Ld. Carmarthen
For H.M's reply see within

Jan. 2 1784

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Lord Carmarthen takes the liberty of acquainting your Majesty, that Monsieur Simolin informed him this morning, of the French Ambassador having in a conference with him, declared that the Court of France did not wish to enter into a formal mediation in conjunction with Great Britain, in order to prevent the threatned rupture between Russia & the Porte, but proposed that the two Crowns should guarantee the Treaty of Peace which there was so much reason to hope would speedily be concluded between the two Empires, this measure however not to be adopted but with the consent of the court of Petersburg, and to that end the Ambassador wished that provisional instructions might be sent to the ministers of their Britannic & most Christian Majesties residing at the Port, authorizing them to guarantee the said Treaty, but these instructions not to be carryed into Execution but at the requisition of the Russian Minister.

To this proposal Monsieur Simolin gave his hearty concurrence, & that minister as well as the Ambassador wished it to be as speedily as possible laid before the King for His Majesty's consideration, & seemed anxious to know the result of it.

Lord Carmarthen begs to submit to your Majesty whether it will not be absolutely necessary that before any engagement of Guaranty is entered into, authentic copies of the Treaty of Cainardgi and the the other several treaties and commercial regulations alluded to in the propositions made by Russia to the Porte, should be obtained for your Majesty's perusal.

Jan. 2d. 1784.
9 o clock. a. m.

Ld. Carmarthen
For H.M's reply see within

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Pavenis House Jan.y 2d 1783. 3/39 p. 6/10 A.M.

The Account Ld. Carmarthen gives of the information given him yesterday by Mon.r Simolin of the change in the proposal of the French Ambassador, entirely coincides with what that Minister also mentioned to Me as having been communicated in his conference at the Office. I have so much reason always to suspect every transaction that the active genius of French Politicks creates, that I entirely agree it would be hazardous to enter too far into it without knowing the whole, and consequently that authentic copies of the Treaty of Cariargi and the other alluded to, as well as the Commercial Regulations referred to in the Propositions made by Russia to the Porte, should be produced and examined before any answer to the idea of Garantry can be given.

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Mr. Fitzmaurice
Jan. 29. 1784. R. & A.
Pyramids Greenhouse, Jan. 29. 1784.

Mr. Pitt Chan.r of the Exch.r
Berkley Square Jan.y 8.th 1784. 40 m. p.t 8. P.M.
my answer Lucenstowe Jan.y 8.th 1784.
43 m. p.t 9. P.M.

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Mr Pitt has the honor to acquaint your Majesty that he has received an account from the East India House, of a Resolution being agreed to by the standing Committee of Proprietors, substantially in favor of the Propositions stated by Government, and that it is to be balloted for in the General Court

on Saturday. - A Motion was made in the Genera
Court for the Purpose of Delay, to put off the
Consideration till Monday, but negatived on
a division by 90 to 12

Berkeley Square.
Thursday Night. Jan 8th. 1784 40m. past 8 PM.

The account of the proceedings at the India House this day seems as favorable as could be desired, and certainly greatly alleviates the difficulties that might otherwise have arisen to the Pitt Administration must bring forward at the return of the Commons from their short recess.

Lucens House
Jan.y 8th. 1784.
m/44 p.t 9. PM.

Wm. Pitt
For H. M.'s reply see over

Jan. 10 1784

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Mr Pitt has the honor to inform your Majesty that the Question at the East India House, which Mr Pitt takes the Liberty of transmitting Herewith, was carried on the Ballot this day by a Majority of 256 to 56.

Berkeley Square.
Saturday Jan 10th 1784. 10 PM.

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Windsor Jan.y 11.th 1784. m. 20 p.t 8 A.M.

It is with the infinite satisfaction I find by Mr. Pitt's letter that the proposition for arranging the East India Affairs has been carried by so very large a Majority in the Court of Proprietors, which certainly must have the effect of rendering the plan much more palatable to Parliament than if it had not had that sanction.

The D. of Northumberland is highly pleased; Mr. Pitt ought this Day to learn from him the Title he proposes taking, that the Warrant may be prepared with the two others.

Mr. Pitt. Chan. of the Ex.
Berkley Square Jan. 10th 1784.
10. H. P. M.

My answer Windsor Jan. 11th 1784
20 m. p. 8. A. M.

Enclosure

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East-India House, January 8th, 1784.

Question proposed to be put by the Ballot, on Saturday next, the 10th Instant, at this House;

Pro. 250.
Con. 56.

THAT confiding in the Wifdom of Parliament for an effectual Relief in the Refpite of Duties for fuch Time as the Exigency of the Company's Affairs may appear to require, and for permitting the Acceptance of the unaccepted Bills, fo that they may become payable at fuch Times as it fhall appear that the Company will in the ordinary Courfe of their Affairs be able to pay the fame; and alfo confiding that all Appointments of Servants, except as after-mentioned, and the Management of the Company's Commerce fhall remain wholly with the Company: It is the Opinion of this Court, that it will be expedient for the Company chearfully to acquiefce in the following Powers being vefted in Government, viz.

I. THAT all Difpatches to or from India, on the Subject of the Civil or Military Government, or Revenues, be communicated to one of the King's Minifters, and that the Directors fhall be bound to conform to His Majefty's Pleafure, fignified within a competent Time thereupon; the Company confiding that fuch controuling Power will be vefted in an efficient Minifter, or other Perfon or Perfons, enabled by their Situation and Functions to attend to the Affairs of the Company as they arife.

II. THAT as Difpatches to India relative to Commercial Affairs may be connected with the Civil or Military Government, or Revenues of the Company, all Difpatches on Commercial Affairs fhall alfo be tranfmitted in like Manner, and the Minifter to whom they are tranfmitted fhall have Power to put a Negative thereupon, in fuch Cafes only where the Commercial Affairs are connected with the Civil or Military Government, or Revenues of the Company, ftating his Reafons in Writing for fuch Negative; and if the Company fhall not alter the fame fo as to obtain his Approbation, they may apply by Petition to his Majefty in Council, whofe Decifion on the Matter in Difpute fhall be conclufive.

III. THAT the General Court be reftrained only from refcinding any Acts of the Court of Directors, after the King's Pleafure fhall have been fignified on the fame.

IV. THAT the Government in India be carried on in the Name of the Company, by a Governor and three Counfellors, at each of the Prefidencies of Madras and Bombay; and that fo foon as a Vacancy of one of the three Counfellors now appointed by the Company in the Government General of Bengal, fhall by Death, Refignation, or Removal, happen, the Government General at the Prefidency of Bengal fhall alfo thenceforward be in like Manner carried on by a Governor and three Counfellors, and at all the three Prefidencies, the Governor, and Commander in Chief, who fhall be next in Council to the Governor, fhall be nominated and recalled by the Crown, and the other two Counfellors fhall be appointed by the Company, fubject to His Majefty's Approbation, and that the Company may at their Pleafure recall any of the Counfellors fo appointed by them, or they may be recalled by His Majefty in Council; and that the Governor fhall in each of the faid Councils have a cafting Voice.

Ld. Sydney
Jan.y 10th 1784. 11. A.P.M.
By answer Windsor Jan.y 11th 1784.
m/20. p.t 4. A.M.

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Saturday
Jan.y 10: 1784
11 PM

Lord Sydney humbly presumes to inform the His Majesty the Recorder's list of Capital Convicts, and begs to receive His Majesty's Com-

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mands as to the time when His Majesty will please to receive the Recorder's Report upon them.

Windsor Jan.y 11th 1841.

Either Wednesday or Friday will be agreable to Me for receiving the Report of the Capital Convicts, which ever best suits the convenience of the Lord Chancellor, whose Attendance is necessary.

m/20 ½ 8 A.M.

Ld. Sydney
and Mr. Pitt's reply

Whitehall
Saturday June 10
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55 past 11. P.M.

Lord Sydney humbly presumes to acquaint His Majesty, that upon Conversation with Mr Cartaret, he finds, that Mr Carte-

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It understands, that His Majesty's
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therefore continued to direct two Warrants to be made out with different Limitations for His Majesty's determination between them.

I have signed the Warrant for preparing the Patent of Peerage for Mr. Eliot, that for Mr. Carteret is to extend to the Younger Sons of Ld. Weymouth on who the Carteret Estate is entailed in case of Mr. Carteret's dying without legally begotten Sons, when for I have returned the Warrant in his favour it not having that extension. The D. of Northumberland has requested a Peerage for himself to which Ld. Algernoon is to succeed, the very zealous part he and his Sons are taking certainly deserves this mark from me, and as he settles 9.000 £ per Annum on this friendship on it will not be creating a needy Peer. The Duke's Warrant ought also to be in the same degree of forwardness, as he must of course be the Senior of the Promotion.

Windsor Jan. 11. 1784.
m/20 p. 4. P.M.

Ld. Stormont
Whitehall Jan. 10. 1784
m/15 p. 11. P.M.
By answered Windsor Jan. 11. 4
m/20 p. 4. P.M.

Lord Tonnington
January 12. 1784

Bruxelles Jan: 12th 1784.

Sire.

Your Majesty's goodness to your subjects, and gracious protection of your distressed nobility, emboldens me, to lay myself, and my family at your feet; to explain to your majesty our dreadful situation; and to implore for my children your pity and benevolence.

After Twenty years attachment to the same friends, they had the honor in 1782, of being named by your majesty, to the goverment of the Empire; my expectations were consequentially raised to the highest pitch, having not the smallest doubt, that my firm adherence, & long services, would Induce them to recommend me to your Majestys favor, that myself and my family might be relieved from our distress: The changes however!

which happened soon after, put an end to my hopes, and the flattering prospect was reduced to nothing.

In the end of July 1782. when Mr. Fitz-Herbert, was ordered to Paris, he entrusted to my care your majesty's papers, and the official correspondence; I had the Happiness of being Assured by your majesty's ministers, that you approved of my having undertaken the transaction of your affairs in this country.

Soon after the preliminaries of peace were signed at Paris, Lord Grantham acquainted me, that your Majesty intended appointing me Minister at this court, in the place of Mr. Fitz-Herbert, who was to be sent elsewhere: Sensible of the goodness of your Majesty, and flattered by this mark of your favor, I readily accepted the place: but at the same time, I took the Liberty of remarking to Lord Grantham, that the Appointments were too Small for a married man of my rank with a family of Children, of the Age mine are; and that I was not in a

Lord Tonnyster
January 12. 1784

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situation to bear the expences, absolutely necessary, for a foreign Minister, as the state of my affairs in England, deprived me of all hopes to draw any resources from thence, to enable me to fit myself out, with things indispensably required by a man of my rank, with a wife and family, in a representative character: Therefore, I requested of his Lordship, to take into consideration, the difficulties I lay under; which he was so kind as to promise, whensoever an opportunity offered.

In April 1783 - your Majesty was pleased to recall your Ministers of the preceding year, and my hopes were again renewed: I repeated my sollicitations, & explained my distressed Situation: Their answer was; they were afraid your Majesty would be averse to raising the character and appointments, at this court, as it would be a bad precedent in future: To which mode of reasoning I submitted, although I think, their Argument was futile, as every thing depends upon your Majestys, will and pleasure; who is to dispense your favors and protection, as you shall Judge best in your wisdom: I replied however! that I acquiesced readily to your Majestys

rules and fixed determinations; but that I beseeched them to lay at your Majestys feet, for any mark of favor, whatsoever - and to point out clearly my distress, and that my poor Girls would be in absolute beggary, If I died before they are provided for; I requested of them to attend to my Sollicitation, and to back my petition: I Told them over and over again, that the Object of my heart was to Obtain pensions for my children: That the regulation or reform bill, had Left a power of granting nominal pensions, not exceeding £300 P.r Annum to each person, and that I was fully convinced the goodness of your Majestys heart, and feelings for the wretched, would induce you to Listen to the petition, and sole wish of My Mind: to obtain a nominal pension of £300. P.r Annum to each of my four Girls, which did not Amount to the Additional pay of Envoy Extraordinary and Minister plenipotentiary - and I should accept of it with the most unbounded Gratitude, In Lieu of all pretensions to a Higher character and appointments: By this act of Benevolence your Majesty would restore that ease and peace to my mind,

To which it has so long been a stranger, on account of the deplorable situation of my children.

I am sensible, Sire, I have so little pretensions to sollicit your majesty's gracious favor, that I should not dare to supplicate you, upon any other consideration, than that of my children: your majesty's tenderness as a parent, makes me dare to hope your pardon, if I have presumed too far; I can only assure you, Sire, that the rest of my days shall be devoted to your majesty's service — & to prove my gratitude and personal attachment: I shall owe the attainment of my wish solely to your majesty, as I have no claims or connections with the present ministry: I therefore throw myself at your Majesty's feet, that I may obtain from your goodness alone (under providence) the happiness of my Children, upon which mine depends.

I am. Sire.

Your devoted Servant

and Dutiful Subject

Pomington.

Ld. Sydney

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Whitehall
Jan: 14: 1784
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10 past 11 P.M.

Lord Sydney humbly presumes to send His Majesty the Letter, which he received today from the Duke of Portland, and which he ven-

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Lord to mention to His Majesty
today upon the subject of the Red
Ribband. Lord Sydney thought it
proper to lay the Letter before His

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Majesty for his Perusal, that he may receive His Royal Commands upon it tomorrow after the Drawing Room, if His Majesty should think that time proper.

Lt Sydney
Whitehall 4th Nov 1784 10 pm

Ld. Sydney
Whitehall Jan.y 15th 1784.
12. at Night

Whitehall
Jan.y 15: 1784
12 at Night

Lord Sydney humbly presumes to send His Majesty Draughts of two Letters, which he proposes to send to the Duke of Portland and

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Lord North, if they receive His Majesty's Approbation.

Lord Sydney recurs to take the Opinion of His Majesty's Confidential Servants upon a Draught of

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Ld. Sydney
Whitehall Jan. 7. 15th 1784.
12. at Night

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the answer to the address of the city of London, which he has prepared, as it appears to be a matter of considerable delicacy. The Cabinet cannot well meet before twelve on account of

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Mr Pitt's being obliged to consult with several Members of the House of Commons on the subject of the Mil. Bill in the earlier part of the Day.

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Der the necessity of delaying to send His Majesty the answer till after the Cabinet has met, and decided upon it, which, he flatters himself, will not take up much time.

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Ld. Sydney
& H. M's reply

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Whitehall
Jan: 17: 1784
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15 past 9 P. M.

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Lord Sydney humbly presumes to send His Majesty two Draughts of Letters to the Earl of Hertford upon the Subject of His last Dispatches, and

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humbly desires to receive His Royal Com-
mands concerning them. It seems in the
present Crisis to Lord Lydney necessary to
keep the Lord Lieutenant in tolerably good
humour, and in order to that Lord Lydney
presumes to submit to His Majesty whe-

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ther it may not be worth while to comply
with his Request of the Order of Saint
Patrick for Lord Camysfort, especially
as His Majesty's Service is understood
to have been very honorably supported by
him, & he may perhaps be disgusted by

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Queens House Jan. 4th 1784

The mode I should propose to accommodate the satisfying the expectation of Ld. Carysfort to obtain the Vacancy in the Order of St. Patrick is to have Ld. Sydney sound his inclination of continuing to support the Coalition the new Administration, if he is explicit then to acquaint him it will have his request gratified, and to have Ld. Northington apprized also of the Application being granted

the withholding that favour from him after the Recommendation of the Lord Lieutenant. If His Majesty approves of this suggestion, another Paragraph must be written to Lord Northington to acquaint him of His Majesty's Gracious Acceptance of his recommendation, and Lord Sydney will see Lord Carysfort tomorrow.

Whitehall Jan. 4th 1784 m 15 p. 4 p.m.

Rec'd Jan. 4th 1784 m 10 p. 12 p.m.

Ld. Sydney

Albemarle Street
Jan: 18: 1784.
$\frac{m}{15}$ past 10 A. M.

Lord Sydney humbly presumes to acquaint His Majesty, that he finds, that Lord Carysfort is not in town. Under these circumstances he humbly submits to His Majesty's consideration, whether, as

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It would be extremely inconvenient to delay the return of the Irish Messenger till Lord Carysfort can be brought from Huntingdonshire, the Step likely to be attended with the least inconvenience to His Majes-

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Ly's Service, would not be, to comply with Lord Northington's request. The Risk of disgusting Lord Carysfort would be avoided. And it seems as if any other Competitor for the Honour would have reason to complain of the present Lord Lieutenant only.

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If His Majesty is pleased to approve of this Plan, Lord Sydney will immediately acquaint Lord North and Lord Carysfort with His Majesty's gracious Disposal of the Ribband.

Rd. Sydney
Remarks Irish
Jan. 9. 1784 15th. 10.

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Delivered by Lt. Col. Cathcart Jan. 19 1784

Fort St. George 10th Aug.t 1783

Major Genl. Jam.s Stuart.

Rx 19th January 1784.
By Lt. Col.o Cathcart

To His Majesty.

Three Inclosures.

Fort St. George
August 10th 1783.

To His Majesty

Sire

Presuming upon your Majesty's most Gracious Condescension, I have taken the Liberty to present the Plan and explanation of the Attack, of the 13th June last, upon the french Out posts, Redoubts, and Lines near Cuddalore, Successfully Stormed and carryed in open Day, by your Majesty's Troops, and those in the Service of the Honorable East India Company with the most unexampled Steadiness and bravery, Under your Majesty's Auspices. Your Faithfull Subject and Servant by your Majesty's Most Gracious favor, Commanding in Chief.

Wm. Stuart

Delivered by Lt. Col. Calthorpe Jan. 19 1784

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In Major Gen.l Stuart's
of 10th August 1783

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Enclosure

Return of the Army composed of His Majesty's and Hon.ble Company's Troops Commanded by Major General James Stuart, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in India & of the Hon.ble Company's Troops on the Coast of Choromandel. Camp South of Cuddalore 1st July 1783.

His Majesty's Troops in the Field.

	Officers													Non Commiss.d Rank & File										
	Commiss.d							Staff																
	Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Majors	Captains	Capt. Lieutenants	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Chaplain	Adjutants	Qr. Masters	Judge Advocate	Surgeons	Mates	Serj. Major	Qr. Mr. Serj.t	Drill Serj.t	Serjeants	Drum & Fife Majors	Drums & Fifers	Drill Corporals	Corporals	Private	Rank & File	Total Non Commiss.d Rank & File
For Duty	.	2	1	12	1	51	11	2	3	2	1	4	7	3	3	3	92	5	57	3	100	1062	1165	1328
Sick present	.	1	..	8	.	12	5	.	2	..	..	..	..	1	.	..	18	1	8	..	16	414	430	458
Total	.	3	1	20	1	63	16	2	5	2	1	4	7	4	3	3	110	6	65	3	116	1476	1595	1786

Bengal Establishment

European Artillery, Golandauze, and Lascars

	Officers								Non Commiss.d Rank and File											Golandauze						Lascars					
	Comm.d					Staff																									
	Lieut. Colonel	Captains	Capt. Lieuts.	Lieutenants	Fire Workers	Adjutants	Qr. Masters	Surgeons	Serj. Major	Qr. Mr. Serj.t	Drill Serj.t	Drill Corporal	Serjeants	Corporals	Drummers	Bombardiers	Gunners	Matrosses	Total	Jemidars	Havildars	Naigues	Drummers	Golandauze	Total	Commandants	Serangs	Tindals	Cassobs	Lascars	Total
For Duty	1	1	2	5	13	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	15	19	9	29	87	48	211	2	8	8	2	68	88	3	16	37	39	726	821
Sick present	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	8	8	21	.	1	..	..	3	4	.	2	4	2	69	77
Total	1	1	2	6	13	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	15	21	9	32	95	56	232	2	9	8	2	71	92	3	18	41	41	795	898

Bengal Infantry.

	Officers						Volunteer	Cadet acting Ensign	Non Comm.d Rank & File			Native officers and Sepoys									
	Comm.d					Staff															
	Lieut. Colonels	Major	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Adjutants			Serj. Major	Qr. Mr. Serj.ts	Drill Serjeants	Adjutants	Havildar Majors	Drum & Fife Majors	Subidars	Jemidars	Drums & Fifers	Tirrars & Doctors	Puckallys	Havildars Naigues and Sepoys	Total including Black Officers
For Duty	2	1	7	46	7	5	2	1	5	8	3	10	10	10	42	90	84	70	110	2069	2285
Sick present	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	5	4	..	..	159	174
Total	2	1	7	46	7	5	2	1	5	8	3	10	10	10	48	95	88	70	110	2228	2559

Coast Establishment.

Cavalry.

	European Troop									Officers						Non Comm.d Officers		
										Comm.d				Staff				
	Captains	Lieutenant	Serj. Major	Qr. Mr. Serjeant	Serjeants	Corporals	Privates	Total	Horses	Colonel	Captains	Lieutenants	Cornets	Adjutants	Qr. Masters	Serj. Majors	Qr. Mr. Serj.ts	Serjeants
For Duty	1	1	1	1	1	2	16	21	35	1	5	7	14	4	5	4	3	6
Sick present	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	1	1	1	1	1	2	17	22	37	1	5	7	14	4	5	4	3	6

	Native Officers and Private																
	Commandants	Subidars	Jemidars	Havildars	Naigues	Trumpet Major	Trumpeters	Drum & Fife Majors	Drums & Fifers	Farrier Major	Farriers	Chucklers	Puckallys	Privates	Rank & File	Total Natives	Horses
For Duty	2	15	46	62	68	2	23	1	5	3	7	10	19	512	642	775	619
Sick present	..	..	5	9	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	63	78	84	73
Total	2	15	51	71	73	2	24	1	5	3	7	8	19	575	720	857	692

	Artillery attached to the Cavalry										Infantry Attached to the Cavalry											
	Subidars	Jemidars	Havildars	Naigues	Drummers	Bombs	Private	Rank & File	Total Natives	Horses	Serjeants	Subidars	Jemidars	Havildars	Naigues	Drummers	Colour Men	Chucklers	Beasties	Privates	Rank and File	Total Natives
For Duty	1	7	10	14	7	5	119	143	162	58	3	6	19	43	43	15	2	3	11	433	519	575
Sick present	..	1	2	..	..	..	5	7	8	1	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	17	19	22
Total	1	8	12	14	7	5	124	150	171	59	3	6	21	43	45	16	2	3	11	450	538	597

European and Native Artillery and Lascars

	Officers								Non Commiss.d Rank & File													Native Artillery							Lascars					
	Comm.d					Staff																												
	Major	Captains	Capt. Lieuts.	Lieuts.	Fire Workers	Adjutants	Qr. Masters	Conductors	Serj. Major	Qr. Mast. Serj.t	Drill Serjeants	Serj. Major of Native Artillery	Serj. Major of Lascars	Drill Corporal	Serjeants	Corporals	Drum & Fife Major	Drums & Fifers	Gunners	Matrosses	Total	Subidars	Jemidars	Havildars	Naigues	Puckallys	Sepoys	Total	Commandants	Conicopoly	Serangs	Tindals	Lascars	Total
For Duty	1	4	4	7	10	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	28	1	21	48	107	237	2	3	7	7	2	109	130	1	1	12	37	532	583
Sick present	.	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	6	..	..	6	15	29	..	..	..	..	..	8	8	..	..	2	3	31	36
Total	1	5	4	7	11	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	34	1	21	54	122	266	2	3	7	7	2	117	138	1	1	14	40	563	619

European Infantry.

	Officers					Non Comm.d Rank and File								
	Comm.d			Staff										
	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Adjutants	Qr. Masters	Serj. Major	Drill Serjeant	Serjeants	Drum & Fife Majors	Drums & Fifers	Corporals	Private	Rank & File	Total Non Commiss.d Rank & File
For Duty	1	4	2	1	.	1	1	20	2	22	13	105	118	164
Sick present	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	3	37	40	43
Total	2	5	3	1	1	1	1	22	2	23	16	142	158	207

Native Infantry.

	Officers				Non Comm.d Officers				Native Officers and Sepoys									
	Comm.d			Staff														
	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Adjutants	Serj. Major	Qr. Mr. Serjeants	Drill Serjeants	Serjeants	Commandants	Subidars	Jemidars	Havildars	Naigues	Drummers & Fifers	Puckallys	Sepoys	Rank & File	Total Natives
For Duty	4	18	42	7	9	8	6	7	7	65	77	359	340	104	71	3432	4156	4462
Sick present	..	..	5	..	..	1	..	..	1	4	4	20	22	8	5	203	248	267
Total	4	18	47	7	9	9	6	7	8	69	81	379	370	112	76	3635	4404	4729

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	Lieutenants	Serjeants	Corporals	Havildars	Naigues	Drums & Fifers	Pioneers	Total Natives
For Duty	.	3	3	10	10	3	243	266
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Total	.	3	3	10	10	3	255	278

Engineers.

Lieut. Colonel Chief Engineer	Major Director of Engineers	Captains Sub Directors of Engineers	Lieutenants Sub Engineers	Ensigns Practitioner Engineers
1	1	2	1	6

N.B. The following Staff not Included in the Return are Serving with the Army.

1. Adjutant General	1. Baggage Master General
1. Deputy	1 Deputy
1. Quarter Master General	6 Quarter Masters of Brigades
2 Deputys	1 Judge Advocate
6 Aids de Camp	1 Commissary of Stores
1 Secretary	1 Commissary of Musters
9 Brigade Majors	2 Paymasters
	2 Agents, or Contractors for Victualling the European

N.B. Two Lieut.t Colonels & one Major included in the Return of His Majesty's Troops, doing Duty with the Army, the former as Colonels by Brevet, the latter as Lieut.t Colonel.

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Return of Killed, Wounded and Missing in the Attack of the French advanced posts, Lines & Redoubts before Cuddalore on the 13th June 1783, of the Army under his Excellency Major General James Stuart, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's and the Company's Troops

His Majesty's Troops.

73d Regt. Killed, Captain Alexr. Mackenzie, 5 Serjeants and 20 Rank and File. — Wounded and Prisoners, The Honble. Captain James Lindsay, Lieut. Simon Mackenzie Junior and Lieutt. James Trail. — Wounded, Captain John Hamilton, Lieut. Charles Gorry, Q. Rannie, John Sinclair, James Duncan & George Sutherland, 5 Serjeants, 2 Drummers & 275 Rank and file. — Missing 6 Rank and File.

78. Regt. Killed Captain George Mackenzie and 9 Rank and File. — Wounded, Lieutt. Patk. Grant & Malcolm McPherson, 2 Serjeants and 28 Rank and File — Missing, 1 Serjeant, 1 Rank & File.

101st Regt. Killed, Lieutt. Wm. R. Cloden, John Moore, Jos. Brunkwaite, and Chas. Rose, 2 Serjeants, 2 Drummers & 38 Rank and File. Wounded and Prisoners, Capt. L. G. Cole, Lieutt. Jno. McGillcurray. — Wounded, Captain P. Beatty, Lieutenants Arlingram, John Napier & Allungo Noble, 5 Serjeants, 2 Drummers and 84 Rank and File.

Detachments of 15th & 16th Hanoverians in one Regt. Killed, Major Varenius, Captain Brunswick, Lieutt. Cluoman & Ensign Mullen, 2 Serjeants and 60 Rank & File. — Wounded, Captain Droge, Bar. Scharnhorst, Bar. Warterhager, Zhell, Lieutt. Brauns, Nolle, R. Hinnuber, Ens. Gerber, Swenbert, Best, Warnarke, and Adjutant Chevalier, 1 Serjeant, 2 Drummers & 81 Rank & File.

Bengal Troops.

Artillery — Wounded, Colonel Thos. L. Pearce. Killed, 2 Bombardiers, 1 Matrose & 8 Lascars. Wounded, Lieutt. Ed. Brown, Lieutt. Geo. Worker Egshaw, 1 Serjeant, 1 Bombardier, 1 Gunner, 2 Matrosses, 2 Lyrangs, 1 Findal, 1 Coffoo, 1 Golandauze & 20 Lascars.

12 Regt. Sepoys. Killed, 1 Serjeant, 1 Jubidar, 1 Jemidar, & 15 Rank & file. Wounded, 1 Drummer and 22 Rank & file.

1st Regt. Sepoys. Killed, 1 Subidar, 1 Jemidar, and 3 Rank and File. Wounded, Lieutt. Plimer, Ensn. Franklin, 1 Subidar, 1 Drummer & 24 Rank and File.

25 Regt. Sepoys. Killed, Capt. Durie, 1 Serjeant, 2 Subidars & 60 Rank & File. Wounded, Lieutt. Robt. Colebrooke, 1 Serjeant, 1 Jemidar and 35 Rank and file.

Coast Troops.

Killed, Captain Walter Douglas Deputy Adjutant General and Lieutt. Peter Campbell Aide de Camp.

European Troops. Killed 1 Horse.

2 Regt. of Cavalry. Killed 2 Horses, Wounded 1 Horse, Wounded 2 Rank & file.

Artillery. Killed 8 Lascars. Wounded 2 Corporals, 1 Gunner, 5 Matrosses, 2 Lyrangs & 25 Lascars.

European Infantry. Killed 8 Rank and File. Wounded Lieut. John Munro Quarter Master, Ensign James Rogers, 2 Serjeants, 1 Drummer and 25 Rank and file.

Trichinopoly Detachs. Killed 2 Rank & file. Wounded 1 Subidar, 1 Jemidar & 24 Rank & file.

5 Battn. Sepoys. Killed, 10 Rank & File. Wounded 1 Drum. & 15 Rank & file.

8 Battn. Sepoys. Wounded, 8 Rank and File.

16 Battn. Sepoys. Killed, 10 Rank and File. Wounded Ensn. C. Haddaway, 1 Serjeant, 2 Jemidars, 2 Buckallies and 36 Rank & file.

19 Battn. Sepoys. Killed 1 Rank and File. Wounded 1 Subidar 2 Jemidars 3 Buckallies & 47 Rank and File. Missing 27 Rank & file.

20 Battn. Sepoys. Killed, Ensn. L. Powell, and 10 Rank and File. Wounded 1 Jemidar, 2 Drummers & 12 Rank and File.

21st Battn. Sepoys. Wounded 2 Rank and File.

N.B. The 1st 3d & 4th Regiments of Cavalry, 26th Regiment of Bengal Sepoys, and the 13 Battn. Coast Sepoys Killed, Wounded & Missing — None

General Abstract

		Officers	Non Comm. Rank & File	
His Majesty's Troops	Killed	10	130	
	Wounded	20	247	
	Missing	—	17	
Company's Troops, Europeans	Killed	1	13	
	Wounded	9	47	
	Missing	—	1	Total 616
		52	562	
Company's Troops, Natives	Killed	6	52	
	Wounded	14	270	
	Missing	—	2	
		20	324	244
			General Total	962

N.B. of the European Grenadiers, Kings & Company's consisting of 5 Captains, 1 Lieutenant & 226 non Commissioned Rank and file, under the Command of the Honble. Lt. Colonel Cathcart, and included in the above in their respective Regiments.

	Officers	Non Com. Rank & file
Killed	4	36
Wounded	8	100
Missing	—	6
	12	142

For His Majesty
Jas. Stuart

Camp South of Cuddalore 25th June 1783.

Return of the Killed, Wounded and Missing in the Repulse of the Enemy in their Attack on the Retrenchments on the Morning of the 25th June 1783.

His Majesty's Troops.

73d Regt. Wounded, 1 Rank and File

Detachment of the 15th & 16th Hanoverians in one Regiment. Killed, 1 Rank and File.

Bengal Troops.

25 Regt. Sepoys. Killed, Lieutt. Grueber, 1 Jemidar, 1 Drummer & 8 Rank & file. Wounded, Captain Williamson, 1 Subidar, 2 Jemidars and 78 Rank & file, Wounded and Prisoner Lieutt. Cockerlaney.

Coast Troops.

Killed, Major Edgrave Commanding the 4th Brigade.

Artillery. Killed, 1 Rank & File, Wounded, 1 Rank & File.

5 Battn. Sepoys. Wounded, 10 Rank and File.

General Abstract.

		Officers	Non Commd. Rank & File	
His Majesty's Troops	Killed	—	1	
	Wounded	—	2	
Company's Troops, Europeans	Killed	2	1	
	Wounded	2	1	Total
		4	5	9
Company's Troops, Natives	Killed	1	9	
	Wounded	4	30	
		5	39	44
			Gen.l Total	53

A Return of Ammunition expended in the Attack of the French Posts near Cuddalore, June 13th 1782.

Grape Shot fixed to Cartridges of Serge	18 Pounds	270
	12 do.	492
	6 do.	825
Grape Shot fixed to Cartridges	18 do.	24
	12 do.	44
	6 do.	107
Iron Round Shot	18 do.	491
Cartridges Serge filled	18 do.	491
Tubes filled	18 do.	1100
	12 do.	900
	6 do.	1400
Port Fires		710
Musquet Shotted Cartridges Barrells		14

A Twelve pounder Gun Turn and dropt at the Muzzle and tendered unserviceable, and many of the Field Carriages much Damaged.

A Return of Ordnance &c taken from the Enemy in their Posts, near Cuddalore, June 13th 1783.

On Bandypollam Hill.

Brass Guns, Serviceable, mounted & may be used in the Posts	4½ Pdr.	2

In the Entrenchment from Bandypollam Hill to Brickmyres Post.

Iron Guns, Serviceable, the Carriages damaged & cannot be used.	9 Pounds	1
	4½ do.	1
Brass Guns, Serviceable, mounted and may be used	4½ do.	1
	2½ do.	2

In Brickmyres Post

Iron Guns, Serviceable, mounted & may be used against the Fort	18 do.	2
	9 do.	1
	5 do.	1
Brass Guns, Serviceable, mounted & may be used	9 do.	1
Cannot be used	12 do.	1

Between Brickmyres Post & Cuddalore

Brass Guns, Serviceable, mounted & may be used	2 Pdrs	3
	Total	16
Ammunition, Tumbrils		8
Carts for Shot		4

The Army under Maj-Gen Stewart

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Camp South of Cuddalore
12th June 1783.

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Arms and Ammunition to be inspected, and the Pouches completed immediately.

All Officers not on Duty to remain in the Lines. The Bullocks or others attached to the Artillery to be at their Stations before Retreat beating this Day. The other Occasion Working Parties and all the Officers who are Duty'd to attend, are direct the landing of provisions and Stores, to continue on that Duty and to expedite the business, excepting the Quarter Master General and Captain Moorhouse, who are to remain this Day in Camp. The Surgeon Major to compleat one hundred and twenty Bodies, to be in readiness at the Shortest Notice. Keeping the working party of Body Boys at the Beach as complete as their Numbers after that will admit of.

Captain Eidington to do Duty with the Fourth Brigade, and Captain Fotheringham to Command the Detachment until further Orders.

The European Pickets that are to mount this Evening at retreat beating are to be composed of Corps as follows.

The 78th Regt to the Picket on the Right.
The 101st The Grand Guard in the Center.
The 78th to the Picket on the left.

They are to carry Guns with them according to the Orders the Commanding Officer of Artillery has received. The Sepoy part of the advanced Picket are to be reinforced at the same time as follows.

The Picket on the right by a Battalion from the 2d Brigade, the Picket on the left by a Battalion from the 3d Brigade, and the Grand Guard in the Center by two Battalions to be given by the 2d & 3d Brigades; The Battalion from the 4th Brigade now at that post to join the Line as soon as the Reinforcement occupys the Post. The Cavalry of the Grand Guard to be one Regiment; to march out at the same time the Detail of Cavalry now there to return to the Lines immediately after being Relieved. The Corps ordered on Duty this Evening to march off from their respective Line of Brigade.

An additional Battalion to be given by the 5th Brigade to be posted this Evening at 5 o'Clock by Lieut Campbell Deputy Quarter Master General, in communication with the Battalion now at the Beach, and for the protection of people moving to and from the landing place to Camp.

The Reveille to beat to morrow Morning half an hour before day break, which is to be the Signal for the whole of the Line, not upon Duty, to form in front of it, and which will be Commanded by Colonel Gordon. Colonel Campbell will at the same time dispatch the Cavalry in the way as Communicated to him by the Commander in Chief. Captain Robertsons Corps to be under his orders. The Colonel on Duty is from retreat beating this Evening to be with the advanced Posts.

The Coast European Infantry now in the 2d Line to be under the Orders of Lieut Colonel Kelly.

Lieut Colonel Edmonstone to be with the picket on the right. Lieut Colonel Blane with the Picket on the left, and Major Colgrave with the Grand Guard in the Center from retreat beating this Evening.

Captain Pringle to send Guides to Lieut Colonels Pathcart & Kelly, who will receive their orders from the Commander in Chief. A Party of thirty Pioneers with Mamooties to be sent to Lieut Colonel Pathcart this Evening, and a party of the same strength with Bill-Hooks to Lieut Colonel Kelly at the same time.

Upon any application of the Chief Engineer to the officers Commanding in the posts, for working parties they are to be furnished.

The Recruits and worst Men to take the Guards in the lines, and no Soldiers or Sepoys are to be on any account employed as Officers Servants but to do their Duty with their Arms.

Commanding Officers of Corps are to take particular care, that all the Buckallies are Called at Reveille beating.

G.A.O. Carole Old England Camp Cuddalore.

The Commander in Chief will be found to morrow on, or near the rising Ground where the 18 Pounders are on the left, if not there, will be where an Union Flag will appear in the Lines. Major General Bruce's Staff is at the Head of the Grenadiers Picket to in advance of the Army, and to be there by three in the Morning. Colonel Gordon with the Troops in front of the encampment will observe as the Pickets advance, to move up to their Ground in front, where the Grand Guard is now, and will be ready to support the advanced Posts.

The Commander in Chief expects that the whole business of the Day, will be conducted with that steadiness, good Order, and Silence that constitute the Character of Veteran and experienced Troops, of which this Army is Composed.

Quarter and Rear Guards to a certain diminished Number to be left in Camp, but composed only of such sort of Men as have already been described in Orders.

In Order to prevent Mistakes of the Fire from our Front affecting the Grenadiers, who will flank the Enemy from the Right, Lieut Colonel Pathcart will place some Cohorns upon the Guns or Posts as he advances, and send Accounts to Major General Bruce of his situation.

The Pickets on the left to be considered as the party to support the Grenadiers, and Five Companys of Captain Munro's Battalion will be upon the left at three in the Morning to relieve any party from that Picket that may be employed in support of the Batteries, and to take their place when the Picket marches off.

June 12th 1783. In the Evening Given Separately to the Officers Commanding

General Disposition for Driving the French out Posts and Pickets within Cuddalore, or immediately under the Guns of the place.

1st At one in the Morning Lieut Colonel Kelly will March with the 4th Brigade led by the 2d Company of Grenadiers of the Coast Infantry, and the remaining part of that Corps, with the Pine when he comes to the Ground fixed upon he will wait the Effect of our Batteries from the opposite Heights, and on his way to display his Colours so as to be seen from our Batteries which are to open at break of Day, and the Colonel will avail himself of every advantage to possess himself of the Enemy's Posts, and when possessed he is to hoist a Union Colour as a Signal for our Guns to cease.

2d The Commanding Officer of Artillery will make the necessary disposition for placing Twelve Pounders, and Six Pounders on the Rising Ground in Front of the Height at present occupied by the Enemy, and some of them likewise to bear on the Right and Rear of the French Line, which is now parallel to our Front. He will also place Six Iron 18 Pounders on the other Spot cleared out which are chiefly meant to bear in the Direction of Brickmakers Post, where the Greatest Number of the French Troops are now, and where they will crowd to, when put into disorder. Both the Field Pieces and Battering Guns are to be so disposed as to be in Battery at 3 in the Morning and the Commanding Officer of Artillery will make the previous arrangements accordingly. Four Eighteen Prop Guns are also to be placed in Front of the Grand Guard this Night, ready to open in the Morning and to be advanced as the Pickets advance.

3d At Half past 2 in the Morning Lieut Colonel Pathcart with the Corps of Grenadiers and the Two 12 Pounders attached to them will March along the Road at the Foot of the Rising Ground on the Left of the Line and by moving to the Left where the Road opens endeavor to turn the Right Flank of the Enemy's present Line, and avail himself of the Disorder which our Artillery will doubtless put the Enemy into.

Along with the Corps of Grenadiers there will move the Field Pieces attached to Lieut Colonel Kelly's Brigade, so as they may be in readiness to act with him after coming out of the Jungles, and from the Enemy's Post in the Front of the Bandipollam Hills.

4th The Pickets in the Front both European and Native are to be doubled this Night at the usual time of mounting and the Colonel of the Day with the Field Officer of the Pickets are to be there. The Guns with the Sepoy Infantry attached to the Body Guard, are to be added to the Grand Guard, and an additional Battalion of Sepoys with their Guns to be posted in the Rear, Halfway between Captain Scott's Battalion and the 2d Line for the Security of the Camp and the Stores at the Landing Place, & to place intermediate Posts, the whole fronting outwards.

5th Colonel Campbell will dispose of the Cavalry to the best advantage for the Security of the Camp and landing place where it is not secured by the natural advantages of the Sea and the Hills, and will take every advantage that offers to pursue with effect the Enemy in case they attempt to come round by the Bandipollam or Porto Nova Road, and he will place Posts for the lookout, on every rising ground within his Support, and join the Grand Guard this Evening at Retreat beating.

6th The Marksmen will attend the Commander in Chief with the European Troops, excepting that two Companys of the Grenadiers, and with the Black Corps with the Sepoys to the Remainder of the Army will form in Front of the Camp and remain under Arms until the Business of the Day is over, ready to act as occasion may offer.

7th Upon the whole the Commander in Chief hopes that the Troops will be as cool as the Occasion will admit of, and the Object immediately in view is to drive the Enemy within their Works without endangering unnecessarily the Troops from the Cannon of the Fort. He hears that nothing of that sort may be risked on the attack, and Batteries are ready for their protection for dismounting the Enemy's Cannon.

8th The Chief Engineer will doubtless avail himself of the Ground being cleared, and chuse his Ground and fix Parallel with his usual good judgment and what Working Tools with every Material to entrench are necessary to be taken with them in readiness. The General does not mean to extend the Parallel more to the Left than what is absolutely necessary having an Eye to Security against Improper Retreats, or any part of the Round Hedges, which the Enemy may for a little time think of Keeping, and to be guarded against the Attack from Tippoos Horse & Rajah's which very probably may come in that direction to morrow. Lieut Colonels Pathcart and Kelly will take the necessary precautions and keep a good look out in that Quarter.

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For His Majesty

Fort St George Aug. 13th 1783

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Camp South of Cuddalore 25th June 1783.

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The Commander in Chief having taken time to investigate, the conduct and execution of the orders and plan in attacking the Enemys out posts, Lines and Redoubts, on the 18th Instant, with the Comparative Strength in Numbers and Position of the Enemy, composed almost entirely of the best regular Troops of France, takes this Occasion to give it as his Opinion, to this brave Army in General, that it is not to be equalled by anything he Knows, or has heard of in modern History, whether we look to the extent and entire success, or to the National importance of that Day's compleat Victory. - He takes this occasion to return his thanks to Major General Bruce, to Lieut Colonel Pattcart and Major Moore, and the Corps of Grenadiers, and to Colonel Fraser who Supported them with the Pickets of the left, and under whose Command the French Redoubt was successfully entered and carried - to Colonel Gordon who Commanded the reserve, to Colonel Pearse and to the Field Officers in their different stations. to Lieut Colonel Ross Chief Engineer to whose Abilities he is so much indebted, and to Lieut Colonel Kelly who with the 1st Brigade, led by the 2d Grenadier Companys and the rest of the Honble Company's European Infantry under the command of Captains Collins, Bonneveaux and Sale, so ably and opportunely possessed himself of the Enemy's Post upon the Hills, to Lieut Colonel Elliott and Major Mackay under whom our Artillery was so well directed that Day, to Captain Lamont and the precious remains of His Majesty's 98, and in general to the Officers and Corps of His Majesty's and of the Company's Troops. - He desires that Lieutenant Colonel Wangenheim will inform the Officers and Men of the Detachment composed of His Majesty's 15th & 16th Hanoverians, how much he is Satisfied with their behavior that Day, and that he will not fail on the first occasion to represent it to His Majesty, he desires also that the Officers of His Majesty's 101st and the Grenadiers of that Regiment may know his concern that they were not supported as they ought to have been by their Battalion Men on that Day.

In general, the Commander in Chief takes the present Occasion to acquaint the Army that he has already informed the Government of their particular merit in the attack of the 18th and that he will endeavor to represent it, as it deserves to our most Gracious Sovereign, and to our Country.

It has so happen'd that in this very Day when the Commander in Chief thought it his Duty to return his thanks to this Army for the important Victory of the 18th an occasion offers to express his satisfaction for a new and recent display of their Steadiness and undaunted Courage, the successful repulse of the Enemys best, regular and Veteran Troops this Morning, in the sight, to, of their Admiral and whole Fleet, taking Prisoner the Colonel who commanded, with the loss of their principal officers. - The General can only repeat his most sincere acknowledgements, and admiration on the occasion, with his particular thanks to Colonel Gordon and Lieut Colonel Pattcart, to Captain Williamson and the 21st Bengal Regiment.

The Commander in Chief desires the Commanding Officers of the Native Corps, Bengal and Carnatic, will in his Name acquaint the Officers and Men of the high sense he entertains of their most gallant behavior on the 18th and this Morning, exceeding anything of the Kind ever known, and that he will on every Occasion in his power represent it in such a light, to the Governments of Bengal and Madras, that they and their Families shall ever be Supported and Rewarded according to their Merit.

For His Majesty's
St George Aug. 13th 1783

In Major Genl. Stuart's
of 10th Aug.st 1783.

Draft to E. Gower
Queen's House Jan 23. 1784 ½ p. 9 PM

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Lord Gower will I am certain think it not wonderful that at so critical a minute I should wish no measure ~~should be omitted~~ failed if necessary for want of timely information, this makes me trouble him this Evening; I understood Mr Cottrell found no instance in the Books of the Council of a Parliament being Dissolved without a previous Prorogation since the Revolution; ought not the Chancellor to be asked whether this Ceremony is absolutely necessary; our opposers will take every step within the Verge of the Law that can aid their Cause, ~~and~~ I can never wish to exceed it but must think we will act on an equal or rather must be restrained by no farther bounds but those ~~of strict legal propriety~~.

Queen's House
Jan 23d 1784.
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E. Gower
Whitehall Jan. 23. 1784 Ans. 40 p. 56

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Whitehall Jan. y 23d 1784
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The King may be assured that Lord Gower will with the Chancellor investigate the subject of Prorogation and dissolution & make themselves masters of that subject. Lord Gower is happy to find that there is a very spirited address to be presented to his Majesty on Monday next from the Merchants & Traders of London.

Philip

Mr Vyvyan
January 23. 1824

? Ld Chamberlain
Lord Ailesbury

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My Lord

As your high rank, and respectable character has placed your Lordship, so near the Person, of the King; permit me to hope that your Lordship will not refuse to gratify the request, of the Freeholders, and Inhabitants of Launceston, in the County of Cornwal, by presenting their inclosed Address, to his Majesty: My situation near, and properly within the Borough, induced them to make me the Instrument of conveying to his Majesty, (under your Lordships Auspices), their attachment to his Majestys Person, and zeal for his service, and they do with hearts full of the warmest gratitude, declare that tho' remotely situated from his Majestys seat of Residence, they entertain the highest respect for him, both as their Sovereign and the Father of his People, and applaud

his choice of the present Ministers so deserving the confidence of his Majesty, and their Country

I am My Lord with Truth & Respect

Your Most Obedt
Humble Servt
Philip Upton

Tremeal, Launceston
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Wm. Pitt
& H. M.'s reply

Jan. 25 1784

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Mr Pitt humbly presumes to acquaint
your Majesty, that upon an accurate Revision
of all the present Circumstances, your Majesty's
Servants find so many difficult Objects of
Consideration, that he fears he cannot attend
your Majesty with the further Result of
their Deliberations sooner than the Evening,
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St James's. Sunday. Jan 25th. 1784.
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Though Indecision is the most painful situation to a firm mind, I by no means wish Mr. Pitt should come to Me till He has with His Brother Ministers gone through the various objects the present Crisis affords; I should hope by half hour past Nine He may be able to lay before Me the result of this deliberations. The Opposition will certainly throw every difficulty in our way but we must be firm and if we mean to save the Country we must cut those threads that cannot be unravelled, half measures are perilous and often destructive.

Queen's House
Jan.y 25th 1784.

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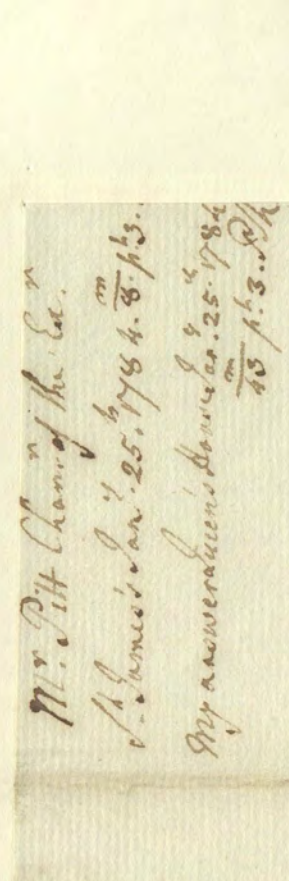

Mr. Pitt Chan.r of the Ex.r
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Thos. Mr Egerton
January 20. 1784

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Sir,

As your Majesty was most graciously pleased to express your kind intention of honoring me with a Peerage - an honor made tenfold more acceptable to me, as coming spontaneously and directly from your Majesty, & which I shall most thankfully accept either now, or at any time you may think more proper; I cannot refrain from taking this method of returning my most grateful acknowledgments and sincerest thanks, and do assure your Majesty that I have had no view whatever in my political Life, but to support and maintain the true principles of the Constitution —

I presume at present your Majestys kindness to me is to remain in my own Bosom, and shall wait

your direction before I reveal it to him, who I c? wish should succeed me in my Seat in Parliament —

The unmerited attentions your Majesty has been so condescending to shew to me and my Family will ever be remembered with the greatest gratitude by us all, and my feelings on this fresh instance are more than I can express ——

If I have presumed too much upon your Majestys indulgence I do most humbly intreat your pardon, and am with every wish for your public and private happiness, Sir,

Your Majestys.

most obliged

most dutiful and devoted Subje

Thos. Egerton

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Mr. Pitt Chan.r of the Ex.r
Berkley Square Jan.y 29.th 1784.
15. p.t 5 PM

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Mr Pitt humbly presumes to express the dutiful Sense He entertains of your Majesty's gracious Condescension and Goodness. He is persuaded that the tumultuous Proceedings of last Night will be of no Advantage to the Cause they were intended to serve; and hopes they will not produce any further disturbance. Mr Pitt does not conceive that any thing very new can arise in the Course of tomorrow, unless there should

appear fresh dispositions to cultivate the Negotiation, which seems at present almost dropped.

Berkeley Square.

Saturday Jan 29th. 1784. ¼ past 5 PM.

Wm. Pitt
& H.M's reply

Jan. 30 1784

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Mr Pitt did not presume to trouble your Majesty with any account yesterday from the House of Commons. The little that passed from Mr Fox and Lord North previous to the Adjourn-ment not appearing to furnish any material Information, in addition to that which your Majesty would derive from the minutes. It seems on the whole probable that if nothing

New ancies in the Interval, The motion for an Address will be made on Monday, and Mr Pitt humbly conceives it will be of the utmost Consequence to clear up as much as possible the Ground of meeting it.

Mr Pitt has the Honor to transmit an accurate Copy of the Duke of Portlands Letter, and of the Resolutions of the Meeting

Wm. Pitt
& H. M's reply

Jan. 30 1784

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the Substance of which Lord Sydney had the Honor of laying before your Majesty yesterday. Mr Pitt has heard Nothing farther on the Subject, and is at a loss to guess, what sort of Expedient the Duke of Portland can point at, but begs Leave to submit to your Majesty that It may still be desirable to endeavour to obtain a more Explicit answer from His Grace.

Berkeley Square
Jan 30th. 1784. 40 past 12 PM.

The Account of what past in the House of Commons yesterday which I suppose by reading the Various News Papers may be pretty nearly collected gives every reason for commending Mr. Pitt's language, and for reprobating that of Mr. Fox and his follower Lord North, and shews that their principles must ever prevent that kind of Union to which alone I can ever consent.

I shall certainly not object to Mr. Pitt's making himself master if possible of what the D. of Portland means, though I cannot suggest the mode. I cannot say the meeting of the Gentlemen at the D. of Marlborough's seem as yet to have taken the only steps which ought to occur to them, the cooperating in preventing a desperate faction from completing the ruin of the most perfect of all human formations the British Constitution.

Lucan's House
Jan.y 30th 1784. m/50 pt. one P.M.

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Duke of Portland to Thomas Grosvenor
Enclosure

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"As you have so very obligingly communicated to me the Assurances you have received from Mr Pitt that there are no difficulties on his part in the way of an immediate intercourse between him & me upon the subject of an union of parties, And that he is ready to give an immediate & direct answer to any objection which I may have to such an intercourse; my sincere inclination to concur in the wishes of the very respectable meeting of which you so worthily fill the Chair, and my anxious desire to see such an Administration formed upon a solid & secure basis as may restore harmony to this distracted empire, and may be entitled to the Confidence and support of every true friend of this Country, makes it necessary for me to trouble you with a repetition of the reasons which I assigned to you & the other Gentlemen who delivered me the Representation and Requisition of your meeting of the inst: for declining an immediate interview with Mr Pitt on the present arduous situation of public affairs: I had then the Honor of stating to you that I

Copy
D. of Portland's letter to Mr Thos. Grosvenor Chairman of the Comm.tee of Members of the House of Commons to promote an Union of Parties

did not think it possible that such a meeting would tend to forward the desirable end we all wish as long as Mr Pitt remained in his present ministerial capacity notwithstanding the Resolutions of the House of Commons of the 16th of Jany.
Under these Circumstances the Embarrassment seems mutual & difficult to be got over, but if any expedient can be devised for removing it I shall be extremely ready to confer with Mr Pitt, and contribute every facility in my power to procure the ~~true~~ true object of our joint Wishes —

Copy of a Letter from his Grace the Duke of Portland to Thos. Grosvenor Esq. —

Enclosure to 5745

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St Alban's Tavern - Thursday Jany 29th 1784

At a meeting of members of the House of Commons wishing to promote a Union of Parties — —

Resolved

That the Chairman be requested to return our Thanks to his Grace the Duke of Portland, and the Right Hble William Pitt for the additional Proof they have now given of their attention to our wishes. — —

To express our cordial satisfaction to find they agree in Opinion with this meeting, that an Union is of the highest Importance, & is the object of their joint wishes. —

To intimate to them, that after these declarations, we are the more strongly confirmed in our hope & expectation, that by the intervention of mutual friends, some expedient may be devised, which may tend to remove the difficulty, which is stated to be the material obstacle, to a communication between them on the subject of a cordial & permanent Union.

Thomas Grosvenor Chairman

Paper
drawn up at a Meeting of Members of the House of Commons wishing to promote an Union of Parties
St Alban's Tavern
Thursday Jany 29th 1784