hatred of depredations
on the Company Humbly apprehend. that
the impending Evil cannot be too soon averted
and Request the Instruction of your Lordship
in what manner I may best prevent their Inter
course with your Tributary by which alone
he can be furnished with Guns & military
Stores & means to set your Authority at defiance
in a future period of Difficulty and Distress
Restricted as the Dutch are to the Confines
of their different Factories no great Effort will
be necessary to accomplish this Point An
Explanation of your Sentiments to the Chief
of Tuticorin might be the means of saving
much trouble to your Government

As a Reduction in the Charge
of Collection is the most certain mode of encre
asing the Net Revenues of a Country I have
not lost Sight of the Object in the Commission
I have the honor to hold It gave me no small

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26 unnecessary to find, that this Expence amounted to rather more than a tenth of the gross Revenue under the present System. This obviously arising from the extraordinary Establishment of the Sibbendy and Tyanaut Corps. I conversed with the Paymaster on the Subject and found, that the Sibbendy Battalions were at present officered, as if they consisted of 150 each Company agreeable to the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief as per food in General Orders. On this discovery I lost no time in applying to Captain Bidulphe for his opinion which I have the honor to enclose (No 4) with an Estimate of the savings to the Company from the proposed Reduction. I have included the Tyanauts. tho Captain Bidulphe has omitted to mention them. and I flatter my self your Lordship &c will furnish him with speedy Instructions to carry this plan into execution by which 10000 Chuckrums & Annums will be saved and the Charges of Collection confined to the Line proposed by the Committee of Inquiry and Revenue —

By the

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26 If the Arrangements of the Army have not taken place, I shall make bold to request that the 2d Tinnavally Troops commanded by Lieutenant Hammond, and serving with the Southern Army be ordered for the Service of the Tinnavally and Madura Provinces. Not to say, that this Troop was mounted from our Resources, and are well acquainted with a Country in which they have been so long stationed, it appears to me, that Horse are fittest for the active Service of Collection, particularly where Polygars are in question, and may be the Means of a considerable saving in the Articles of batta should a regular Battalion be employed in their Stead —

I have the Honour to be
with the Greatest Respect
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your Very faithful and
obedient Servant —
(Signed) Eyles Irwin

Tinnavally
30th April 1784

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Received Letter from Captain Dawes (as entered in M. B. No.) with Intelligence from Nagapatam —

To Capt. Moorhouse (as entered in M. B. No.) permitting him to return to his Post of Commissary of Stores at Fort St. George and appointing Captain Speediman to take charge of the Stores and Grain in Contonment till further Orders —

To Captain Moorhouse

Received the following Letter (as entered in M. B. No.) From Lieut. enclosing a Monthly return of the Stores in the Fort of Chanderragherry as also a Monthly Return of the Troops —

Friday the 28 May 1784

At a Select Committee Present The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K. B President Anthony Sadlier Lieutenant General Ross Lang Alexander Davidson Robert Maunsell

Minutes of the last Committee read and approved —

Read Letter (as entered in the Miscellany Book No.) from Lieut. John Horne and Colin Macaulay, requesting

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Lieut. John Home & Insign Macauley

permission to proceed to Bengal on account of their own private Affairs; which is granted but it is agreed that their leave of absence be limitted to the end of November next in the Course of which Month Lieut. Home & Macauley must be informed, that its expected they will return to their duty on this Establishment as their Name will otherwise be struck off the List of the Army —

Mr. Browne

Read Letters from Captain Browne, Commanding the Snow Isabella (as entered in M.B. No.) complaining that after having delivered long since in to the Stores several Tents which he had brought on Freight from Vizagapatam he had been informed by the Commissary of Stores that there was a deficiency and representing the hardship of such a proceeding at so long a period after the Tents had been delivered to the Committee of Stores —

Ordered that the foregoing Letter be referred to the Committee of Stores with directions to enquire by what means the Tents received from Vizagapatam have been damaged and to call upon

the

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The person by whose neglect it we occasio:
:ned to make good the deficiency -

Read the following Letter
from Mr Gideon Firth Paymaster at
Pulicat with two Enclosures -

To William George Macey Esqr

Deputy Secretary to the Right
Honble the President and
Select Committee

Sir

In Conformity to the direction
of the Right Honble the President and
Select Committee thro' You transmitted
You will be pleased to lay before them
the accompanying Account of the Monthly
Charges of this Garrison . as also an Ques:
nt of such Charges as in my Opinion
are unnecessary . but which as well as
my own Pay and Batta and Charges
for Servants I submit to their Determination

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your Humble Servant
(Signed) Gideon Firth
Paymr

From Mr Firth
enclosing a State
:ment of the Monthly
Expences of the Gar
:rison of Pulicat to

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Charges in the accompanying Account which may be retrenched not appearing necessary but submitted to the Consideration of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee

Sergt. Denham in two extraordinary Charges	8	-
2 Carpenters 2 Smiths and One Hammerman	11	-
2 Lotties instead of 4	2	-
1 Linguist and 7 Harcarhs	30	-
Oil instead of Ps. 15 Ps. 10	5	-
Pagodas	59	-

Boatmen and Watermen necessary The Lascars are established Servants the Paymasters Servants submitted to Orders —

(Signed) Gideon Firth
Paymaster

Pullicatt
26th May 1784

An Account of the Monthly Charges in the Garrison of Pullicat Capt. Smith not included

Lieut. Orton's Subsistance Sepoy Allowance and Adjutancy 1 Month of 31 Days	41	16	60
Do — Extra Pay — Do	7	31	40
Do Allowance for Candles	1	21	-
Do — Do — for Stationary		21	-
Carried Over Pags.	51	6	20

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Sir Jno Pooles Subs Brought Over	51	6 20
Lieutenant Poole's Subsistence and Sepoy Allowance	21	15 60
Do ——— Extra Pay	7	31 10
Ensign Lt Hunles Subs: & Do	19	21 -
Do —— Do —— Extra Pay	3	06 -
French Surgeons Pay	16	21 -
Engineer Bongos full Pay and Batta to come away	12	91 28
Serjeant Denhams Pay 6 -		
Do as Serjt Major — 4		
Do as Key Serjeant — 4		
Do as Store Serjeant — 4 —	18	- -
Serjt Tipsells Pay — 6 -		
Do as Drill Serjeant — 2 —	8	- -
European Artillery 2 Gunners and 1 Matr	11	- -
Privates 1 Serjeant and 2 privates	10	- -
Native Artry 1 Havaldar and 3 Sepoys	10	- -
Lascars 1 Sindal and 10	31	36 -
Artificers 3 Carpt 1 Armr and 1 Smith Pay —	10	-
1 Hambermen — 2 —	20	- -
Two Boatmen to fetch Water	2	- -
Six Watermen for carrying Do	6	- -
Carried Over Pagt	296	6 60

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Brought Over Pags 296. 6 68

Four Sotties 4

1 Linguist . . . . . 5.

1 Conicopoly . . . . 1.

2 Peons . . . . . 2.

1 Masalgee 1. 10. 40

1 Head Hircarah . . 1.

6 Hircarrah . . . . 21.

31. 10 40

Paymasters Pay and Batta . . . 88 11. 56

D° his Servants

1 Writer P. 10.

1 Conicopilly . . 2. 2.

1 Peon . . . . . 1.

13 21

1,36 11 1.

Oil for the Garrison . . . . . 15 .

1,51 11 1.

3 Company of Sepoys about 1.40 . .

Pagodas 891 11 1.

(Signed) Gideon Scott

Paymaster

Ordered that the several Month
: ly Charges stated in one of the foregoing
Papers amounting to Pags. 59. . . be
forthwith discontinued as likewise the
(Allowances to Lieut.t Bong of the Corps
of Engineers whom itis agreed imme
: diately to recall to do duty in

Minutes on the foregoing —

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This Garrison till further orders -

Read the following Letter

from Mr William Hawkings Paymaster

at Poonamallee with an enclosure

To the Right Honble Geo Lord Macartney

President and Governor &c

&c

Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen

from Mr Hawkings with Number Statement of the Expences of the Garrison of Poonamallee

Agreeable to your desire communicated to me by Your Deputy Secretairy. I have the Honor of transmitting a Statement of the expence of this Garrison for last Month, which has been attended with more than any of the former Ones, on Account of the Number of Europeans Amounting to near Nine hundred — I do not conceive in what point the least reduction what ever can be made - every Allowance being but conformable to the Book of Regulation; the Batta to the Seapoys

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Seapoys which is mentioned as one Article of expence was for March 1783 and will be struck off in September the month in which the Right Honble the President directed me to do it —

I have the Honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most
Obedient and Humble Sert
(Signed) Wm Hawkins
Paymaster

Poonamalle
25 May 1781.

Statement of Monthly Expences in the Garrison of Poonamalle

Troops		2321 -
Infantry Invalid		9 - -
Artillery Invalid		9 - -
Gratuity Fund		7 21 -
Black Artillery		35 - -
Seapoys		308 5 68
Lascars		26 21
Charges General		322 18
Garrison Batta to Officers &c		265 8 32
Do	to Seapoys	82 11 75
Do	to Black Artillery	7 86 -
Charges Extraordinary		507 37 65
	Pagodas	1604 13 -

(Signed) W. Hawkins

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To be directed to particularize in his Charge —

Agreed that Mr Hawkins be directed to particularize the Several Charges included under the general heads of Charges Extraordinary and Charges General that the Committee may be enabled to form a judgment of such Expences as it may be thought expedient to retrench —

The Black Artillery at Poonamallee to be incorporated in the Native Artillery as soon as a Corps shall be raised —

Said is probable that a Corps of Native Artillery will be entertained it is agreed that the Black Artillery now in the Garrison of Poonamallee be incorporated therein as soon as such a Corps shall be formed —

The President having procured a true Copy of the real Letter which was addressed to the Nabob by the mutinous of Cavalry at Arnee instead of the fictitious a Letter that was enclosed by her His Highness in his letter of the 7 May and which in all probability had been fabricated at the Durbar his Lordship now lays the Same before the Committee as entered in C:C: &c. —

The President lays before the Committee the real Letter addressed to the Nabob by the Mutineers at Arnee —

Read

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Read following Letter from
the Commander in Chief, enclosing one
addressed to him by Captain Jourdan—

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have the honor to enclose

From Genl Long enclosing an application from Capt Jourdan to resign the Service

a Letter from Captain Jurdan and beg leave to recommend that his resignation of the command of the Regiment of Cavalry may be accepted of—

I have the Honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

(Signed) Ross Lang

Cavalry Plain
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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney KB
Governor and President of the Select Comtee
of Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

Some private affairs obliges me to request permission of Your Lordship and

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and Gentlemen to resign the command of the 2 Regt. of Cavalry, and to return to England the begining of next Year I humbly beg Your Lordship and Gentlemen will indulge me to remain with my Regt in the Service untill I Imbark —

I have the Honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your Most obedient devoted
Humble Servant
(Signed) Edward Jourdan
Capt.
2 Regt. of Cavalry

(Recd
May 21. 1784

Agreed that Capt. Jourdan's resignation of the Honble Company's Service as likewise of the Command of the 2d Regt. of Cavalry be accepted but that agreeably to his request he be permitted to Retain his Rank in the Army untill he shall embark for Europe the Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute —

His Request complied with his Rank till his Embarkation —

I have considered very maturely the measures I think would be proper to adopt

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adopt respecting the Native Cavalry who have so lately proceeded to the greatest length and evinced a total disregard of all Discipline and subordination. the example made on the spot by blowing away two of the Ring leaders. was meant to strike a terror into their minds but it by no means is sufficient entirely to subdue the turbulent spirits of many. who tho active in the Mutiny yet remain unpunished — I would therefore recommend that those of the Men of the different Regiments. who were the most culpable and who are in confinement should be chained and remain Prisoners for Life at such place as may appear proper to the Honble Committee and that such others as may be pointed out by the Officers be added to the number and wherever they are placed they may be made of service by being employed on any public work they may be in hand this is a punishment they dread almost as much as Death. and will therefore be the more

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striking and the examble being before their
Eyes it will have the best effect upon the
conduct of those who may remain in the
Service —

When these men are dispo-
sed of it may be proper that such as wish
to be discharged both Officers and Men
should be dismissed giving to each a
Certificate of the Arrears due to him
which should be paid at the same time
and in equal proportions with the rest
of the Army. That they be informed
that such as are willing to enter into
the Service of the Company / and I believe
there are but few that would not / will
be immediately received as Recruits
and be paid the Bounty the same
as the Sepoy Recruits that they be
regularly enlisted and sworn to be faith-
ful and true to the Service and defend
their Standard to the last That the
Standards they now have be taken away

and

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and now once bearing the Arms of the Company be delivered to them with all formality by the Commander in Chief by which the idea they now possess of being the Servants of another would be remov'd, and they would in every respect consider themselves as the Soldiers of the Company at present the Cavalry is composed almost intirely of Mussulmen who in every disturbance or disaffection among them are closely confederated and united by their uniformity of opinion with respect to religion and their minds are worked upon by the more designing who support the influence they obtain by means of their religion to which they are entirely begotted Imaum and Doon is a recent instance of this who when he thought his influence upon the decline took care to keep up the Spirit of disaffection by repeatedly swearing them in a solemn manner to be true

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To him and to the cause which he repre-
sented as a religious one in opposition to
Europeans thus the enthusiasm was
kept alive and his influence maintained
so long in order therefore at much as
possible to avoid in future such an
union among them I would recommend
that a certain proportion / perhaps more
than one third / be taken from other
Casts and intermixed with the Moors
by this method they would be less
unanimous and of course the less able
to accomplish any views they may
entertain similar to those which
lately prevailed among them — that
those of other Casts should be forward
ded in the course of the Service and
promoted when found deserving of it
at present almost all the Native
Officers are Moor men and none other
stand a chance of Promotion - I should
prefer the Maratah and Rajaput
Casts but I conceive that any Casts /
Parias

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(Parias excepted) should be received if willing to enlist and able to manage an Horse —

I would also propose that the Infantry and Artillery who were formerly attached to the Cavalry be removed from that Corps — and the Infantry drafted into the Sepoys Battalions if willing to remain in the Service the difficulty which appears in this mode is the disposing of the Black Officers who are good men and have behaved well and who in such case would be ill unprovided for possibly your Lordship and the Committee may think it better to form them into a Battalion by themselves commanded by their own Native Officers and appoint European Officers to the Battalion the Artillery may be turned over to the Corps of Native Artillery it would be highly impolitic to permit them to leave the Service if possible to avoid it as they are good Men and Active brave Soldiers more particularly as by all accounts they would meet with the best reception in the Service of others —

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Artillery being what they most wish to obtain they may be permitted to dwindle away by not recruiting the Corps but I am of opinion they should not upon any account be permitted to leave the Service at this time — My reason for proposing the Infantry and Artillery to be removed from the Cavalry is that I would wish that Corps to be intirely distinct from all others and if on service it is thought necessary to add a force in Infantry to the Cavalry when going on Detachment it would be easy to detach a Batt: alion of Sepoys with Light Guns which may be kept for that purpose in the Artillery Park and as a body of Cavalry without Guns attached they will not have it in their power to become as formida: ble as when they are in their reach and the Men who are to manur them under their own influence which they are at present from their connection with the Troopers —

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The above my Lord & Gentle-
men are my ideas respecting the Native
Cavalry and the manner in which I think
they should be treated at this time — the
measures I have recommended are much
more mild than those pointed out in your
Letter to me of the 20th Inst: but I trust that
when they come to be duly considered they
will appear to be equally will calculated
to prevent any future attempts similar to
those lately made at Arnee — With respect
to Captain Mc alisters Regiment which
have been represented to your Committee
as having taken the lead — they were not
so culpable nor so active as that Comman-
ded by Captain Dourdan whose conduct
on this occasion has been the more extraor-
dinary as in all Mutinies of the Cavalry
formerly these Men have remained quiet
and obedient nor were they ever concerned
untill now I should be of opinion with
your Honble Committee that that Regimen-

should

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should be broke did I not know that we suffered much from the reduction of the Nabobs Regiments before the War & every Man of whom intered into the Service of Hyder and were of infinite advantage to him and consequently of the greatest prejudice to us I think it will be impo: litic to disband a Regiment at this time when Recruits are very hard to be obtained and when Tippoo / whose Army must unavoidably be much reduced by a long War / would no doubt give them every encouragement and be happy to receive these Men / who are in the highest state of discipline of any of the Cavalry / as they will be essentially serviceable in forming his Regiments and disciplining them — the many attempts that were made to induce Lieu Colo: Commandant — to enter into his Service during his confinement and his forcible detainer of him when the other Prisoners returned shews how anxious he is to

procure

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Procure capable Men in the Cavalry Line and we may well suppose that if such Efforts were made to recure one man he would gladly receive a whole Corps which at the same time that it would be of infinite advantage to him would distress Us in an eminent degree —

With regard to the punishments recommended — I have already made two capital examples and have in a disgraceful manner flogged four in front of the Regiment in the severest manner and discharged them I would also wish that the Ringleaders (for whom the reward was offered) if found should suffer Death but I would recommend that no punishments but such as are military should be inflicted and on those only as above mentioned who are now in confinement and who may be pointed out hereafter — this punishment I have recommended of perpetual imprisonment at the same time that it secures to us the service of the persons

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confined in whatever way we may choose to employ them. it will detain their families in the Carnatic as they will not think of leaving it during such confinement of the head of the Family and also allow of our obtaining a number of Recruits from such families an object worthy attention — The branding them in the face I conceive will only tend to devise them and their Connections from the Country into the Service of others — and I fear would act almost as a prohibition to the Moors / who are an high minded people / from entering into the Company's service — The sending them to Bencoolen is another species of punishment I would wish not to be tried whatever you may deem necessary to inflict and however severe the natureal of it I think it should be done on the spot and consistent with the Military ideas they have been brought up in —

With respect to the Officers I do not imagine that they had the smallest intimation

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Intimation of the intended Muting untill the day it happened — however should your Honble Committee think it necessary that an enquiry should be made into the conduct of any of them I will order the same to take place immediately

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(Signed)
Ross Lang

The Commander in Chief being returned from the Cantonements the Committee proceed to take into Consideration the circumstance of the Cavalry which lately mutinied at Arnee and the other Corps that followed their example —

Sentiments of the Committee respecting the Muting —

It affords the Committee great satisfaction that the Mutiny of the four Regiments of Cavalry has been so happily terminated. as they cannot but reflect with horror on the serious consequences that were to be dreaded from the pernicious example of so considerable a body of Men as the whole Cavalry of the Army — had the infection extended itself to the other Corps in the Service. The Committee are fully of

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Opinion that in an Army composed as the Honble Companys principally is of Native Troops a very rigid discipline must be observed and that the smallest relaxation from that System might hazard the Safety of all the British Possession in India They are sensible that no circumstance could so effectually have put a stop to the late Mutiny as the determined perseverance of Government not to yield to the tumultuous Demands of Troops who had withdrawn themselves from every shadow of Military discipline and the Committee are equally of opinion that no measure will so tend so forcibly to deter the repetition of so dangerous a Conduct in future as the making immediate and severe Examples of several of those who shall be found to have been the most active in the late Mutiny —

The Commander in Chief acquaints the Committee that exclusive of the two principal Ringleaders who were blown away from a Gun the Evening

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the Mutiny was quelled — he has in Custo-
dy several Men belonging to the Native
Cavalry as likewise some of his own Body
Guard who had also mutinied —

Agreed that the Comman-
der in Chief be requested to select from the
Troopers now in Confinement, four of the
most darny Mutineers and that they &
together with two Men from his own Body
Guard be executed without delay and in
the Most public Manner possible at the
respective Stations of Fort St George Tanjore
Trichinapoly Vellore: Arcot and Ramnad
— Agreed likewise that the remaining Priso-
ners in custody be disposed of in the
Manner recommended by the Commander
in Chief in the foregoing Minute by being
employed in Chains upon the public forti-
fications during life —

Size of the most during of the Mutineers to be executed at different Forts in the Carnatic

In the choice of the above
mentioned Punishments the Committee have
been governed by the absolute necessary as
they have before observed of making severe

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Examples and as perpetual imprisonment must be dreaded almost as much as death and will afford an example constantly before the Eyes of whole Army which cannot fail to produce a striking effect upon the Troops in general the Committee hope that those punishments will prevent any similar disturbances in future —

That the whole Corps of Cavalry engaged in the late Mutiny yet as there seems to him been an exception with respect to the behaviour of the 3d Regt. (Capt. Stevens) which does not appear to have joined over heartily in the Mutiny it is agreed only to Reduce the 1st. 2d. and 4th. Regt. by which means Capts. Stevensons Regiments if which will be the only remaining one will become the 1st Regt. of Native Cavalry Resolved likewise that Major Campbell be authorized to Select from the three reduced Regiments a new Regiment for his own Command which is

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To be called the 2d Regt. of Native Cavalry

Captain Stevenson being also permitted to
recruit his own Regiment in the same
manner to the same Number as Mak Campbel
and it is further resolved that as soon as there
two Regiments shall have been completed
they shall receive new Standards in the
lieu of the old ones which shall be taken
from them — that after having been enlisted
and having received the Bounty the same
as Sepoy Recruits they be stoon to be
faithful and true to the Service and to
defend their Colours to the last and as long
as they shall / agreeable to the exprssion
peculiar to the Country / be supported by
the Salt of the Company —

With respect to those who shall
be discharged Notes will be given to them
for the Amount of their Arrears and they
will be paid by degrees as the other Troops
untill the whole shall be discharged. Agred
that the President be requested to write a

Letter

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Letter to the Nabob enclosing a List of the Names of those persons who shall be discharged and desiring that His Highness will on no account whatever entertain any of them in his Service those men being somewhat they employ and the number of the Nabobs Guards being already two numerous merely for the purpose of a Guard nor Can His Highness have any occasion for more Troops as the defence of the Country rests with the Company —

Captain Moorhouses Conduct in the late Mutiny highly approved by the Commr

The Commander in Chief having represented to the Committee the meritorious Conduct of Capt. Joseph Moorhouse at the time the daring attempt was made by the Light Infantry attached to the Native Cavalry, to carry off the Guns from the Fort of Arcot, and which they would have effected, but for his exertions — The Committee are happy in expressing their approbation of Captain Moorehouses distinguished behaviour on that

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that occasion, and request the Commander in Chief to return him their best Thanks, and to assure him that they will take a proper opportunity of rewarding him equal to his merits —

Minute respecting the disposal of the Bombay Sepoys —

The Committee taking into their consideration the disposal of the Sepoys belonging to the Bombay Establishment who lately returned from the Mysore Country it is agreed that the two Grenadier Batt.ns be formed into one Corps to be commanded by their own Officers. and that the other Battalions be formed in to two Batta.ns and to be Commanded by Lieut. Wiseman and Oakes. who are the two Senior Officers remaing Lieut. Bellas and Mr. Donald having received permission to proceed to Bengal — The Commander in Chief is requested to issue the necessary orders for Carrying the above Resolution into immediate effect —

In advance

To Lieut. Colonel Malcolm the Adjutant General to the Army is on

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made to Colo.
Mucleolm of
1000 Pagodas

the point of proceeding in a few Days to England on the Service of the Company / agreeably to the Minutes of the 24 of March / Agreed that one thousand / 1000 / Pagodas be allowed Colonel Mucleolm to pay his passage and that the papers and Documents necessary for his information and guidance on the Service upon which he is to be employed — be prepared without loss of time

Read Letters from the Nabob Tippoo Sultan dated the 23rd and 25th Instant / as entered in C. C. A.

The former representing the Irregularities committed by the Commandants of Cananore Onore, Carwar and Saddashe vaguddas previous to their quitting those Places by laying Waste the adjacent Countries plundering the Inhabitants blowing up the Magazines and throwing the Guns into the Sea contrary to the Treaty lately concluded between the Company and him — the Latter setting forth, that no Prisoners whatever belonging

Substance of
two Letters from
Tippoo Sultan

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belonging to the English Nation, non remain
in his Country that they were all released on
the Conclusion of the peace and sent to Vellore
repeating his complaint of the Conduct of the
Officer commanding at Conanore in Evacuating
that Place without writing for a Person
belonging to the Circar — Rec.d

Read Letter from Meer
Mohemuddeen Chan dated the 28th Instant
(as entered in C.C. No.) Enclosing an
Abstract Account of Money due from the
Company to the Circar amounting to ff
Pagodas 7262-3/16. and requesting that the
Same may be remitted to him without delay

Substance of a Letter from Mee Meyer Mahdeen Chan —

Ordered that the amount stated
in the foregoing Letter from Meer Meheen
Md Deen Chan being Star Pag.s 7252 : 3/16
be immediately discharged and that the
person who shall be the Bearer of the ff
Cash be directed to receive back Mr.
Sadleirs two receipts for the two sums advanced
to him as mentioned in his (Meer Meeu
Mahdeen Chans) Letter the account of the fore-
going

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going Sums to be carried to the debit of the Mill: Paymaster General who is to adjust them in his Books —

Read the following letters from Captn Dawes Commanding at Permacoil —

To William Geo: Wasey Esqr

Deputy Secretary

Sir

From Capt. Dawes requesting to know whether the Bullocks &c attached to the 1st Battalion to be struck off

I am favored with yours of the 10 Inst: be so kind as to acquaint the Right Honble the President and Select Committee that Having received the G: O respecting the discontinuance of full Batta and Ibeg to know If the Bullocks, Lascars. Bamboo Coolies and Artificers. that are Attached to the to Battn. are to be struck off. or If I am to Continue than as I belonging to the Garrison in future —

I have the honor to be
Sir Your Most Obedt. Hble
(Signed) N. Dawes
Captain Commanding at
Permacoil —

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To William Geo: Wasey Esqr.

Deputy Secretary

Sir

From Captain Davies requesting directions for the Disposal of some Bullocks Bandies and Slaughter Cattle belonging to the Compy.

I some time since requested of you to Acquaint the Right Honble the President and Select Committee that I had received some Bullocks and Bondys from Mr. Hoisard belonging to the Company wishing to be favored with their Commands Respecting them —

I beg you will now do me the favor to Inform them that I have some Slaughter Cattle Here belonging to the Company that were not able to March With the Army whom it Pased from Cuddalore I have taken every care of them Since Which Remains are in tolarable orders But there is such a Scarcity of Grass in this Neighbourhood at Pres that they will in all Probability fall away If not taken from Hence —

I have the Honor to be &c.

(Signd) A. Davies

Commanding Parnacoil

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Minute on the foregoing –

Agreed that the Bullocks Lascars Bamboo Coolies and Artificers as well as the Bullocks and Bandies which Captain Davies received from Mr. Boisgard besent to Arcot to be there discharged and that Capt. Davies be directed to send the Slaughter Cattle to Mr. Lenoir thy the Deputy Agent in Contonements taking his receipt –

Read the following letter from the Marquis de Bussy which it was received on the Instant –

My Lord

From Mr. Bussy stating his Sentiments of the Sense of the Treaty between the two Courts and propositions for a renewal of the Conference between the respective Commissaries –

I have delayed sending an Answer to the Letter you honord me with the 1st the 10 Instant for some days. because I wished to comprehend in that answer my observation upon Col: Dalrymples last Letter to the French Commissaries that Letter having appeared to me, to treat upon subjects rather foreign to those which should be discussed by our respective Commissa-

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ries — I thought it right to bring that discus
:sion back to you and me by inspending it
as you have done the activity of a Commissio:
on rendered at least incompetent if not useless
since yours is become incomplete by the A
return of its senior Member to Madras

It is upwards of two A
Months I fear since the Commencement
of our Correspondence upon the execution of
the definitive Treaty; nevertheless We do not
not seem nor to be much further advanced
than on the first day — On whatever side
the fault of the delay may be it will
certainly be better for our two Nations
that We should rather write in romo:
:ving the effect than in enquiring in to
the Cause — Your Government having
acknowledged the justice of treating with
ours upon a footing of perfect equality in
the execution of the definitive Treaty
that former acknowledgement is sufficient
for

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for me — Satisfied then upon a point of
that I neither could nor ought to relinquish
this easy for me to make every step on
my part to expedite the general conclu
sion — He pleased My Lord to pray
same attention to what I am going to say

I have repeat and confirm
that I have neither received from my Court
the definitive Treaty nor any memorial
Letter of a date subsequent to the signature
of the Treaty — nevertheless after the official
Communication of your Lordships of
that Treaty I decided to offer you the
pure and simple restoration of all that
France possess as well at Trincomallee
as at Cuddalore; those two places I
Comprehending all the restitutions directly
or indirectly ordered by the Treaty my
Duty will be Completely performed in
putting them into the hands of your
Nation — I will now proceed my
Lord upon your first requisition fully

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Persuaded that you will not wait for mine to put into our Hands in your part all that you are to deliver to Us, a declaration so positive would undoubtedly excuse me from replying to the different declarations communicated to me by the Committee of Madras thro the channel of Colonel Dalrymple, but as I wish to terminate at least any debate upon Words in order to gain the point of cutting off all further Discussion upon things, I request you to observe 1st That not having at Trincomalle any District properly so called he who is Master of the Fort and the Ports is in fact Master of every thing but supposing even than there were a District our never having possessed it would be a sufficient reason for our not resting it 2dly That the definitive Treaty between Great Britain and France not having made any Mention of the Dutch can not by the most forced interpretation impose upon Us the necessity of taking

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from the Dutch those cessions which We might have made in aid of their former Possessions as were taken from them by Your Nation and afterwards taken from Yours by our Nation constituting a part of the Cessions which are to be made to you in conformity with that Treaty —

That I am entirely ignorant of what your possessions at Trincomallee consisted at the time of its Capture by your Nation and I am convinced if that Mode Sufferen did not make more Minute Enquiries on that subject than myself having relinquished it immediately after having possessed himself of it and only Consider'd the Fort and the two Ports as worthy of his Attention —

That having made myself more particularly acquainted since the return of our Squadron with the present state of Trincomallee I am informed that there is neither a Dutch Commandant

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dant nor any Dutch Town unless you
will dignify with the name of Commandant
a person in the Service of the Dutch Compa
:ny who resides in the only European House
on the shore. and unless you consider as a
Town about an hundred Huts inhabited
by Topiasses or Native Portugueese &
and except in the Forts there are neither
any Colours Armed Men. Military
or Civil Buildings — With respect to the
Malay Troops as they are under the
Orders of the French Commandant there
can be no doubt but they will comply
with the evacuation whenever I shall
give orders for the surrender of the place

Thus you See My Lord of
what little consequence are the inferences
which are drawn from Mr. Fuleho
Letter that the Dutch should enjoy the
civil Government untill the pleasure of
the Kings should be known as no
Article of the Treaty has indicated to

me

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me my Sovereigns pleasure on this subject
I must wait his Orders if such conditi-
ons for the restitution shall be impos'd
upon me as appear unnecessary for
your Nation and which would be
impossible to execute in Mine Your
Lordship will be pleased to observe
what is become of the first declaration
made by your Commissaries at the
opening of the Conferences, that no
Mention should be made on any part
of the Negotiation respecting the In-
terests of the Dutch —

I beg leave to inform you
My Lord that I have only one reserve
to propose in Making the restitution
of Trincomallee which is that a Com-
missary be permitted to remain there
whose only function will be to take
charge of the Articles belonging to the
King that they may not be carried off at
the time of the Evacuation as likewise
to ship those Articles on board such

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Vessels as I shall direct —

If this simple manner of negociating. Cannot be adopted by your Government you are at liberty to hoist the English Colours again at Pondichery which is a positive declaration that I have never entertained the smallest doubt if its right in that respect. I have always Considered that Town as an English Possession ever since the Capitulation in 1778 untill the execution of the Treaty of Peace shall restore it to the French I really supposed from the Conduct of your Government for the last three Years that you Considered Pondichery particularly since the Peace at least as a neutral Town and it was in this point of view that I requested the Consent of your Government that our Troops our Hospitals our Military Stores and Provisions might be admitted up to Pondichary and even my own person at the time bad Weather and my Indisposition obliged me last Winter to quit

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the Country I am very sensible of the acquiescence of the Government of Madr. and of Yours My Lord with respect to that part of my Wishes and I have endeavored to acknowledge it by availing myself of that permission to form a depot at this place of every thing We had at Cuddalore as likewise of a great part of what belongs to the Artillery at Trincomallee that We might be the sooner enabled to deliver over to you those two Places—

I have the Honor to be with distinguished Consideration My Lord & Gentlemen Your Most humble and very obedient Servant

(Signed) Bussy

Bulgarry
20 May 1784

The foregoing Letter having immediately on its receipt been Sent in Circulation for the Sentiments of the Several Members of the Committee it was

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was agreed that the following Answer should be returned to the Marquis de Bussy which was accordingly dispa: tched to him on the evening of the 25th Inst:

To the Marquis de Bussy

Sir The letter which you have done me the honor to write to me of the 20th Instant has been immediately com: municated by me to the other Members of this Government and it has been taken into Consideration with all that dispa: tch upon as speedy and amicable a Settlement of Affairs between your & Nation and Ours which induced us upwards of two Months ago / and as soon as the definitive Treaty arrived here / to give you instantly advice of it and also to appoint Commissaries for carrying it into execution and to send them to the Neighbourhood of your Residence for the sake of convenience and

To the Marquis de Bussy in answer to the foregoing and acquainting him that the English Commissaries had received Direction to resume the Negotiation —

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and dispatch with directions to pay a punctual and strict Obedience to the Treaty and to give you possession of all the Places ceded to your Nation by it on receiving from you possession of those which by the same Treaty were ceded to Great Britain this was a just and equal Proceeding and this Government and His Commissaries have been uniform in it — They received in return from your Commissaries a declaration that they were empowered to deliver back Cuddalore which tho not specified in the Treaty came within the discription of the Places to be restored to us by it but that they were not empowered to deliver back Trincomalay tho' they allowed it to come likewise within the discription of the Places to be restored to Us a partial Execution of the Treaty thus offered on Your part was indeed very unequal to our Offer of a Compl-

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lete execution of it on Ours The operations of the Commissaries for executing the Treaty were therefore necessarily suspended untill this Deficience in the authority of Yours should be supplied This Authority was not withheld by you on the plea of any excess in the demands or any defect in the Offers made by Us. but merely and expressely because you had not received the definitive Treaty or any Instructions upon the Subject from your Court — This Circumstance alone therefore occasioned the delay which is not therefore to be attributed to any failure in acknowledge:ments by this Government of the justice of proceeding with yours on the footing of perfect Equality, Acknowledgements implied in the Offers, and on equality on which were founded the Claims of this Government but with which the Receive you had proposed was incom: patible The disposition which you

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now expres's to restore Trincomalay and to bring matters to a general Conclusion gives me much Satisfaction and shall meet my hearty Cooperation you will please observe however to observe that this general Con: :clution implies a compleat execution of the Treaty as far as relates to India — That compleate Execution requires the Restetution of the whole of what was taken by Each of the Contracting Parties from the other not merely such part thereof as was not ceded to another Power If Monsieur de Suffren had given up the whole of Trincomalay to the Dutch or Cuddalore to Hyder Alle. as he did several English Prisoners the claimed for delivering up or procuring the deliv: very of those Places and Prisoners would not be the less obligatory on your Nation. nor would it be considered by us a fulfilment of our Obligation to deliver to you Pondicherry and Karical

that

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that we had ceded these Places to any of
our Allies, Nor as to the extent or Bounda
ries of the districts to be delivered to you &
would it be deemed sufficient to observe
that Our Commanders in taking possession
of those places did not attend to the Boun.
daries of them as not worthy of their
Attention. Punctuality and Precision must
be observed to maintain the God Faith
of Nations. Ours has therefore a Right
to demand in Compliance with the
Treaty. the whole of the district of Trin.
comallay of which it has been deprived
by the Arms of Monsieur de Suffren
The whole was demanded because the
whole was possessed by us not because
it was given up to the Dutch. It was
demanded Notwithstanding any pre.
tensions of the Dutch and without taking
Notice of such Claims which is perfectly consistent with the declaration of the
English

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English Commissaries that a discussion of the Claims of the Dutch were to make no part of the Conferences with your Commissaries at Pondichery It appears possible however from the Expla: nation given in your last Letter that the difficulty arising from the Possession of the Dutch in some part of Trincomalay may not be unsurmountable and as my Colleagues concur with me in wishing an immediate and amicable Settlement of all Points with your Nation of You. It is determined that the Conferences for this Purpose shall be renewed with our respective Commissaries for which Purpose the first Commissary on the part of this Government will join the others at Pondichery without delay

I have the Honor to be

Sir Your Most Obt. Sert.

(Signed)

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Agreed to renew the Conferences for the execution of the definitive Treaty and the following Letter was accordingly writ: ten to the Commissaries Mr. Floyer the only Member of the Commission present at Madras was also directed to rejoin his Colleagues without delay —

To Messrs. Floyer. Dalrymple and Follofield

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Gentlemen

To the English Commissaries directing them to returns their Conferences with French Commissaries and enclosing Copies of the Letters from and to Mr. Bussy

By the enclosed Copy of a Letter from the Marquess de Bussy to our President It Appears that he is willing to accede to our just demand of Trincomalay: as far at least as the same is now possessed by the French and that the possession of the Dutch of any part of the district is little more than nominal and dependent upon the Forts held by the French Commandant We have therefore determined to Renew

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Renew the Conferences for the Execution of the definitive Treaty which were interr: upted on account of Mr. de Bussy's declining to restore Trincomalay Mr Sloyer will accordingly join the other Commissaries at Pondicherry without delay Our former Instructions to you precludes the Necessity of giving you many now you will please to observe that a fair and Substantial Compliance with the Treaty is our object you will agree to deliver up Pondicherry to the French on their delivering up Trincomallay & expressly including the Forts and Stipu: lating that no Troops Malays or others shall on any pretence whatever remain in the Forts or district of Trincomalay These Points to Settled it will not be essential to take Notice of any Dutch residing in the District of Trincomalay and who must be dependent on the Commandant of the Forts you will

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endeavor to Settle the Time and
Manner of the Respective delivery of
Possession in the best manner for pre-
venting the possibility of disappoint-
ment to either Party As the passage back
from Trincomalay to Pondicherry is now
performed in about 24 hours it may be
agreed that for Twenty four hours after
the Embarkation of the French Command
ant and Troops from Trincomallay no
flag shall be hoisted there in like man
ner as none happens to be hoisted now
at Pondicherry. and that immediately
upon the Arrival of the Commandant
and Troops at Pondicherry. Possession of
that Place shall be delivered by You so
that the French Flag will fly there and
the English Flag at Trincomally as
nearly as possible at the same Instant
of Time You May agree to the Re-
sidence of a French Commissary at
Trincomally for the Care of the French
Stores

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Stores in Compliance with the desire of the Marquess de Bufsy Compliance which is not intimated in our Presidents Letter that the Credit of it coming from you may facilitate your proceedings in other Respects You will in the mean time be employed in Settling with Justice and Candor the Boundaries of the districts of Vellamour and Bahour to be ceded to the French —

Gentlemen We have the Honor to be &c

(Signed)

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Assigned Revenue —

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From the Comm.ee of Assigned Rev.e requesting Instruction in Con

In consequence of the direction contained in your Letter of Yesterday's date to examine upon oath every Person whose

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sequence of the Informa
nts having refu
sed to attest
his information
upon Oath -

Evidence may assist us in investigating the
Charge brought against the renter of A
Nellore . we called upon Appajee Row
who had given in the Account enclosed in
that Letter to examine him on the subject of it
but he has declined taking an Oath informi
ming us as a Reason that the Account he
give in being founded on hearsay and not
on what he saw or know himself he cannot
consistently with the Laws of the Shaster
attest his Information upon Oath As it
is particularly specified in your Letter of
yesterday that the Persons to be examined
by us should all be sworn we beg leave to
request the Instructions of your Lordship &c
in what manner we are to proceed on this
point

We have the Honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
Signd Charles Oakeley
David Haliburton
Geo: Moubray

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Agreed that the Committee of Assigned Revenue be desired to proceed in the examination of the other Informant and to send for the Sherestadar of the Nellore Distrect to bring up his Account when they Must Continue to investigate the Matter as fully and as minutely as possible —

Minute thereon

Read Letter / as entered in the Miscellany Book N.° / from several Office late Prisoners with the Enemy who were upon the Staff at the time of their Captivity requesting to be reimbursed for their Horses which were taken or killed on the Service.

Letter from the Officer lately returned from Mysore —

Ordered that the above Letter do lie for Consideration —

Read the following Letter from Colonel Stuart —

Camp Cortallum
21st May 1784

My Lord

From Colonel Stuart reinforces

I have been so much indisposed for these ten days past that I have

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Col. Elphinstone's Detachment and sends after Europeans into the Garrison of Tanjore as a check against any Disturbance of which however there was no appearance

(Neither been able to write or do any kind of Business which has prevented my acknowledging the Honour of a Copy of the Honble Board's Letter through Mr. Huddlestone to Colonel Fullarton dated the 8th Instant transmitted to me by Mr. Hippesley from Tanjore and I received the 11th.

Your Lordship would perceive by my Letter of the 12th that I sent off the Necessary Detachment to Trichinopoly immediately on receiving a copy of your Lordship's Letter to Colonel Fullarton dated the 6th on Receiving the Copy of Mr. Huddlestones of the 8th in order to fulfill your Lordship and the Honble Board intentions I immediately detached the 98th Regt. the only Corps with this Division Named in Genl. orders to be going home to Trichinopoly to join Colonel Elphinstone and relieve the Madras Regt. which I ordered to

return

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Return to Camp from the extreme heat of the Weather during the day and the very heavy rains that fell in the Evening that Corps on their March to Trichinopoly got almost Totally Knocked up. It did not Consist of more than 120 Men fit for duty when it marched from this and by the time it reached Trichinopoly had not 50 Men fit for duty Therefore judged it prudent to allow Colonel Elphinstones Detachement to proceed as first ordered Detaching 2 Subalterns and 50 Private from the Mader Regt. to Reinforce the Garrison of Tanjore and to be a check upon the Seapoys in that Fortress should they show any Disposition to be troublesome -

Colonel Elphinstone only Marched this Morning with his Detachment from Pritchinopolly where he has been waiting since the 13th. the Grain keepers of that place having only

Completed

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Compleated him last night with the 18 days Rice necessary for his March This alone prevented the Detachment from immediately proceeding towards Arcot agreeable to the orders of the Honble Board contained in their Letter to Colonel Fullarton dated the 8th —

Colonel Oliphantone is instructed to Correspond with Genl Lang on his March, and to obey such orders as he may think proper to send him —

I am happy to inform your Lordship that there does not seem to be the smallest tendency to or Appearance of any Spirit of Meeting among the Black troops in the Division of the Southern Army under my Command I have heard of any such Evil Spirit creeping in among the troops of the Devision in the Dindigal District under Colonel Forbes —

I have the honor Most Respectfully to be —

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My Lord

Your Most Obedient and Most

Humble Servant

(Signed) J. Stuart

The Right Honble Lord Macartney &c &c &c

Read the following Letter from

Capt. Lieut. Read with its Enclosure

The Right Honble Lord George Macarty

President and Governour &c &c and

Committee

of Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Capt. Read enclosing a Letter from his Brother officer returned from Confinement and requesting a Compensation for having acted as Interpreter during their Stay at Bangalore

A conviction that there cannot be any impropriety in this address and a belief that it will meet with the approbation of your Honble Board encourage me to lay it before you and to hope that it may have the wished for end.

In the beginning of the late war I was appointed Persian Interpreter to the Army and being ordered with

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with Col. Fletcher had the misfortune to be taken by the enemy — When a division of the prisoners took place in Wyders Camp Col. Baillie at the earnest request of the officers who were to be marched up the country and who found that he intended to keep me with himself in Camp I ordered that I would join their party and act in my official capacity for them whole in prison I have accordingly done so, through under a variety of disagreable circumstances hardly to be imagined and not to be met with in any other line or situation which have often made me lament the particular predicament in which it placed me, as an additional misfortune

Notwithstanding that equally bound, as I conceived, by the duty of my appointment and by our mutual obligation to assist one another I persevered till the day of our inlargement and in such a Manner as to give general satis-

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Satisfaction to my fellow prisoners &
which they have thought proper to
express in a letter of thanks for the
service I have rendered them — I have
taken the liberty to inclose it with this &
as it is fully demanstrative of the facts
I mention —

My troubling your Honble
Board with this information is with
a hope that whatever pretensions other
staff officers may have to their allowances
as staff, for the time they have been in
prison mine may appear to merit
consideration since there is the greatest
difference between their claim and
mine as our imprisonment which sub-
verted their ability to act in their
several department enabled me to con-
tinue in the execution of my duty and
rendered me necessary to a great num-
ber of the Honble Company's servants —

Though I do not presume to

this

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this circumstance gives me a right to the
full emoluments I should have had
with the army yet I flatter myself your
Lordship &c will not think the thanks &
good wishes alone of my brother officers
however satisfactory a sufficient compen
sation for the trouble I have had on
their account or the expectation I have
formed from your consideration of my
case as singular, at all unreasonable.

I have the honour to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
With the Greatest respect
your Most Obedient Sert.
(Signed) Alex.r Read

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To Capt: Lieutenant Alex.r Read

Sir The blame and repeated indigni-
ties you have suffered from the Shilliodar
as the person he considered responsible for
our conduct the frequent insults you
have received in our disputes with the
Villains over us the censures unjustly lest
owed upon you by individuals and the

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vexations alteration you have been unavoi-
dably engaged on with Captain Jones &
on our account to render it particularly
incumbant upon us now that the happy
day of encouragement approaches not only
to return you our warmest thanks for
the great use you have been of to us in
your character of Interpreter during
a long miserable captivity but also as
we are sensible a benevolent wish to
alleviate the sufferings of your fellow
Prisoners has ever been your leading &
motive to express on this public manner
our approbation of your general conduct
in an official capacity which you have
indefatigably persevered in for the common
good under such a variety of mortifying
circumstances frequently at the expence
of your peace of mind —

We are

Bengalore Prisoners
March 22d 1784.

For your Obliged & Very Hble
Servant

Thos Lee (signd) James Dalrymple Rose Lang

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Fr.c Gowdie	Da.l Mackwell	James Frank
Robt Bate	Philip Mclwell	Jas. Innes
	Haugh Cuthbert	Jas. Byrne
	Matt.w Hodges	H. Gordon
Geo.e Muat	John Balfour	Alex.r Whyte
David Smith	Ewen Buchby	A.s Nash
	William Forbes	Wm Dring
	D.d M. Donald	Wm. W. Beaty
D. Campbell	Charles Corner	John Gorry
John Forbes	Alx. Soules	Geo: Ogilby
	D. Krantzer	Rt. Lee: Wilson

The Committee are sensible of the Merit of Capt.n Read and of the Assistance which his Brother Officers must have experienced during their Confinement from his knowledge of the Country Languages it is agreed therefore to recommend Capt.n Read to the Board of Masulipatam to be employed in the first vacant command this suitable to his Rank as the Batt.n to which he is attached is stationed in that District —

To be recommended to the Board of Masulipatam

Read Letter from Mr. Hippesley enclosing one from Col. Macotind both of which are entered in M. B. Ag

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Col: Mackins

Stating the Arrears due to the Troops & which had Mentioned at Ance and Mentioning the Arrangement that had been made for the discharge of that Sum —

Read the following Letter from Lieut.t Sundt Commanding at Chundergurry enclosing a Letter to him from the Calastry Rajah —

(My Lord

From Lieutenant Sundt enclosing whether to sign from the Rajah of Calastry and stating the Monthly Consumption of the Garrison

I have been honoured with your Lordships two Letters of the 30th ult. and the 3d. Inst:

The monthly consumption of grain for the troops of the Honble Company under my command amounts to 90 Candies Seers to 813 — 9 for a Month of 31 days — I this I have hitherto drawn from the Grain found in this Garrison as I have done myself the Honor to mention in my Letters to the right Honble Committee of the 21st. April and the 3d. Instant

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3d Instant — In compliance with a
suggestion of the right Honble board
I have reduced the number of Calarky
Poons to 200 should grain be drawn
for these, as the Rajah seems to expect
by his letter to Me (a Copy of
which I have the honor to inclose) there
will be an addolition of 1033 Marcals Sean
Total 1847. In Sean 1 of Podoy of delivered
in rice it will of Course be one half
that Measurment. I am much honord
by your Lordships timely notice of the
disturbance at Arnee & shall certainly
pay (strict) attention to your Lordships
direction on that subject but hope I may
assure your Lordship that no disa-
faction prevails among the Sepoys

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I have the Honor to be
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) J Saunders
Lieut. Commanding

Chunderragerry
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from the Chief and Factors at Tellacherry
being the Amount of Cash paid by him
in to their Treasury and for which he
requests a Bill on the Honble the Governor
General and Council — Ordered that the
amount of the abovementioned Bond being
Surat Rupees nine hundred (900) be
discharged together with the Interest due
thereon from 2 Sept. 1780 at 8 P Cent by
Bill on Bengal at the rate of 375
Current Rupees P 100 Star Pagodas the
amount to be carried to the Debit of the
Bombay Presidency —

Bengal Bill granted to Lieut. Cole

Received the following Letter
and Enclosure from the Commander in Chief-

To John Hudleston Esqr.
Secretary to the Select Committee

Sir

Enclosed I transmit a Minute
containing my Sentiments respecting the
Native Cavalry which it was my inten
tion to have laid before the Committee
upon my return to the Presidency but

From the Commander in Chief enclosing a Representation from the Nabob Officers to ge:

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ther with his Minute therein

as no Committee has been held and I am uncertain when it may be called I request you will send the enclosed round to the different Members for their perusal and consideration —

I also enclose a letter to the Honble Committee from the Nabob Officers which you will lay before him

I am
Sir
Your Most Obet. Servant
(Signed) Rob. Lang

Gardens
27 May 1784

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

We took the liberty of addressing your Honble Committee on the 23 Ult.o when on pointed out to some circumstances in an Situation & which we conceived to be peculiarly distressing and which we flattered ourselves would mean the early attention and Consideration of your Lordship &c. —

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The unhappy disturbances
which broke out in the Corps of Cavalry
immediately after our Letter was presented
left us no hope or expectation that your
Lordship &c would have become to attend
d to our requests but as these disturbances
are now happily terminated we beg leave
to call your Lordship Attention to the
Subject of an from Letter and to state a
circumstance which was at that time
unknown to us and which is more afflic
ting than any we have hitherto complained of-

The circumstance we
allude to is the Appointment of Messrs
Sandlegn and Watson to the rank of
Lieutenant of Cavalry Their Gentlemen
were only Cornets of Cavalry and Ensigns
in the Army they had Served little more
than three years and by the Orders of
the 24th Ultimo they are made to
supercede not only Cornet of an older
standing in the Cavalry but Lieutenant
who

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who have Served in that Corps for upwards of eight Years —

It seems unnecessary for us to State that this supercession so far as it relate to us who are Lieutenants and who have held that rank for several Years, is contrary to the Arrangement recommended by the Board of Officers Viz that the Cabob Officers should be admitted in to the Company Service as youngest of them respective Ranks & not need we urge the painful and disagreable Situation to which we are reduced as Men and as Soldiers from that Supercession —

Our former Letter stated to your Lordship & the particular hardship we Suffered in being superceded by Officers who were inferior to us in rank in our own Corps. We are convinced that the Judgement given by the Board of Officers was dictated by the most honble

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intention but we did not interlain on
Idea that any resolution formed upon
their decision was to affect our rank in
the particular Corps in which we Serve—

The Lieutenants who have
now the honor to address your Lordship &c
were Officers of Cavalry long before Mejor
Sulivan. Dallas Tosen or Macalister had
Commissions in the Company or the Nabob's
Service We commanded them as Nabobs
Officers throughout the War Some of them
includ had the indulgence to be admit
ted into the Company's Service after they
were Nabobs Officers and injoyed the
benefit of a double Commission In that
Situation their rank in the Company's
Service gave them no rank un to us and upon
the admission of the Nabobs Cavalry
into the Company Service we who have
equally shaud with them the hardships
of the War and have the claim of
longer Service. find Ourselves superceded
by

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By them in the Corps in which we
have acted together —

These Gentlemen have
every advantage over us they have it in
option either to continue in the Cavalry
or return to their rank in the Infantry
Line But what Choice is left for Mr.
If they suffer their Rank in the Cavalry
they can suffer no dishonor in serving
with the Same rank they have hitherto
done but if we are Superseded and
degraded to rank inferior to that which
we have hitherto held it is impossible
we can Serve with honor or Satisfacti-
on to Ourselves —

In the instance of Mr. Sentleger
and Mr. Watson we are superseded
by two Gentlemen who as we have
already represented were only Cornets
of Cavalry & can only Ensigns in the
Company's Service and we are also

Super

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Superceded by Mr. Macalister who had no Cavalry Rank He was first appointed Dr. Master to his Brothers Regiment without a Commission and was afterwards permitted by Genl. Stuart in May 1783 to act with the Cavalry to receive his Infantry Pay and to without filling up any Vacancy in that Corps —

We beg that your Lordship &c will be pleased to honor this Application with your Attention and hope you will excuse our requesting that you will make it the Subject of your early consideration. The Situation in which we now remain is most irksome and the decision of your Honble Committee must in a great Measure determine our future Prospects in Life —

This

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This Address is with the
greatest deference presented to your
Lordships &c. by there Officers of the
Nabobs Cavalry who are now at
the Presidency and in the name of the
whole who Subscribed to the former
Letter

We have the Honor to be
With the greatest respect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your very obedient
and Most faithful
humble Servant

(Signed) Robt. Downey Lieut.
H. I. Creutzer Lieut.
W. Sherriff Lieut.
Jas. Macfie
Lieut.

Ordered

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Ordered to lie on the Table.

From the Committee of Works

Read Letter from the Committee of Works dated the 27th Instant (as entered on the M. B. No) representing the State of the Prison. &c. &c. &c.

Ordered to lie on the Table