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Intelligence with respect to Occurrances in that Quarter, we shall duly advise you of all Circumstances coming to our Knowledge, that have any relation to the affairs of your Presidency.

We have the Honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most obedient

humble Servants.

(Signed) John Macpherson

John Stables

Chas Stuart

Fort William
Secret Department
1st March 1785.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c

President &c. Council &c

Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

We John Wrangham, a Civil Servant of the Company on the Fort St George Establishment, having rendered himself useful to our Secretary in this Department during his stay in Bengal, and as we wish for his Continuance here while His Services may not be required on the Coast, we beg leave to request that your Lordships

From Bengal, requesting that Mr John Wrangham, a Civil Servant on the Coast may be permitted to remain at Calcutta, until it shall be necessary to direct his Return

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Lordship &c. will be pleased to indulge him with Permission to remain in this Country, until you shall see it necessary to direct his Return, or until we shall ourselves desire it.

We have the Honor to be,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most obedient

humble Servants.

Fort William
Secret Departt
8th March 1785.

(Signd) John Macpherson
John Stables
Chas Stuart

Read the following Letter from the President at Tanjore.--

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to receive your Letter of the 14th Instant.

From the President of Tanjore recites the particulars of his Conference with the Rajah on the Subject of the French Mission.--

At a Conference with the Rajah the 21st Instant, I communicated to his Excellency the Sense which Your Lordship &c. entertain of his attention

attention in declining to receive the French Mission until he should know your pleasure regarding it — I communicated to the Rajah also your Sentiments on the Subject, namely that supposing with him, that the Mission was in consequence of the late Cession of the Mogans round Karical, and the Letters to be merely of a Complimentary Nature, Your Lordship &c. were of opinion his Excellency might receive them, and I then stated to the Rajah through the Interpretation of Mr. Swartz the answer which your Lordship &c. recommended to be returned to the Letters, should they prove of the kind you supposed them to be.

His Excellency was evidently pleased that there was nothing in your letter that amounted to more than a recommendation to receive the Letters and presents. — He immediately replied that it would be very disagreeable to him to receive them, — that the French might expect they would lead to further Intercourse, which he wished to avoid. — That however civil the French might now be to him, they had no more than once endeavoured to pursue him to his Destruction, and he knew them well — that besides he had done the French no favor in this Business. — that he had not given the Mogans to them, but to his Friends the English, that his connection was with them, and he wished for no other. — perceiving that something further was expected from me, I said that the Company

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Company being now on good terms with the French, they had no objection to his Excellency's receiving the Letter, and presents, which the Government of Pondichery had sent to him, and that his Excellency having reported himself to the Right Honble the President, and Council on the Subject, they had been pleased to direct me to signify to him their Sentiments upon it, which I had accordingly done — The Rajah then repeated nearly what he had before said of the French adding that it would be very troublesome to him to receive the people who were come from them, as his Health was very bad, and that he intended to decline it in a quiet manner.

Being aware of the construction which the French may put on the Rajah's declining to receive their Letter, and presents, I have been particular in stating every thing that passed in my Conference with the Rajah upon the Subject, and trust that Your Lordship &c. will find my part in it, to have been consonant to your Sentiments and Instructions. It is proper I should inform Your Lordship &c. that at my first visit to the Rajah his Excellency honored me with a Dress of Gold Cloth, and a breast Jewel of the value of about 100 Pag.s - which I could not have refused without giving him offence, the whole is deposited in the

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Company's Cash Chest as their Property.

I have the Honor to be with
the greatest respect
My Lord, and Gentlemen,
Your faithful humble servant
(Signed) J. Huddleston.

Tanjore
24th March 1785.

Agreed that the following Answer
be written.—

To John Huddleston Esqr
Resident
at
Tanjore

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble
the President and Council to acknowledge the
receipt of your Letter of the 24th Instant and to
inform you, that they wish to know how the
Matter terminated in respect to the Mission of the
French to the Rajah, whether the Bramony has
been permitted to deliver the Presents or whether he
has returned without the accomplishment of the
Purposes of his Mission.—

From the Letters received from
Mr Sullivan, the Board had entertained the most
sanguine hopes that the whole of the Lack of Pagodas

To the Resident of Tanjore in Answer to the foregoing Letter. must urge the Rajah for the Payment of the 120,000 Pagodas & to inform him, that Govmt are willing to accept the Management of his Country, and should he refuse, that it may be attended with serious Consequences — the President permitted to retain two Vakeels.—

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Payodas would long since have been received, & they cannot on any Account forego this claim to every Payoda of Rait Jem, it must therefore be your business to urge it in the strongest manner, & if the Rajah should (as it appears he has done) throw out any idea of giving up his Country, you must desire him to address the President on the Subject, Assure him that Government will accept the Charge, & that the Board have reason to be persuaded of his ability to assist the Company at this juncture who are in great want of this assistance upon which (from the report of Mr Jackson) they have so much depended.

You will be pleased to place the urgency of the case in the strongest point of view & apprize the Rajah that a refusal on his part may be attended with serious Consequences to the Company's affairs at this time.—

In consequence of your represen-tations of the necessity that there is to keep some Bircarrahs at Tanjore the President & Council consent to your retaining one Head Bircarrah & ten others, who are to be placed under your Orders — This is now signified to Colonel Stuart, & he is directed to

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apply to you when he may have occasion for
Recruits for any particular Service.

I have
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) John Cranmer
Act. Sec.y

Fort St George
28th March 1785

Read the following Letter from
Mr. Irwin, & from the Government at Columbo.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney KB
President & Governor for Council
of Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Mr Irwin
enclosing letters from
the Gov.r & Council of
Columbo to the
Government of Madras
and Colombo relative
to the Cessions to be
made to the States
General and recom-
-mending that the
Polygars be not
permitted to have
any Intercourse with
the Dutch—

I have the Honor to enclose for
a Letter from the Governor & Council of Columbo
to the Right Honble the President, relative to
the Surrender of Tuticorin & its Dependencies
on the Coast of Tinnevelly & the Marawas, with
the original Letter from that Government on
the same Subject.—

As they advise me that Mr.
Mckerrn the former Chief of Tuticorin, is on his
return

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Return to that Place and expect from the report of the Proceedings at Bengal, that those Factories will be conditionally surrendered to them, I expect your Instructions on this delicate business. —

In the mean time I have written to Captain Bolchesse & Mr Kindersley that Mr McKern may have a friendly reception at Tutocryn, and be permitted to remain in the Town until the Orders of the Board arrive respecting this Claim. —

I cannot quit this subject — without reminding Your Lordship &c. of the Line necessary to be drawn between the Dutch & the Pollygars of Tinnevelly in Order to preserve the Peace of the Province & the collection of the Peiscush. It was entirely owing to their connection with the Dutch, that the Pollygars of Boondalum Kovercky & Shivigherry became open Rebels to the Company; as appeared from the Papers taken by Colonel Fullerton in their Forts and transmitted by me to Government. as no better occasion can offer than the re-establishment of the Dutch on this Coast I cannot avoid pressing the matter on the consideration of the Board. —

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I have the Honor to be with
great Respect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your faithful
& obedient Servant
(Signed) Eyles Irwin

Fr Cheinapoly
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To the Right Honorable George Lord Macartney K.B.
Knight of the Bath, President & Governor & Council
of Fort St George

Right Honorable Lord and
Worshipful Sirs.

From the Govr & Council at Colombo, respecting the Cessions to be made to the States General on the Coast &c.

The Supreme Council at Calcutta, have been so good as to inform us by Letter of the 23d Novr 1784 of the receipt of the necessary Orders to carry into Effect the Treaty of Peace concluded between our respective High Sovereign we cannot doubt but that the said Supreme Council shall have given also Notice of it to your Lordship &c.

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The English and French Possessions on the Coast of Coromandel, which during the War were taken, are already on both sides in a due manner returned. Also to the delivering up of Trinkemallee Accomplishment have already been appointed on both sides, agreeably to the Proposal made towards it by the Supreme Council at Calcutta — and before this Letter comes to your Lordship &c., this also will have been set in Order. All is together in such a way, that also our former Possessions on the Coast of Coromandel, formerly being subordinated under Nagapatam, and those on the Madura and Marawa Coasts, must be given up to us again according to the Treaty of Peace. By waiting longer we would make ourselves in the highest degree responsible; we are therefore under the necessity, My Lord &c., to insist upon it, and to desire hereby Your Lordship &c. in the speediest and strongest manner, to make the necessary Determinations for it, such as Agree with the Preliminaries and the Definitive Treaty of Peace made between our both sides High Sovereigns. That this may be done the sooner, we have on our

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Side appointed and duely authorized. for a Commissary to receive over our Establishments on the Madura and Marawa Coasts, the Senior Merchant and former Chief of those Establish=ments, Mr. Mattheus Mekern, whom we shall very shortly let depart to Tutacoryn. Hereof we have by the Letter, of which a Copy comes along with this, given Notice to the English Superintendant of the Country of Tinne=velly Mr. Graeme, with the Request that he will provisionally put Mr Mekern in the Possession of Tutocoryn and the Factories belonging to it upon the same Foot as the Netherlandish Company has possessed them before, and this to be previously done to and in the same manner as has been done by the Supreme Council at Calcutta with regard to Chinsura and the Factories belonging to it, to make afterwards an entire and perfect Cession of them, so as your Lordship &c.t shall then have given the necessary Authority towards it, which we beg may be done with speedy.

In the same manner have we appointed for our Commissaries to receive the Company's

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Company's Establishments on the Coast of Coro=
=mandel which formerly were Subordinate to
Pegapatam, and duely Authorized, Mr. William
Blaukamer Merchant, former Chief of Jaggar=
=nackpooram, Mr. Nicholas Sadama Merchant,
former Chief of Palliacatta, Mr. Jan Daniel
Simons Merchant and formerly first Storekeeper
of Pegapatam, and Mr. Martenus Stoffenberg
Junior Merchant and formerly Secretary of
Pegapatam. All these Gentlemen are ordered
by us to go shortly to Palliacatta. We take the
Liberty to Propose this Place to Your Lordship &c.
for the mutual agreeing of the both sides Commis=
=aries. Notwithstanding we very willing by
leave it to your Lordship &c. to appoint another
place for it, and beg only that you would please
to give the necessary Orders that all matters may
speedily be settled, and that mean while till the
Things are regulated, Your Lordship &c. would be
so Kind as to Order that the said our Commissaries
at their Arrival at Palliacatta be provisionally put
into the possession of that Place even so as we, &
conformably to what is mentioned before, have
desired Mr. Irwin concerning Tutecoryn and the
Factories belonging to it, in order that the said our

Commissaries

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Commissaries mean while at Calicut can get the necessary Conveniences of their Habitation and the Storehouses.—

It has pleased the Lord the 6th of last February to dispose over the Life of the Governor Falck, and the first underwritten, who has succeeded him as Governor and Director of Ceilon, hope-fuing Your Lordship &c. hereby the intercourse of a friendly and Neighbouring Correspondence. Further we beg not to take amiss. that we use the Freedom to desire Your Lordship &c. to take the Trouble of being so kind as to send the inclosed Letter to the Supreme Council at Calcutta speedily to Bengal.

We have the Honor to be with true Esteem

Right Honorable Lord and
Worshipful Gentlemen,

Your Lordship &c. Gentlemens
Very obedient Servants.—

Columbo
the 4th of March 1785.

(Signed) N. Van de Graff
N. Stuyskers.
N. Hoguart.
M. Mekern.
P. C. Holst
N. Willing.
N. Rakes

To.

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To Eyles Irwin Esqr.

Superintendant of the Madura Country.

Honoured Sir,

The Supreme Council of Calcutta having informed us by Letter of the 28th. of Novr. that they have received the necessary Orders to carry to an End the definitive Treaty made between our High Sovereigns, and by Consequence of it to be among other places delivered up again to us the former Possessions of the Netherlandish Company situated on the Madura and Marrawa Coasts, viz. Tuticoryn together with the Places which before the War have belonged to it. In Consequence of the said orders there have been already returned to us our possessions in Bengal and Surratte, and the both sides Commissaries have also been appointed to return and to receive over Trincomalee and what belongs thereto, so that this will have been settled before your receipt of this Letter. As now also all the Possessions of the English & French Nation on the Coast of Coromandel, which during the late War, had been taken from one another, already are delivered up in due manner to one another, and consequently all matters are in the way to be settled according to the Treaty of Peace, and nothing ought to be delayed, we have the Confidence,

Sir,

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Sir, to think without the least Doubt that the Government of Madras shall have sent to you the necessary Orders towards the delivering up of our said Possessions on the Madura & Tinnevelly Coasts, and till have in Order to it appointed and duely authorized for a Commissary Mr. Martinus Metkern Senior Merchant and formerly Chief of Tuticorin and the Places belonging to it, for to receive them over from you, Sir, Hereof we have given also Notice to the Government of Madras, and if you, Honored Sir, contrary to our Expectation should not be sufficiently qualified to make the entire and perfect Cession to Mr. Metkern, we beg, as we in a few days shall let him go to Tuticorin, to give provisionally over to him our said Possessions, as and upon the same Foot as the Netherlandish Company has possessed them, shewing only their Limits as far as necessary, as this has been done by the Supreme Council at Calcutta with regard to our Possessions in Bengal, for to make the entire and perfect Cession of them after you may have received nearer Authority towards it from the Government of Madras.

We

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We have the Honour to be
with all Esteem.—

Colombo
the 10th of March 1785.

Honoured Sir,

Your very Obedient Servants.

(Signed) W: I: Van de Graff
P: Stuyvken
I: I: Coquart
M. Mekern
P: E: Holst
T: J: Willing
M: P Raket

(A true Copy/
(Signed) P: C: Andriesz
Sworn Clerk/)

Agreed that Mr. Irwin be desired to put Mr. Mekern in possession of Tuticoryn in the manner desired by the Dutch Government at Colombo,

Private thereon— Also an Extract of the Letter from Bengal of the 23d. Novr. relative to Chinsura be sent to Mr. Irwin for his Guidance and Information.

Agreed that Mr. Irwin be further desired to represent to Mr. Mekern in the strongest terms the impropriety of any Interference or connection on the part of the Dutch with the Polly gars under this Government, & that such interference will infallibly give great offence to us, & be the means of disturbing the Harmony between the

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the two Nations.— The Papers taken by Colonel Fullarton in the Dutch Settlements may be brought forward upon this occasion, & Mr. Swain must be requested to procure if possible an Engagement from Mr. Mekern which may prevent the future interference of the Dutch.

The Committee of Assigned Revenue to inform the Rajahs that they will be severely punished if they have any Intercourse with the Dutch.—

Agreed that the Committee of Assigned Revenue be desired to give proper intimation to the Polligars, assuring them that they will be severely punished in the first instance of contravention

Minute on the Letter from the Govt. Council of Colombo.—

Agreed to acquaint the Dutch Government that we have not yet received information from the French Commissary of the Cession of Trincomalay to the Dutch Company when we receive this information we shall write to them on the other parts of their letter & are agreed also to express our wishes to the Government of Ceylon that they will not yet send Mr. Blankamer, & the other Gentlemen to the different places as some previous time will necessarily be required for the removal of our Troops & Stores, & for the Arrangement of some other Matters.—

Read the following Letter from Mr. Dormieux.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Mr. Dormieux, late Second of Bimlipatam, respecting Grain, captured at Pulicat, sent by him & Mr. Brymaet previous to the late War, for private Sale —.

The distresses to which Mr. Brymaet (the late Chief of Bimlipatam) and myself are reduced, by the Loss sustained in a peculiar manner, during the late unfortunate War; induce us now to take the liberty of laying before Your Lordship &c. the particular Circumstances of our present Situation. — Immediately after the taking of Bimlipatam, it was represented to Your Lordship and the Select Committee, that a quantity of Grain sent by us for private Sale, was Captured at Pulicat, which happened to have been the only private Property seized, in any of our Settlements on this Coast, and whereby we have been involved with great difficulties, in regard to the Captors of Bimlipatam, on account of the deficiency in the Treasury there, which in this particular Case (as can be proved to Your Lordship &c. on the Captors) + proceeded from an Exchange of the Company's Copper and Spices for Grain, for which we became +

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accountable to the Dutch Company, in the Amount at the usual rate of Sales of Copper and Spices at that Port on account of the Investment committed to our charge.— Considering therefore the Grain exchanged at Bimlipatam and taken at Pulicat Dutch Company's property, we have no right, nor intention to claim it in a private Capacity, but as we cannot conceive, it is the meaning of Your Lordship &c. on the Captors of Bimlipatam and Pulicat, that we should be twice responsible to the Captors, for such a loss, in Consequence of so much deficiency of treasure, at the Captors of Bimlipatam we request only that Your Lordship &c. will be pleased to indulge us, with debiting the Captors of Pulicat, and Crediting those of Bimlipatam, for the prime Cost of that Grain, amounting to twenty three thousand Rupees.— Unfortunately the responsibility therefore of this transaction fell on us, at the time the place was taken, by which means, we now stand indebted to the Captors of Bimlipatam in the above Sum of 23,000 Rupees, and likewise in a further deficiency of treasure at that place, arising from a similar transaction of 45045 rupees, making in all the Sum of 68045 Rupees, for which a Bond has been given to the

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Agents, at the interest of 8 p.cent per annum, The time of payment is now elapsed, without our being able to discharge even a part of the Debt, as may be easily conceived, from the Situation we have been in during our late war: We have since been informed by the Company's Servants, belonging to the Settlement of Pulicat, that the exception of private Grain, in the Article of Capitulation was made, after Colonel Elphinston, had been put in the possession of the place, tho' in the original terms, he himself, tendered Security for private Property in general; and in that Capitulation granted by Major Lysaght to the Settlement of Jaggernaickpoor, private Grain was taken but the Prime Cost insured to the Proprietors. From these Circumstances which have been related We flatter ourselves, Your Lordship &c. will see the propriety of our request, and that you will extend your Consideration to us, so far, as to permit us to assign over property to this Amount of 45045 Rupees to the Captors, or should this be rejected, by a new Bond the above Sum of 45045 Rupees shall be payed off in five Years/9009 Rupees annually/ in Consideration of our peculiar distressed Situation, and we hope the Captors will for the above reason, so far indulge us, as to Charge no interest on the Bond.

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The unsettled State of this Govern-
=ment, and our not having been before thoroughly
informed of all Circumstances, prevented our addressing
Your Lordship &c. earlier on this Subject, and now
relying on your equity and Justice to see us rightd,
I have the honor to Subscribe myself most respectfully

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your very obedient and most
humble Servant.

(signed) Johs. Mark. Dorrieux
for Mr. Reynaud and self

Fort St. George
the 15th. March 1785.-

Mr. Daniell delivers in the
following Minute.

Mr Daniells
Minute thereon.-

I agree with Mr. Davidson in
Opinion that the Claim of Messrs. Reynaud and
Dorrieux / late Chief and Second at Bimlipatam /
to their Grain taken at Pulicat is inadmissible
because such is the unfortunate tenor of that
Capitulation - I say unfortunate, because as
private property was in General given up
to the Inhabitants except Grain the distress of
our Government for Grain appears to me a
very insufficient reason why that part of
private property should be excepted, save on
Conditions of being paid for on equitable terms
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in which case our Government would have reaped the benefit of such a supply of Grain without distressing distressed Individuals who made no opposition to our Summons for the Surrender of Pulicat or Bimlipatam in consequence of the late war with the Dutch — and I doubt not that a reference with a full explanation to our Honble Employers of the particular & Dilemma of Messrs Voymael and Domicamp will call forth their humanity to the relief of all those who may have suffered in their private property, because it consisted of Grain; and particularly to those two Gentlemen who have been already made once responsible to the Captors of Bimlipatam for a deficiency of Treasure to the Amount of the Goods exchanged for that Grain for the provision of the Bimlipatam Investment.

I would not for a moment suppose that our Constituents would shut their Ears to so reasonable an application — but even admitting that it were so, they would hardly refuse to allow those unfortunate Gentlemen the time they require for payment of their Engagement, or the exemption of Interest during that Period. — I trust therefore that this Board will not only consent to such an

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an Explanatory reference to our Honble Employers, but that they will afford Mess.rs Draymott and Dormieux the Satisfaction of recommending their Case to the particular Consideration of that Court.

Thus much I have said on this Subject, as due to the prudent Circumstances of those two Gentlemen in this instance - but I should not think I had fully discharged my duty, if I neglected, on so important a Crisis to Mr Dormieux, to observe that his conduct as well as that of his Family - merit every proper consideration from the English Government as a just return to their long approved and well known attention in their respective situations in the Dutch Factories on this Coast, upon all occasions wherewith propriety they could execute, to Individuals of the English Nation - and I trust this Circumstance will have its full weight in the decision of the Honble Court of Directors on the Explanatory reference which I earnestly recommend should be made to them -

(signed) J. Daniell

Mr.

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Mr. Davidson delivers in the following Minute.—

Pr. Davidson's Minute thereon.—

By the Capitulation of Pulicat Mr. Reynaud & Mr. Dormieux's claim seems to be inadmissible — All private property, except Grain, being allowed to the Prisoners though it to support the Dutch Investment. The Chief and Second of Vimlipatam Mr. Reynaud and Mr. Dormieux bartered the Dutch Company's Copper Spice &c. for Grain sent to Pulicat — If the Amount of the Sales of Copper Spice &c. was brought to Account as Account as Cash notwithstanding the Money was not received / this it seems, from regularity, being usual with the Dutch; / and tho' the Captors of Vimlipatam made them responsible for the Deficiency as set forth in Mr. Dormieux's Memorial — In such case I do not think the English Captors, or the Dutch Company, will ultimately make Mr. Reynaud and Dormieux answerable doubly, for what appears to be but one object, notwithstanding the Gentlemen when Prisoners gave their Obligation. If however they should become at length responsible, I do not see how this Government

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Government in the present stage of the Business can relieve Mr. Reynaud and Mr. Dormieux, as the whole of the Dutch Captures are under Reference to Europe. Their is a hard case — To satisfy the Parties that the Governor and Council feel for their situation a Memorial from the Dutch Gentlemen might be transmitted Home to the Court of Directors, accompanied by the several papers relative to the Transaction: The in fact the application in another form was decided some Years since, as appears by the Proceedings of the Select Committee 1781.

(Signed) Alex.r Davidson

The President delivers in the following Minute.—

The Presidents' Minute thereon.—

I have carefully perused the Memorial of Mr. Dormieux, and have referred to the following Papers on the Records which relate to the Subject — viz.

Captain Lysaght's Letter to the Chief & Council of Masulipatam dated at Jaggernaickpuram 16th July 1781. MB:

Letter from Messrs. Blankamer & Ravalet to Captain Lysaght — 14th July 1781 — MB:

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Two Letters from Capt: Lysaght to them of the same date — one containing a Summons, and the other the Articles of Capitulation by which Jaggernaut Poram was surrendered — M.B.

Capitulation of Palicat 22 July 1781.— S.C.

Minutes of Select Committee 20. Sept. 1781— S.C.

Letter to Vizagapatam — 25th Sept. 1781. S.C.

Letter from Do. ——— 25. Sept. 1781. S.C.

Capitulation of Bimlipatam 17 July 1781. M.B.

After the maturest consideration, which it is possible for me to give to the above Papers, I confess I see no new reason for altering the Opinion passed in Council upon this Subject the 20th September 1781. The case of Messrs Reynoet and Dornieux is certainly unfortunate, but the relief they expect cannot, I think, reasonably be given to them in the Form they now seek it — They ought rather to apply to their own Employers than to us, since the Peculiarity of the Circumstances, by which they are involved, arises from a Transaction between them, and the Dutch Company their Superiors.

It appears that these Gentlemen, who were the Council at Bimlipatam previous to the Capture

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Capture of that place, had taken a Quantity of Copper & Spices belonging to the Dutch Company & exchanged them for Grain, in which they traded on their private account, making themselves answerable to their Employers for the amount of the Copper & Spices, at the usual rate of Sale Before this Amount was paid into the Treasury. the War broke out, Your Troops suddenly marched to Trincopatam & captured it — a Deficiency immediately discovered by the Captors in the public Property, which was forfeited by the Capitulation, and they very properly take an obligation from Messrs. Vuymaet & Dormieux, to account for it — These Gentlemen had sent their private adventure of Grain to Pulicat, which happened likewise to fall into the hands of a Party of our Troops, about a fortnight before the date of the Surrender of Trincopatam — By the Capitulation of Pulicat, Grain was the only Article of private Property not delivered up to the Inhabitants, and consequently the Grain belonging to Messrs. Vuymaet & Dormieux became forfeited with the rest that was found there —

The Gentlemen lay these circumstances before the means of answering the Deficiency

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Deficiency of Property at Pernlipatam, and they now request us to relieve them by transferring the Amount of their Grain taken at Pulicat, to the Credit of the Captors at Pernlipatam, but as this cannot be done without taking so much from the Captors at Pulicat, who claim under an express Article of Capitulation, the compliance with such a request is utterly impracticable.

Messrs. Vreymack & Dormieux seem to think this cause may be assisted by confounding the Capitulation of Pulicat, with those of Pernlipatam and Jaggernaikpooram, but there is nothing in the Surrender of either of those places, which in the smallest degree invalidates the claim of the Captors to the Private Grain found in Pulicat.

Upon the whole Jam clearly of Opinion that the Loss of these Gentlemen is a concern that can only be settled between them and their Employers, as is grew out of the Transactions explained in the foregoing part of this Minute — nevertheless Jam desirous that strict Justice should be done, and every facility given to obtain it, and for this purpose, I agree to refer the Matter Home conformably to the Opinion of Mr. Davidson & Mr. Daniell — at the same time, however, I move that Copies of the several Papers above recited, together with a Copy of this Minute be also

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transmitted to the Court of Directors, that they may have the whole Subject before them

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March 30th. 1785.

(sign'd) Macartney.

From the foregoing Opinions it appears the wish of the Members that the matters be reported to the Court of Directors, but it is in Consequence Agreed that Copies of the Papers mentioned in the Presidents' Minutes do accompany a Statement of the Business by the next dispatch:—

The Subject to be reported to the Court of Directors for Decision—

Ordered that a Letter be written to Mr. Dormieux, advising him of the foregoing Resolution.

Mr Dormieux to be advised of it—

Read the following Letters (as entered in the Miscellany Book Nos. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131)

From Lieutenant Lundt dated 25th. Instant stating that Thirty five Bullocks, with some Furniture and Pagodas still remain unaccounted for by the Mogrash Pollygar, that Assurances have been made to Ted Dubashes of the Board's determination to do justice to him, & that a communication with the Pollygar has in consequence been opened.

From Mr Lundt—

Agreed

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Agreed that Lieutenant Sundt be informed that the most positive Orders have been given to the Mograll Pollygar, thro' his Vakeel here, to make full immediate Restitution of the Plunder. & that the Board have acquainted him with their determination to take his Pollam from him unless he comply — should he not comply within 15 days Lieutenant Sundt must direct him to repair immediately to the Presidency, & give information to the Board that no time may be lost in sending into his Pollam.

Minute thereon —

From Capt. Macleod dated 26th. Inst. stating sundry Reasons to influence the Board in favor of his Claim for Allowances as Quarter Master General to the Southern Army and declaring that he cannot reconcile himself to accept of an allowance of pay inferior to that attached to the above appointment.

From Capt. Macleod.

Agreed that Capt. M.Leod be informed that in the Plan of Encampment for the Southern Army transmitted to the Board by Colonel Fullarton, & by them approved, there is a Deputy Quarter Master General allowed & that the Auditor has received directions to

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The above Plan as his Guide in fixing the Accounts of the Staff attached to Colonel Fullarton — no subsequent appointments of that Officer have been approved by the Board, nor can they even consent to One being at one time two Officers holding the same appointment under this Presidency.

The Board are very willing to bear Testimony to the Merit & Services of Capt. Macleod, & shall be glad to have an opportunity of shewing their sense of them,

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From Capt. Muirhead dated 22d Inst. stating the Inconvenience which would result if the Third Battalion now doing duty in Madura were to proceed to Warriore, as so many of his own Battalion are employed on Detachments.

From Capt. Muirhead.

Agreed that Capt. Muirhead be informed that the arrangement of this matter is referred to the Commander in Chief who will send him directions on the Subject.

Minute thereon

From Capt. Montgomery at Ongole dated 23d Inst. giving an Account of the Defeat of Kummer ud Deen Caun by the Mahrattas

From Capt. Montgomery.

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Mahrattas and informing the Board that Basker Naig requests permission to return to his own Country where he hopes to reestablish himself.

Agreed that Capt. Montgomery be informed that Basker Naig is not considered by the Board as under any sort of detention on the part of Government, & that his going or remaining where he is, depends solely upon himself — Peace is now established with all our Neighbours, & it is hoped will continue — If Basker Naig after leaving Angole should be involved in any new troubles with any of them he must not expect to find a safe retreat in the Company's Territories, as the Board in case of his desiring an asylum might find themselves exposed to an Embarrass- Minute thereon — ment which it is their wish to avoid.

Agreed that a Letter to the foregoing Effect be written to Capt. Montgomery & that he be desired to transmit any other particu- Minute thereon — lars of intelligence which may come to his Knowledge from the Channel mentioned in his Letter.

From Mr. Lind dated 22d. Instant From Mr. Lind. transmitting sundry Accounts, and observing that the

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Minute thereon.—

Confused State of the Accounts of the Detach-
-ment from Arcot has made it impossible
for him to arrange them.—

Agreed that Mr. Lind be
informed that he may apply to Mr. Mack
the Paymaster at Arcot for any elucidation
which he may want, respecting the accounts
of the Detachment from thence.—

Macartney

R Oglander

Alex. Davidson

J Dalrymple

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Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal, in answer to the one from thence under Date the 15th. March, entered in the Consultation of the 26th. March.

To the Noble John. Macpherson Esqr.

Governor General &c. Council at

Fort William.

Gentlemen,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 1st. March, enclosing your Correspondence with Sir John Burgoyne, relative to his agreement with you for receiving his Majesty's 23d Regiment of Light Dragoons with Horses; We have read it with attention and draw additional reasons from the perusal, to be satisfied with the circumstance for having avoided any interference in that Gentlemans transactions with your Government.

If you do us but Justice in assuring yourselves, that we are incapable of being influenced by any formalities or Informality of detail, to destine giving our Aid to a measure, which was undertaken for the purpose of strengthening an useful Corps, but we are very

To Bengal; in answer to the Letter from thence relative to Sir John Burgoyne's Agreement with the Supreme Board for recruiting his Majesty's 23d Regiment of Light Dragoons with Horses: strongly soliciting to be relieved from Instructions which this Presidency labour under and which have been considerably increased by the absolute Prohibition of making further Draughts on them

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29th to say that we cannot feel the Transaction with that light. The peculiar Situation in which Sir John Burgoyne stood at the time he made his Proposal to you — The unwarrantable Licence he has taken with us in his Letters, and the triumph of a successful application to your Board, independently of us, and at a period when all our Exertions are insufficient even to maintain the necessary subjection to our authority, are circumstances, which extend in our minds much beyond Punctilio, and Informality of Detail. —

Had you been pleased to refer to us Sir Johns first application to you, we should have given you our reasons for thinking that the Expences of purchasing, and feeding such an additional Number of Horses for the 25th Regiment, did not so immediately press upon us, as many other Expences, for which we were, and are unprovided, and we should have taken the Liberty to suggest the Impropriety of employing a Person for this Service, whom we had been forced to put under arrest (and who still remains in that unhappy situation)

Sir

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For the most wanton disobedience and contempt of the Company's Authority, which it is not less your duty than ours to maintain. —

This Particular Circumstance of Arrest, you indeed seem with some reason to apprehend as an obstacle to Sir John Burgoyne doing duty with his Regiment, and are therefore so good as to recommend to us him, Lieutenant Colonel M.c Floyd, It is immaterial to us whether Colonel Floyd be (as you inform us he is) an Officer of Capacity and of distinguished Merit or not because we know he does not propose the Plea of saying that ready Obedience which we require, to our orders and appointments, and without which merit, all other must be useless to us; Had Colonel Floyd proposed it, we should not have been under the necessity of dividing the 23d Regiment of Dragoons in such a manner as that whatever part of it was detached, or ordered from its Quarters, might not be commanded by him. We lament those difficulties into which we have been unavoidably thrown, and we lament them the more, because certainly the Countenance you have shewn to a person in Sir John Bur-

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Burgoyne's situation has not bended to a
surrender Were we should have been glad to
have availed ourselves of his whole Regiment
because were it not for what we have mentioned,
it might have been rendered more
useful than it is at present, for we have
great reason to be satisfied with the Conduct
of the small Detachment of it (consisting
of about 100 Men) which had the honor of bear
ing with the upwards of 2200 other Troops in the
Insurrection of the Mutiny of the Native
Cavalry at Arnee. As Sir John Burgoyne has
thought proper to lay so much Stress upon
this Service of Ours in his Letters to you, as
even to ascribe the whole success of the Business
to them, we think it necessary to enclose for
your information a Return of the whole Force
employed upon that occasion, as it may teach
you what credit is to be given to the Insinuations
of Sir John's Letter of the 3d August upon the
Subject and may serve to guard you against
future impositions respecting the affairs of
this Government which we think have often
been most shamefully misrepresented to
you. —

We observe

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the Contract Price of 120 Pagodas p Horse at which Sir John Burgoyne engaged to recruit his Regiment, he applies for the Payment of certain contingent Articles of Batta and other Charges, but in his Proposal to you, we do not find that he apprized you of any such additional Cost attending the Purchase, and we are inclined to think that the Contract Price being mentioned without any Reserve, or Exception is to be taken in full consideration for all the Expences of Purchase until the Horses are delivered over to the Company — If you consider the Proposal in this Light there will no other Account to settle with him, but for the Contract Price of the Horse. we have of ourselves as far alienated him as to recieve the Duties upon their Passage through our Districts which is all that depended upon us to do, whatever other expences may attend Sir John Burgoyne's Purchases, We trust that the same Zeal for the public Service which led you to engage with him at first, will induce you to discharge them. —

We have been under the necessity of representing to you on many occasions the Distress to which we are subject, by your absolute Prohibition

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to us from making any further Draughts upon your Presidency. The Demands necessarily attending against us after so long and expensive a War are the Causalties are very pressing, and much beyond the Resources of this Government which have been not a little affected by the late unfavorable Season in several provinces and which for some time will be insufficient to defray the constant heavy Charges of maintaining our own Establishment and paying the Expences of His Majestys Troops, which are a great additional Burthen upon us. From a reference to Mr Hastings letter to the Court of Directors dated December the 16th 1783. and the prospect there held out, We flatter ourselves that the Situation of Bengal may now enable you and our expected acquisitions built on the most solid grounds, to afford us timely relief; otherwise we are apprehensive of finding ourselves soon reduced to the dangerous necessity of disbanding a considerable part of our Military Force, for the purpose of bringing our indispensable Disbursements within the Compass of our Receipts. We must rely upon your indulgence to pardon this [illegible]

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seeming urgency, but we esteem it our peculiar
duty at this time to apply to you for aid and
advice, as to the superintending, controuling and
directing power, now unequivocally established
over us by the late act of Parliament, and to
impress you with the consequences that may
result from the want of an early attention to
our representations.—

In regard to our Provision of
Rice we beg leave to enclose the last Return of
our Garrison Storekeeper—Out of the Stock
therein marked, we have to supply not only
this Garrison, but the Neighbouring ones of Covia-
malee, and Chingleput, and now even the distant
Cantonment at Arcot, on account of the failure
of the Rains in that District during the last
Monsoon. The various circumstances of our
distress and our apprehensions arising therefrom
were communicated to you in our dispatches
of the 7th October and the 14th. November, notice
of which was taken till your letter of the 7th
February, where instead of sending any relief to
us in this article of provision, you are pleased
to express a doubt of our wanting it, informing
us however, at the same time that if our Exigencies

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We are in reality so pressing as we represented to You when you allow us to draw on you for 2 Lacks of Rupees - we shall certainly avoid an overdraw of your Permission if we can procure any of the Merchandize by Sale we have Rice in Store Tonnage, but we apprehend it would be a very unadvisable mode for you as Points of the cheapness, convenience and ease to have sent the Rice at once to us from Bengal. Our Garrison Stock by Regulation ought to consist of 60,000 Bags of Bengal Rice each - She now reduced to Less than 15,000 -

We have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servants

Sgned Macartney &c.

Council

Fort St. George
29th March 1785

Received the following Letter from Bengal -

To Charles Freeman Esqr

Secretary to the Right Honble the Governor

Council -

Fort St George

Sir

In obedience to the Orders of the Board

(Copy)

Of this Majesty's Officers

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Honble the Governor General and Council, Herewith
I transmit you Copies of the Resolutions of this
Government under date the 3d. and 28th. Instant
respecting the Claims of this Majesty's Officers
which I have to request you will Lay before the
Right Honble the President and Council for their
Information. —

I have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) W.m Bruce Secy

Genl. Dept.
Fort William
the 28th. Jany 1785. —

P.T. Accompanying you will
receive an Invoice of the Military
Store laden on the Eglaton. —

Ordered that the Return of Stores mentioned
in the foregoing Letter be sent to the Military
Storekeeper; and that the Resolutions of the Supreme
Board respecting the Claims of this Majesty's
Officers, be delivered to the Military Paymaster
General. —

Sent the undermentioned Letters which
are entered in the Military Book. N.o 132, 133, 134, 135,
136, 137, 138. —

To the Paymaster of Vellore, enclo=
=sing an Indent of one Months Pay to discontinue
any unnecessary Charge, and to make the

Minute thereon

For Mr. Lind

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several Reductions specified therein,

To Lieutenant Lundt the Mogul a

To Lieut Lundt Payar has received the most positive Orders to make instant Reparation to Said Mustapah, should he not obey them he must be ordered to the Presidency, and should he refuse, he must be compelled to it by Force —

To Mr Balfour To Mr William Balfour, the Council and Superintendant of Salt Works at Tanjore, to liquidate the Arrears due to General Stuart, as set forth in his Letter, by monthly Instalments of 1000 Pagodas —

To Capt Marshall To Captain Marshall, the Commander in Chief with and thro' Denmark on the Subject of his last Letter to Government —

To Col Stuart To the Commandant of Tanjore, Elbow Major Cannahe and Ordained on the Service at Tanjore, which are to be under the Controul of the Resident but to be furnished the Commandant on an application for that Purpose —

To Capt Marlar To Captain Marlar, Commandant at Trichinopoly with his Request of granting him Allowances for carrying on Quarter Master General to the Southern Army, but as many Things to bear testimony to his Merit and Services, and would be

already

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ready to shew them every sense of Respect when a fit
Opportunity shall offer.—

30th To the Commandant of Angelo. Barker
Capt. Montgomery Navigates the Permission of Government to
go where he pleases, as a General Peace is ex-
tablished — should he involve himself in
Spanish Troubles with any Power, he must not
expect to find an Asylum in the Company's
Factories, or fly hither for safety, as it may
tend to affect their welfare, and must therefore
be strenuously avoided. — To communicate
whatever political Intelligence, which may
appear authentic. —

Dispatched the following Letter. —

To Eyles Irwin Esqr

Sir,

To Mr. Irwin direct-
ing him to put
Mr. Mckenzie in poss-
ion of Tuticorin
agreeably to the
Terms of Government
of Colombo and in
Conformity to the
Orders of the Supreme
Board relative to
Chinnas and to in-
form Mr. Mckenzie
that no Interference
must take place bet
ween him and the
Polygars under the
Authority of the
Government.

I am directed by the Right Honble
President and Council to acknowledge the receipt
of your Letter of the 23d Instant with the Enclosures
and to inform you that you are to put Mr.
Mckenzie in possession of Tuticorin in the
manner desired by the Dutch Government
at Colombo and in Conformity to the orders of
the Governor General and Council relative to

Chinnas

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30th Chinnaw as referred in Mr. Lee's of the 23d. November an Extract of which is inclosed for your Guidance and Information.—

You would be pleased to represent to Mr. Mahon as the Strongest Terms the impropriety of any Interference or Communication on the part of the Dutch with the Polygars under the Authority of this Government and that such interference or Connection will infallibly give great offence to the English, and be the means of disturbing that Harmony so essential to the mutual Interests of both Nations, you will upon this occasion bring forward in support of your Arguement, the Papers taken by Colonel Fullarton and you will if possible procure an Engagement from Mr. Mahon which may prevent the interference of the Dutch as abovementioned.—

The Board desire you will give the intimation of this to the Polygars assuring them they will be securely furnished in the Instance of Contravention.—Orders will also be sent to them from the Committee of Assigned Revenue.—

I inclose a Copy of the Letter this day written to the Governor and Council at Colombo.—

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John Shannon

Acting Secy

P.S. You will be pleased to forward the enclosed as directed.

To the Honorable. N. Van de Graff

Governor and Director of the Island

of Ceylon

and to the Members of Council

Gentlemen,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 10th Instant and in conformity to your desire as proposed therein we have sent Directions to Mr. Secondt to post. Mr. Mahony on Parawar coast Pulicat Pondicherry Porto Novo Cuddalore and Tranquebar We have received a Letter from the Governor General and Council at Bengal on the Subject of creating three different Settlements to your Nation, and shall pay particular attention to its Contents.—

We have not yet received

In the Governor & Council of Ceylon advising of the Directions sent to Mr. Secondt requesting that the Gentlemen proposed to take possession of the several places belonging to them on the Coast may not proceed immediately as some measures may arise which might not previously take place.—

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intimation from the French Commissaries of the Cession of Tranquebar to the Dutch Company as soon as the information is received we shall do ourselves the honor to write to you on the other parts of your letter, in the mean time We beg leave to express our wishes that Mr. Blankaarner, and the other Gentlemen should not quit themselves to the inconvenience of proceeding at this moment to the different places formerly belonging to your Nation on this Coast, as it would require some previous time for the removal of our Stores, Troops, and Families and for the arrangement of some other matters.

We have forwarded your Letter addressed to the Governor General and Council at Calcutta, and We beg leave to assure you of our sincere disposition to remain a Friendly and neighbourly intercourse and correspondence with your Government.

We have the Honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Signed. Macartney &c.

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To the Honorable John. Macpherson Esq.r

Governor General &c.a Council at

Fort Williams

Gentlemen,

To Bengal, inclosing Copies of the foregoing Letters and of those to which they are answers; and requesting Permission to retain Poleat, with the Reasons for doing.—

We have the Honor to send you the Copy of a Letter received from Mr. Swaine our Superintendant of the Southern Revenues, covering an Address to him, and another to this Presidency from the Governor and Council of Columbo, upon the Subject of the Places which they expect to be restored to them in consequence of the Treaty between Great Britain and the States General.—

We also transmit to you the Copy of our answer to them together with the Instructions, which we have given to Mr. Swaine relative to this Business.

We have yet no account either from the Dutch or from Mr. De Coutan=
=eau, that the French & English Commissa=
=ries have executed your Intentions of deli=
=vering over Trincomaly in the part of the Great Britain to the Dutch, and are no

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Persons are yet appointed by them to make the formal Cession of Negapatam to us, it which (tho the place be an Object) we conceive is nevertheless necessary to be done, We have for the present directed Mr Irwin to deliver to the Dutch the Town and Fort of Tutocorin and the other Depend=dancies of Columbo, upon the same foot=ing, as you restored to them the Factories in Bengal.

. As soon as We learn that the Restitution of Trincomaly has taken place, and days are fixed for the mutual Cessions on this Coast, we shall proceed to the Completion of this Business, with as much Expedition as possible there is nevertheless one point upon which we are desirous of having your Sentiments—

The Company have been at a very considerable Expence for maintaining Dutch Prisoners, and have an undoubted Right to be disburced the money they have advanced upon this Account, but the Fate which has attended former Sums of this Kind for advances to French Prisoners, d

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should be a Lesson to us not to defer such Demands until we have parted with the only Securities by which the Payment can be obtained. We therefore hope that you will approve of our retaining Pulicat in our hands until a satisfactory Arrangement can be made for the Discharge of this Debt or till you are pleased to signify your Orders to us to restore it, without any — We will not conceal from you that the ++ Reason of our preferring Pulicat to any other place is because We consider it as the most valuable Security — By possessing it in the late War, we were enabled to open the long interrupted communication between our Capital and the Northern Districts, and to secure a safe Passage along the Sea side for the Bengal Detachment under Colonel Pearse to join Sir Eyre Coote's Army. —

We are induced to propose this also for another Reason which weighs strongly with us, and that is, the Hope that before we finally surrender up all the Dutch Settlements, we may receive those explicit Instructions, which have been so pointedly promised us by the Court of Directors, and which (however We may respect your ++

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Intelligence of Disarrangements have caused much
Uneasiness to the Government, by which we were disposed to have regulated
the mutual Expenses on account of our Table &
Treasure with France and Holland during
leave, notwithstanding, to repeat to you the
Determinations expressed in our former Letters
to obey your Directions respectively upon the
Subjects —

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
(Signed) Macartney &c.
Council

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To John Hudleston Esqr.
Resident at
Tanjore

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble
President and Council to signify to you, in
Consequence of your information of a Body
with an Escort of Sepoys having proceeded
from Karical to Tanjore, that they consider
the marching of Foreign Troops thro' the
Districts garrisoned by the Company's Forces
(unless the Consent of Government be previously

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obtained) as exceedingly improper, and they therefore desire you will make a representation to this Effect to Lieutenant Colonel de Bordell, Commanding at Ramiseak, in order to prevent Similar proceedings in future. —

I am,
Sir,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
John Chamier
Acting Secy

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Sent the undermentioned Letters which are entered in the Miscellany Book. N.s 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, /. —

To Mr Dorrien — To Mr Dorrien Informing him that his Application to Government will be referred to the Court of Directors for Decision. —

To the Paymaster of Permacoil. — To Mr Benfield, directing him to pay the Four Companies of Captain Dawes's Battalion lately arrived at Cuddalore from Chillumbrum till further Orders. —

To Mr Hosford — To Mr Hosford informing him that Captain Dawes has represented to Government the Loss sustained by the Transportation of Stores from Chillumbrum to Cuddalore, and that the Boat from whence such Loss proceeded was particularly to him; the Board therefore

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therefore request Compensation for the same. —

To Capt. Davis — To Capt. Davis, the Board are surprized to find that his Returns of Stores have been incorrect; they hold him answerable for all Deficiencies, as he must become responsible for having signed such Returns. —

To Colonel Davies; directing him to inform the Board how much longer it will be taken to complete the Execution of the Service he is upon — a Return of Men left at Chellumbrum enclosed

April 1st Received Letters as entered in the Military Book for the Month of April. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

From Masulipatam — From Masulipatam, advising of the Restoration of Yanam and its Dependencies to the Rajah, agreeably to the Orders of Government.

From Col. Ross — From Colonel Ross, intending making the Tour of the Masulipatam District, for the purpose of surveying the Fortifications. —

From Capt. Smith — From the Commandant of Putteat stating why he refused to pay Monsieur Ross De Villeneuve the additional Allowance of 5. 20 Each pr Day. —

From Col. Cosby — From Sir Henry Cosby — Has conversed with the head Brahmin on his intemperate

Consent

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Conduct, respecting the Gunpowder, who became answerable of the Error —

From Ensign Hunt

From Ensign Hunt, requesting Allowance for the time he acted as Brigade Major to the Army. —

Minute thereon.

Ordered that a Letter be immediately written to Mr Hunt, informing him, that as his Appointment of Brigade Major was neither authorized nor confirmed by Government, his request cannot be complied with. Vide Military Book. N. 6.

At a Consultation, Present

The Right Honble Lord Macartney, K.B.

President

Lieutenant Genl Laing. Alexander Davidson Esq

Friday the 1st April 1785. —

James Daniell Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. —

The Commander in Chief delivered in the following Minute. —

The Commander in Chief states the Reasons why the Demolition of Amboor would be of public Utility

I have been induced to give my opinion that the Fort of Amboor should be destroyed for the following reasons. —

First

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First, The innumerable difficulty which at present surrounds us, in the reduced state of our Finances, to supply it with such Ordnance Stores and Provisions, that I have enjoined as necessary for the defence and without which it should not be kept, as it would be in danger of falling into the hands of an Enemy—

Secondly—With, from its situation on the Seacoast of no Hill Guns the enemy would, when in possession of great strength yet as it would be impossible to make a Magazine Store of Gunpowder, owing to the very great difficulty that attends the conveying them up, and the heavy Rains that must necessarily elapse before a supply could be brought down for an Army—it would not be of consequence, nor could be made use of as a Granary—Thirdly, As it does not command any Pass into the Carnatic, an Enemy having it in their power to enter the Country without even coming near it—it is not a place that could prevent any attack to, or retard their operations—Fourthly—As the Force employed to Garrison

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it, could not be detached upon any Service, and might with a very small Force be Confined to the Rock, when they would be in a manner lost to the Service.—

Fifthly – Should it be attacked, and it be found necessary to march the Army to its relief – it would be found extremely difficult to supply them with provisions, and call them off from more important operations; or oblige them to take the Field more early in the Season, and badly provided, as was the case when General Smith was under the necessity of moving to its support.—

Sixthly – It has from its situation so far West, been represented as a place from whence the earliest intelligence of the motion of an Enemy has been received – it is a Fact, that at the time Hyder Ally entered the Carnatic, I had information of his having passed the first range of Hills four days previous to my receiving information of it from Ambour.—

For these reasons, and more especially the impossibility of supplying it – I am of opinion it should be destroyed

I have &c

R. Fletcher Lang

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The President delivers in the following

Minute —

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The Right Honble
President Minutes
on the same Subject,
agrees in Opinion
with the Council —

The Council has been on full Con-
sideration of the reasons which he has given for the
demolition of Bombay and Bencoolen, that
very little remains for me to say upon
the subject, and what I shall say arises
chiefly from the wish to refute at the last
Council, that each Member should give
his opinion —

The point for our Judgement to
be formed upon is whether the use of those
Forts be equal to the expence of maintaining
them — I am humbly of opinion that it
is not —

While we have two great Establishments established one to the Southward and the other to the Westward which experience has shewn to be the best Situations for the Direction and protection of the Commerce of every European nation settled in India for stores and Provisions, even in time of War, the Force of those Establishments which should be augmented and strengthened in every

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Means in our Power. - Vellore, from its
Strength and Situation, being particular-
-ly calculated for a Magazine to the West-
-ward, should therefore be compleatly pro-
-vided, as well as the Hill Fort in its
Neighbourhood, with every thing that
can render them tenable Posts against any Numbers likely to be sent to besiege them, and should be Garrisoned with a Force sufficient to afford protection to the Country around it.

Upon this System, Amboor and Santa-
-gur, which cannot be put in a proper State of Defence, without a Considerable length of time, great labor, and much expence, will be of little use. And even supposing them ever so well Fortified and provided, they can-
-not prevent an Enemy from Entering the Carnatic by the other passes in their Neighbourhood. -

If the grounds, on which I have built my opinion, with regard to Amboor and Santgur, be just, they will extend to other places, the preserving, or demolishing of which, will naturally engage the consider-
-ation of the board at an early day. -

Sign'd Macaulay

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The Board unanimously concur in Opinion with the Commander in Chief of the propriety of destroying the Fortifications of Sadras — Agreed therefore that Ensigns Constitutions Norris, who is employed near Vellore, be directed to proceed to Sadras, and to prepare immediately a Statement of the Expence which will be incurred in destroying the Fortifications of that Place — In forming the Estimate he must be desired to reduce it to the lowest Expence possible, and he must be Carefull to prevent any one having a Suspicion of the Duty on which he is ordered. —

The President laid before the Board the following Plan for the Establishment of the Subbandree at Tanjore. —

The Corps of Tanjore Subandy Sepoys for the Service of the Collections in the Tanjore Country shall consist of 1,200 Men, or 18 Companies each Company to be composed of:

1 Subadar at 60 Pags			per Month	60 — —
1 Jemadar	10 Pags	— Do		60 — —
2 Havildars	30	Do	Do	60 — —
2 Naigues	25	Do	Do	50 — —

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The Board unanimously agree with the Commander in Chief relative to the Demolition of Sadras —

Ensign Constitution Norris to proceed thither, and report his Opinion of the Expence which will be incurred thereby, to have in View the shortest Convey and to be Carefull in keeping it secret —

The President's Plan for the Establishment of the Tanjore Subandy Sepoys for the Service of the Collections in the Tanjore Country —

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94 Sepoys — 20 Gols Lascars & Mont. — 1,380 — —
2,090 — —
21 Gols Lascars & Pagodas — — 99-11 — —

The said 1800 Men to be divided into 3 Battalions of 6 Companies each; the whole to be Commanded by a Captain who is to have the Pay of Major and an Allowance equal to the half Batta of a Captain —

Each Battalion to have two European officers and no more, to be taken from the List of Subalterns — The Eldest officer to be a Lieutenant and to receive the Pay of Captain and an Allowance equal to the half Batta of a Lieutenant — The second Officer of each Battalion to be an Ensign and to have the Appointment of Adjutant with the usual Allowance annexed to that Office, and an Allowance equal to the half Batta of his Rank in the Army —

To each Battalion, 2 Sergeants, one to have the pay of Sergeant Major, and the other of a Sepoy Sergeant The officers belonging to the Subsidy Corps are not to receive any additional Rank to what they hold, or are entitled to, from their Standing in the Army —

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The Officers Commanding Battalions are to comply with every Requisition made by the Rajah thro' the Resident for the Service of the Battalions, who are to be employed under their Native Officers.—

Neither the European Officers nor Serjeants are to go on any Command or Service in the Country, but to be confined entirely to the Discipline of the Troops, to the mustering, and every other requisite, that may render them of some Service in Case they should be drawn together and be joined with the regular Troops for the defence of the Country.—

The restrictions here laid on Officers not to go themselves on any Command in the Country, is not meant to preclude them from accompanying the Troops, when they are employed in large Detachments for the quelling of any Disturbances or the reduction of any refractory Vassals of the Rajah, when application is made by him for the Troops with their Officers to be employed on such occasions.—

The whole of the Subsidy &

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Corps to continue to be Cloathed in Scarlet. The Cloathing and half Mounting will be made at the Company's Expence, and no Stoppages whatever are to be made from the Sepoys.

The foregoing Plan, being approved it is agreed that it be published in General Orders.

Approved

As the Board think it proper that some mark of their displeasure be shewn to those Officers who signed the Address to Colonel Stuart entitled in Consultation the 26th Inst. it is agreed to remove Captains Arch. Brown and Spencer Cochrane from their Battalions and Captain Knox from the Town Major-Ship of Tanjore - also Lieutenant John Bannerman, Lieutenant A. Cuppage, and Lieutenant Arthur Gibbings from the Command of the Sibbendy Battalions, and Lieutenant Rogers, Ensign Wilmot, Ensign Jarvis, Ensign Sober, and Ensign Allan from their Adjutancies.

The Board express their Displeasure at the Conduct of the Officers who signed the address to Colonel Stuart relative to last Battle and in consequence remove them from their present Stations

The Commander in Chief in Consequence proposes the following Appointments.

Captain George Hunt to command the

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Appointments proposed by the Commander in Chief in Consequence of the removal of the above mentioned Officers

the 1st. Madras Battalion vice Captain A Brown

Captain Robert Scanlan to command the 30th. Madras Battalion vice Captain S. Cockburne

Captain Arthur Stewart to command the 36th. Battalion vice Captain Robt. Scanlan

Ensign Baird to be Adjutant to the 5th. Battalion vice Ensign Dighton

Ensign Veale to the first Battalion vice Lieutenant Rogers

Ensign Robert Munro to be Adjutant to 30th. Battalion vice Ensign Jarvis

Ensign Hargrave to be Adjutant to the 2d. Battalion of the 2d. Regiment vice Ensign Nagle

Captain James Oliver to command the Garrison of Pennacondah vice Captain Reid directed to join his Battalion

The following Officers for Service Subsidiary, Captain Arthur Brown for the command of the whole

Lieutenant Cole to command the 1st. Battalion Ensign Grant Major to be

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Adjutant to Do. — Lieutenant Beatson
to command the 2d. Battalion vice Mc
Lieutenant Gubbins —

Ensign James Nagle to be Adjutant vice
vice Ensign Welwood — Lieutenant Rose
Laing to command the 3d. Battalion
vice Lieutenant Abraham Lefevre —

Ensign Samuel Crumpe to be Adjutant
vice Ensign Faber — Captain Lieutenant
Alexr. Reid Aftg. Town Major of Tanjore
vice Captain Thomas Knox —

Mr. James Barker Aftg. Fort Adjutant
of Tanjore vice Ensign Allan —

Resolved that the foregoing be
published in General Orders —

approved, & ord'd accordingly

In order to preserve Regu-
larity in the mode of preferring Repre-
sentations in future to the Board, it is
agreed to publish the following General
Orders: —

Resolution of the Board respecting the Mode to be observed in future in preferring Representations upon the Government

The Right Honble the
President and Council, with the view
to preserve strict Order and Regularity
in the mode of preferring Representations

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to them, as that the Respect due to the Commanding Officers of different Corps may be preserved and such Representations as Accompanied by their opinions thereon, and accordingly direct that in future any Officer or Officers in the Company's Service who shall think himself or themselves aggrieved and may wish to make known his or their Complaint to the Board, shall in the first instance apply to the Officer Commanding the Corps to which he belongs, who shall lay his address before the Commanding Officer on the Spot, by whom it must be transmitted to the Commanding Officer of the District, and by him sent to the Commander in Chief of the Forces, who will lay it before the Board in this place, and no Representation whatsoever of this Nature, that is not made through the regular Channel will upon any account be received by the Government.

From Manufacturing of the mark of Sir Eyre Coote's Company Sundries with a Commandable Officer in Charge

The President lays before the Board a Letter from Manufacturers of the 26th Ult. entered on the Proceedings of the 29th

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of a Rebellion at Vizianagaram &c.

of Seif Sungo having entered the Company's Territories with a Considerable Force in pursuit of Vedamaidoo Vencatadreddy &c. Vide Rev. Consult.

The following Letter immediately drafted, is ordered to be dispatched in consequence.—

To. Anthony Sadleir Esqr.

Chief &c. at Council at

Masulipatam

To Masulipatam approving their conduct relative to Seif Sung and giving them Instructions for their future Guidance.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honble President and Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 26 Ultimo to the Revenue Department, and to inform you that they approve the Steps you have taken in consequence of Seif Sungo having come into the Company's Districts and desire you will acquaint him that, if he do not instantly retire he must be answerable to his Master, if the Measures which Government are obliged to take in Defence of their Territories, against all Persons who shall dare to enter them without their leave, should

&c.

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found the most strongest the Friendship and Harmony between his Master and the Company, which it is their desire to preserve that a Letter has been written by the President to the Soubah, complaining of such Language unwarrantable proceedings, and demanding satisfaction for the Losses which may be thereby occasioned —

The President and Council desire you will be very watchfull upon this occasion, and direct Colonel Braithwaite to keep his Troops as clear as possible without involving the Company in any new Expence. —

I am directed by the Board to acquaint them with that in your Letters addresses you will be careful not to blend the subjects in Business and Civil line, with those connected with Military and Political affairs —

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt Humble Servt
Signed John Chamier
Sec. to Govt

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Read the following Letter from
Mssrs. Lind and Close.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Mssrs Lind & Close informing of the Inability of Mullaroo the Soucar to fulfil his Engagement with the Rajah, and of his & the Rajahs aggrievance in the Terms proposed by Hastingsnow to the Rahuta.

I enclosed We have the honor to send a Letter, which We received last night from Cuddapah, informing us, among other matters of the inability of Mullaroo the Soucar to fulfil the engagement he had entered into with the Rajah to satisfy Ibraham Ally Cawn, regarding the Kists, and likewise of the agreement the Rahuta judged it eligible to make with Hastingsnow for the payment of Ibrahim.

On communicating with the Rajah on these points, he expressed much astonishment, and dissatisfaction at the faithless conduct of Mullaroo, observing how, expatiated largely on the low state of his finances, his want of credit, occasioned by contracting debts, too heavy to be speedily discharged, and represented the situations of his affairs in such an unfavorable

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unfavorable light that it was instantly determined upon that he had no alternative, but to comply with the terms offered by Rushnagurrow, he accordingly wrote this day to the Vackeels, signifying his approbation of their late measures, and directing them to hasten his departure, in order that his Proposals may be closed with. As soon as he arrives We shall take care that as little time as possible shall be employed in bringing the business to a conclusion. —

The Rajah having given Jumeadars to a considerable amount upon his Districts for the purpose of discharging his private Debts perceives that the present emergency will abstract the payment of them for some time, and is therefore fearful, that he may be molested by during your Lordships &c.ª interference to prevent his Creditors from being importunate. —

The Rajahs compliance with the articles relative to the delivering up of the People belonging to the Coddapah Circar, not appearing to the Vackeels of that

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importance, as to Justify them in procras-
tinating the Negociation, by waiting the
arrival of your Sentiments thereon, forwarded
the Paper for Rummer Ud Dien inspection,
as one of those the Rajah would sign, any
alteration therefore cannot now with Pro-
priety be insisted on, more especially
as Rummer Ud Dien has returned the
Papers drawn out by us, with his Seal &
assent - As the Rajah from the mildness
of his Government is under no apprehension
that his Subjects will forsake him we
do think that this Article not being mu-
tual will not subject him to any material
inconvenience, and has in consequence
consented to it -

We have the Honor to be with
much respect -

My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servants

Vincatchurry
26th. March 1785 -

Francis Lind
(Signed) B. Close -

Agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed that Mssrs. Lind and Blane be [illegible], that from the Contents of their Letter, the Board flatter themselves they will soon be able to dismantle with safety, a House which has already been so long under Quarantine.

Minute thereon

As the Rajah of Vizeatapatnam does not apprehend any material inconvenience from his Compliance with the 11th Article relative to the delivering up the Pagoda belonging to the Siddapah Cuttar without making it mutual, the Board can have no Objection to the relinquishing a point which they principally wished to maintain on the Rajahs Account.

From Brigadier General Horne

Read the following Letters (as entered in the Misselany Book). N.7. 2.9.10

From Brigadier General Horne dated 25th Ultimo, inclosing a Letter from Major Gray accompanied by Bills for Repairs of Quarters for the Hanoverians, and applying for the Orders of the Board respecting a remittance to the Major who has stated to General Horne that the Expence he has incurred [illegible] was absolutely necessary

Agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed that General Horne be desired to inform Major Offeny, that he ought immediately upon his first Arrival at the Presidency to have represented them State and applied for the Boards permission previous to his executing any Repairs, and in such case a proper Officer would have been ordered to perform the Service - if there were not time for a Reference to the Board, he should have applied to the Commanding Officers to the Southward.

As Major Offeny's Detachment is to be removed, General Horne must inform him, that no further Expences are to be incurred, and that with Respect to a Reimbursement, the Board will shortly send him their Directions.

From Mr. Polk

From Mr. Polk dated 27th Ultimo stating that he will undertake the Construction of the Boats for the Service of the Rivers, if he be reimbursed the Expence attending it, and that of working them, from the Toll intended to be established for that purpose and provided that Authority be vested in him for securing to himself the exclusive right of transporting all Passengers &c. over the Rivers.

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Mr. Polk that the Board will grant him the exclusive Priviledge of employing only his Boats if an Agreement be made with him for the Construction of the large ones.

That this matter may be arranged as soon as possible it is agreed that Mr. Polk be desired to state what will be the Expence of building the Boats, what Toll should be fixed, and what Space of Time he judges will be necessary to reimburse him the expences of this

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Their Lordships Minute

From Capt. Trent

From Capt. Trent dated 26 March stating that he has had a Survey made of the Old Bay Store Room and Powder Magazine at Mallore and that great part of the Powder is damaged for the want of proper places to air and shift it and some of the Barrels almost destroyed by White ants, representing that Mr. Engineer has made an Estimate of the Expence of building a Platform for the purpose of drying the Powder and requesting that some empty powder Barrels be sent to him.

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Committee of Stores be desired to send a sufficient Number of Powder Barrels to Mallore and that Capt. Trent be requested to direct the building of the Platform, taking care not to exceed the Sum (30 Pags) fixed in the Engineers Estimate.

Do

Ordered that a Letter be written to Mr. Lind, the Paymaster, acquainting him of the foregoing and requesting he will be in future attentive to the state of the Powder and other Stores under his Charge.

From Mr. Johnston

From Mr. Johnston Paymaster at Madras dated 28th March, enclosing a Statement of an Account Current Rendered by Mr. Commissioner Sullivan to the 30th April 1783 and requesting the payment of the Ballance.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Johnston be informed that the Board will discharge the Bill drawn which appears due as soon as the Affairs of the Company's Treasury shall admit thereof and that upon liquidating this Ballance, or by means of Company Bonds, he will be granted, if Mr. Johnston judges it expedient to avail himself of them.

From the Commandant & Intendant at Pondicherry.

Read a Letter with several Enclosures from the Commissaire and Mr. Brennan representing that having the Pondicherry remained under the Capitulation was sent there to distribute Justice a Dewy Cutcherry 930 belonging to a Merchant of that Place, was seized by Force within the Boundaries of Permanent and requesting that Government will cause Justice to be done to the Merchant Inquisition

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Papers be sent to the Committee of Delegated Revenue for their Opinion.

Macartney

Rob. Ross

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Sent Letters as entered in the M. B. Sos

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To Ensign Practitioner Harris directing him

To Ensign Harris

to proceed to Arnbor and report his Opinion of the Expence which will be incurred in destroying the Fortifications at that Place; to have in View the Strictest Economy; and to observe the greatest Secrecy in exe= -cuting the Service -

To Lieutenant Kilpatrick of the Engineers

To Lieutenant Kilpatrick

directing him to Survey the Pagoda of Rungasawmy and transmit a Plan of it to the Board with his Idea of it as a Military Post

To Mr Samuel Johnston informing him

To Mr. S. Johnston. -

that the Board cannot liquidate the Balance due to him by any other mode than Company's Bonds.

To Mr Thomas Palk informing him

To Mr Thos Palk. -

that the Board will grant him the exclusive Privilege of employing Small Boats for the use of Passengers over the Rivers, if an Agreement be made with Him for the Construction of the Cargo ones.

To Major General Campbell Stating

To Major General Campbell. -

why Lieutenant Colonel Knox's Requisition for Gratuity as commanding the 36th Regiment is inadmissible

To the Commandant of Vellore; &

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To Capt.n Trent 2 Government consent to the Construction of a Chunam Platform according to the Estimate of the Engineer

To the Paymaster at Nellore informing him that there is reason to believe proper attention has not been paid to the Powder under his Charge & directing him to be careful in future

To B.G. Horne Brigadier General Horne: Government approve the Answer sent by him to Major Offley and direct him to repeat it as from the Board

To Messrs.rs Lind & Close: it is hoped

To Messrs.rs Lind & Close that they will very soon terminate Smyth fully the Business which has been so long under Dis= cussion. As the Rajah has agreed to the delivery of the People belonging to the Cadapa Circar & Government can have no objection to it, as it was principally in his account they were desirous of Struggling for that Point.

To Sir Henry Fosby 3.m To Lieutenant Colonel Sir Henry Fosby directing him to furnish the Bombay Detachment with three Tents on its arrival at Trichinopoly

To the Committee of Stores enclosing Extract of a Letter from the Commandant of Nellore applying for some empty Powder Barrels with which they are directed to comply — Received

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Recd the following Letter from the Resident at Hydrabad

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

From the Resident at Hydrabad inclosing Letter from the Soubah respecting some Boundary Zemindars who take Shelter on either Side to avoid Justice on the other

My Lord

I have the honor to address you last on the 19th Instant and have now that of inclosing a letter from his Highness the Soubah & regards some boundary Zemindars who are constantly taking Shelter on either side to elude Justice on the other.

The Innugunda Zemindar has received orders to pay the reform this' the Palnad Zemendar as usual but as he is in a State of rebellion, it will probably be of little immediate use — But as in the enclosed the Soubah choses to adopt the Style of proposing to send troops to seize the Zemindar who has fled into the Company's districts in case the Zemindar who may have given him Santuary should not obey your orders. — I presume your Lordship will find it necessary to propose the same mode to be adopted on your own behalf against the Innagoonda Zemindar upon whom the Company have a claim, and who is declared to be in a State of rebellion to the Nizam. This

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3 appears to me the only mode of preventing in future the Assumption of so unbecoming a mode of representation which those Agent most who are least able to support it. and who invariably succumb under a proper reply. But of all this your Lordship is the best Judge

I have this instant received orders from the Governor General and Council to return to Calcutta which I am preparing immediately to obey, In all Situations I shall always acknowledge the Civilities received from your Lordship-

I have the honor to be with Sincere respect & Esteem

Your Lordships,

most devoted and faithful

Humble Servant.

[Signed] R. Johnson.

Rect.

Hyderabad
the 24 March 1785.

The Right Honorable President

Sends in Circulation the following Minute

Minute for Council April 5. 1785

The Case of Vajeerdoly Vincatarow Naidoo is a very delicate one as it respects the different Pretensions of the Nizam and the Company's Servants

Lord Macartneys Minute on the Subject of Sir Eyres entering the Company's Territories with a Considerable Body of the Seabahs Troops in Quest of a rebellious Zemindar who fled from Guntoor to elude Justice

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Seems he holds Lands under both and is tributary to both, As a Zemindar of Guntoor he is questioned for his Failures and immediately flies into his Lands within the Company's Territory. He might if he chose it act in the Same manner by the Company whom questioned by them. so that in Spit. tho' tributary to the two Powers he is in a Situation to evade the Demands of the one by flying to and claiming the Protection of the other.

Such double claims upon the Subjects of any State must be attended with infinite Inconveniencies and Some times with dangerous disputes. - It might be necessary, perhaps in cases of this Sort. for the two Powers to agree upon Some fixt mode of Proceeding - whenever the Zemindar fails in his duty or his Engagements to the Superior of the Country. where he actually resides. he ought. I think to be accountable in his person, as well as his Lands to that Superior. and if he flies to avoid Justice the Power to whom he flies Should deliver him up on the first Demand. - If this were mutually observed with good faith between the Nizam and the Company, it would tend much to remove the Inconveniencies complained

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But in the present Instance Veeran Cawn the Nizams Vakil at Guntoor has cer= -tainly acted a most unwarrantable and Singular part His Letter to the Chief of Masu= -lipatam demanding the Surrender of the Fugitive, apprises him at the Same time that "an Army belonging to the Circar was deputed to "punish him" and that "it was the Circars order to "Apprehend him wherever they could find him" without waiting for the Chiefs answer, a considera= =ble Body of Troops is dispatched into Vase= -riddy's Zemindary within the Company's Limits, to destroy his Lands and endeavour to Seize his Person.

This Act of Hostility is unreasonable to Suppose had no Sanction from the Nizam himself. Since in his Letter to me received the 3 Instant entered in the C. C. N° 444. and now before the board, Speaking of Vasereddy and Some other Zemindars who he Says had taken Shelter in the Company's Districts he desires they may be Seized and delivered up "but if they have taken refuge in places "where the Zemindars do not pay obedience to the

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"Orders Sent them" he then proposes in case they are
"not delivered up" to Send the Circar Troops to bring
"them away"

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Nizam alludes to in his Letter besides Vaseereddy, but
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Territory, that are no way dependent upon them I
think they Should be Seizd and delivierd up. but
on this Subject it will be neçsary to have further
Information from Masulipatam - In regard to
Vaseireddy. I am of opinion that the mode pur-
=sued by Asam Jah is so Violent and hostile
that upon this Account only, if there were no
other Reasons we cannot be justified in deli-
=vering the Fugitive into his hands.

My Idea is, that the Nizam Should
be advised of this irregular Proceeding of his Vakeel
at Guntoor and requested to inflict Such Punish-
=ment upon him as may deter him from the
like behaviour in future — In the mean time
if there be any Claims proved against Vaseireddy
that We Shall oblige him to Submit to the
adjustment of them, but that we cannot after
what has passed consent to deliver him up. Particular

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This Act of Hostility, it is reasonable to Suppose, had no Sanction from the Nizam himself. Since in his Letter to me received the 3 Instant entered in the C. C. N° 444. and now before the board, Speaking of Vaseredoly and Some other Zemindars who he Says had taken Shelter in the Company's Districts he desires they may be Seized and delivered up "but if they have taken refuge in places "where the Zemindars do not pay obdience to the

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as he is a Dependant on the Company/ and holds lands within the Limits of their Territory - that in all our Transactions with His Highness we have been governd by the most friendly Sentiments and have in no Instance authorised any Such hostile Proceeding as that of which we now Complain. Tho' Similar Occasions have presented themselves - That in a late Instance where the Zemindar of Innaconda/ in the Guntoor Circar/ had for three four years refused to pay certain Rupees due to the Company, and payable thro' the Renter of Palnaud/ wrote Letter to Mr Johnson dated / instead of Sending Troops to compel him to the discharge of this obligation, we preferred the mode of addressing ourselves immediately to His Highness and Seeking Justice thro' him which has not yet been obtained - that it would be fully as reasonable for us to Send Troops to bring this Zemindar to us, as it is for His Highness to Send Troops to bring Valsendady or any person indebted to him who has taken protection in the Company's districts - That Such mutual Proceeding would however lead to

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lead to endless disputes and misunderstan=
=dings. and that we wish if his Highness be
in the Same temper to have recourse to more
lenient methods of adjusting Such trivial
Differences. as ought not for a moment to
interrupt the Harmony Subsisting between
the Company and His Highness.—

The Chief and Council at
Masulipatam have acted very properly
in Sending Troops to protect the Revenue
from the Depredations of the Nizam's people
and they must take care to reinforce them. if it
be necessary for that purpose

As Mr Johnson the Resident
at Hydrabad is Shortly to return to Bengal
I would propose that our Sentiments on the
Subject of these differences be communicated to
him and that he be requested before his Departure
to communicate with the Nizam upon Some
amicable mode of Settling Such as may arise
in future: as from the vicinity of the two Countries
delinquent Zemindars will frequently avail
themselves of the Opportunity to escape censure,

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5 or Punishments by flying into the Districts of
the neighbouring States

If Mr Johnson should have left
Hydrabad or indeed in all Events I think it will be
proper to Send a State of the Question with all the
papers relative to it to Bengal informing the Government
there of the Steps we have already taken and desire their
Advice and Assistance with regard to Such others as
may be necessary to pursue

[Signed] Macartney

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The Board unanimously concur in
Opinion with the Right Honorable President as
expressed in the foregoing Minute and agree in
Consequence that a Letter be written to His Highness
the Nizam on the Subject (vide C C. No. 45) and
that a Copy of his Lordships Minute be Sent to
Masulipatam and to the Resident at Hydrabad
accompanied by the following Letters

The Board concur in Opinion with the President

To Richard Johnson Esqr.
Resident at
Hydrabad

To the Resident at Hydrabad enclosing Papers which communicate the Sentiments of the Board on the Subject of Sir Jungventuring the Company's Districts

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt
of your Letter of the 24th March to the Right Honble
President, and to enclose you a Letter from his
Lordship to the Soubah which you will be pleased
to deliver to His Highness

That

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That you may be acquainted with the Sentiments of this Government on the Subject of Sif Punj's entering the Company's Districts I am directed to Send you the Copy of the Letter which is enclosed for the Soubah also a copy of the Presidents' Minute the Contents of which have been adopted by the Board.

This Letter with its Several Enclosures will be Sent under a flying Seal to the Chief & Council at Masulipatam that they may be acquainted with the determination of the Board on the busines of Sif Jung &c.

I am, Sir,
your most obedient humble Servant
[Signed] John Chamier Actg Sec.y

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To Anthony Sadleir Esq.r
Chief &c. Council at
Masulipatam

To Masulipatam on the Same as the foregoing

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honble President and Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the & to inform you that after having attentively considered every thing which has

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has passed relative to Suf Jung a certain Deed & and Valuable Territory Nandoo they have addressed thro the President a Letter to the Soubah expressive of their Sentiments on those Transactions.— This Letter is now forwarded to you. viz one to Mr Johnson viz order that he may present it to His Highness — The Packet to Mr Johnson is sent open for your perusal. by which means you will have the opportunity of Seeing a Copy of the Letter to the Nizam and of the Right Honorable President's minute on the Subject, The Contents of which the Board have adopted as their Sentiments.—

If Mr Johnson Should have left Hydrabad before the Packet addressed to him can reach him at that Place — he must be desired to forward the Letter to the Nizam without delay.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
your most Obedient
humble Servant
[Signed] John Shore
acting Secy

Fort St George
7th April 1785.

Received the following Letter from Sir T. Lind & Close with an Enclosure [as entered in Sir T. Lind's 32]

The Right Honorable Lord Macartney, K.B.
President & Governor &c. Council of
Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

under

From Sir T. Lind & Close Victorious now refuse to abide by the Agreement he entered into with the Vakeels, have been informed that the districts will be delivered upon the Payment

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of the first Instt and a proper Security for the Second.

understanding from the accompanying Letter. that Kistnajeerow has refused to abide by the agreement which he had made with the Vakeels / the conditions whereof were Setforth in their Letter transmitted in our Dispatch of the 26th Instant / and that it is their opinion the Districts will be delivered up on payment of the first Kist and a declaration on the Rajahs and our Part that the 2d will be duly discharged. We have in consequence addressed a Letter to Ibrahim ally Chan / a copy of which is enclosed. The Rajah also writes to him on the same head. We trust that our pledging the Companys name on this occasion will have Sufficient weight with Ibrahim ally, but if he should notwithstanding this be dissatisfied, We have advised the Rajah to use every possible means to provide the Money for the 2d Instt although We fear that from the disappointments he has met with from the Sowcars who it now appears have been solely bent on profiting by his distresses / he will be incapable of raising it without extreme difficulty and delay.

We have the honor to be with much respect &c

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(Signd) Fr. Lind

By Close.

Received Letter from Captain Wilkens of the Engineers

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From Captain Wilkens

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Engineurs requesting leave to go to the Balaghaut for the Recovery of his Health.

Granted

Granted /vide M.B. N° 23.24/

From Captain Flallam

Received Letter from Captain Flallam of his Majesty's 102d Regiment of Foot requesting that his Gratuity may be discharged /as entered in M.B. N° 25/

His is Request cannot be complied with

Agreed that Captain Flallam be informed that it is not in the Power of this Government to comply with his request his Company being embarked for Bengal in Consequence of his Majesty's Orders issued to be paid here from that Time. The Board will transmit a Copy of his Letter and of their answer to Bengal by which that Government will see the reason why the Gratuity he has applied for has been refused him /vide M.B. N°. 26/.

From Vizagapatam

Received Letter from Vizagapatam /as entered in M.B. N° 27/ Stating that the Objection of the Committee of Stores in their Proceedings of the 19 February relative to Tents is unfounded in fact and quoting a Paragraph from their Letter of the 9th October 1784, as a Proof of it

To the Commandants of Ellore Vellore, and Tanjore.

Sent Letters to the Commanding Officers at Ellore Vellore and Tanjore directing them to transmit distinct Returns of the Sick of his Majesty's & of the Company's Troops under their Command /as entered in M.B. N° 28/

At

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At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord Macartney

K B President

Friday 8th April 1785

Lieutenant General Lang

Alexander Davidson Esqr

James Daniell Esqr

Minute of last Consultation read & approved

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam with Enclosure as entered in M B Nº 29.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney KB

From Masulipatam the officers at Ellore refuse to draw a Sum equivalent to half Batta as a temporary allowance

President & Governor &c. Council of Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

We have received your Secretarys Letters of the 11th 13th 15th and two of the 20th Instant and shall pay strict Obedience to your Orders

Copies of the letters under date the 24th and 28th December. Signifying your Commands respecting the Half Batta paid to Officers in this District were transmitted to the Paymasters with directions

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will if continued render it difficult to realize the Revenues of that Country we therefore are induced to hope that your Lordship &c will be pleased to adopt some measure to remove the apprehension of this alarming Evil.-

We have the Honor to be,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most obedient

humble Servants

[Signed] Chas Oakeley.

David Haliburton.

Geo: Noubray.

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31 March 1785.

Extract of a Letter from Mr Irwin to Lord Macartney

Dated Trichinopoly 25th March 1785

I have nothing to observe on it / an account Current for February last / but that the drain of Specie for the Army, begin to be felt in the collections by Mr Kindersley's account, and that in proportion to the removal of the Troops from Lawnder mally to Trichinopoly the complaint will encrease, as the return of the money is entirely precluded and the purchase of Grain from the Renters / a little alleviation of the evil / entirely put a Stop to. It would have been fortunate for the Country

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Country. if the Cantonment had remained on the borders until the Arrears of the Army had been in some measure overcome.

A true Extract
(Signed) J Landon Secy

Minute Thereon

Agreed that the Committee of Aggrieved Revenue be desired to Consult with Mr Irwin on the foregoing Subject & inform the Board in what manner the inconveniencies of which he Complains may be best obviated.—

The Board have been informed that when the Revenues of Tinnevelly were collected by the nabob it was usual for him to draw Bills on the Renters for the amount, the Currency being so bad that it would only pass in that Country; it was moreover in Considerable & if much of it had been drawn away Commerce would have Suffered exceedingly until its return — It appears that the only method of remedying the present Evil / Since it is necessary that the Troops Should be recalled and that measure would at present be attended with too great a loss / is to establish a Soucar's agent at Tinnivelly for the purpose of negociating Bills until a Sufficient Commerce is reestablished in the Districts to enable Government to manage this branch of business without an agent

Agreed that the foregoing observations

be

Do. — Do

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Be communicated to the Committee of Aggrieved Revenue

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Works:-

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President &c. Council of

Fort St George

From the Committee of Works with Estimate of Repairs.

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have the honor to lay before your Lordship &c. the following Estimates of Repairs delivered in by Mr Philip Stower, and request to be favored with the orders of your Lordship &c. on them

Estimate of Repairs for the medicin Godown Pagodas 1642. 2. 60

Do for the Companys House occupied by Mr Daniel . . . . . } 1510. 34. 30

Dotto for Apartments No 28 Fort Square . . } - 224. 18. 10

Do - for Do No 15 Portuguese Square . . } - 176. 37. 30.

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We have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen.
Your most obedient Servants -
[Signed] Alex Davidson
Robt Barclay
Rt Saunsell.

Agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed that the Committee of Works be desired to direct the Civil Architect to execute the Repairs of which he has delivered in Estimates excepting the Repairs for the midwive Godown which may be postponed for the present taking care that the Terraces be Secured -

Read the following Letters as entered in Miscellany Book Nº 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35.

From Mr Lind

From Mr Lind dated the 2d & 3d Instant the former transmitting an Indent of Stores for rollers & requesting that the Platform mentioned in Captain Trents Letter of the for the purpose of airing Gun Powder may be constructed the latter representing that some Lascars are necessary for the purpose of carrying the Treasure of the Assigned Revenues. & for other Services on which account he has detained 35 - Stating that the Store Serjeant being unable to write or read a Convict is kept to make out the monthly Returns & desiring to know whether the Bullocks under his Charge which are the property of the Company. should it Sold

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr Lind be informed that his Indent will be referred to the Committee of Stores with respect to the Complement of Lascars there is no reason to deviate from the orders already given. if any money is to be Sent Golah Peons may be employed and if they cannot be procured Police under a proper Escort may execute the Service The Lascars must then-= fore be discharged according to the Secretarys Letter of

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of the 29th ultimo It must be observed to Mr Lind that if the Store Serjeant can neither write nor read he is dis-qualified from doing a principal part of his Duty, and the Board cannot therefore Consent that the allowance be continued to be paid by the Company to the Principality - as to the Bullocks Mr Lind must be desired to Sell them to the best advantage - he May tender them to the Renters who should be desired to take them at a reasonable Valuation

From Mr Welch dated 4th Instant transmitting a Bill for 3 months Batta presented by Captain Bonneaux on Account of Some Sepoys belonging to his Battalion who had Served with the 14th for the abovementioned Period in the Field. - Stating that a Considerable time having elapsed & the Bill not being Countersigned by the Commissary he has declined paying it without the Orders of the Board

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr Welch be desired to enquire the reason why the Bill was not countersigned by the Commissary at that time of its being due - he must be desired to elucidate this point & procure all the information he can on the subject.

From the Paymaster at Tanjore dated 31st ultimo transmitting Statements of Hospital Charges made by the Surgeons of the Garrison with the Seperate Charges of the Surgeon of His Majesty's 78th Regiment -

From the Paymaster at Tanjore.

Minute thereon

The Board observe that Mr Stuart the acting Surgeon to the 78th Regiment has not only charged the allowance of 345 Pagodas P month for every Kings Regiment of 800 men according to the Regulations proposed by the late Surgeon General Mr Parley & approved by Government which allowance was in lieu of every thing but Cloth & Blankets / but has also presented Bills for Hospital Charges from June 1783 to February 1785. which

certainly

certainly ought not to be allowed. In order however that no complaint may be made by any Persons in his Majesty's Service against the Company's Servants in the practice of inattention to their wants? It is agreed to inform the Hippesley that if the Kings offices Commanding on the Spot the Troops for whom these extraordinary Hospital Expences have been incurred, represents that Such Charges were necessary & affixes his Signature to the Bills, they will be paid by this Government & Charged to his Majesty by the Company observing at the same time that the officer so representing & Signing renders himself responsible at home for the Measure & the amount of the Charges.

From Captain Montgomery.

From Captain Montgomery, dated 4th April. + Stating that he has made some Repairs to Officers + Quarters and Sepoy Barracks at Cangole amounting to 50 Pag.s which he requests the Paymaster may be ordered to repay him, representing that he is considerably in advance for intelligence for which he Solicits a Reimbursement & desiring to know whether he shall discharge the Bullocks which he lately took into pay, when it was thought they would be wanted for Service in the Poliar Country.

Minute thereon.

Agreed that Captain Montgomery be informed that the Paymaster will be directed to repay him the 50 Pagodas disbursed for Repairs, reminding him at the same time that it is not the Custom of the Service to execute any Repairs without the permission of Government being previously obtained. With respect to the advances for the purpose of procuring Intelligence Captain Montgomery must be informed that the particulars of that Account must be Sent to the President, who, if they are approved will order them

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them to be discharged - The 30 Bullocks must be immediate-
-ly dismissed.-

Do Ordered that a Letter to the foregoing Effect be written
to the Paymaster at Ongole.

From Mr Thomson At
From Mr Thomson Assistant Surgeon dated 31 ultimo
requesting that his Arrears of Subsistence for 11 months may
be paid to him in consequence of his being absent during
that time as Surgeon of the Latham by permission of the Board.

Minute thereon Agreed that Mr Thomson be informed that he must
only draw his Subsistence from the day of his Return to his
Station - as Captain Robertson of the Latham Indiaman
was in want of a Surgeon. Mr Thomson was permitted
at his request to go with him, and the Board as an addi-
-tional favor suffered his name to continue on the List,
that if he returned within a reasonable time he should
resume his Station which without such indulgence
he would have been obliged to resign.-

Do Do. Agreed that the Secretary be directed to remind
Mr Thomson of the foregoing Circumstances.

Read the following Letters from the President
at Tanjore.

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

From the President at Tanjore communicating the particulars of the Conference held by him with the Rajah relative to the Money demanded

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have thus long delayed to
inform your Lordship &c. of the result of my
applications to the Rajah for the Money
expected

promised to be paid by him to the Company. - Enclosing Copies of Letters to him & to the Rajah from Mr. John Sulivan. -

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expected from him, because until very lately it has been out of my Power to communicate any thing satisfactory on the Subject - It was not until the 21st. Ultimo that I obtained a confe- -rence on Business and in the mean-time while I received a Letter from Mr. Sulivan enclosing one to the Rajah a copy of which I now forward agreeably to Mr. Sulivan's request. The Reverend Mr. Swartz was so good as to accompany me to the conference, and thro' his Interpretation I represented to the Rajah the urgent necessity there was for his Assistance to relieve the Com- -pany from part of the heavy Burthen thrown on them by the late war, in which their Exertion while it had preserved their Allies, had exhausted their own resources, that it was therefore necessary to enlarge upon the Subject as my Predecessor Mr. Sulivan had already represented it to his Excellency in the fullest Manner, and obtained his consent to the payment of 120,000 Pagodas, of which about 40,000 had already been received and that the Right Honble the President, and Council

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had directed me to request of his Excellen=
=cy to discharge immediately the remain=
=der amounting to 80,000 Pagodas. —

The Rajah in reply addressed himself to Mr. Swartz and requested of him to say, whether he had consented # to the payment of 120,000 Pagodas or any other Sum, Mr. Swartz in consequence related what had passed on the Subject in two Conferences when he assisted as Inter=
=preter, from which relation it appeared that at those conferences the Rajah had not consented to the payment of any # specific Sum that the late Resident had constantly mentioned the Sum of 120,000 Pagodas as what he supposed might be the amount of the Revenues of the # Mayavaram district for the present year, which Revenues the Resident #. strongly prefsed the Rajah to assist the Company with, instead of appropriating them, as he had intended, to the # payment of his private Creditors — that the Rajah had said in answer that the Revenues of Myavaram for this # year

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year would not produce near the Amount at which the President had estimated them, that he was willing to do what he could to assist the Company on condition that a Letter should be obtained from the Right Honble President, promising that no further demand of this Nature should be made upon him.

The Rajah then related to me the events that had happened to him since his Country was taken by the Nabob as they are detailed in his Letters to the Right Honble President dwelling particularly on the late reform, made he said, by the English of part of his Country to their, and his Enemies, which added to the annual subsidy of 4 Lacks, the districts he had granted to the Company, and the condition to which the remainder of his Country was reduced by the loss or destruction of a great proportion of its Inhabitants left him not sufficient for the support of his family and for religious purposes without having recourse to severe Exactions, and that he should

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not without the utmost difficulty be
able to complete the payment of the 4
Lacks for the present year...

I observed in reply that besides
the conferences at which Mr Swartz was
present, there had been Negociations on
the subject between his Minister and
the late President, who it could not
possibly be doubted, understood his
Excellency to have acquiesced in the
payment of 120,000 Pag.s and upon his
communication of that acquiescence
the Right Honble the President depen=
=ding on the speedy receipt of the Money
had made arrangements, which must
be fulfilled, or the most serious Incon=
=veniences might ensue - that admitting
even that nothing had been settled
between his Excellency and the late Presi=
=dent, the necessity of his yielding the Com=
=pany some Assistance at this Juncture
still remained, and a Sum less than that
which Mr Sullivan informed the Board
he had promised would not be satis=
=factory - that as to his distresses, and

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losses great as they had been, the Company's
had not been inferior to them's - that all
the Providences they were burthened with
a load of Debt incurred by their Exertions
in defence of themselves, and their allies -
that with respect to the cause, or occasion
of the war on the Coast, it was true his
Excellency (as he had said) had given no
cause - it was also true the Company had
given none, Hyder-Ally had invaded the
Carnatic, in the Tanjore Country without
provocation, and as it was indisputable +
that the Company's Arms had saved both
from falling into his Hands, it was equally
so that both must in Justice bear their due
proportions of the expences which the war
had occasioned, that the aid now expected
from his Excellency was far inadequate
to the Company's wants, and Hoped he +
would not put upon me so painful a +
task as that, of informing my superiors,
that I had in vain indeavoured to obtain
it. -

The Rajah, and the Ministers +

both

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both again denied in the most positive Terms that any promise or acquiescence had been given to the payment of 120,000 Pagodas and requested me to represent to your Lordships &c.a the Rajahs Inabi=lity to discharge it. In the course of much further discussion the Rajah mentioned that at Mr. Sullivans earnest Entreaty he had, by borrowing the 4 amount, discharged a Bill drawn for 43,800 Pagodas, and on my saying that Sum was considered as part of the 4 120,000 Pagodas he declared himself abso=-lutely unable to make any addition to it,- The Rajah appearing extremely weak, and indisposed, I forbore to press him further for that time, but on the Evening of the same Day and on the four succeeding Days, I made separate Applications to the Minister, in which every argument was exhausted that my Imagination could suggest as 4 proper, and likely to operate on his Mind, and dispose him to join in my

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Endeavoure to prevail upon the Rajah to yield the expected Aid - in particular I told him that the Rajah's refusal if persisted in, would be attributed in a great Measure to him (the Minister) and destroy the favorable Opinion entertained of his Ability, and his attachment to the welfare of the Company which he ought to know was inseparable from that of his Master. -

On the 26th finding all my Endeavours ineffectual I solicited another conference with the Rajah which was accordingly granted the 28th I told him that I requested again to see him in order if possible yet to prevent the Necessity of writing to my Superiors at Madras, what I know would give so much concern, and Disappointment both to them and to the Company in England - I then went over nearly the same Ground as in the former conference adding that my having been unable to obtain of his Excellency what he was supposed to have promised my Predecessor it

must

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must bring upon me a discredit which would not fail to lessen the weight of any representation that I might hereafter make in favor of his wishes. —

The Rajah requested that I would hear with patience for that one time + what he wished to communicate to me, and he would afterwards refer himself entirely to me. — The Minister then went thro' a Relation still more at large than at the first conference, of the misfortunes and difficulties the Rajah had sustained since the year 1772 — including many + particular Circumstances that had not been mentioned before, and having finish= =ed the Rajah said if after what I had + heard I should still think him in a + situation to give further aid (exclusive of the 4 Lacks) he wished me to make any demand, and he would in all events + comply with it. — After repeating the former Arguments founded on the Company's distress, and the means by which it had been incurred I observed that a short time

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would restore the Population and Reve=
=nues of his Country which however it
was extremely difficult to conceive had
suffered so much as not to afford the aid
now expected from him, and which as
I had already mentioned to his Excellency
was the remainder of the 120,000 for which
the late Resident believed himself posses=
=ed of his Promise - The Rajah not admit=
=ting of any allusion to that matter, which
he still denied to have happened, and
insisting that I should name what I
had to demand of him, I mentioned ₶
76,2000 Pagodas which with the Sum
already paid made up the amount of
120,000, and I requested that he would make
the period of payment as early as possible,
after some discussion upon this last ₶
point the Rajah promised that the
amount should be paid in 4 Months as
an aid to the Company, exacting a ₶
promise on my part that I would represent
to your Lordship &c.a the Honble Board
as from him, that he had consented to

pay

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pay this Money, but it would be paid with distress, and difficulty to himself, and Family and additional Burthens upon his Subjects and that if any further demands are made upon him their Situation would be such as to oblige them to leave the Country. —

Since the conference I have prevailed upon the Rajah to shorten the time of payment from four, to two Months, and I am to receive 20,000 Pagodas by the 8th of the present Month, and the same Sum at the end of it.

I should not have troubled your Lordship &c with so tedious a detail but to account to you for my not having yet received the Money in Question, and to shew that it has not been owing to any remissness on my part. —

I have the Honor to be,

My Lord and Gentlemen

with the greatest respect

Your faithful humble Servant

(Signed) J Ruddleston

Tanjore
3d April 1785.

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To John Huddleston Esqr.

Resident at

Tanjore.

Sir, I have the Honor to send you accompanying this, a Letter, which I have thought incumbent on me to address to his Excellency the Rajah - I am to hope that you will do me the Honor to cause it to be presented to him, and that you will be pleased to transmit a Copy of it to the President and Council. -

I have the Honor to be

Sir,

Yours &c.a

Pondicherry

13th. March 1785. -

(Signed) John Sullivan

To His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore

Sir, Accustomed during three Years to approach your Excellency with a confidence derived from the favorable Opinion you were pleased to entertain of my Intentions as well in regard to your Excellency's just Rights and Dignity

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Dignity as to the Intrests of the Company whom I represented, I should feel extreme concern at the Circumstance which Compels me at this time to intrude on your Excellencys Time if I were not fully convinced that the attachment of your Excellency for the Company and the Friendship you have honored me with, would be the more manifested thereby.

From some misconception either on the part of your Excellencys Minister, or of my Dibash who served as Interpreter upon the occasion, it would seem that while I considered myself as possessed of your Excellencys Promise for aiding the Company with one Lack and twenty thousand Pagodas, your Excellency considered that Promise not to extend beyond one Lack of Pagodas and it has further happened that the Government of Madras Misconceiving the Words in which I announced Your Excellencys Disposition to grant this aid to the Company have understood your Excellencys Promise to pay as an absolute Sum of so much Money from your Treasury

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Treasury, and having in consequence directed their present Resident. Mr. Rudleston to &c remit the. Money to. Madras.—

The Diference I shall ever bear towards such Authorities as that of your Excellency &c and of the Government of. Madras, will not permit me to doubt but that want of &c precision on my part must have given rise to those Misconceptions, and if such a &c Diffidency can be atoned for by personal affliction, I can aver that I have experienced all the rigor of such a Punishment. your &c Excellency's Justice would not allow it to &c extend Farther even tho' Your Friend were not concerned I have therefore the firmest hope that you will not suffer this last act of my administration to fall into dispute, but that your Excellency, will be pleased to order Your. Minister to provide for the Payment of the Sum of one Lack and Twenty thousand Pagodas, thereby to wince that your Excellencys Attachment to the Company will not yield to any difficulty and that the Person whom you have three years honored with your

Friendship

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Friendship and Esteem has not ceased to merit it in ceasing to appear before you in that public Character, the first duty of which he made to consist in cementing the Union between Your Excellency, and the Company representing to them the Devastation of your Country and the Diminution of your Revenue with the same regard to truth, that he has represented to your Excellency the distrife of the Company and the Embarassments of their Government.—

I have the Honor to be

&c.a

Pondicherry
13th. March 1785.— (Signed) John Sullivan

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

From the Resident at Tanjore, stating that the Rajah has never intimated to him the Idea of his resigning the Management of his Country to the Hands of the Company The Rajah declines receiving the Present from the Government of Pondicherry.—

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My Lord and Gentlemen

I have received the Honor of your Commands of the 28th & 31st Ultimo through Mr. Secretary Chamier.—

The Rajah has never to me or throughout the most distant Idea of giving

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up his Country— should he at any time do so I shall not fail to execute your Instructions on that Head— it is certain he has with great Reluctance consented to finish the aid now demanded of him it is my Duty at the same time to mention to your Ld.ship &c.a that from every Enquiry I have been able to make and particularly from the Information I have obtained of M.r Swartz whose Authority is equally respectable from his Knowledge, and Integrity, there is reason to believe that the Rajah will not be able to give any further Assistance this year in addition to the annual Subsidy his Revenues being really much reduced by loss of Inhabitants and consequent want of Cultivation in many parts of his Country.

The Rajah returned a Verbal Answer to the Brahmin sent to him by the French, intimating that his Connection was with the English Company, and with no other people whatever, and that he therefore decined to declare receiving their (the French) Letters

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Letters, and Presents the Brammins, Sent to, & returned with them in consequence of a Kareeal. A Person of his Suite came home and requested my Interposition to induce the Rajah to receive the French Mission. I answered precisely in these Words, that the Government of Madras had not the smallest Objection to the Rajah's receiving the Letters, and presents Sent to him by the Government of Pondicherry, and that it was entirely at his Excellency's Option to act in it as he should judge proper.

I shall immediately make the Representation Your Lordship &c.a have directed to Colonel de Boistell.

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your &c.a

(Signed) John Hudleston

Tanjore
4th. April 1785.

In Consequence of the Contents of the foregoing Letters, the President delivers in the following Papers which contain the Correspondence with Mr. Sullivan the late Resident

Resident's Correspondence with the late Resident of Tanjore on the foregoing Subject

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Resident of Tanjore on the subject of the
Demand made to the Rajah for a certain
Sum of Money. —

Extract of a Letter from John Sullivan Esqr to
Lord. Macartney. Dated Tanjore 8th. January 1785. —

I have had a long conference with
the Rajah and have good ground for encouraging
your Lordship to expect an aid and Speedily —
the day after tomorrow will decide the Question
and the extent. The remittance can only be
effected by sending the Gold Jamana. —

To the Right Honorable Lord. Macartney

My Lord,

I had the Honor of informing
your Lordship in my Letter of the 8th. Instant
that "I had a long Conference with the
"Rajah and that I had good ground for
"encouraging Your Lordship to expect an aid
"and Speedy." On the 10th. Instant the Rajah's
Minister acquainted me that in Consideration
of the heavy Expences to which the Company
were subjected in consequence of the late War,

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The Rajah would agree to pay them this year, in addition to his Subsidy of Four Lacks, all the Revenue of the District of Mavanam, which he had destined towards the liquidation of his private Debts and which he estimated at Eighty thousand Pagodas and that he would render such Money as had been received from that District to be paid me immediately - I contended for extending the Sum to a Lack and Twenty thousand Pagodas and Ivpatenday obtained the Rajahs consent for the Payment of that Amount this year - I must however observe to your Lordships that when he yielded to this, he declared in the most positive terms that he must not be understood by it to acquiesce in the demand for the balance of Subsidy incurred during the War; Instead of owning a Balance on that Account he contended that he had a reasonable Claim to Deduction from the current Subsidy, & having by Money and Grants to the Company more than made up the full Amount of that Subsidy, reckoning from the time of his Restoration to the present time; all the

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the Country had been laid waste three years by the Enemy and was now Comparatively to Depopulated: that he would state this at length in writing, and that your Lordship and the Company would then see, that notwithstanding the high Price at which Grain sold during the War, his Revenue fell short in those three years more than one half upon an Average, of the former Receipts and that tho' he were to be assisted by the most favorable Conjunc=ture of Circumstances, it will require four years from June next before his Country could be brought to yield a Revenue equal to what it produced before the War - Having urged these points very forcibly, He added that he was willing to give the utmost Aid in his power to the Company, and that for this pur=pose he would subject himself to an addition of Debt by growing Interest, having no other means of making up the Sum he now con=ented to pay but by defering another year the Payments he had proposed for his Creditors But that he expected in Consideration of this Exertions on his part, an Assurance from

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Government that this demand of Balance should not be renewed, until the pleasure of the Company could be known upon the subject. —

As the Rajah repeatedly expressed this Expectation, and declared that without such an Asssurance he could not agree to pay the Lack and Twenty Thousand Pagodas before mentioned — I thought it necessary to decline the Acceptance of the Money already collected until I could have the Honor of your Lordships further Instructions —

I will now intrude no further than to observe that from the present State of this Country I do not Conceive that a larger Sum than that now offered by the Rajah in addition to the Annual Subsidy, could be drawn without exposing the Inhabitants to such increased exactions as could not fail to force them from the Country. —

I have the Honor to be with great Respect

My Lord,

Your &c.a

(Signed) John Sullivan.

Tanjore
15th January 1785. —

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Extract of a Letter from John Sullivan Esqr to
Lord Macartney Dated Tanjore 15th January 1785.

Since closing my public Letter I have
had the honor of your Lordships Letter of the 12th
If you should authorize me to receive the
Lack and Twenty Thousand, I will negociate
with the Sowcar for the Remittance, as far as
he may be able to undertake - Ignorant his
Ability as to a large Sum. Your Lordship
may be assured that no Arguments or impor-
tunities will lead the Rajah a Step beyond
what I have Stated in my Letter - His
Mind is not to be worked upon by Menace
direct or implied, but I think he may be
induced hereafter and particularly if applied
to from Home, to extend his annual Subsidy
to Five Lacks, or to any Sum which should
be made to appear to be his proportion of
the public Military Expense - This will
however require address and great good
humour, I trust Your Lordship will be
satisfied that I have done some Service in
having effected so much as I have Stated,
and I will therefore hope that your Lordship

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will procure me the permission of the
Government to proceed to Europe. —

John Sullivan Esqr

Resident at

Tanjore

Dear Sir

I have received yours of the
15th Instant, and beg leave to repeat to you
my earnest Request that you will be so good
as to address your Letters upon Public Matters
to the President and Select Committee and
not to the President alone. — I shall however
Communicate to them the Subject of your
last, as soon as they can be assembled, at
present I have only time to say a few
Words to you. —

I am sure the Company would
not bear the Idea of any thing like a Conver-
sion with the Rajah, by which an Assurance
was given him of our relinquishing a just balance
of Pagodas 600,000. For the immediate payment
of such a Sum as 120,000 Pagodas much less
would they approve of his appropriating any
part of his Revenues to the payment of the
Dues to

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Private Creditors whilst he professed a disregard
to Superior Demands Sown. I flattered myself
your Address and Management would have
effectually banished such a thought from his
Mind - In my Letters to him I have very
explicitly declared the Sentiments of this
Government and I had fully refuted the reaso-
ning which he used in his Conference with
you, - I am sorry to find I have made so little
impression upon him - He ought to recollect
that I never excepted from him a Present of
any kind and my repeated Assurances to him
that I never would, he ought to Calculate how
much he has saved by such Conduct on my
part, and that Consideration and Advantage
should double his Exertions in discharging
his Obligation to the Company, or at least in
advancing a much larger Sum than what
is now mentioned. -

I must repeat to you in the
most earnest manner the Necessity there is
for an immediate Supply from him for
the Public wants - you will accept without
hesitation the Money already Collected and
procure from him as much more as the
State of his affairs will permit him to

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pay— God forbid that I should wish to distress him or any of the protected Princes on the Coast, but you know very well from the Conduct of some of them, how ready they are to employ artful pretences for eluding the Production of their Treasures, wait at the time when their Aid is most wanted. His Conduct on this Occasion will be much more likely to Operate on Ours than any propo=sition or contingent bargain that he may offer— but I have so often expressed my Opinion upon this Subject that it is needless to repeat them, especially as I rely upon your Zeal and Skill to supply any defect in my mode of argument and that you will enable me to say before you leave us to draw some Aid of the Presidency from Tanjore during you stay there.—

I write in a very great hurry and perhaps you may think my Language with respect to the Rajah a little rough, but I own I feel hurt to find him so little sensible of the uniform attention paid to him during my Administration—. Adieu, Let me hear from you as soon as possible, and believe me to be with great truth and regard,

My Dear Sir,

Your most Obedient & faithful
humble Servant
(Signed) Macartney

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Extract of a Letter from Lord Macartney to John Sullivan Esqr. Resident of Tanjore, Dated Fort St. George 22d January 1785.

I have this day communicated to the Select Committee the Contents of your Letter of the 15th Instant, together with my Answer They concur with me in what I wrote to you and a Letter to the same purpose will be dispatched to you by the Secretary - But I trust that any further writing will be unnecessary on the Subject as before this reaches your hand I shall flatter myself that you will have received the 120,000 Pagodas from the Rajah and that we may hope to receive it very Speedily - Certainly if he would increase his Subsidy to 5 Lacks P. Annum, as you mention and that we were Secure of the Payment, it would be advisable for the Company to accept his Proposal - and let the remainder of his Balance (over and above the 120,000 Pagodas now to be received from him) merge in the augmented Tribute - But if you dont bring such a Measure about where is the good Humour and Address to be found elsewhere

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Nonchere that will accomplish it. —

Extract of a Letter from Lord. Macartney, to John Sullivan Esqr. Resident at Tanjore, dated Fort St. George January 31st. 1785. —

. Altho I know it is not necessary to accelerate you whose exertions are always so active, yet I beg you'll excuse for writing two lines on the Subject of your present requisitions from the Rajah — I should not have troubled you, had I not observed an expression in your Letter to the Secretary in which you say you will soon inform us of the period which the Rajah would fix for the payment of the 120,000 Pagodas I trust it will be a very short one for we are in immediate want of Money, I confess that when you left us I relyed upon receiving a very considerable Sum before this time, and place no small Dependance on the Supply, should it be delayed I know which way to turn me — you will I hope have settled to send us the Money collected, which the Rajah offered to you and which the Committee desired you to accept without further Ceremony and the rest, I flatter

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myself will soon follow. —

Extract of a Letter from John Cox Hippesley Esqr
to Lord. Macartney dated. Mannacoil House
29th January 1785. —

Mr. Sullivan desires me to transmit
the accompanying Letter from the Gomastah
to his Principal and to say to your Lordship
that if a remittance by Bills can be arranged
to the Amount of Star. Pagodas 40,000 it will
be paid here in Fanams at the Bazar ꝑ
Exchange, before the 15th Febuary, and that
the remainder of the 120,000 will follow ꝑ
with every possible expedition. —

Extract of a Letter from Lord. Macartney, to John
Sullivan Esqr. Resident at Tanjore, Dated Fort St.
George 3d Febuary 1785. —

I now write to inform you that
Sunkandoss is unable to manage the ꝑ
transaction of paying the Money have I
therefore desire you will keep it safe till
you hear from us. Mr. Freeman and I have
spoke to some wealthy people in the black
Town and I think we shall be able to arrange
the matter so as to receive the Money here

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from them as soon as we have Advice of your delivery of the Value of 40,000 Pagodas in Gold Fanams to the Agent whom they shall send you their Names and write further upon the subject— I trust that you will be able very soon to complete the whole Sum of 120,000 Pagodas We reckon upon it entirely and shall be infinite distress if it does not arrive in time ✠ This is a very heavy month On the 24th: We have the two Months Musters to ✠ pay to the Kings Troops and Marawers =ans which will Amount to little less than 40,000 Pagodas besides a million of other Charges.—

John Sullivan Esqr.

Resident at

Tanjore

Dear Sir

We have at last settled with Sunkandoss for the payment of the 40,000 Pagodas here for which we have given him a bill on your Value of so of that Sum at

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the rate of 25 Gold Fanams the Star Pagoda
This is the lowest rate that we could possibly
settle at; but as it is so disadvantageous to
us, I must request your advice and assistance
in what manner the remainder of the 120,000
Pagodas may be remitted with the least
loss to the Company - I am with great
truth and regard.

Dear Sir.

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant
(Signed) Macartney

Fort St. George
5th February 1785.

P.S. In case the Sowcar should want a guard
for the security of his Fanams, you'll be so
good as to request Col. Stuart to furnish
one to him.

Extract of a Letter from John Sullivan Esqr to
Lord Macartney, dated Tanjore 3d February 1785.

I am this moment honored with
your Lordship's letter of the 31st Money is daily
coming to me from the Rajah on account of
the Lack and twenty and you may depend
upon it the Answer of the Sowcar shall not
wait one hour for a reply.

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Extract of a Letter from John Sullivan Esqr to Lord. Macartney, dated Tanjore 6th. February 1785.—

The money shall be held ready for the Call of whomever your Lordship may be able to Settle with, and I will Settle for the payment of the remainder, so as to meet your Lordships wishes.—

Extract of a Letter from John Sullivan Esqr to Lord. Macartney. dated Tanjore 8th. February 1785.—

I will apply to the Dane at Tranquebar and am not without hope of being able to arrange a remittance of part of the money thro' that Channel. The draft in favor of Sunkendas shall be duly honored.—

Extract of a Letter from Lord. Macartney to John Sullivan Esqr. dated Fort St. George 15th. February 1785.—

The remainder of the 120,000 Pagodas being 80,000 I have fully relyed on and the smallest disappointment of any part of that Sum would be of the most serious Consequence at this time. Write to me immediately about it, where it is, whether you have Settled any

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remittance for it - or for any portion of it and for how much that I may take measures here accordingly. —

Extract of a Letter from John Sulivan Esqr. to Lord. Macartney dated Pondicherry 21st. March 1785:—

— Upon some intimation from Tanjore that the Rajah togo from his promise to me for the Company, I thought it necessary to write to him and accordingly inclosed the Original of the Accompanying letter to Mr. Huddleston who caused it to be delivered by Mr. Swartz. It has since occured to me that a short Statement of all that had passed in this Money Negotiation might soon trouble and prevent mistakes and therefore I sketched it as far as my Memory could serve me and sent to Mr. Hippesley a Copy of the Paper which now Accompanies this. —

Inclosed in Mr. Sulivans Letter from Pondicherry 21. March 1785. —

Mr. Sulivan immediately after his return from Madras in January acquainted the Rajah with the orders of the Committee for demanding the ballance due by the Rajah amounting to about Six Lacks of Pags. —

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the Rajah insisted that he owed no Ballance that on the contrary the Company was indebted to him for that he had prayed a great deal and that his Country had produced little — M.r Sulivan stated the expences of the Company during the War their present distress and embarassments and urged the Rajah strongly to prove his attachment by assisting them — M.r Sulivan then suggested that the Rajah should pay to the Company in addition to his subsidy of Four Lacks of Pagodas the Revenue of the Mayaram Country for the present year, which Revenue M.r Sulivan limited at 125,000 Pagodas tho' the Rajah would not allow that it would exceed 80,000 Pagodas. —

At another conference M.r Sulivan renewed his demands expressing his fear that unless the Rajah would assist the Company in the manner he had suggested or by some other way measures might be taken that would be productive of much uneasiness to him — at length the Raja expressed himself disposed to yield the Revenue

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of Miavaram for the Current year ending in July provided the Government of Madras would accept it as an aid and promise him not to make any further demand of Ballan= =ces until the pleasure of the Company could be known.—

Mr. Sulivan represented this to Government and observed that if such a promise could be given the Rajah had agreed to pay one Lack and twenty thousand that being the Sum at which Mr. Sulivan from further information then estimated the Revenue of Miavaram.—

The Government of Madras declined to enter into such an engagement but directed Mr. Sulivan to accept the Money Mr. Sulivan therefore renewed his demand and repeatedly stated it to the Rajah at the Sum of one Lack and twenty thousand Pags— the Rajah cons= =tantly replying that the Miavaram Country would not produce one Lack including the Revenue of the four Manigarums and consid= =rably less of those districts should be ceded before the Harvest— Mr. Sulivan observed to the Rajah that as the custom of all Countries was that those who sowed should be allowed to Reap and possess the Crop, he concluded that the Linear Share in the produce of the four Manigarums would be allowed to the Rajah more especially as it would be reaped in the

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Month (Feby) and probably before the session it could take place - the Rajah still declined to say positively the Sum but that he had consented to give up all his rights in the Revenue of Meavaram which Mr. Sullivan was satisfied would be 120,000 Pags or near it and as the exigency of Government for money was great. Mr Sullivan thought it better to require the immediate payment of the Sum he knew the Rajah had already drawn from Meavaram and he succeeded in procuring one Lack of Chuckrams on account without receeding in the least from his demand of the Lack and twenty thousand Pagodas as the whole amount of the Revenue of Meavaram. —

In this manner the busines passed and it was upon the ground here stated that Mr Sullivan so repeatedly mentioned to Government the specific sum of 120,000 Pags his demands having never fallen below that Sum. and his conviction going to the certainty of recovering it provided no change were to take place - in the circumstances which he has already stated as the ground of his opinion. —

Macartney

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Dispatched the following Letters.

To. Anthony Sadleir Esqr
Chief & Council
at
Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honble President and Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 29th ulto with the Enclosures and to desire you will appropriate to the use of the Investment such Sums as the Paymaster at Ellore may have in his hands, which he tendered to the Officers at that Garrison & which those Officers declined to draw under the head of Temporary Allowance — As the half Batta was struck off by the G.O. of the 26th Sept. & never renewed, the Paymasters are to take care on no account to pay half Batta to any officer whatsoever.

To Masulipatam directing them to appropriate to the use of the Investment such Sums as the Paymaster at Ellore may have in his possession from the refusal of the Officers to receive the Temporary Allowance in lieu of half Batta.

I have the Honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant.
(Signd) John Chanier
Act. Sec.

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To the Honble John Macpherson Esq.
Governor General &c. Council
at
Fort William

Gentlemen,

We have received a Letter from Capt. Hallam of His Majestys 100d Regt enclosing an account which he requested might be discharged by this Government.

As Capt. Hallam's Company has embarked for your Presidency, it of course ceased to be paid from this Settlement; & we could not give Capt. Hallam the Certificate he requested, as he is not entitled to any Gratuity since the Embarkation of his Company from this Coast.

We have the honor to send you Copies of this Letter & our Secretary's Answer that you may be certified of the Gratuity's not being paid here, & be made acquainted with our reasons for declining to discharge Capt. Hallams Bill.

We have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient
humble Servants
(signed) Macartney
Ja. Cowper
Sent

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Bengal, referring Captain Hallam's claim for Gratuity whilst his Company was at that Presidency, enclosing the Letters which have passed on the Subjects.

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9th Sent the undermentioned Letters
(as entered in Miscellany Book Nos. 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42,
43, 44, 45, 46, 47.)

To Mr. Gardiner directing him
to discharge Captain Montgomery's Bill for repairs of
Quarters, but in future none will be admitted, unless
an Estimate be previously transmitted to Government
and their Sanction obtained.

To the Paymaster at Angole.-

To the acting Commissary General
directing him to keep an Alphabetical List of all the
Officers on the Coast that he may be enabled to Check
their Accounts with the greater facility

To Mr. W. Balfour -

To the Military Paymaster General
directing him to furnish the Board with every Account
of all Disbursements relating to Dutch Prisoners.

To V. Luring.

To the Paymaster at Arcot desiring
him to enquire why the Bills presented by Captain
Bonnevaux were not Countersigned by the Commissary
at the time of their being due.

To Mr. Welch -

To Mr. Thomson Assistant Surgeon,
informing him that he must only draw for his
Subsistance from the Day of his return to his Station on
this Coast, as he declared he was willing to proceed to England
with Captain Robertson of the Lathom Indiaman in the
Capacity of Surgeon.

To W. Thomson -

To Commanding Officer at Angole,
informing him that Orders have been given to Mr Gardiner
to discharge his Bills for Repairs of Quarters, but in future an
Estimate must previously be sent to Govern.t & their Sanction obtained -

To Capt. Montgomery

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To Paymaster at Nellore informing him that the Board have resolved to send the two 24 lbs now at Nellore to Masulipatam & desiring him to sell the Bullocks to the best advantage for the Company.

To Mr Lind.—

To Committee of Stores desiring they will give the necessary directions respecting the Indent for Arms &c. wanted for Cuddalore report their opinion on the return of Stores in that Garrison.

To Committee of Stores

To Committee of Works desiring they will pass in their Books the Amount of M.Garrow's bills, to his Credit.

To Committee of Works.

To Committee of Stores informing them, that the Board have resolved to send the two 24 lbs mentioned in the Nellore Returns to Masulipatam so that it is unnecessary to comply with that part of the Indent which relates to them.—

To Committee of Stores

To Committee of Works informing them that the Board consent to the execution of the Repairs agreeable to the Estimate sent in by the Civil Architect excepting those for the Medicine godown.

To Committee of Works.

To Paymaster at Tanjore informing him that the regulations proposed by the Surgeon General have been approved by the Board, which

To Paymaster at Tanjore

mention

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H.
G. mention a fixed allowance of 345 Pagodas p Month for every Kings Regiment of 800 Men; but that the acting Surgeon to the 73d Regt has presented bills for Hospital Charges &c contrary to Rule & ought not therefore to be allowed, in order however to prevent Complaints, provided the Commanding Officer affixes his Signature to them, they will be discharged but the Officer to signing must be responsible for all such Charges.

Received the following Letter /as entered in Miscellany Book N. 48./

From Mr Hoisard stating that

From Mr Hoisard. it becomes necessary to send a Supply of Rice to Cuddalore, & recommends if agreeable to the Board that it be sent from Chillumbrum.

In Consequence of the foregoing,

To Majr Davies Letters were written to Colonel Davies directing him to send as much Rice as he can spare from Chillumbrum to Cuddalore and to Mr Hoisard informing him of it. /vide Mis: B: N. 49. 50./

To Mr Hoisard. H. Received the following Letter

from Brigadier General Conteneau

To Lord Macartney, W.B. &c &c &c

My Lord.

From General Conteneau prefers a Complaint against I am informed that the King's Divan

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against the English at Tanjore in preventing a Person charged with letters for the Rajah from proceeding to his Capital.—

11: Dewan A Karical who had ordered to carry a Complimentary Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore, has been stopt by the English at the Boundaries of the Capital of this Indian Prince; he has been threatened and detained for 15 days without having passed the first Boundary, and without having executed his Commission.—

This violence is doubtless an infraction of the Orders of the Madras Government, and a deviation of the intentions of our respective Courts; I demand of you, my Lord, that the Author be punished, as a disturber of that good Harmony which Subsists between our two Nations.

I have the Honor to be, with distinguished Consideration

My Lord,

Pondichery
6th. April 1785.

Your very humble Servant.
(Signed) Contenceau

A true Translation,
(Signed) Thomas Chase
French Translator

Dispatched the following Answer.

To Brigadier General Contenceau
&c &c &c

Sir,

To Genl Contenceau — informing him, that it is contrary

I have had the Honor to receive your Letter

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contrary to the orders of Government for foreign Troops to March thro' any of the Company's Districts, without Leave being previously obtained for that purpose.—

11th Letter of the 6th Instant informing me, that the French Duan of Karical, whom you had dispatched with a Letter to the Raja of Tanjore, had been stopped by the English at the Bounds of that Princes Capital; that he had been threatened & detained fifteen days, without having been able to pass the first Barrier, and without fulfilling his Commission — You say, that this violence & cannot but be an Infraction of our Orders, and that it is little conformable to the Intention of our respective Courts, and you request that the author of it may be punished as a Disturber of the good understanding subsisting between the two Nations.—

Permit me, Sir, in reply to your Letter to acquaint you with what has come to my Knowledge, relative to this Transaction, and the part I have taken in consequence.—

By a Letter from our Resident at Tanjore dated the 9th March I was advised that a Bramin with a large Escort of French Sepoys had arrived that Morning in the Neighbourhood of the Fort, charged with a Letter and Presents to the Rajah, of which no official Intimation had been given either to him, or the Commanding Officer of the Troops in Garrison —

Tho' our Resident was forcibly struck with the novelty of that Military Escort passing

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11th passing thro' the Districts of Tanjore without any previous application to the Raja, or any Permission obtained from the Commanding Officer of the Troops no hindrance whatever was made on his part to the Execution of the purposes for which the Braman had been sent, and whatever might be the Raja's reasons for declining the Honor intended him, these Reasons originated purely, and entirely from himself.

The Government had not and indeed could not have a wish to interfere with the Raja's Authority in a matter of this Nature— The only thing we objected to was the marching of your Sepoys thro' Districts Garrisoned by English Forces, without any previous leave obtained for that purpose, and upon this subject only we directed our Resident at Tanjore to remonstrate with Colonel De Boistell your Commandant at Karical, from whence the Sepoys marched.

I trust this Explanation of an affair which has probably been misrepresented to you, will prove satisfactory, and that you will be convinced of the sincerity of my Intention to maintain the most perfect Harmony with your Government on every occasion.—

I have the Honor to be, with distinguished consideration

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant.
(Signed) Macartney

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11. Sent the following Letter to the Committee of Assigned Revenue.—

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

Gentlemen,

To the Com: of Assigned Revenue directing them to consult with Mr Irwin on the inconveniences mentioned in his letter relative to the Revenues of the Tinnevelly Country & in what manner they can be removed——

I am directed by the Right Honble President & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 21st Ultto with Enclosures & to desire you will consult with Mr Irwin on the subject of his letter to you, & inform the Board in what manner the inconveniencies may be best obviated of which he complains.—

The Board have been informed that when the Revenues of Tinnevelly were collected by the Nabob it was usual for him to draw Bills on the Renter for the Amount.— The Currency being so bad that it could only pass in that Country— The Currency was moreover very inconsiderable— and if much had been drawn away, Commerce must have suffered exceedingly until its return— They are of Opinion therefore that the only Method of remedying the present Evil, since it is necessary that the Troops should be recalled, and that a Recoinage would at present be attended with too great a loss, is to establish a Soucars Agent there, for the purpose of transacting Bills until a sufficient

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11th. Sufficient Commerce is re-established in those Districts to enable Government to manage this branch of business without such an Agent.

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I am,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient
humble servant
(signed) John Chamier
Act.g Sec.y

Received the following Letters / as entered in Miscellany Book No. 52.

From Commanding Officer at Tellicherry

From Lt. Braithwaite

to the Commander in Chief stating the reasons why the Officers under his Command have refused to accept of the Temporary Allowance in lieu of Half Batta.

From the Paymaster at Madura

From Mr. Johnson.-

informing that the armed Peons were entertained by Mr. Irwin's Order & are Employed in collecting the Revenues in the Madura Country.

Sent the following Letter in

To Mr. Johnson.-

answer to Mr. Johnson's, as entered in Miscellany Book No. 53, informing him that the Board have directed Mr. Irwin to reimburse him the Pay issued to the Peons in order that it may be charged in his Accounts with the Committee of Assigned Revenue.

Received the undermentioned

From Capt. Dawes.

Letter / as entered in Miscellany Book No. 54.
From Captain Dawes explanatory of the mistakes in his late Returns.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President

Lieutenant General Lang

Tuesday 12th April 1785 } Alexander Davidson Esqr

James Daniell Esqr.

Minutes of last Consultation

read & approved.

Read the following Letter

from Brigadier General Horne.

John Chamier Esqr.

Act. Military Secrey

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Official Letters of the 27th ultto & the 2d Inst. the Paragraphs in the former respecting the Officers drawing the Temporary Allowance in Lieu of Baty Batta, I published in D.O. on the 31st. I have recd a Letter from Col. Stuart informing me that the Officers at Tanjore had in consequence of these Orders made out Bills for Temporary Allowance, which they have recd. & I understand the Officers

From Brigadier General Horne proposes Measures for compleating a proper Train of Artillery, and other necessary Stores for the Southern Cantonment, has issued in G.O. the Resolution of Government relative to the temporary allowance which the Officers conform to.-

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Officers at the other Stations mean to do the same when the Paymasters are in Cash to pay them. I shall observe the Honble Boards Directions respecting Major Offices

Lt Col. Kelly with the 6th B. 9th Regt Batns of Sepoys arrived here the 5th Inst: from Secunderabad the 6th & 7th Batns are quartered at Semikistna & the Officers in the Choultrys in the Neighbourhood. I shall give them all the assistance I can with the Pioneers to make them habitable which may be done with a few Bamboos & Cajans the 9th Batn will proceed to its Station agreeable to G.O. Capt. Byres is employd in preparing Plans & Estimates for the Quarters at Marine which I shall forward as soon as completed.-

The Gunpowder and Musquet Ammunition, which the Army had in the Field has rec'd much Damage indeed it is not to be wondered at as it appears not to have been properly secured owing I am informed for the want of means of doing it. I have directed the Commissary to dry & sift the Powder, when it shall be properly proved, & when it appears what use it will be fit for, I shall order it to be secured & shall report it to the Board such of the Musquets Ammunition as may be found unfit for Service, I shall direct to be broke up & the Powder dryed sifted & Proved also.

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As I apprehend from the general State of the Ordnance Stores &c. now to the Southward, that it would require some time to fit out in a compleat manner a proper train of Artillery & the other necessary Stores for any considerable body of Troops I directed the Commandg Officer of Artillery & Deputy Commissary of Stores to make out a list of Stores proportioned to the Number of Guns & mortars which I propose to have for the use of the Southern Army should it meet with the approbation of the Honble Board I have calculated the Number of Guns to the proportion of Troops intended for the Southern Cantons supposing also a proportion of Cavalry & the strength of the Garisons on the East side of the passes leading into the Mysore Country should it be thought expedient to attack them in case of a future War accompanying I send the List of Stores which they have prepared which I request you will lay before the Honble Board & in which is pointed out what part can be furnished from each Station to the Southward and what would be required to be sent from the Presidency, should they approve of the Statement & think proper to give Directions, to have it prepared in readiness for service.-

I have the Honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient Sr.

(Signed) Mat: Horne

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Head Quarters near
Warrore April 8th 1785.

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The Board approve the measures proposed by General Horne for completing a proper Train of Artillery and other necessary Stores for the Southern Cantonment, and agree that the Statement of Ordnance &c. transmitted by him be sent to the Committee of Stores for their opinion.

Minute thereon.—

The Board do not see the necessity there was for publishing the General Order which Brigadier General Horne mentions to have done; because the one published by Government on the 26th of September last, by which the Batta was struck off from the 1st January, continued still in force, having never been repealed. The Officers therefore who made out Chits for Batta were certainly guilty of Disobedience to it, and are highly reprehensible.—

Do Do.—

Agreed that a Letter to the foregoing Effect be written to Brigadier General Horne.—

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore.

The Right Honble Lord Macartney

My Lord,

I have now the pleasure to send your Lordship a Bill on Rama Chetty Soucar at Madras for 10,000 Star Pagodas at 10 Days

From the Resident at Tanjore, transmits a Bill on Rama Chetty Soucar for 10,000 Pagodas.—

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Days sight and 24 3/4 Sanams p.r Pagoda.

I have the honor to be most respectfully

My Lord

Your Lordships

Faithful humble Servt.

(Signd) J. Huddleston

Tanjore
6th April 1785.-

The Bills drawn on Rama Chetty

Minute thereon-

has been accepted.

Read the following Letter

from the Town Major

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

&c. &c.

My Lord.

There are already gone to Masulipatam

From the Town Major, with a proposed Return of Invalids to be embarked for the Subordinate Settlements. -

by the Snow Macartney which sailed on Friday Evening last.

An Officer of Artillery - and	73	Native Artillery or Golandauze
Lascars	57	
	130.	

Remains to go

European Artillery	9/10ths 5.	65. Men
Lascars	39.	
	104.	

For Masulipatam

European Invalids	34

Vizagapatam

European Invalids	30
Lascars	40.

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Panjam
European Invalids — 23
Total 95. 40.

The Leonora Snow Captain Power will be ready to take the European Artillery and Lascars to Masulipatam in three Days, as also the Invalids and Pensioners before mentioned, as his Vessel is designed for Vizagapatam and Ganjam, and it will be a very Convenient opportunity for sending them. The Freight he asks is 2. Pagodas for each Man, he to find Wood and Water, and the Company the rest of the Provisions. — I request your Lordships Determination on this Matter, that no time may be lost in getting the Men ready for Embarkation, and it is necessary also to mention that Captain Power will not go with less than 230 or 240 Men, as he says it would be an object to the Owners, having to provide Water Casks, Copper Kettles &c. for the accomodation and Convenience of the Troops during the Passage. —

Three Company's of Invalid Sepoys out of the five ordered to be sent to Masulipatam from Madras will be ready to proceed in four or five Days, but they have all earnestly requested to be allowed to go by Land having large families, which they wish to escort themselves, as they are to settle with them to the Northward. — If the Board is pleased to Indulge these Sepoys with the leave they most

Anxiously

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Anxiously hope to obtain of going by Land, it will be the most Oconomical Plan, as the Batta of each Company supposing it to be 30 Days on the March, will be only 79 Pagodas, but if sent by Sea, the Freight and Provisions will amount to 140.

I am with great Respect,
My Lord,
Your Lordship most obdt. Servt.
Signed Wm. Sydenham.

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Ordered accordingly

Ordered —

The President delivers in the following Minute.—

Minute in Council April 12th 1785.

The attempts made by Government to effect a Reduction in the Expence of Half Batta to the Military Officers, having excited a Combination among the greatest part of them; and produced addresses and remonstrances from several Quarters setting forth their Claims to this Indulgence, and soliciting its Continuance, I feel myself called upon by a Sense of Duty to my Constituents, to enter more largely than I have yet done into the motives, which dictated the Resolution proposed by me on this Subject.— × I shall endeavour to explain the nature of this extra allowance which has been the

The President's Minute on the subject of Half Batta —

× vide Pp: of 26th Sept. 1784 (

object

object of such earnest, and intemperate solicitation—
The unjust Partiality that appears in the allotment
of it— The Amount of its Expence, and the necessity
(if the Board approve its Continuance) of establishing
it on such a Footing, as may really answer the
professed object of its Institution, which was to
improve the situation of the Subaltern Officers, whose
Pay is represented as insufficient to maintain
them with the Decency,— and Comfort necessary
to their Profession.

vide Minutes of Consult & General Order 24th Augt 1776.

The allowance of Baty Batta was
originally meant to defray the supposed additional
Expences, that would be incurred by officers situated
at a Distance from the Presidency, and upon
this principle it was granted in the Carnatic to the
Officers stationed South of the Coleroon, and in the
Circars, to the Garrisons subordinate to the principal
Settlements of Masulipatam, Vizagapatam and
Ganjam, but the slightest Knowledge of this scene
must convince every reflecting Person of the Im-
propriety of such a Distribution. In the principal
articles of living; such as Beef, Mutton, Fowls, &
Rice, Madras itself is unquestionably a much dearer
Place for the Subaltern, than any of the Garrisons
where he was allowed Baty Batta— Even Wine, &
other Europe Commodities are in general obtained at
as cheap, if not cheaper Rates in the Southern &
Garrisons.

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Garrisons, than at Madras, owing to their vicinity to the foreign Settlements on the Coast: But to obviate this objection, it is said in some of the Memorials, that Officers at the Presidency, and other Stations where the Half Batta was not allowed, were obliged to contract Debts for their Support, which by subsequent Removals to Half Batta Stations, they were enabled to Discharge — But what does this Argument prove? It proves that the Half Batta was necessary in Madras, and not necessary in the out Garrisons, since the Officer in Madras could not live decently upon his Pay, and was forced to contract Debts; while the Officer upon Half Batta could live decently, and save enough out of his allowances to discharge former Debts —

In regard to the Nature of this allowance, I must observe in opposition to the Claims set forth in the Memorials, that it was originally granted as an Indulgence, and founded upon temporary Considerations of a temporary Kind — The Pleasure of Government which gave it, might take it away, or alter, modify, or restrain it according to Circumstances whenever, and in whatever manner it thought proper; The Officer covenants to serve only for his Pay — This, he has a positive Right to, but all Extra allowances are gratuitous, and conditional,

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and however long they may have been held, their existence depending upon the will of the Grantor, that will must always determine them. I mention this not with any view to discourage a temperate representation from any Officer upon the subject of his situation, but merely to shew that the Remonstrances of Officers secretly formed & supported by Numbers for the apparent purpose of wresting such Indulgences from Government, is criminal in a very high degree, and however modest, and humble the Language of those Papers may be, the Offence is certainly but little alleviated by the Form in which it is conveyed. The Board have seen by the addresses presented on the subject of the Bell Batta that some of the Field Officers, and many of the Captains and Subalterns who have Commands, and double Posts, have signed them — It was very blameable in Officers of Rank, and Gentlemen who had no Plea of absolute Distress, to sign such Papers, and equally culpable in those, who really felt Distress, to join with Officers that did not feel it, Each conduct on both sides exclusive of its Irregularity, could only tend to weaken the Foundation on which the addresses are constructed —

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An Idea seems to prevail in some of these Memorials, that the Expence of the Half Batta was trifling, and unworthy of the Consideration of Government. By the Calculations now delivered to the Board, it will appear that this allowance for the Kings & Company's Officers now serving on the Coast, amounts to a very considerable Sum — while so large a Portion of the Revenues is absorbed by the Military Charges, that the Company cannot after providing for other current Demands, apply any thing to the Provision of an Investment, every saving, that is practicable, must be undoubtedly attempted, otherwise the Company, which was originally established for the purposes of Commerce, not of Power or Aggrandisement, cannot support themselves — Indeed their present Force on this Coast, is more beneficial to the French, Dutch, and Danes, than it is to themselves, since those Foreigners in effect are without Expence, protected by it, from any lawless attempts upon their Trade, while the Company involved in the deepest distress, are unable to provide any Investment, reap no other advantage from their Possessions, than that of appearing as a mere pageant Stole among the Powers of the Country.

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It was chiefly for the purpose of giving some relief to the Company in this distressful, and unpromising situation, that I wished to reduce the Military Charges, by striking off the Half Batta— but the absurdity of the allowance, in the manner it was distributed, and the Hope that the Board might be enabled, if necessary, to establish some more general, and adequate Provision for the Subaltern Officers, had also considerable weight with me in forming that Determination— I am very sensible from the various Representations, that have been made, and particularly by the Subalterns serving in Madras, that the uncommon Scarcity, and Dearness of necessaries of every kind, absolutely require such a general Relief at present, and it is with the view of aiding the Board in their Judgement, that I have caused different Calculations to be formed of an Allowance of this sort for their Consideration.—

If a Sum equivalent to the monthly amount of the former Half Batta, were divided among all the Officers on the Establishment (excepting those who are on full Batta) it would leave so small a proportion for the Subaltern, that the allowance could not operate, as an effectual Relief to his wants (vide Statement No 4) My own Idea therefore is that, as the Relief of the Subaltern Officer was the original, and principal Intention of the Half Batta, and the Calculation of 1777 upon which it was renewed

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(after being struck off) appears founded upon the Consideration of the Subalterns only - As the Field Officers are in a situation to acquire Commands, and have an Allowance (besides their Pay) of a Gratuity drawn from the Revenues, and as the Captains have Pay of Reckonings and other Emoluments in possession, and prospect, which put them at least above the pressing want, that is felt by the Junior Officers, I am of opinion that an Extra Allowance, or Gratuity in time of Peace equal the amount of the temporary allowance lately granted till further order & charged as such in the Company's Accounts, be divided among the Subalterns of the Army, and that the same be drawn at Madras, as well as at every other Garrison, & Cantonment on the Coast - This allowance will afford to the Captain Lieutenants 20 Pagodas p Month - to the Lieutenants 15 & to the Ensigns 10 Pagodas p Month each, over & above their Pay agreeable to the Statement № 5. In time of War it will cease of Course, among such as are in the field, or upon full Batta.

By extending the Indulgence to all the Subalterns on the Establishment, another good purpose will be answered beside that of making the Provision General, which is, that the Officers will be kept in the Corps, to which they are first appointed, whereas in the former mode of distributing the half Batta, the Gentlemen stationed at Madras, and other Places, where it was not allowed, were never at rest until they got themselves removed to Half Batta Garisons - By these constant removals, which have occupied so considerable a part of the General Orders for some Years past, the Discipline of the army is materially affected, and the Company put to an unnecessary additional Expence of Batta, for travelling Charges. On the present plan, if adopted, I would propose that no Subaltern be removed but with his Corps except on extraordinary occasions. -

Having now pretty fully expressed my Ideas upon this Subject I submit them to the deliberate consideration & Judgment of the Board

(Signed) Macartney

A Statement

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Statement of Half Batta for the Company's Officers South of the Coleroon, North of the Kistna, and at Arcot agreeably to the late Arrangements of the Troops

South of the Coleroon.

		Colonels	Lieut. Colonels	Majors	Captains	Captain Lieuts	Lieutenants	Ensigns
Europeans	One Company European Artillery				1	1	2	3
	One Battalion European Infantry		1	1	9	"	12	8
	One Company do Pioneers				1	"	4	"
Natives	One Regiment Native Cavalry				1	"	4	4
	Four Companies Native Artillery				1	"	2	2
	The 1st 3d 6th 8th 15th 19th 20th 21st 32d 33d and 36th Compys of the 7th Madras Battalion				12	12	22	71
	Total		1	1	26	13	46	88

North of the Kistna

Europeans	One Company European Artillery				1	1	2	3
	One Battalion do Infantry		1	1	9	"	12	8
Natives	Two Companies of Native Artillery						1	1
	The 1st 22d 23d 26th 25th 26th & 27th Madras Battalions				7	7	14	42
	Total		1	1	17	8	29	54

Arcot.

Europeans	Two Companies European Artillery			1	2	2	4	6
	One Regiment Native Cavalry			1	1	1	4	4
Natives	Two Companies Native Artillery					1	1	1
	The 5th 8th 11th 16th 21st & 35th Madras Battalions				6	6	12	36
Vizt	One Deputy Assistant General					1	"	"
	Total			2	9	11	21	47
	General Total	1	2	4	51	32	96	189

Calculation of half Batta for a Month of 31 Days.

			Pags	C.	Pags	C
1 Lieutenant Colonel	P. T. C.		77	21		
1 Major			62	"		
22 Captains	at 24. 33. 48 D		868	"		
12 Capt Lieuts 46 Lieuts	at 16. 22. 32. D		760	22	32	
88 Ensigns	at 12. 16. 64. D		1091	8	32	
					2859	9 64.
N.B. 3 Captains on Command at Madura, Palamcottah and Tinjore, not included, being in full Batta						
1 Lieutenant Colonel			77	21		
1 Major			62	"		
10 Captains 2 Capt Lieuts 29 Lieuts	24 at 24. 33. 48 D		570	33	48	
	at 16. 22. 32. D		474	19	48	
54 Ensigns	at 12. 16. 64. D		669	25	16	
					1809	15 32.
N.B. 4 Captains on Command, are in the Mundipatta District, are at Chicacole, and with the Army at Arka, not included, being on full Batta						
2 Majors	at 62. — D		124	"	"	
9 Captains 11 Capt Lieuts 25 Lieuts	20 at 24. 33. 48 D		496	"	"	
	at 16. 22. 32. D		347	8	32	
47 Ensigns	at 12. 16. 64. D		582	33	48	
					1550	" "

Pagodas 6218.25.16.

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On the Idea, that the Calculation required is to answer two Purposes Viz.t to divide the Sum at present paid as half Batta amongst the whole army, and Secondly to make, if practicable, a Saving for the Company, it has been first tried, what proportion, the Sum now paid as Batta to a part of the Officers of the Company's army, bore to full Batta if paid to the whole; which was found to be as near as possible 3/7, or 4/7 of the half Batta. But upon this Calculation it was found that no Saving could accrue to the Company: On the Contrary if the whole Army was to receive 3/7 of full, or 4/7 of half Batta, the Expence would be 128 Pag.s more p.r Month to the Company, than they are now at in paying half Batta to a part of it. — But reckoning 3 1/2/7 of the half Batta, or in other words exactly a Moiety of the half Batta payable to the annexed Calculation, will give to the Officers of the Army an additional allowance or Gratuity equal to 1/2 Batta, and the Company will save Monthly Pagodas 500: 32: 72 or Annually Pagodas 6969. —

To Lieutenant Col.s	at 38. 31. 40.	2	193..	31.	40
7 Majors	at 31. "	2	217..	-	-
171 Capt.s & Lieut.s	at 12. 16. 64.	2	1711..	8.	32
166 Lieutenants	at 8. 11. 16.	2	1372.	11.	16
353 Ensigns &c.r	at 6. 8. 32.	2	2143..	25.	16
		Pagodas	5637.	34.	24
		Monthly Saving..	500.	32.	72
		Pagodas	6218.	25.	16

paid at present for half Batta.

N.B. 1 Brigadier General
2 Colonels .....
2 Lieut.t Colonels ..
& 14 Captains in Command and now in full Batta, are left out in the above Calculation; because, as they enjoy the greater advantage they can not participate also of the Lesser.

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Statement of Half Batta now paid to a part of His Majestys Troops serving on the Coast

		Lieutenant Col. Commandant	Majors	Captains	Lieutenants	Cornets	Adjutants	Qr. Masters	Chaplains	Surgeons	Qr. Masters
Cantonment at Arcot	Detach't 23d Regt Light Dragt			1	2	1	1	2			1
	36th Regiment			1	5	14	2	1	1		1
	Detach't 52d Regiment					2	2	1	1		1
	73d Regiment			1	5	14	5	1	1	1	1
	Total		2	11	32	50	4	5	1	2	4
South Coleroon	78th Regiment			1	1	6	20	3	1	1	3
	Detach't 14th Regt Hanoverians			1	2	6	1	1			1
	Ditto 5 do do					3	3	1			2
	Total		1	2	11	29	5	2	1	1	5
North of the Kistna	Detach't 23d Regt Light Dragt				1		1				
	Ditto 78th Regiment				1	1					
	Ditto 102d Ditto				1	3		1			
	Total				3	4	1	1			
	General Total	1	4	25	65	16	7	6	2	3	9

Cantonment at Arcot	1 Major 73d Regt as Colonel	do	of	Corps		93.
	1 Major 36 Regt as Lt Col					77. 24.
	11 Captains					
	2 Surgeons	14	at	24. 33. 48	D	347. 8. 32.
	1 Chaplains					
	32 Lieutenants					
	4 Adjutants	41	at	16. 22. 32	D	677. 16. 32.
	5 Qr Masters					
	10 Ensigns					
	4 Serjt Majors	14	at	12. 16. 64	D	173. 25. 16. 1369. 7.
South of the Coleroon	1 Major 78th Regt as Lt Colonel					77. 24.
	1 Major Hanoverians					62.
	11 Captains					
	1 Surgeon	13	at	24. 33. 48	D	322. 16. 64
	1 Chaplain					
	29 Lieutenants					
	2 Adjutants	32	at	16. 22. 32	D	529. 2. 64
	1 Qr Master					
	5 Ensigns					
	5 Serjt Majors	10	at	12. 16. 64	D	124. 1114. 40. 40
	* NB Lieut. and Colonel 78th Regiment not Included as being on full Batta from the Commands of Tanjore					
North of the Kistna	3 Captains		at	24. 33. 48		74. 16. 64
	4 Lieutenants	5	at	16. 22. 32		82. 28.
	1 Adjutant					
	1 Ensign					12. 16. 64. 169. 19. 60.

Pagodas 2653. 25. 16.

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Half Batta to the 14th & 15th Regiments of Hanoverians pr Month of 31 Days.

14 Regiment	1 Colonel		at 3 Pags.	pr Day	Pags	93..	
	1 Major		at 2 ..	Do		62..	
	8 Captains	9	at 24. 33. 48	pr Month		223. 8. 32	
	1 Capt. Lieut.						
	3 Staff or Do		at 24. 33. 40	Do		74. 16. 64	
	21 Lieutenants	22	at 16. 22. 32	Do		363. 30. 64	
	1 as Ditto						
	10 Ensigns	15	at 12. 16. 64	Do		186..	1002. 4..
	5 Surgs Mates						
	Deduct the Colonel being on full Batta					93..	909 4..
15th Regiment	1 Lieut Colonel		at 2. 21.	pr Day	Pags	77. 21.	
	1 Major		at 2	Do		62..	
	8 Captains	9	at 24. 33. 40	pr Month		223. 8. 32	
	1 Capt. Lieut.						
	3 Staff or Do		at 24. 33. 40	Do		74. 16. 64	
	21 Lieutenants	22	at 16. 22. 32	Do		363. 30. 64	
	1 as Do						
	10 Ensigns	15	at 12. 16. 64	Do		186..	906 33..
	5 Surgs Mates						
					Total Pagodas		1096 7..

Half Batta to His Majestys 23d Regt Light Dragoons, 36th. 52d. 73d & 76th Regiments of Foot pr Month of 31 Days.

23d Regt Light Dragns	1 Colonel	2 as Colonels	at 3 Pagodas	pr Day		186..	
	1 Lieut Colonel						
	1 Captain	3 as Capts	at 24. 33. 40	pr Month		74. 16. 64	
	1 Capt. Lieut						
	1 Surgeon		at 16. 22. 32	Do		66. 5. 48	
	4 Lieutenants		at 12. 16. 64	Do		74. 16. 64	
	4 Cornets	6 as Engs					
	2 Surgs Mates		at 8. 36..	Do		53. 6..	454. 3. 16.
	6 Quarter Masters						
36th Regiment	1 Major as Lieut Colonel		at 2/ Pag	pr Day		77. 21.	
	4 Captains	5	at 24. 33. 48	pr Month		124..	
	1 Surgeon						
	13 Lieutenants	15	at 16. 22. 32	Do		248..	
	1 2d Master						
	1 Adjutant						
	6 Ensigns	7	at 12. 16. 64	Do		86. 33. 48	536. 12. 48.
	1 Surgs Mate						

N.B. 1 Lieut Colonel as Major General & 1 Capt as Lieut Colonel } left out, because on full Batta.

52d. Regiment	2 Captains	4 as Capts	at 24. 33. 40	pr Month		99. 0. 32	
	1 Capt. Lieut						
	1 Surgeon						
	15 Lieutenants	16	at 16. 22. 32	Do		264. 22 32	
	1 2d Master						
	8 Ensigns	10	at 12. 16. 64	Do		124..	487. 30. 64.
	2 Surgs Mates						
					Carried over Pagodas		1478. 4. 48.

N.B. 1 Lieut Colonel, 1 Major, 1 Captain — left out because on full Batta.

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			Brought Over		Pag.s 1470. 4. 48.
	1 Major as full Colonel	P S C at 3.	p.r Day		90. ..
	4 Captains 1 Capt. Lieut. 1 Surgeon } 6	at 24. 33. 48	p.r Month		148. 33. 68.
73d Regiment	16 Lieutenants 1 D.o Master } 17	at 16. 22. 32	D.o		281. 2. 64.
	6 Ensigns 3 Surg.s Mates } 9	at 12. 16. 64.	D.o		111. 25. 16. 634. 40.
	1 Major as Lieut.t Colonel	at 2½ Pagodas p.r Day			77. 21. ..
	6 Captains 1 Chaplain } 7	at 24. 33. 48	p.r Month		173. 25. 16.
78th Regiment	19 Lieutenants 1 Adjutant } 20	at 16. 22. 32	D.o		330. 28. ..
	3 Ensigns 3 Surg.s Mates } 8	at 12. 16. 64.	D.o		99. 0. 32. 680. 60. 48.

N.B. 1 Lieut.t Colonel as full Colonel left out because on full Batta. Pagodas 2793. 22. 64.

Recapitulation

2 Regiments of Hanoverians	Pag.s 1896. 7. ..
5 Kings Regiments	2793. 22. 64.
	Pagodas 4689. 29. 64.

Statement of what the Sum equivalent to half Batta now paid to a part of His Majesty's & the Company's Officers will give if divided amongst the whole excepting those who are on full Batta.

Now Paid as p.r Abstract No.1	Pag.s	6210. 25. 16.
D.o D.o as p.r D.o ditto No.2	D.o	2659. 25. 16.
	Pag.s	8872. 8. 32.

Abstract of Officers

	3 Full Colonels	Lieut.t Colonels	Majors	Capt.s & Capt.s Lieut.s	Lieutenants	Ensigns	1st Mast.s of Cavalry
Kings	3.	3.	2.	49.	116.	70	6
Companys	..	5.	7	131.	166.	353.	..
Total	3.	8.	9	180.	282.	423.	6.

To 3 full Colonels	at 52. ..	p.r Month	156. .. ..
8 Lieut.t Colonels	at 43. 14.	D.o	346. 28. ..
9 Majors	at 34. 20.	D.o	312. .. ..
180 Capt.s & Capt.s & others	at 13. 35.	D.o	2490. .. ..
282 Lieutenants	at 9. 10.	D.o	2607. 6. ..
423 Ensigns	at 6. 39.	D.o	2930. 39. ..
6 1st Mast.s of Cavalry	at 4. 39.	D.o	29. 24. ..
		Pagodas	8872. 7. ..

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No 5.

Statement of what the Sum equivalent to Half Batta, now paid to a part of the Army, would give if divided among all the Captain Lieutenants, Lieutenants, and Ensigns, Kings & Company's on the Coast.

Half Batta now paid as p. abstract — No 1. Pags 6218. 25. 16
as p. Do. — No 2. 2653. 25. 16

Pagodas 8872. 0. 32.

To be divided as follows.

Captain Lieutenants 2 of Hanoverians
1 of 23d Regt
1 of 52d Do
1 of 73d Do

Kings 5. } 58. ... at 20 Pags = 1160. —
Company's 53 }

Lieutenants 44. Hanoverians
4. of 23d Light Dragoons
15. of 36th Regt
16 of 52d Do
17 of 73d Do
20 of 70th Do

Kings 116. } 282. at 13 Pags = 3660. —
Company's 166 }

Ensigns . . . . 20 Hanoverians
4 of 23d Light Dragoons
6 of 36th Regt
8 of 52d Do
6 of 73d Do
5 of 70th Do

Kings 49. } 402. at 10 Pags = 4020. " —
Company's 353. }

Six q.r masters of Cavalry at 7 Dito = 42. " —

Pagodas 8888. " " —

Ordered

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Ordered to lie on the Table for Consideration

lie for Consideration.—

Read the following Report from the Committee of Stores.—

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At a Committee of Stores

Present

Lieut.t General Ross Lang.

Bryan Scottney Esq.r

Lieut.t Col.o Jos. Moorhouse

Lieut.t Col.o Patrick Ross

Lieut.t Col.o John Hennedy (ind.o pro.)

Read Letter from the Acting Mil.y Secretary enclosing Extract from one from the Commanding Officer at Nellore, & desiring the Board will, Agreeable to the application of Capt.n Trent, send 375 empty Powder Barrels to replace those which have been damaged - In consequence of which it is agreed that the above number shall be sent with all Expedition.—

Approved

Read

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Read two Indents from the Mount and one from Great which it is Agreed shall be compleied with, agreeable to the remarks of the Commissary Genl. of Stores.

Approved

The Board having examined Six new 12 Pdr. Garrison Trail Carriages and two 10 Inch Mortar Beds received from the Contractor, find them well finish'd of good Material & accordingly direct their being received on the Company's Books

Approved — Capt. Hale Smith Order.

(Signed) Ross Lang

B. Scottney

I. Moorhouse

Agreed

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Agreed that the Committee of Stores be directed to receive from the Contractor the Trail Carriages & Mortar Beds, mentioned in their Report, but that before any more be received that they do inform the Board how much of the Contract remains uncompleted.

Minute thereon.

The Commander in Chief, &

General Long & Mr. Davidson state the substance of Petitions received by them from Rajah Nya Tewer of Shevagunga.

Mr. Davidson acquaint the Board that they have received certain Petitions from Rajah Nya Tewer of Shevagunga, complaining, that his Son the lawful Rajah of that Country has been deposed by Mr. John Sulivan, and Chinny Mundee a Slave of his Family plaed in the Government, from whom every Species of Cruelty and Oppression have been experienced; and entreating Government to redress those Grievances by dispossessing the Usurper, and restoring the Country to its lawful Inheritor.

Mr. Daniell delivers in a Sealed Packet which is found to contain Petitions the same Effect—

Mr. Daniell having received a Packet, the Substance of which he conceives to be to the same Effect, delivers it unopened to the Board.

The President informs the Board that

The President states that Mr Sulivan was ordered to terminate this Business, and it was supposed by Government that he had done it in a satisfactory manner.—

he also has received several Petitions from the same Person, which were immediately sent to the Committee of Paigah Revenue, and that Mr. John Sulivan who was Manager of the Ramnad Country, was supposed to have settled this Business

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Business in a Satisfactory Manner.

(vide his Transactions at Chevagunga, entered in the Proceedings of the Select Committee 20th Sept. 1784)

Agreed that the Petitions be sent to the Committee of Assigned Revenue, who are to be desired to take them into their immediate Consideration, and report upon them to the Board.

Minute on the foregoing Subject.

And in Order that no possible Pretence of Dissatisfaction may arise, the Board agree on the Propriety of suggesting to the Committee of Assigned Revenue, that perhaps the most eligible Mode will be to refer the whole Business to Mr. Irwin, who by being near the Spot may be able to prosecute the most effectual Inquiries, and take such immediate Measures as he may think most conducive to the public welfare & then report the same to the Board for their approbation.

Do. Do.

Read a Letter from Mr. Tollerfield dated 6th April (as entered in Miscellany Book No 55) stating that his Endeavours for purchasing Rice for the Presidency on the Terms transmitted him by Government the 27th Ultimo, have proved ineffectual.

From Mr. Tollerfield

Agreed in Consequence that the Garrison Storekeeper be directed to purchase without Delay

Minute thereon.—

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Deliver six Thousand Bags of good Cargo Rice for Garrison Store, upon the Cheapest Terms that can be made, by Bills on Bengal, at the Rate of 400 AR for 100 Current Pagodas, and thirty days sight.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board a Letter from Mr. John Maxtone soliciting the appointment of a Lieutenant Fire Worker, and recommends that his Request be complied with.

The Commander in Chief recommends that Mr. Maxtone be appointed a Lieutenant Fireworker.—

Agreed in Consequence of the Commander in Chiefs Recommendation, that Mr. Maxtone be appointed a Supernumerary Lieutenant Fireworker, and to succeed to the first Vacancy.—

Agreed to—

Macartney

Rob. Fletcher

Alex. Davidson

J. Dalrymple

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12,

Received the following Letter from the Committee of Assigned Revenue, with Enclosures (entered in M. B. Nos. 56, 57, 58, 59)

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

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

We beg leave to lay before you Copy of a letter from the Renter of Arcot, complaining that the Merchants at Pondicherry refuse to pay the usual Duties on their Goods.

We also beg leave to lay before you an Extract of a letter from the Renter of Vellore on the subject of Arrack sold in the Petta, which was sent to Mr. Ogilvie to inquire into, together with a Copy of that Gentleman's reply, intimating that the Arrack abovementioned is the property of Mr. Cochrane. Enclosed also is Extract of a letter from the Renter of Nellore on the subject of Arrack sold in that Town.

We take the liberty to observe on this occasion that if Mr. Cochrane be permitted to vend Arrack to the Natives residing in the Environs of our Garrisons, besides the daily Allowance to the Troops

From the Committee of Assigned Revenue, enclosing Extracts of Letters from the Renters of Vellore & Nellore complaining of Arrack being sold in their districts uncontrouled by them, which prevents the usual Duties from being levied; the Renter of Arcot also complains of the Merchants of Pondicherry refusing to pay the usual Duties on their Goods. ——

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12th Troops, it will be necessary he should pay the Duties usually collected by Government on that Article, as they form a branch of Revenue in every District—

In order that we may be acquainted with the Extent of Mr. Cockraines privileges on this point, we hope your Lordship, &c will be so good to communicate to us the terms on which that Gentleman holds his Contract, that Instructions may be sent to the different Renters accordingly.—

Fort St. George
6th April 1785.

We have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obed.t
humble Servants
Chas. Oakeley
(signed) David Haliburton
Geo. Mowbray

14th Agreeably to the Resolution of last Consultation, the following Letter was sent to the Committee of Assigned Revenue, enclosing the Petitions of Rayat Wya Tever of Shevagunga—

To Charles Oakeley Esq.r —
&c.a Members of the Committee
of Assigned Revenue—

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honorable
President

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14th President and Council to send you the enclosed Petitions, which together with the Papers on the same Subject sent to you by the President they desire, you will take into your immediate Consi= =deration, and report to them your Opinion thereupon. —

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue enclosing Petitions from Rajah Wyah Tever of Sheragunga, which they are to take into Consideration — The Board recommend their referring the whole to Mr. Irwin. —

In order to obviate any possible Pretence of Dissatisfaction, the Board wish to suggest to you, that perhaps the best method would be to refer the whole Business to Mr. Irwin, who by being near the Spot may be able to prosecute the most effectual Enquiries, and to take such immediate Measures, as he may think most beneficial for the Honorable Company's Service; a report of which must be made to the Board for their final approbation.

I am,
Gentlemen.
Your most obedient
humble Servant —

Fort St. George
14th April 1784 —

(Signed) John Chamier
Actg Secretary

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15th Received the following Letter from the Committee of Assigned Revenue, with Enclosures (as lodged in the Office. —

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15th

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From the Committee of Assigned Revenue stating their Opinion on the foregoing Subject. —

Your Lordship &c having referred several Petitions from Wyah Tever of Shevegunga containing sundry Complaints against the Administration of Chinna Murden the present Minister of that Zemindary, and setting forth the Pretensions of his own Son to the Zemindary, We have taken the same into Consideration, and beg leave to offer to You our Sentiments upon them. —

Upon similar Complaints formerly made by some of the Inhabitants of that Country. Mr. John Sullivan. was deputed to take an Examination upon the Spot, and as the Report may afford your Lordship &c some Idea of the Factions and Disputes which prevail in that District, We think it proper to enclose a Copy of it for your Information

Wodiar Tever who at present holds

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15th Holds the Government of Shevegunga married the Daughter of the late Zemindar — The Widow of that Zemindar and her Daughter were confirmed in the Government by the Nabob in the Beginning of 1781 and with their Consent the affairs of the Country were carried on by Wodiar Tever as their Representative. —

This Arrangement having been made by His Highness the Nabob previous to the Grant of the Assignment, We apprehend upon the principles by which your Lordship &c. have been invariably governed in cases of this Kind, that it cannot be disturbed by any new claims or Pretensions, indeed We have no Reason to suppose the Nabob's Arrangement has been partial or unjust, since We are informed it was made with the consent and wish of the principal Inhabitants and Wya Tever the man who is come here has no Sunnud or Title from the Nabob to support the Pretensions of his Son. —

At the same time that the Nabob confirmed the widow and Daughter of the late Zemindar in the Government of the Country, Chinna Murden was appointed the Minister

or

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15th or Purdhaun. — Your Lordship &c will observe from the Report of Mr. Sulivan in what manner this was effected and what little Foundation there is for the Complaints formerly preferred against this man; nevertheless we are of opinion that Mr. Irwin who now superin= =tends the Shevegunga District should be desired to make such further Enquiry as may appear necessary upon this Subject and if he finds him guilty of any of the Acts imputed to him, that he be desired to dismiss and punish him and oblige the present Reigning Family to appoint another Minister in his Room. —

We are also of opinion that Mr. Irwin may be directed to take such measures as may appear to him necessary for securing the Life and Liberty of the Son of Wyra Tever, should he be found in the Situation represented in the Petitions of the Father. —

This as far as we can judge at present seems to be all that Justice requires or the Circumstances of the Assignment will warrant.

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warrant, consistently with the Reservation of the Nabobs Rights, founded on Arrangements made previous to the Date of it. —

With regard to the Journey which the present Claimants have made to Madras for the Purpose of effecting the Objects they have in view, We submit to your Lordship &c. the Impropriety of such a Proceeding, since it is impossible at this Distance from the scene of their alledged Grievances to ascertain any of the Facts they have mentioned with the Necessary Precision, nor is it easy in a Place like this, to prevent those Intrigues which Persons in their circumstances are ever disposed to resort to for the attainment of their Ends, and which there is some Reason to suppose have been practised on the present Occasion, as your Lordship &c will observe by a Letter from Wadiar Tever received a few days ago. ——

If your Lordship &c should approve of the opinions We have given, and refer the general Subject of the

Petitions

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15th Petitions to Mr. Irwin, it will be necessary to order Wyan Sever to return to Sheveguna and attend the Examination which may be made by Mr. Irwin in consequence of this Reference: Such an Order is the more Necessary, as the present Manager Wodyar Sever represents in strong terms the Inconvenience and Loss which must be sustained in the Revenues, by Wyan Severs being here with a view to solicit an alteration in the Government of the Country. —

We have the Honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servants, —

Chas. Oakeley
[Signed] David Haliburton
Geo. Moubray

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P.S. Since closing this Letter we have had the Honor to receive Your Commands of yesterday, which you will find anticipated by the Opinion we have given in our present Address. —

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From the Commissary General at Fort William—

Received Letter from the Commissary General at Fort-William, desiring to be informed of the Allowances annexed to the Station of Adjutant General of this Establishment, that Major Grattan's may be regulated thereby. —

Minute thereon—

Agreed that a Letter be written to Lieutenant Colonel Richardson on the Subject, and that he be directed to give the Information required, which will be sent to Bengal accordingly/ (Vide M B. Nos. 60. 61. 62. 63)

Sent the undermentioned Letters/ which are entered in the M. B. Nos. 64. 65/

To the Committee of Stores. —

To the Committee of Stores, to state how much of the Contract remains uncompleted, before they receive from the Contractor the Trail Carriages & Mortar Beds mentioned in their last Report. —

To the Garrison Storekeeper —

To the Garrison Storekeeper, to purchase without Delay 6000 Bags of good Cargo Rice on the best Terms possible for Garrison Store by Bills on Bengal at 400 Arcot Rupees for 100 Current Pagodas. —

From Mr. Gilric

Received Letter from the Paymaster at Vellore/ as entered in M. B. No. 66/ desiring

to

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15th to Know who is to take charge of the damaged Gunpowder on its Arrival at Arcot.—

Ordered that Mr. Ogilvie be informed that the Gunpowder must be sent to Captain Speediman, with whom he must consult on the cheapest Mode of Conveyance; and that Captain Speediman be advised of the same

Minute thereon.

(Vide M. B. Nos 67. 68)

Received the undermentioned Letter (which is entered in M. B. No 69) From the Resident at Tanjore, enclosing Copy of his Letter to Colonel De Boistel and of the Answer thereto, on the subject of marching foreign Troops thro' the Company's Districts without previous leave.—

From Mr. Huddleston—

Agreed that Mr. Huddleston be informed, that as Colonel De Boistel appears in his Letter so perfectly mistaken in every Point, and wilfully so in many, that the Board conceive it unnecessary to take further Notice of it unless it be resumed from Pondicherry—

Minute thereon

Agreed also, that Copy of Mr. De Contenceau's Letter to the Right Honorable the President on the Subject, and of his Lordship's Answer be now sent to Mr. Huddleston; by which

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15th which he will see how the Matter rests -
(vide M.B. No 70)

To Brigadier General Horne; the
Board approve the Measures proposed by
him for compleating a proper Train of Artillery
To Brig: Gen.l Horne - &c.a &c.a for the Southern Army - Do not see
the Necessity there was for publishing a
General Order respecting the temporary -
Allowance, as the one issued on the 26.th Sept.r
struck off all half Batta, and therefore
no Officer could make out Bills under that
Denomination, but by Disobedience to it. -
(Vide M.B. No. 171. -

16th Received Letter from Mr. Hoisgard,
Resident at Cuddalore (as entered in M.B. No 72)
From Mr. Hoisgard enclosing his Correspondence with Brig: Gen.l
Coutenceau relative to some Sheep said to have
been taken by him (the Resident) from the
District of Trivady, belonging to an Officer of
French Sepoys -

Agreed that a Letter be written
To Mr. Hoisgard to Mr. Hoisgard (which is entered in M.B.
No 73) informing him, that if the Property of
the Sheep can be ascertained, he must restore
them to the right Owner, or pay him a just
Price

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16th Price for them; And to state to Mr. Coutenay that in Order to prevent similar disputes in future, the Cattle belonging to the two Government should not be permitted to intermix and graze together, especially in the present state of the Country when for the Support of our Garrisons, We are obliged to send People into the Districts to take Sheep for the public Service at a fixed Price. —

17th Sent the following Letter to the Committee of Assigned Revenue. —

To Charles Oakeley Esqr.
&ca Members of the Committee of
Assigned Revenue

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President & Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter & Enclosures of the 6th Instant, and in Answer to the Complaint made by the Renter of Arcot against the Merchants of Pondicherry relative to the Customs of Waldour, to furnish you with the Papers on record respecting that Business, which will point out to you the necessary Directions to be

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue; in answer to their Letter of the 6th relative to the Complaint made by the Renter of Arcot against the Merchant of Pondicherry; and by the Renters of Vellore and Nellore respecting the sale of Arrack. —

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be given to the Renter, as to the keeping the Customs in question. —

With regard to the selling of Arrack, I am directed to furnish you with a Copy of Mr. Cockrane's Contract, which fully defines the Extent of his Limits; and to inform you, that the selling of Arrack in the Pettah of Vellore is an unprecedented Thing, neither the Renter nor others were ever permitted it. — The Board desire you will be pleased to suggest to them the best Mode that occurs to you of obviating any future complaints on this Subject. —

Directions will be immediately sent to the Commandant of Nellore to discontinue selling Arrack in that District, and to state his reasons for disobeying the Orders which were sent to him from Government expressly interdicting the Sale of Spirituous Liquors, by any one but the Contractor. —

I am
Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) John Cramer
Acting Secretary

Fort St. George
17th April 1785. —

Received

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Received the following Letter from Mr. Irwin, with Enclosure (entered in M. B. No. 74)

To John Chamier Esq.

Acting Secretary to the Military & Political Depart.

Fort St. George

Sir

I am to acknowledge your letters of the 27.th & 30.th Ultimo & the 4.th Instant with their several enclosures —

From Mr. Irwin, has empowered his Assistants to make a Provisional Delivery to Mr. Mekenn of the Town of Tuticorin and its Dependencies.

I beg you will convey my best acknow=
=ledgements to the Right Honble the President and Council, for their attention to my represen=
=tation of the difficulties I labored under from the outstanding bills accepted by me. I should be unworthy, indeed, of the indulgence they have shewn me, were I not strictly to pursue the line proposed for their liquidation, by monthly Assignments of Grain; without touching on the large proportion of the Revenues reserved in the Plan approved by them for the discharge of the Army arrears. —

I lost no time in publishing the Copy of the letter to Mr. Fallofield, on the subject of Individuals contracting with Government for the delivery of Rice at Madras,

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Madras; & shall advise them of any offers that may be made at Tinnevelly to that purport.

You will please to inform the Right Honble President &c that agreeably to their orders, I have empowered Messrs Kinderly & Torin to deliver over the Town of Tuticorin & its dependencies on the coast of Tinnevelly & Maravas, on the terms stipulated by the Governor General & Council, to Mr Mehern; as will appear by the copies of the enclosed letters on the subject; to which I beg leave to refer for their satisfaction. I have forwarded their letter to the Governor & Council of Colombo, & trust that they will approve of my having delegated the authority vested in me, to my Assistants, without awaiting their permission; seeing the impossibility of my leaving this neighbourhood at this particular time —

I have further to inform you, that I have received & forwarded the letter from the Right Honble President & Council to the Rajah of Travancore. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very Obedient
Servant. —
(Signed) Eyles Irwin

Trichinopoly
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17th Sent the undermentioned Letters (as entered in Mr. B. No. 75. 76.)

To the Commandant of Nellore — To Captain Trent. stating the Information received by Government of his having sold Arrack contrary to the Orders of the Board, and directing him to give the necessary Explanation on the Subject. —

To the Resident at Nagore — To Mr. Fallofield. enclosing a General Order published the 22d December 1778 at the Presidency, which defines the Line between the Civil and Military Authority — and directing him to send a Copy of it to the Commanding Officer at Nagore. —

From Ensign Warne. — Received Letter from Ensign Roger Warne (as entered in Mr. B. No. 77) requesting Pay for the Months of January February & March, during his Absence from the Presidency, as he returned hither the Moment an opportunity offered. —

Granted. —

Granted. —

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At a Consultation Present. —

The Right H.ble Lord Macartney K.B.
President

Tuesday
19.th April 1785

Lieut: Gen.l Lang — Alex.r Davidson Esq.r
James Daniell Esq.r

Minutes of last Consultation

read & approved —

Read the following Letter from the Chief & Council at Masulipatam with Enclosure entered in the M. B. N.o 78. —

To the Right H.ble Lord Macartney K.B.
President and Governor &.c Council
of Fort S.t George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Masulipatam with a Relation of their Transactions with Seif Jung. —

We have the honor to inform Your Lordship &.c what has passed with respect to Seif Jung and the Zemindar of Nandegamah Since our last Letter on this Subject addressed to You in your Revenue Department, under date the 26.th Ultimo, in which Letter we had the honor of acquainting You with what had been

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then Resolved upon, as well as what had been written to Seif Jung, — immediately after we had dispatched the foregoing letter, one was Received from Seif Jung, Complaining that Vasereddy Vencatadre Naidoo (who is also Tributary to the Company) and Trepetty Row another Zemindar belonging to the Guntoor Circar, being considerably indebted to the Nizam had taken Refuge in the Company's Districts, and were protected by Codant Ram Zemindar of Sallapilla — On the Receipt of this letter Mr. Hodges made enquiry respecting Trepetty Row, and found that he had arrived here, tho unknown to us at the time we wrote your Lordship &c. — along with Vasereddy Vencatadre Naidoo — we therefore met in order to consider what Measures we ought to pursue with Respect to this Man; when reflecting, that although it had often been proposed to the Nizam Mutually to deliver up such Persons as incurred the displeasure of their Respective Governments, yet no agreement to this effect had actually taken place, nor had the conduct observed by his Highness in several late instances corresponded with such an Idea, We resolved not to deliver up the Person of Trepetty Row to Seif Jung, but

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but at the same time as we saw no reason for permitting him to remain in the Company's Districts, and as that would have given just cause of offence to the Soubah, it was resolved to insist in the most positive terms on his immediate departure from them, likewise that Mr. Hodges should acquaint Seif Jung, what had been determined Regarding Treppetty Crow, and write Codam Cram directing him not to receive or protect any Person obnoxious to the Nizam's Government — Seif Jung in replying to the letter which the Chief wrote him from Gundoor, spoke only in general terms of the friendship subsisting between the Company and the Nizam. Complained of the protection we had given to the Zemindar of Nandegamah, and added that he had been careful that the Company's Country should not suffer from his Troops, all the Codam Cram at the same time complained much of the distress they occasioned — We were about this time given to understand, that if a Proper Person were sent to Seif Jung, with an Assurance that the Zemindar of Nandegamah would satisfy him in all just demands, it might be the means of inducing him to withdraw

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his Troops into the Soubah's Territories, and open the way for his Reconciliation with the Zemindar; being sensible that our Country must suffer while so considerable a number of undisciplined Troops remained in it, we sent the Muzumdar of the Mustaphanagar Circar to Seif Jung with an assurance that he should be satisfied in every thing reasonable, as soon as he should have retired beyond the River Kistnah; but Muzumdar Venkatachell= =um's Reply being unsatisfactory, and as it appeared thereby, that Seif Jung was resolved not to retire unless Vaseereddy Venkatadre Naidoo would pay the Nazar demanded of him, according to the Custom in the Country Governments, in consequence of his having succeeded to the Zemendary of Chintal= =pallee situated in the Guntoor Circar, we immediately recalled this Man. ——

We acquainted your Lordship &c in our address of the 26th Ultimo with what had been written to the Commanding officer at Condapallee, no Steps however were taken in consequence thereof; Seif Jung having

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having passed to a considerable distance from
his Station so as to be nearer to this place —

On the 3d Instant we received
a letter from the Chief with a letter —
addressed to Seif Jung, translate of which
accompanyd it for our information — This letter
we were desired to forward Seif Jung having
at this Period remained a considerable time
in the Companys Territories, Notwithstanding
the various & pointed Remonstrances made
against the proceeding, and seeing no —
prospect of his Speedy removal, we —
suggested to the Chief in our reply to his
above letter, the possible expediency of
employing, or at least making a shew,
of force to induce Seif Jung to quit the
Companys Districts — and informed him
that if the contents of the letter from Seif
Jung in reply to that which he had
just desired us to forward, should when
it reached him appear to make it necessary,
We should concur with him in Ordering,
a force to March from Ellore for the
above purpose and in such case that time
might not unnecessarily be lost, we left

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it with him to issue the Necessary Orders to Colonel Brathwaite. We were principally induced to this Measure from an apprehension that his Remaining in the Company's Districts might be prejudicial to the Revenue, & that he would on the appearance of this force retire, and therefore left it to the Chiefs' discretion; but having soon after received your Secretary's letter of the 5th Instant, & observing that the Right Honble the President has written to the Soubah on this subject, We laid a side every Idea of making this Shew of force without your express orders —

According to the best accounts which we have been able to obtain, it appears, that Seif Sung has with him about 2000 Horse and 1000 Foot, which are all his fighting Men, but that including all his followers these are 8000 People with him, besides a considerable Number of Elephants and Camels, with seven field Pieces Mostly - French 4 Pounders — in consequence of your directions We have desired Col. Brathwaite to keep the Troops under his Command as clear as possible, without putting the Company to any Expence; but he informs

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informs us, that it is impossible to be prepared for Service without incurring some Expence, on which the Paymaster has likewise written us_ On receiving your Secretary's letter of the 5th Instant, that no time might be lost, Mr Hodges wrote to Seif Jung agreeable to your directions, & informing him that he did it by your authority, & when we forwarded a Copy of that letter to the Chief we requested he would repeat it if he thought it necessary_ Seif Jung in his reply to Mr Hodges's letter refers him to Muzum= =dar Vencatachellum, who was about to return, and the latter informed us at the same time that he declared he was Encamped in the Company's Districts by the Nizam's Order, that Vassereddy Vencatadore Naidoo had already settled his Summabundy, and if he would send a Vakeel to Hydrabad to settle the Matter of the Nazar every thing would be adjusted ——

Having concluded our Narrative of what is passed, we beg leave to enclose such of the Papers to which we have referred as may be necessary for your further information_ The Chief has also been regularly informed

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informed of every circumstance as they happened —

We are just honored with the Receipt of your Commands communicated to us in your — Secretary's letter of the 7th Instant to which every attention shall be paid. —

Several letters having lately been received from your Secretary, and not yet acknowledged, we take this Opportunity of informing your Lordship &c that Copies of those of the 24th and 27th Ultimo have been forwarded to the Chief, who informs us he will take the Necessary Measures for your Orders being Complied with — the G.O. enclosed in those of the 2nd 6th & 7th have likewise been received, and we have the honor to inform you that the Snow Macartney with the Native Artillery and Lascars on board arrived here Yesterday, and that they will proceed immediately to Ellore. —

We have the honor to be
very respectfully —
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants

(Signed) James Hodges
John. Peter Boilleau
Tho. Barnard

Masulepatam
12th April 1785

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The following Letter in answers being drafted is approved & ordered to be sent. —

To Anthony Sadleir Esqr.
Chief & Council at Masulipatam

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honble President and Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 12th. with its Enclosures and to inform you that the Board after taking the whole into mature consideration have resolved & accordingly desire you will open the Letter which may be expected from the Soubah in answer to that written by the Right Honble President dated of which a Copy was sent to you by which means you will be enabled to form a judgment immediately on the measures necessary to be taken — if the Soubah should send an evasive answer, or if his Letter to the President should not give assurances of his having ordered Seif Jung to retire instantly you must consult with the Chief & Col. Braithwaite upon the speediest & most effectual mode of obliging him to evacuate the Companys Territories. —

To Masulipatam directing them to open the Letter which may be expected from the Soubah in Answer to one from the President; to take the most effectual Measures to oblige Seif Jung to quit the Company's Territories. a Letter to the Resident at Hydra= =bad on the Subject, enclosed under a flying Seal. —

If it should become necessary to have

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have recourse to violent measures, the Chief must be desired to write to Seif Jung informing him that the Government judge expedient to encamp their Forces upon that part of their Territory which he occupies, & that he must therefore move from it within a certain Number of Days. —

The Board desire you will proceed with great caution in this business, observing at the same time that degree offirmness which they remark in your Chiefs Letters to Seif Jung — they are of Opinion that your dropping your show of preparation was impolitick for tho' the Board are unwilling that any considerable Expence should be incurred before it is certain whether it will be necessary to proceed to Extremities, yet they do not object to such Expences as Colonel Braithwaite may think indispensably necessary on this occasion — this You will be pleased to signify to the Colonel —

The Board desire you will acquaint the Resident at Hydrabad, with what has passed; they have requested that he will not leave his station until this business be adjusted. The Letter to him, is now enclosed

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under a flying Seal. —

I have the honor to be —

Gentlemen

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(signed) John Chamier

Acting Secretary

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19th April 1785 —

Agreed that the following Letter
be dispatched to the Resident at Hydrabad.

To Richard Johnson Esqr.

Resident at Hydrabad.

Sir,

Our Secretary addressed a Letter
to you by our Orders dated the 7th April
enclosing one to the Soubah from the President
on the Subject of Seif Jung's having entered
& remaining in the Company's Territories —

To the Resident at Hydrabad, requesting him not to quit the Soubah's Court, 'till after the Business of Seif Jung shall have been terminated. —

You will be informed by the
Chief & Council at Masulipatam of what
has passed in the business, & that Seif Jung
has not retired, although required by them
to do so. —

We are willing to hope that
the Soubah will from the contents of the
Presidents

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Presidents' Letter, & from your representations, issue immediate Orders to Seif Jung to evacuate the Company's Districts which will make it unnecessary for us to proceed to every disagreable Extremities to which We may be driven in our own Defence, at all events, We beg leave to request that you will not leave Hyderabad until this affair be settled, as We have great hopes from your influence & Knowledge of the business that We shall be enabled to bring it to an amicable adjustment —

We shall immediately inform the Governor General & Council of what has passed, who, We apprehend, will not disapprove your postponing on this account for a short time your departure from Hyderabad.

We are

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servants

(signed) Macartney

& Co. Council

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Read the following Letter from the Committee of Assigned Revenue —

To

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

We beg leave to inform you
that some time since a General Order
was given to the Renters of the Arcot
Province to recover the Cattle that had
been plundered from the Ryots during
the late war by the Enemy and sold by
them in the Country, on the original
Proprietors indemnifying the Purchasers
the price they paid for them. —

From the Committee of Assigned Revenues with their Opinion on the Seizure of the Cattle complained of by Brigr. Genl. Coutenceau & Mr. Monneron. —

A few days since a letter was
laid before us from Messrs. Contanceau and
Monneron, Commissaries on the part of
the French Government at Pondichery,
representing that a Ryot of the Arcot
Province named Sreneva[illegible]a Reddy had
stopt near Permacail a Drove of Cattle
which had been purchased during the
late War of the Enemy's Amuldar at Ginjee
by one Sambaseva Reddy, also a Ryot

of

of the Arcot Province, who had mortgaged them to a French Merchant at Pondicherry named Mons.r Coulon and a native named Ponnapa Chitty, in order to raise money to pay for them, and requesting that they may be delivered up. —

A Petition has been presented to us on this Subject by Sreneevasa Reddy, representing that in consequence of the General Order for the Ryots of the Arcot Province to recover the Cattle that had been plundered from them during the late War, he had applied to the Amuldar of his District, (Tinderavanum,) to recover a number that had been taken from him and sold to one Sambasiva Reddy, who in order to avoid restoring them was driving them to Pondichery on pretence of some of the Inhabitants of that Place being concerned in them, and advising that by order of the Amuldar he stopt them near Permacoil. —

We think it necessary to observe that the Reason of our recommending to your Lordship &c.a the Order for obliging the

purchasers

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Purchasers of plundered Cattle during the War to restore them to the original Proprietors on payment of the purchase Money, was to assist the impoverished Ryots who had thus suffered in the Loss of their most valuable Property, and as several Purchases of the Kind had been made by the more artful and wealthy Inhabitants, who were commonly in the Interests of the Enemy's Amuldars, and who from this Cause alone were able to obtain plundered Cattle at half or a Quarter of their Value, it seemed but just and reasonable that those persons should on the return of peace be compelled to relinquish such ill acquired Property to the original Owners, We are therefore of opinion that Seenavasa Reddy should be permitted to keep the Cattle he has recovered; provided he has paid or is willing to reimburse the purchase Money paid by Sambasiva Reddy for them. —

We have thought it necessary to give your Lordship &c. a full Statement

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of this affair that a satisfactory Reply may be given to the Commissaries of the French Government. —

We have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obedient -
humble Servants
Chas. Oakeley
(Signed) David Halliburton
Geo: Moubray

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Minute thereon

Agreed that a Letter to Gen.l Coutenf =ceau & Mr. Monneron at Pondicherry be drafted from the foregoing, which contains a satisfactory explanation of the Claims made by those Gentlemen on account of Mr. Coulon in their Letter. —

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore. —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

The late general Orders respecting the Tanjore Sibbendies have anticipated a considerable

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From the Resident of Tanjore on the Subject of the Sibbendy Sepoys. —

considerable part of what I intended to submit to your Lordship &c on the subject. —

As I conceive it to be your Lordship's, and the Honble Boards intention that the reductions ordered, both of the number, and the pay of the Sibbendies should take place immediately, I must beg leave to represent to You that there are two Companies of them doing duty at Negapatam, and the rest are stationed in the different districts of the Tanjore Country for the Service of the collections - according to a list delivered by the Rajah. - The whole of the Corps being thus disposed of, it was not in my power to comply with a late recommendation from Mr. Irwin to station a Battalion of Sibbendy at Tourgoody, tho' I entirely concurred with him in the propriety of having a small force stationed there, to put an end to some disputes subsisting between the Rajah's Collectors, and those of the Trichinopoly Country; and to prevent their molesting each other. —

From the foregoing circumstances I am induced to request your permission to defer the reduction of the 4th Battalion of

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Sibbendies until the 1st of the ensuing Month, which will afford time for the return of the two Companies now detached to Negapatam, as well as for making the new distribution of the Sibbendies, and other arrangements, that will be necessary in consequence of the alteration directed to take place, also to settle the accounts of arrears due to the Men who are to be discharged, and who I find have not yet received their certificates. —

In a conversation which I held lately with Colonel Stuart on the subject of the reductions, he told me, he thought it probable that many of the native Officers of the Sibbendies whose pay must now be reduced from 16, to 3 Pagodas pr Month, will in consequence sollicit their discharges, in that case, (unless any of the Officers of the 4th Battalion should be willing to remain) if your Lordship &c approve of it, their places may be filled by the most deserving of the Havildars, whose pay will then be nearly equal to that which they now receive in the latter rank. —

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I cannot help soliciting your Lordship in behalf of Hauder Khan whose Services, and Character procured him his present station of Commandant of the Sibbendies tho' not included in the original Establishment. This Officer by the late Orders must be struck off, or were he to consent to remain as senior subadar, be reduced from 30 Pag. to 3 ℔ Month — I submit to your Lordship &c whether he might not remain Commandant with the pay of 20 Pagodas ℔ Month - unless you should be pleased to appoint him Commandant to a Battalion of Sepoys. he led the Grenadiers of his Corps into the Dutch lines at Negapatam. and was afterwards taken with Colonel Braithwaite, on which account he possesses a recommen= =dation from Sir Hector Munro —

The Officers lately removed from the Command of the Sibbendy Battalions have applied to me, for their Offreckonings, and I have desired the Paymaster to furnish me with an account

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account of the stoppages made from the pay of the Sibbendies from the day they were paid as regular Troops to the 1st Instant that the accounts may be settled agreably to your orders of the 22d Febry. but it is necessary that I should inform your Lordship & the Honble Board that the amount of the Offreckonings has not been retained in the Hands of the Paymaster, but credit given for it monthly in his accounts, so that the Money in fact is due from the Company - I wish to know therefore if it be the pleasure of your Lordship &c that the offreckonings should be discharged from the Revenues here, when the state of the Cash may admit of it, or if any other mode of payment is to be adopted. —

I understand there are due to the Sibbendies 3 Years Cloathing the expence of which is of course to be defrayed out of the off-reckonings fund, but as so much Cloathing would now be useless to the Men, I conclude Your Lordship &c would approve of their being paid the Value in Money. —

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I have the honor to be with the
greatest Respect ——
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your faithful humble
Servant ——

Tanjore
april 13th 1785 —

(signed) J. Hudleston

The following Answer being drafted
& ordered to be dispatched —

To John J. Hudleston Esqr.
Resident at Tanjore

To the Resident at Tanjore in answer to the foregoing ——

Sir, I am directed by the Right Honble President and Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 13th Instant and to inform you that for the reasons stated therein they consent that the reduction of the 4th Battalion of Sibbendies be deferred until the 1st of the ensuing Month. ——

The Board approve your plan of filling the Places of the Native officers of the Sibbendies by the most deserving of the Havildars if the former should solicit

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Their discharges on account of the reduction of Pay. —

As the Establishment of Sibbendies is now fixed the Board cannot consent to any alterations in it, & are therefore unable to continue Hauder Khan in the Station of Commandant, if he will accept the Commission of Senior Subadar the Board will in addition to his pay of 3 Pag.s p Month grant him a Pension of 17 Pag.s which will make his Allowances 20 Pag.s p Month — This Pension is not to be considered as any part of the Establishment, & will be granted merely in consideration of the peculiar situation of the Individual —

If Hauder Khan should decline accepting the Commission of Subadar, You will be pleased to pay him a Pension of 20 Pag.s p Month. —

With respect to the Off Reckonings I am directed to inform you that they have been adjudged to Capt. Campbell during the time of his Command & must therefore be brought to the Company's account in discharge of the Ballance due from Capt. Campbell

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Campbell to them — since his quitting the Command, the Off Reckonings in the proper proportions will be the property of the different Officers who succeeded, & Bonds will be given to each for the Amount due to them. —

With respect to the three Years Cloathing which you represent to be due to the Sibbendies, the Board direct me to observe that it must be the business of the Officers to Settle this matter with the Men — if they can be prevailed upon to accept a stipulated sum as the Value of the Cloathing, Off Reckonings will be allowed to the Officers — if not, the whole Amount of the Stoppages must be paid to the Men. —

I am,
Sir,
Your most obed.t Servant.
(signed) John Chamier. —
Acting Secretary. —

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Read the following Letter from Brigadier General Horne & Mr. Irwin with Enclosure entered in Mo. B. (Nos. 79. 80. 81.) —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

We have the Honor of transmitting

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From Brigadier General Horne, & Mr. Irwin, with an Account of the deputation sent to enquire into the Complaint preferred by Tippoo Sultaun, against Sam Naick a Renter in the Trichinopoly & Districts.

to your Lordship &c. & Council a Letter & enclosures delivered in by Mr. Robert Andrews & Lt. Alexander Dyce who were deputed by us to the Western Boundary of the Trichinopoly District agreeable to an arrangement concerted with the concurrence of Abdul Rufool Cawn Killadar of Carwar, in consequence of the Complaints preferred against Sam Naigue Poligar of Rauegherry, which they were directed to investigate & to endeavor to bring to an amicable termination

Altho Brigr. Genl. Horne had specially signified to Abdul Rufool Cawn the Names & Stations of the Gentlemen deputed on the part of the Honble Company fixing the Place & Day of Meeting the people sent by Tippoo Sultan did not arrive till the Evening of the second Day after the appointed period, and were not prepared till two Days after that to transact the Business when altho it appeared they were of the very lowest order of Public Servants, the Gentlemen desirous of bringing the affair to an conclusion, did not resent this indignity but negociated & concluded with them, as far as the proofs adduced them to do.—

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We have the Honor to be,
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient,
Humble Servants.

(signed) Matw Horne
Eyles Irwin

Head Quarters
near Warriore
April 12th 1785 —

Agreed that the following Letter be sent to Genl Horne & Mr Irwin. —

To Brigadier General Horne
& Eyles Irwin Esqr.

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honble President and Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 12th Instant with its Enclosures; and to inform you that if there is a Certainty of the Claims of Tippoo Sultaun to the Villages of Villeany & Woopadamungalum being well founded, they must be restored to him with the Produce of them since the conclusion of the late Peace — this must however be unequivocally ascertained. —

To Brigadier General Horne & Mr Irwin in Answer to the foregoing Letter —

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The Board observe that Messrs. Andrews & Dyce state to you the difficulty of elucidating the different points which they are directed to investigate — this difficulty which is inseperable from a business of this Nature must not discourage them from proceeding. If you will be pleased to desire they will be active in their attempts to ascertain every Article in dispute, that the Matter may be brought to a speedy termination. —

The Board observe in the Letter of Messrs. Andrews & Dyce to you .. the following Parag: "We remark it is singular "that the Village of Vangall should be "included in the Charge against Swamy Nairy, as "it is under his immediate Cowl, & he in course "is responsible for all its Losses"

As the meaning which the Gentlemen intend to convey is very imperfectly expressed in the foregoing Parag: You will be pleased to request an Explanation of it. —

I am &c

(signed) John Chamier
Act. Secy.

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Read the following Letter from Masulipatam, with Enclosures entered in M.B. Acts 82. 83. 84. 85.—

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Since our address of the 23d Ult.o with which we had the honor of forwarding our Correspondence respecting the Restitution of the Factory of Yanam to Mr. Martin the French Chief, we have received other letters from the Resident of Ingeram, by which we are concerned to find, that Mr. Martin does not acquiesce in what We conceived had been finally determined by the act of Restitution Mutually interchanged between them.—

From Masulipatam; Mr. Martin, the French Resident at Yanam lays Claim to the Island of Yelleswaram, which has been objected to; the Matter referred to Government for decision.—

On Considering Mr. Hamilton's Letter herewith enclosed No 1. with that from Mr. Martin transmitted to us at the same time, and finding it did not Correspond with a Letter received about a year ago from Mr. Yeats, during Mr. Hamiltons absence,

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We thought it Necessary to apply to him for more particular information — We accordingly wrote him a Letter of which No 2 is a Copy; and We think it Necessary to observe, that Copy of the Letter from Mr. Yeats therein Referred to was transmitted to your Lordships &c. with ours of the 8th March 1784. along with several other Papers to which we beg leave to refer you; as well as to our Letter of the above date wherein We had the Honor of communicating every information we could procure respecting the Rights of the French in these Circars — Copies of the above Papers No. 1 & 2 have likewise been forwarded to the Chief, who acquaints us, that he is not possessed of any Papers to refer to and consequently cannot furnish us with any information on the Subject — Copies of the Letters No 3 & 4 from Mr. Hamilton were likewise dispatched to the Chief; and it would thereby seem that the Peninsula claimed by Mr. Martin is not an inconsiderable object, as it extends 9 or 10 Miles in length, and will afford the French a Sea Port, where the Natives of others may

Trade

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Trade free of all Duties — We do not think however that any Grant which may have been made by Zaggapetty Rauze to the French Nation or Company would give them a Right to this Territory, unless it had received the Sanction of the Government for the time being. & the proper Period for the French to have proved their Right, would in our opinion have been when the Factory of Yanam was restored to them in 1765 —

Having thus offered our Sentiments, we trust Your Lordship &c.a will honor us with particular directions in what Manner we are to conduct ourselves towards the French Chief respecting his Claim, this being a matter of National import. and in the mean time we shall inform Mr. Hamilton of our having referred it to Your decision. —

We have the honor to be
Every Respectfully &c.e

Masulipatam
5.th April 1785

(signed) James Hodges
John: Peter Boileau
Tho.s Barnard
Sam.l Statham

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The President delivers in the following Minute. —

Minute for Council
April 19th 1785
on the Claims of the
French at Yanam. —

The Right Honble the President's Minute on the Subject of Mr. Martin's Claim to the Island of Yelecatippa. —

It does not appear on the Minutest Examination of the French Claims, that they have any just Pretensions upon Elicatippa, or upon the Island to the Eastward of Yanam formed by the Corenga River, and a Canal or Creek communicating with it. By the 13th Article of the Treaty of Peace, France is restored to the Possession of the Settlements which "belonged to it at the Beginning of the present War" No Part of the Territory now claimed belonged to France at the Beginning of the late War. — No Part of it was included in the Act of Restitution, subsequent to the former War — That Act indeed did not contain all that the French laid a Claim to, as the Dependancy of Yanam, but the Protest of Mr. Panon, the then French Resident and every other Paper concerning the Restitution of 1765 being before the two Courts at the time the late Treaty was concluded, and no notice being taken of Mr. Panon's Protest,

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Protest, or any attempt made on the part of the French Court to establish the Validity of its Pretensions to more Territory than it actually possessed at the Beginning of the War, all claims founded upon the Plea of ancient Custom, or upon the Authority of Grants, which have never been produced, cannot at this time be advanced with even a Shadow of Plausibility — what belonged to France at the Beginning of the War, that is to say, what it then actually enjoyed, is all that can be now claimed by the Treaty — Old Pretensions formerly rejected by us and not insisted on by their own Court, cannot now be received on the Authority of that Treaty — If therefore We restore to France the Territory which it actually possessed, as a Dependency on Janam, at the Commencement of the War, We comply both with the Letter and Spirit of the Treaty. ——

We cannot err in keeping to this Line, but if We are misled by pretended claims, to go back to times preceding the War before last, We shall be involved in endless Disputes, tho' We think it would be no

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difficult matter to prove to any impartial Persons, that even these antiquated Pretensions, now attempted to be set up by the French, have no just grounds to support them. —

With regard to Elicatippa the Claim of Mr. Panon after the Peace of 1763 went only to the Subjection of the Boat People, and Pilots of that Island, to the Authority of the French Resident at Janam — This was refused upon the Plea, that the French did not possess the Privilege in 1749, and had besides no Grant to produce in support of their Claim — Mr. Panon protested against the Refusal, but his Court never supported the claim then set up, and the late Treaty having been altogether silent upon it there cannot be the smallest ground whatever to assert it at this time. ——

Mr. Coutenceau however determined that his Court shall lose nothing by any backwardness on his Part, has now built upon this feeble antiquated, and exploded Claim to the Boat People, and Pilots, a Pretension to the whole Island of Elicatippar, — This shews

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how cautious We should be of admitting the French to any thing beyond their clear and defined Rights. —

The Claim to the Island formed by the Coringa River to the Eastward of Yanam, is as fubly supported, as that to Elicatippa — By Mr. Yeates's Letter to the Chief & Council of Masulipatam, of the 9th February 1784. it appears that about a Year after the French were put in poffeffion of Yanam, in consequence of the Peace of 1763. they seized upon a Peice of Ground lying nearly East of the Yanam Creek, and form into an Island — that the Ground being at that time covered with Jungle, and of little value was not reclaimed by the English Resident at Ingeram, and the French Kept Poffeffion of it until 1775, when Mr. Sadleir our Resident at Ingeram reclaimed it, but his Succeffors not thinking the object worth their attention, the French became again poffeffed of it. — Mr. Hamilton the Present Resident at Ingeram in his Letter of the 24th Ultimo says, that the utmost they can claim even under this title, is no more than 13½ Candies of Ground, yet Mr. Martin the French Commiffary (in the same spirit with which Mr. Coutenceau claims Elicatippa) demands the whole

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of this Island which contains 23 Candies of cultivated Land, and is in Extent Eight, or Nine Miles It consists indeed mostly of Jungle, but this may easily be cleared; and the whole cultivated — Mr. Martin boldly asserts that this territory was at all times dependant on Yanam; and never disputed but by the Abuse of Force, and Power — Mr. Hamilton declares that he has made the most deligent Enquiries, and finds that the French never had a claim to more than 13½ Candies. —

While the French manifest so encroaching a spirit, as evidently appears in these Claims which are altogether unsupported, We have no other safe Guide for our Conduct, but the Words of the Treaty, and by the Letter and Spirit of these Words. We must place them precisely in the same situation with respect to their Settlement at Yanam, as they were in at the Beginning of the late War, and the same Rule, I think should be invariably observed in every case of Restoration to be made by virtue of the 13 Article of the Treaty — Upon this Principle they will be allowed what they actually possessed of the Island

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to the Eastward of Yanam, viz.t 13½ Candies unless they can produce a regular Grant for the whole Island, and prove that they possessed it under that Grant at the Beginning of the late War - But in regard to Elicatiapa; as the Pretensions of the French even to the subjection of the Boat People, and Pilots of that Island were rejected upon very sufficient Grounds in the Restitutions of the Peace of 1763, and never revived afterwards until the present time, I am of opinion that no Regard whatever can be had to any claim now preferred to that Island, or any thing that is upon it, & that therefore of the board agree with me in these sentiments, that a copy of this Minute be immediately transmitted to the Chief & Council of Masulipatam and to Mr. Hamilton to serve as a Guide to direct them on the present Occasion

/Signed/ Macartney

The Board concur in Opinion with the President. —

The Board perfectly coincide in the Sentiments expressed by the Right Honorable President in the foregoing Minute, & it is in Consequence Agreed that a Copy of it be sent to Masulipatam

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Masulipatam, and that the Chief & Council be desired to regulate their Conduct & give directions to Mr. Hamilton in conformity to the sentiments adopted by the Board in the Presidents Minute.

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute, with an Enclosure/entered in Mr. B. N.o 86)

The Commander in Chief has the honor to lay before the Board, three letters which he has received from Captain Oldham - as in the last of them that Gentleman has observed that in the appointment to Sepoy Corps he has been particularly ill used, the General thinks it necessary to mention the reasons why he has not recommended Captain Oldham for the command of a Battalion - As he has on the recommendations for such Commands ever studied the good of the Service by placing such Officers at the head of Corps as were able to bear the fatigues and attend to the duty of them. — and has endeavoured at the same to bestow them as a reward to such as have borne the fatigues of the Field during the late War & have suffered in Prison which recommen=

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The Commander in Chiefs Minute on Captain Oldham's Requisition to be appointed to a Battalion of Sepoys. ——

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Recommendations he has had the satisfaction to find generally have met with the approbation of the Honble Board — he could not consider Captain Oldham as having the same claim with many who have been nominated to Battalions — as during the whole War his bad state of health prevented him from attending to his Duty in the Field, & rendered his visiting Bengal absolutely necessary — where he has remained almost the whole period that the General has had the honor to command the Army — considering therefore that from infirmity he would be unable to attend to the fatiguing duty of disciplining a Battalion he has not been recommended for one — As Captain Oldham has applied for leave to proceed to Bengal, it is recommended that he be permitted to go thither agreeable to his request. —

(signed) Ross Lang

Read the following Letter (as entered in the Miscellany Book A°. 87)

From Mr. Palk

From Mr. Palk dated the 10th Instant stating that the Expence of constructing

two

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two large Boats for the Cavary & Collaroon will be about 370 Pagodas. enclosing the Rates of Tolls which were collected under the Nabobs Government, and engageing if the Board consent to this propo= =sals for building the Boats, to make a Report from time to time of the Collections. ——

Minute thereon. The Board are willing to accede to the Proposals of Mr. Palk, but they judge necessary previous to their acceptance, to know whether this plan will not interfere with the rights of the Renter at Trichinopoly — Agreed therefore that a Copy of Mr. Palks Letter be sent to Mr. Irwin & that he be desired to give the Board information on the Subject. ——

From Capt. Trent. The President lays before the Board an Extract of a Letter from Capt.n Trent dated the 15th Instant (entered in Mr. B No. 88) stating that he had sent a Havildars Guard to Dadacool in order to Seize the perpetrators of a Murder Committed there that the actors in this transaction had fled, but that he had detained their families — informing the President that a few Months ago another Murder was committed at Allore, and that the Villains concerned are still at that place —

Agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed that Captn Trent be desired to apprehend the perpetrators of both the Murders abovementioned, & send them with the Evidences necessary to prove their Crimes, to the Presidency.

Mr. Henry Chicheley Michell appointed Clerk to the Committee for republishing the Book of Regulations.

Resolved that Mr. Henry Chicheley Michell be appointed Clerk to the Committee for republishing the Book of Regulations.—

Macartney

R. Oslany

Alex. Davidson

J. Deane

April 20th

To the Commandant & Intendant of Pondichery.

Sent Letter to the Commandant & Intendant of Pondichery (as entered in Miscellany Book N°. 89.) in answer to their Letter mentioned in the Consultation of the 1st. Instant, respecting a Drove of Cattle seized by Force in the Boundaries of Permacoil belonging to Pennapa Chitty & Mr. Coulon of Pondichery — The Answer States, (after reciting the Circumstances which led to the Seizure of the Cattle) that this Government have resolved that the original Owner Seenavasa Reddy shall reimburse the Purchaser Sambaseva Reddy who will settle with Mr. Coulon & Pennapa Chitty.

Sent the undermentioned Letters (which are entered in Miscellany Book N°. 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96.)

To Capt. Trent.

To Captain Trent, directing him to apprehend the Persons suspected of having committed the Murder at Ordacoor, and send them to the Presidency with the proper Evidences.

To the Committee for republishing the Book of Regulations.

To the Committee for republishing the Book of Regulations informing them that Mr. Henry Chickely Michell has been appointed their Clerk.

To Mr. H. C. Michell.

To Mr. Henry Chickely Michell informing him of the same.

To the Garrison Storekeeper.

To the Garrison Storekeeper, to deliver fifty Garce of Rice to the Agent.

To the Agent.

To the Agent, to receive the fifty Garce, and send it to Arcot, in like manner as he sent the former.

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To Mr. Irwin, Mr Falk's Proposal for
the Construction of the Boats for the Southern Rivers,
provided it do not interfere with the Rights of the Renter.

To Masulipatam, enclosing Copy
of the Presidents' Minute, on Mr. Martins Claim to
the Island of Elicatippa.

Received the following Report
from the Committee of Stores, with Enclosures
lodged in the Office.

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At a Committee of Stores

Present

Lieut: General Ross Lang

Bryan Scottney Esqr.

Lieut: Colo. Jos. Moorhouse

Lieut: Colo. Patrick Ross (Absent)

Lieut: Colo. John Kennedy (indisposed)

Read Letter
of the 9th Inst: from the
Actg Dep.y Mily Secretary
covering a Return of Stores
from Cuddalore and an
Indent for a Compleat
Set of Arms and
Accoutrements

To Mr. Irwin.

To Masulipatam.

Minutes of the
Com: of Stores
20th April.

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20th Accoutrements for the use of 4 Companies of the 4th Batt.n of Sepoys, & requesting the Board to report their Opinion upon the Disposal of the former and give the necessary Directions respecting the latter, who recommend the Stores at Cuddalore to be Kept in the old Store Houses, Vare of Opinion the Indent should not be complied with until the Arms of the Batt.n be examined by the nearest Commissary or Inspector of Stores and them if absolutely necessary the whole Batt.n should be supplied:—

Approved. That the old Stores remain at Cuddalore.—

Approved to defer complying with the Indent till the Arms are examined.

The nearest Commissary or Inspector of Stores to be ordered to inspect them— & report made.—

Read another letter of the same Date, & agreeable to the Directions contain'd therein the Board examine, and agree that, the Indent from Nellore be complied with according to the Remarks of the Commissary

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20. Commissary of Stores & That the Stores belonging to the two 24 P.rs be sent to Masulipatam.

approved

Read another Letter of the 12th Inst. requesting, that previous to the Gun Carriages, & Mortar Beds (last made up by the Contractor) being received on the Company's Books the Board will acquaint the Hon.ble the President & Council how much of the Contract remains uncompleted, in obedience to which they now deliver in a List of Carriages &c. due from the Contractor.

Respecting the Indent from Gen.l Horne, (enclosed in the above letter) the Committee recommend that the Ordnance & Stores which can be supplied from Tanjore & Trichinopoly be immediately sent to Porrione, but disapprove of the

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20.th the 4½ Inch Howitzer &
in their room recommend
two 5½ Inch to be supplied
from Trichinopoly.—

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Howitzer to be supplyed from
Trichinopoly.—

With regard to the
four long six Pdrs the Board
recommend that one of the
Nabob's Guns now in the
arsenal be sent to the
Mount, & a comparative
trial made with it &
one of the 6 Pdrs now used,
before the Company is
put to the expence of
making Carriages for
them; They likewise beg
leave to remark that a
long 6 Pdr will require
twenty six Bullocks to
draw it in Camp allowing
for Spare ones and that
one of the present 6 Pdrs
requires only ten.—

The present 6 Pdrs to be prepared
a trial may be made as desired.—

The Board beg
leave to inform the Right
Honble President &
Council that on the
arrival of the Glatton from
Calcutta

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The Board beg
leave to inform the Right
Honble President &
Council that on the
arrival of the Elphinstone from
Calcutta

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20th Calcutta the Commissary Genl. of Stores wrote to Capt. Drummond requiring him to order the Stores put on board his Ship by order of the Govr. Genl. & Council for this Settlement to be landed. a Copy of whose answer to accompany these Proceedings.

(Signed) Ross Lang
B: Scottney
I. Moorhouse

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Received Letters / as entered in Miscellany Book Nos. 97. 99. 100, 101, 102. /

From Masulipatam, dated

From Masulipatam. — 14th Instant, advising that the Captain of the Snow Macartney had tendered to them a Bill for 192 Pagodas, being the Amount of Freight for the Artillery, and requesting to know if they are to discharge it.

Minute thereon — Ordered that the Secretary do inform the Gentlemen at Masulipatam that they are

20th are to discharge the Bill presented to them by the Captain of the Snow Macartney / vide M.B. N.o 90. /

From Mr. Hodges, dated the 15th Inst.,

From Mr. Hodges.- stating that Seif Sung intended crossing the Kistna with his Troops on the next day.

From Masulipatam, dated the 16th & 17th

From Masulipatam. the former stating that the Balance of Cash in their Treasury amounted to P. 1497. 19. 55. and Rupees 12 13. 15. 3-

From Masulipatam. The Chief at Rajamundry had informed them that he would immediately send them 60,000 Madras Pagodas; the latter representing that the Officers in the Garrison of Ellore had received a Sum equivalent to half a Batta, under the Denomination of Temporary Allowance.

From Masulipatam, dated the 18th:-

From Masulipatam.- Seif Sung with his Troops across the Kistna

Received the following Letter from Brigadier General Conteneaux -

My Lord,

I cannot observe but with surprize, the refusal made by Mr. Hamilton to restore the Wood dependent on Yanam, it is a Spot belonging to that Establishment - Mr. Martin informs me, that it is refused him on account of Mr. Sadlair (the former Chief at Ingeram) having disputed the right the French had to it, and tho' that difference now does not exist he founds his plea upon that Ground, which has been agitated and settled

From M. de Conteneaux, supports the Claim made by Mr. Martin on the Lands at Yanam.-

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20th Settled from the report of English Commissaries sent on that Business by the Government of Madras.

I claim in the Name of his Christian Majesty all the Ground as well as that which surrounds the River and the Canal which Communicates with the one at Coringa, which forms nearly an Island to the Eastward of Janam — dependant upon that Village.-

I likewise claim the Island & Elcatipa which is French possession claimed by Mr. Panon Chief of Janam, who has constantly protested against the English for keeping it.-

I am convinced, my Lord, that you will give orders for the French to be put in possession of the Grounds which belong to them at Janam; and that you will prevent discussions which disturb the Tranquility that should subsist between our two Nations.

I have the honor to be with distinguished Consideration.

My Lord,

Your very humble,

Every obedient Servant.

Pondicherry
16th April 1785.

(A true Translation) (Signed) Cottenceau The

(Signed) F. Chase
Transl. Trans.

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20th The following Draft having been approved, was dispatched in Answer to the Foregoing.

To Brigadier General Contenceau
Commandant General of the French Settlements on the Coast of Choromandel at Pondicherry

Sir,

To Brigadier General Contenceau in Answer to the foregoing letter.

I have had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 16th Instant claiming certain Lands, as Dependancies on Janam, which our Commissary has refused to deliver up.

As it would appear from this Letter, and from the Pretensions advanced by M. Martin, Your Chief at Janam, that you are desirous of possessing not merely what you possessed at the Beginning of the late war, but what you had claimed at different times before that Period, I think it a duty incumbent on me to call your attention to the Treaty so lately concluded between our respective Courts.

By the 13th Article of this Treaty, France is restored to the Settlements which belonged to it at the Beginning of the war - This therefore is the Standard by which your Pretensions

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20th Possessions at Janam are to be regulated what you might have claimed at any former Period, can have nothing to do with this Treaty unless such claims had been previously adjusted, and included in the Provisions of the Treaty itself.

It is a circumstance perfectly understood by this Government that M. Panon formerly Your Resident or Chief of Janam did after the Peace of 1763 lay Claim to the Subjection of the Boat People, and Pilots of the Island of Elicatippa, and that this Claim not being supported by Proofs, was rejected by the Commissaries appointed on our part to make the Restitutions in consequence of that Peace — M. Panon protested, and the matter was referred to Europe, but your Court never brought forward the Claim of M. Panon. It does not appear indeed to have been discussed at any time between the two Courts, and the late Treaty is altogether silent upon it — The Inference to be drawn from these Circumstances, is too plain to be mistaken, yet upon this claim so rejected by us, and not supported by the Court of France, you now found a Right to the whole Island of Elicatippa. M. Panon contented himself with demanding, that the Boat People, and Pilots might be under the Authority of the French

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20th French — leaving the Revenue to the Proprietors of the Island — You require that the whole Island with all its appertenances may be delivered up to France, but permit me to ask how your requisition is to be reconciled with M. Panon's claim, or how M. Panon's Claim is under the Circumstances above mentioned to be reconciled with the late Treaty, which allows you no more than what you possessed at the Beginning of the War?

In regard to the Territory which is formed into an Island or Peninsula by the Coringa River, and a Canal or Creek which communicates with it, I must observe that from the best Information I can obtain, your Chief at Yanam about a Year after the Restitutions were made in virtue of the Peace of 1763, possessed himself of such part of this Ground, as was then cleared, and the Territory it self being considered of little value, no opposition was then made by our Resident at Ingeram to this Encroachment — but in 1775 M. Sadleir reclaimed it as the Property of the English; the most that can be claimed by you even under the short irregular Possession you had is only 13½ Candies, and this Quantity we should not be unwilling to allow you, but we could by no means admit your claim to any

thing

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20th thing more, unless you had proved that you actually possessed the whole Peninsula under a proper Title at the Commencement of the late War.

I have the honor to be with distinguished Consideration.

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) Macartney

Fort St. George
April 20th 1785.

21st. Received Letters (as entered in Miscellany Book Nos. 103, 105, 107.)

From Capt. Pinkerton, of his Majesty's 90th Regiment, requesting that the Troops on board the Glatton, may be permitted to remain on Shore, 'till their Departure from hence

From Capt. Pinkerton.

Agreed that Capt. Pinkerton be informed that Government do not conceive it necessary to land the Troops from the Glatton, as the Excesses which they would probably indulge in on Shore for the short time they are to remain, would more than counterbalance any good Effect that may be expected from it, especially as the Men will be daily supplied with fresh Provisions (vide Pub. No. 104.)

Minute thereon.

From Capt. Drummond of the Glatton, requesting to be supplied from the Company's Stores with Medicines.

From Capt. Drummond.

Agreed

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21st Agreed that Captain Drummond be informed that the Medicines will be delivered to him, on his paying in ready Money the Amount of them (vide Mb: Pe 106)

Private Union. -

From W.T: Johnston. -

From W.T: Johnston, Paymaster at Madura, representing that he has paid no Chitá under the Denomination of Baly Batta, - subsequent to the 1st January last.

Received the following Letter from Brigadier General Conterneau

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

My Lord,

From Brigadier General Conterneau, respecting the Military Escort that accompanied his late letter & Presents to the Rajah of Tanjore -

I have received the letter you did me the honor to write me the 11th of this month. I am surprized My Lord, that your Resident at Tanjore could write you that a large Escort accompanied the Rascal Diwan. It is Customary upon sending Letters & Presents to Indian Princes to allow the Bearer a Guard; and this Ceremony was executed by only 20 Sepoys. What is extraordinary, is that the King of Tanjore should not in any respect have desired an explanation on the point which he

concerned

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21st concerned him & which might have mortified him
— If the Commandant of the Escorte had not been
furnished with a Passport such as is usual
when armed Men are desired to March —

This serves to shew the Scorn &
Military Power of the English and your
Resident in his Letter to Mr. de Bristelle wrote
15 Days after the departure of the Divan, &
remarks that it is surprized he was not &
furnished with a Passport from the Madras
Government this Indicates My Lord that
the English only Command at Tanjore — and
it is by them that this violence has been &
committed — I cannot refrain from renewing my
Claims and to consider them as my right, and
afterwards communicate them to my Court
I will never execute any measure that can
tend to distort that good understanding, which
is recommended by our respective Courts —

I have the honor to be with
Distinguished Consideration.

My Lord.

Your Lordships very
humble & very obed. Servants

(Signed) Coutenceau

Pondicherry
15th. April 1785.

(a true translation)
(Signed) F. Chase
French Trans.

Dispatches

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21st Dispatched the following Answer—

To Brigadier General Conteneau

Commandant General of the French Settlements on the Coast of Choromandel—

Sir,

To Brigadier General Conteneau, stating how strongly Mr. de Boistel has misunderstood the Letter from the Resident at Tanjore relative to the French Military Escort passing thro that Country.

I have had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 15th Instant, concerning the Military Escort that accompanied your late Letter, and Presents, to the Rajah of Tanjore.

By Mr. de Boistel's Letter to our Resident at Tanjore, explaining the Circumstances of this Transaction, I perceive that he has altogether misunderstood the object of the Remonstrance that was made to him on this occasion.

Mr. Hudleston our Resident confined himself in his Remonstrance to the Impropriety of sending a Military Escort, through a Country garrisoned by English Troops without any previous application for Leave to the Commanding Officer, or to the Representative of the English Government.— He no where pretends to deny the Right of any Power to address Letters to the Rajah of Tanjore, yet Mr. de Boistel without any grounds whatever, is pleased to put this sense upon a Remonstrance, which was directed and professed itself to be directed to a very different object.

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He seems also to have taken some Exception to the word Troops which was used by Mr. Hudleston in his Letter, as if that word were meant to convey an Idea that the Escort consisted of Europeans, tho' Mr. Hudleston himself immediately after the word Troops, had explained their Quality by calling them a Non Commissioned Officer and 20 Sepoys.

As the terme Soldier, which Mr. Boistel imputes to Mr. Hudleston is not to be found in Mr. Hudleston's Letter, It would seem that Mr. de Boistel either had not read that Letter or had forgot it when he wrote his answer, It was not therefore the intention of His Government to take any further notice of such a triffle but to you, Sir, who have taken up these subjects by way of Complaint against the English Government for an act of Violence, I shall endeavour to state this point in its true Light

By certain Engagements between our Company and the Rajah of Tanjore the Fort & Country of Tanjore are protected by English Forces, acting under the Orders of this Government — to march any Number of Foreign Troops — whether Europeans or Sepoys — whether as an Escort or in any other Capacity through the Districts so protected, without any previous warning or application to the Officer Commanding in the Country, or his Superiors or to the Governing Authority of the Rajah of Tanjore, is I conceive irregular

21st irregular and not to be justified by the Practice of this or any other Country. I do not admit it either to be the Custom in India, tho' it be sometimes practised, to accompany Letters and Presents with Military Escorts — Such Escorts are indeed seldom if ever sent but at the Desire or with the previous Permission of the Parties to whom the Letters and Presents are addressed.

Had you acquainted the Rajah of Tanjore with your Intention of sending an honorary Escort with your Letter, no Difficulty could have arisen and the Rajah would doubtless have intimated his desire to our Commanding Officer that such an Escort might be permitted to pass freely through the Country — but the Omission of this necessary Form to which alone you ought to attribute the Cause of any Remonstrance from us, does not justify you in the + conclusion that "the English only Command at Tanjore and that by them this violence has been committed" — The Fact in truth is that the English as far as depended on them allowed your Escort to pass freely thro' the Country, tho' no Permission was asked of them or of the Rajah, and it was only at the Gates of Tanjore and at the Desire of the Rajah himself that they were allowed to go no further.

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2d I trust this Explanation will satisfy you that nothing has been done by this Government or by any under its Authority to interrupt the Harmony which ought to & subsist between the two Nations. It is my sincere wish to preserve it inviolably & to give you constant Testimonies of the truth and distinguished Consideration with which

I have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

&

Most humble Servant.

(Signed) Macartney

Fort St. George
April 25th 1785.

P.S. To shew how strangely Mr. Huddleston's letter has been misunderstood — I enclose to you a Copy of it.

Sent the following Letter to

To the Honble John Macpherson Esq.

Governor General &c. Council

at

Fort William

Gentlemen,

We have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters of the 1.3.d & 8.th ultimo.

To Bengal, on the subject of Sir Eyre's Intrancients the Company's Distraction Pursuit of a Rebellious Zemindar

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Some time since we received Information from the Chief & Council at Masulipatam, that Seif Jung, who Commanded the Nizams Troops on the Kistna, had crossed the River and entered the Company's Districts in pursuit of Mapsa reddy Venecatadre Naidoo, Zemindar of Kundegamah, upon whom the Nizam (whose Tributary he is as well as of the Company,) has a claim for a large Sum of Money.

Some Letters have passed between the Chief & Seif Jung, upon occasion of this Incursion, in Consequence of which, and some other Steps, we expect that the matter will have been adjusted before this Time; but as we look'd upon the Conduct of Seif Jung to have been not only precipitate, but (all circumstances considered) unjustifiable, and believed it to be unauthorized by his Master, our President addressed a Letter to the Nizam, (a Copy of which is now enclosed to you) and sent it to his Highness thro' the Channel of Mr. Johnson, your Resident at Hydrabad, to whom we at the same time transmitted the proper Papers to enable him to represent the Transaction in its true light to the Court of Hydrabad.

We have also taken the Liberty of requesting him to postpone his Departure from thence, until this Business shall be terminated, which step on our part we trust that you will not disapprove, We have only to add, that

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Zemindar — Mr. Johnson has been requested to remain at Hydrabad 'till this business is terminated —

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Lt Colonel Braithwaite had been directed to hold himself in readiness to take such steps as might be necessary for our Defence, in case the affair should take an unfavorable turn, avoiding as much as possible any Charge that should not be absolutely indispensible.

We have the Honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient
humble Servants
(signed) Macartney
Jos Gamal

Fort St George
21st April 1785.

P.S. We have received Information from Capt. Drummond that the Stores, intended to be sent to His Presidency on the Expedition did not reach him in time for the Embarkation.

Received the following letter & Enclosures from the Secretary at Bengal.

To John Chamier Esqr
Acting Secretary to the Right Honble the
President and Council at Fort St George
in their
Political Department

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you, by order of the Honble the Governor General, the enclosed public Letters to the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun. They are accompanied by Translations, and it is the Governor Generals desire, that you will be pleased to cause them to be

From the Secretary at Bengal, enclosing two Letters from the Governor General to Tippoo Sultaun, advising of his Accession to the Supreme Chair, and of his Desire to maintain the most perfect Harmony with him

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21. Right Honble the President at Fort St. George and make it his request that the originals may be forwarded or not to Tippoo according to his Lordship's opinion of their proving Satisfactory or not to that Nabob.

Council Chamber
Secret Department
The 31st of March 1785.

I am Sir
Your most obedient,
Humble Servant.
(signed) C. Hay Secy

To Tippoo Sultaun – Written 29th March 1785.

The Honble Warren Hastings Esqr having Resigned the Office of Governor General and his place altogether in the Honble Company's Service – I am to acquaint you that in Conformity to the Provisions of the Acts passed in the Thirteenth and Twenty first Years of the present Reign for Establishing certain Regulations for the better Management of the Affairs of the East India Company abroad as well in India as in Europe. – I have succeeded to the said Office of Governor General of the Presidency of Fort William in Bengal so become Vacant by the Resignation of W. Hastings.

(A true Copy)
(Signed) C. Hay Secy

To

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No 21.

To Tippoo Sultaun — Written 29th March 1785.—

From the Friendship now established between your Highness and the English I think it necessary to inform you that Mr Hastings Bahaudur has returned to Europe, and that I have succeeded to the Office of Governor Genl. for all the Affairs of the English in India.

Your Highness will likewise understand that the King and Parliament of England have made Laws vesting the Government of Bengal with new and the fullest Powers over all the English Settlements in every Business whether of War or of Peace.

You are a wise Prince and you are fully acquainted with the Situation of all Affairs not only in Indostan but in Europe. You have seen with your own Eyes the English at once engaged in War with four States of Europe and with the first Powers in India. — Peace is

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21. People, and to improve the great Empire which your Father, no less distinguished in war than yourself, has left to you.

Let me have the Pleasure of hearing from you with account of your Welfare. I have requested Governor Lord Macartney to forward this Letter to your Court.

I atrue Copy
(Signd) Ed. Hay Secy

Received the following Letters.-

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President & Council at
Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Bengal, extolling the Conduct of the Committee of Assigned Revenue.-

We have been honored by the Receipt of your letter of the 17th: ultimo. The papers transmitted with it from your Committee of Assigned Revenue have afforded us the greatest satisfaction. The Summary of their Proceedings is ably & well detailed, & exhibits to us ~~+~~ with the Statements accompanying it the clearest evidence of the attention of your Committee to the Interests of the Company, & of the faithfull Discharge of their Publick Duty for a Period of three Years. We are sensible of the

Difficulties

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You are a wise Prince and you are fully acquainted with the Situation of Affairs not only in Hindostan but in Europe. You have seen with your own Eyes the English at once engaged in War with four States of Europe and with the first Powers in India. — Peace is now honorably concluded over all the world. It is my wish, as far as depends upon me to continue that Peace in India for the good of Mankind, and to strengthen the Alliances which we have made.—

I hope you have the same wishes, and like all illustrious Princes who have shewn themselves great in war that you are disposed to continue the Blessings of Peace to your

People

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the People, and to improve the great Empire which your Father, no less distinguished in war than yourself, has left to you.

Let me have the Pleasure of hearing from you with account of your Welfare. I have requested Governor Lord Macartney to forward this Letter to your Court.

A true Copy
(Signed) Ed. Hay Secy

Received the following Letters.-

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President & Council at
Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

We have been honored by the Receipt of your letter of the 17th ultimo. The papers transmitted with it from your Committee of Assigned Revenue have afforded us the greatest satisfaction. The Summary of their proceedings is ably & well detailed, & exhibits to us — with the Statements accompanying it the clearest evidence of the attention of your Committee to the Interests of the Company, & of the faithfull Discharge of their Public Duty for a Period of three Years. We are sensible of the

From Bengal, extolling the Conduct of the Committee of Assigned Revenue.-

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4th Difficulties with which they have had to struggle in realizing the Collections of the Carnatic & in obtaining the increased Resources which their Labours have produced to the supply of the Publick receipts, & we have much pleasure in observing that the opinion which we expressed of their Conduct so long ago as on the 4th July 1782 has had the good Consequence of encouraging them, in aid of the support which they have received from your Presidency, to Exertions of so advantageous a Result to the Publick Service. The Delicacy & propriety of their Management in not interfering with any religious Establishments, publick Pensions, or Charity Allowance, in the Countries of the Carnatic, do them indeed much Credit.

Wishing to encourage Merit, wherever & at whatever Presidency it may be testified by the Servants of the Company, we request that Your Lordship & Co. will do us the honor of conveying our Thanks to the President & Members of the Committee of Assigned Revenue for their Conduct, & as a further testimony of our particular approbation of it, we beg leave to recommend it to you to reward the Services of these Gentlemen with Liberality for the encouragement of the other Servants on your Establishment who may be employed in Offices of Responsibility & Trust.

We hope that the Salary & Commission which the Court of Directors may establish for their Subordinate Chiefs & Councils under

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to
Wt. under your Presidency in consequence of the new act of Parliament & particularly the restraining Clauses which confine such Chiefs & Councils to the & authorized allowances for their respective Situations, will not be deemed an improper Compensation for the Labours of the President, and Members of the Committee, & we accordingly submit it to you whether the same might not be granted to them for the Period during which they have severally acted in their Offices.

We have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most obedient,
& most humble Servants.
John Macpherson
John Stables
Chas. Stuart

Fort William
Secret Departt.
29th March 1785.

(Signd)

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB.

My Lord,

I have the honor to make your Lordship a further remittance of 10,000 Star Pagodas in a Bill on Rama Chitty Sowcar at Madras for that Sum at 13 Days Sight, and 25 Gold Fanams & Pagoda, which are the best terms I have been able to obtain.

From the Resident at Tanjore, transmits Bill on Ramachitty Sowcar, for 10,000 Pagodas.-

I have the honor to be most respectfully.

My Lord,

Your Lordship's faithful, humble Servant
(Signd) J. Hudleston

Tanjore
April 19th — 1785.-

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My Lord, and Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to inform your Lordships &c. that I arrived here on the 20th. of last Month, and that the Captain of the Frigate in which I am a Passenger proposes to sail from hence to morrow, if the weather will permit.

As nothing relative to India had been settled in the late Parliament, and as the new Parliament met only on the 10th. of May, it is probable that I shall arrive in England before any act of Parliament will be passed concerning Indian affairs, and therefore I hope to be in time to lay before the Honorable Court of Directors & such an exact and circumstantial Account of the affairs of Your Presidency agreeably to your Instructions, as may contribute to the [illegible] of the Coast of Coromandel.—

Colonel Malcolm who had your Dispatches by the Tortoise, sailed from hence, I understand about a fortnight ago.

On my arrival and during my stay in England I shall not fail to give you the most early and authentic Accounts of whatever may relate to the Presidency of Fort St. George.

I shall be happy in every opportunity of rendering myself worthy of the Confidence you have placed in me.

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Cape of Good Hope
October 2d. 1784.

I have the honor to be with great Respect
My Lord and Gentlemen,
Your most obedient humble servant.
(Signed) George Leonard Staunton

Sent the following Letter to Bengal.—

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To the Honble John Macpherson Esqr.
Governor General &c. Council
at
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

We had the honor to address you on the 21st Inst. informing you that Seif Jung had entered the Company's Districts with a considerable Force, but that We expected the matter would soon be adjusted, which had given rise to his incursion.—

To Bengal, advising of the Return of Seif Jung into the Nizams Territories; and that no Intelligence has been received from the French or Dutch respecting the Cession of Trincomalee.—

We have this day received information from Masulipatam of Seif Jung's having repassed the Kistna & of his having retired into the Guntoor Circar the 17th Instant.

In our letter to you of the 31st ult. We had the honor to inform you that, we had not at that time received any Account from the Dutch or from Mr. de Fontenceau of the execution of your directions respecting the Cession of Trincomally.— no intelligence is yet received on this subject.

We have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient,
humble Servants.
Macartney (for Council)
Recieved

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23d April 1785.

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From Capt. Pinkerton.

Received Letter from Capt. Pinkerton, repeating his Request for the Troops to be landed from the Glatton..

Agreed that Capt. Pinkerton be informed that the Officer who Commands the Detachment of the 90th Regt. has represented the Men to be in Health, and has not yet made any Application for their being landed / vide M.B. 100, 109 /

Sent a Circular Letter to Masulipatam, Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Ingeram, and Ongole, relative to the Tappals — vide M.B. No. 110 /

Masulipatam. Ganjam. Vizagapatam. Ingeram. Ongole.

Received the undermentioned Letters which are entered in Miscellany Book Nos. 111, 112, 113, 114, 115 /

From Capt. Pinkerton.

From the Commandant of Pulicat advising of the arrival of several Dutchmen, said to be come in Expectation of the Restoration of that Place to their Nation.—

From Capt. Smith.

From Messrs. Tadama, Simons, & Stoffelberg advising of their arrival at Pulicat vested with a Commission from the Government of Ceylon, which will be communicated to the Board on the arrival of Mr. Blankamar whom they expect from Jaggonaickpram.

From Messrs. Tadama, Simons & Stoffelberg.

From the Resident at Nagore, the Vessel on whom the Stores for the Southern Garrisons were embarked, is safe arrived.

From Mr. Tallop.

From Lieutenant Kieffelbach, with a Plan & Profile of Rangana Pagoda, & remarks thereon.

From Lt. Kieffelbach.

From

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2 P.

From Capt. Montgomery, enclosing a Bill for Disbursements on Account of Secret Service from the 2d Nov.r to the 31st Dec.r 1784, and for the Months of Jany Feby & March 1785.

From Capt. Montgomery

Ordered that the Pay master at Ongole do discharge the Bill, and that the Commandant be informed of it / vide Bk B. Nos 116, 117. /

Minute thereon —

Received the following Letter from Bengal with Enclosure entered in M. B. No. 118 /

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President &ca Council
Fort St. George

Gen.l Dep.t —

My Lord & Gentlemen /

By the Glatton, Captain Char.s Drummond We now forward to you a Quantity of Military Stores agreeably to the Invoices enclosed

From Bengal, the Glatton sent hither with Military Stores; enclosing Copy of the Instructions to the Captain. —

The Glatton is ballasted with Salt Petre and Captain Drummond after landing these Stores has our Directions to make the best of his way to Bencoolen, that his Ship may be Laden and Dispatched from thence to Europe with Pepper according to the Application of the President and Council there

Communicated

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Communicated to us by you, Copy of his Sailing Orders We enclose. —

We Request that you will not detain this Vessel longer than is Necessary for Landing your Consignments. —

We have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most Obed.t
Humble Servants
John Macpherson
(Signed) John Stables
Chas. Stuart

Fort William
the 3.d March 1785.

At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord Macartney
President

Tuesday
26. April 1785

Lieut. General Lang Alex.r Davidson Esq.r
James Dunlop Esq.r

Minutes of last Consultation
read and approved —

Read the following Letter
from Brigadier General Horne with sundry
Plans lodged in the Office —

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To

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President and Governor &c Council

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Brigr. Genl Rooke, enclosing Letter to him from Captn Byres of the Engineers accompanying Plans and Estimates for Quarters for the Cantonment at Warriore.

I have the honor to transmit your Lordships &c the Plans and Estimates which Captain Byres has formed for the Barracks at Warriore and the letter addressed to me from him containing his Observations on the great price of Timber at this place.

The number of Quarters in the plans are agreeable to the Returns of the number of Officers of the 78th Regiment, Hanoverians and Artillery to be quartered at Warriore, sent in by the Commanding Officers of those Corps - the Staff consists of the following Officers -

Deputy Adjutant General
One Captain of Engineers
Deputy Judge Advocate
A Surgeon.

The Secretary to the Commanding Officer &c quarter for any Officer to the Paymaster is also included with Quarters for the Adjutant and Quarter Master of the Cantonment.

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The expence of Building appearing to be so much higher than I conceived it was, I thought it expedient to lay before your Lordship &c this part of the Plan and Estimate for the Officers of the European Corps other Buildings as would be also necessary for the Artillery Stores &c in the Commissary's Department, an Hospital for the Sick and an House for the Residence of the Commanding Officer, all of which will add considerably to the amount of the Expence

The two Battalions of Sepoys now here Viz the 6th & 31st are stationed at Tanjore and the other two from Tondy when they arrive will be also stationed there, but it will be necessary to take the Choultrys within the second Wall - This measure the Brahmins remonstrate against and your Lordship &c will no doubt have applications from them to prevent it, but without quartering those Battalions in Tyringham (which would incommode and inconvenience their religious Ceremonies very much) there is no other place to canton them in - The Officers will occupy the greatest part of the Choultrys on the Island -

(Here)

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There will still require Barracks for the 3.d & 33.d Battalions when drawn from their present Stations and quarters for the Officers. This will occasion another additional Expence if they are constructed at Warriore—

At Moycondah one of the Battalions may be well covered in the Caultrys but the Officers would require Quarters to be built and I am informed the Situation is not healthly being surrounded with so much Water—

I request your Lordships Pardon for troubling you with these Observations, but as the Expence of cantoning the Troops at Warriore may be greater than probably was at first apprehended I thought it encumbent on me when I forwarded the Estimates &c. for the consideration of your Lordship &c. to advert to those future Expences that must be incurred—

I have the honor to be &c.

Mat.w Horne

Head Quarters
near Warriore
26. April 1765—

To

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To Brigadier General Mathew Horne

Commanding the Southern Forces &c.

Sir.

In obedience to your Orders I have marked out on the high Ground to the Southward of the Pagoda at Warmore the Situation, which I think will answer both, for erecting a Range of Barracks for the Officers of the European Corps and Staff; according to the Deputy Adjutants General's return of the number to be cantond there.

This accompanies an Estimate of the Expence and two Plans of the design I have formed for those Barracks. Plan N°1 shewing the Apartments proposed for the three several Ranks of Field Officer, Captain & Subaltern and Plan N°2 the general Disposition & relative Situation of the whole.

It will appear by Plan N°2 that this Building does not correspond exactly with the Cardinal Points of the Compass, but it departs no further from them, than the Shape of the high

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high Ground and an attention to avoid as much as possible expence in levelling, obliged me to place it—

I believe that building the Walls of Brick & Clay and terrasping the Roof is the cheapest way in which these Barracks can be erected to last any time—I own I was surprized at the price, which every Master Carpenter I have consulted with says, is paid at Tritchinopoly for Beams of Country Wood, of the demensions marked in the Estimate, but they all say, they cannot be got under that price and are extremely difficult to be got at all; I shall therefore make out an Estimate of a tyled Roof which I shall give you as soon as possible, but as there is no provision whatever made of any other Materials, it is necessary to lose no time in forwarding the present Estimate, that they may be set about as soon as possible, in case it meets with the Approbation of Government, for whether a terrased or a tyled Roof be adopted, the other materials will be wanted.

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wanted. As I am here without any Officer whatever to assist me, if this work goes on, it will be absolutely necessary to have one, and if it meets with your Approbation, that of Government and the Chief Engineer, I beg leave to recommend Lieut. Harry Gordon of the 15th Battalion who is very capable of performing the Duty and I hope that the Consideration of his having suffered an imprisonment of two Years and an half by being taken when acting Engineer at Chelmore, will strengthen his Claim -

I have the honor to be &c.

Warrior
20th April 1785.

John Byres
Sub Director of Engineers
& Captain -

The situation of the Company's affairs at this time renders it impracticable to adopt plans which would be productive of an Expence amounting as by the Estimate to Sags 63.317/- Agreed therefore that the following Letter be written to General Horne -

Minute thereon.

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To Brigadier General Horne

Commanding the Southern Forces

Sir.

I am directed by the Right Honble

To Genl Horne, the state of the Company's Affairs renders it impossible to adopt the Plans proposed by Capt.n Byres; a Plan recommended for quartering the Troops for the present -

President and Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 21st Instant with its several Enclosures and to inform you that the present State of the Company's Affairs makes it altogether impossible to adopt Plans productive of the enormous Expence which is stated in your Letter -

The Board are of opinion that Quarters sufficient for the purpose might be soon erected at a small expence under your own Inspection - Palmyras and Mango Trees &c may be furnished from the neighbouring Countries in M.r Irvine's management, and the Roofs should be tiled - you will therefore please to consult with that Gentleman & communicate to me your opinion without delay - I am also directed to request you to examine the buildings at Munserpah & inform me whether you think them at too great a distance from Warriore to make a part

of

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of your Cantonments, and if not, What number
of Troops might be accommodated in them -

Sams Sir &c

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John Cranmer
Act. Sec.y

Read the following Letter
from the Committee of Assigned Revenue -

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From the Comtee of Assigned Revenue, intating the Utility of employing a Civil Servant on the Palnaud District and recommending Mr Robertson for that Service.

We find ourselves under the necessity of representing to your Lordship &c that We have lately felt great Inconveniencies in transacting the Revenue business of the Palnaud District from the want of a Civil Servant in that Country to execute the orders of Government - This want has obliged us in many cases to have recourse to the Military commanding Officer, who has been by this means engaged in Employments & Services of which he cannot be supposed to have a competent knowledge, and for which, as they have no relation to the

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Duties of his Command, he cannot be held properly accountable - We are therefore of opinion and accordingly beg leave to propose that a Civil Servant may be appointed to the Palnaud District, who if you think it eligible may perform the duty of Paymaster to the Sepoys there, as well as that of Aspis-tant to the Committee of Assigned Revenue -

Should your Lordships &c approve this Proposition, we will beg leave humbly to add our Recommendation in favor of Mr Robert Latham for the Appoint-ment we have suggested -

We have the honor to be &c

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19th April 1785.

Chas: Oakeley
David Haliburton
Geo: Moubray
The Committee of Assigned Revenue having represented the absolute necessity of employing a Civil Servant in the Palnaud District, and having recommend-ed Mr Robert Latham for this Service;

Minute thereon.

It is Agreed that he be appointed with the same Allowances which are granted to Mr Andrews Assistant to Mr Swain -

Read

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Read the following Letter from

the Resident at Achem -

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB

Governor &c &c Council

Fort St George.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

As it is probable that no information has reached you with respect to the Steps the Honble the Governor General and Council have taken, in consequence of orders from the Court of Directors, to attempt the establishment of a Factory on behalf of the Honble Company at this place. I have therefore to premise this address to your Honble Board, by acquainting you of my having been honoured with the Commands of the Supreme Council to carry the measure into execution and to this effect, they have been pleased to nominate me their Resident at the Port of Achem -

It is not however, merely to inform your Lordships, and your Honble Board of my Appointment to the Station, I now occupy, the most immediate object of my present Application, will be more fully

convey'd

From Mr Joseph Yorke Kinlock, advising of his Appointment to the Residency of Achem, and requesting to be furnished with all Papers on record, which bear relation to the Service on which he is employed -

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conveyed by the words of the Honble the Gov.
General and Council, in the last paragraph
of their Instructions to me, under date the
29th Janry 1785, which I beg leave to transcribe
for your better information, and with the
greatest deference, solicit your Attention to
its Contents.

"You will take every opport-
"unity of writing fully, both to this Govern-
"ment and to the other Presidencies, when
"any circumstances arise, which may make
"such communication necessary and you
"should apply to the Presidency of Fort St George
"for a particular account of the attempt,
"which was made to establish a Factory at
"Achen, and the particular cause which
"occasioned the failure of the Establishment."

We are Sir &c

Warren Hastings

/signed/ John Macpherson

John Stables

To these pointed injunctions
I have only to add my own earnest wishes
to obtain whatever information your records
afford, as it may tend to direct my future
steps with more precision, and I should

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in vain look for any intelligence from the People here, since there are no registers keept, of public transactions, either civil or political the native listlessness of the Inhabitants being such, that what they know, even of their own Ancestors, arises alone from oral tradition and that so lamely preserved, that no useful light can be reaped from it.

Being further strictly enjoined by my Instructions to cultivate a good understanding with the Shawbunder (the King's Minister) who is supreme manager of all public matters here. I have therefore in compliance with his earnest entreaty promised to write to your Honble Board, requesting you would be pleased to prevent any interruption to the King of Achen's agents, in recruiting their Sepoys, at Fort Saint George.

As I could foresee no detriment arising to the Honble Company's Affairs, by indulging him in this request I readily agreed, and therefore beg leave to submit it to your Consideration, how far my opinion is well grounded, all the Sepoys indeed they want, are only two Hundred, a number too insignificant,

to

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to meditate against the public Interest,
or to become an object of public notice, in
the time of profound Peace, as I presume,
there are many reduced Sepoys at, and in
the Neighbourhood of Madras, who would
be glad to enter into any Service -

One good Consequence I am
convinced would eventually attend their pro-
-curing their Reinforcements, the acquiring
great Popularity to the Honble Company,
the King and Shawbunder, depending prin-
-cipally upon these mercenaries for the sup-
-port of their Authority, & Government -

These various reasons combined,
have induced me to trouble this Dispatch to
a Commander of one of the King of Acheen's
vessels, who intends, entirely at his master's
expence, to return with as many Sepoys,
who chuse to enlist volentarily, as his Ships
can transport, which will not exceed one
hundred & thirty or forty Men; He is called
Noguedah Alliah -

It would be presumption in
me, to point at what degree of attention your
Honble Board should pay to a person of
so low an estimation, but any, even the
slightest

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slightest, might give great satisfaction here, and tend to accomplishing the object of my present Deputation -

I have only to add, that as far as I can judge, a very lucrative commerce might be established with the Honble Company on the present economical plan if the Jealousy of the people, or the instability of the Government should not operate to prevent it -

As I intend to send a small Vessel of my own in a few days to the Coast, I mean to trouble your Honble Board with a Duplicate of this address by that conveyance -

I have the honor to be &c

Sir. Yorke Kendock

Achen
26th March 1785 -

Ordered that Copies be prepared for Mr Kindock of the Papers in the Secretary's Office which relate to the Attempts Agreed to - for the establishment of a Factory at Achan made from this Presidency in the Year

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Letter from Captain Pringle -

To

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

The very favorable reception with which you were pleased to honor the Plan of the Marches of the Armys during the late War & Book of Roads I laid before you some time ago, demands my most grateful Acknowledgements; and from your having signified to the Honble the Court of Directors in your General Letter by the Pigot, an Intention of employing me in a Continuation of such Productions. I am encouraged to take the Liberty of intruding upon you with this Address.

In a Country so subject to sudden Incursions as the Carnatic is, it would be of great Importance to have a Thorough knowledge of all the Roads by which Armies or Detachments may have occasion to march, but as a very small portion of those Roads are as yet minutely known to Europeans, and as War is now at an end and other difficulties removed which have hitherto prevented the obtaining this Information, if you, my Lord & Gentlemen, should think

From Capt. Pringle stating the advantages to be derived from a thorough knowledge of all Roads in this Country by which Armies may pass, requests to be employed in exploring them, & to be allowed to draw Majors Batta when absent on that Service

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think proper to have them explored by me, whilst I earnestly request, on a conviction that there is no Service I can be sent on in time of Peace as Captain of Guides that will be productive of so much general benefit, I beg leave to assure you that I will exert myself in such a manner as to secure your Approbation & further Protection.

In the course of the Investigation great part of the Country adjacent to the Roads may be laid down, and should be expressed, not only in Plan but by a full Description in writing of all the Villages, Tanks, Courses of Rivers, Watercourses, Morasses Causeways, Passes, Hills, Eminences, rising Grounds, and hollow Ways, Forts & Pagodas with Topes, Bourbwoods, or Jungles of every kind; specifying the objects which are durable and such as are liable to change, and particularly should be marked down the best Situations & Positions of Encampments, with every remark that can be of any use to the Commander in Chief of an Army or Comd Officer of a Detachment; to which may be added as an Embellishment, and for the benefit of Geography in general, the exact Longitudes & Latitudes of the most remarkable Cities & Places, Mouths of Rivers &c &c for the ascertaining of which, as well as those for Surveying, I am already in possession of every Instrument

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requisite—

But as this Employment will be one continued Series of journeying, and attended with much Expence to me, I beg leave to submit to the Consideration of the Honble Board whether in future, when employed on Service, I may not be permitted to draw the difference between Majors full Batta and that of Captains, in addition to the Allowances I have hitherto had in the Field; and this I am the rather encouraged to hope for, as from August 1777, the date of my Appointment to be Captain of Guides, I have always had the priviledge of drawing the Batta of the Rank next above that of my own—

Should I be so fortunate, my Lord & Gentlemen, as to have these my Offers of Service approved, any Quarter beyond the Limits of the Honble Company's Jaghire, & out of the Tracts the Army has lately marched by, will require the proposed Researches, but as it is not for me to say where the Examination should begin, I will only beg permission of the Honble Board to observe, that the Palnaud Country & many parts of the Ongole & South West parts of the Nellore Countries are both little known, & may possibly become Scenes of Importance; and that

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That as the Honble the Court of Directors in their Letter of the 6th March 1783 have desired to be furnished with the Road from Madras to Masulipatam, I might make a Plan of it in my Progress to and through those Countries, if it has not been already done -

I have the honor to be &c

Wm Pringle
Capt: of Guides.

Fort St George
9th April 1785-

Agreed that Capt Pringle be permitted to draw Major Batta during the period of his absence upon Service, in addition to his other Allowances, which he enjoyd when in the Field -

Minute thereon

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Letter and Paper presented to him by Captains Brown and Knox -

From Capt Cockrane, Brown & Knox, in vindication of their conduct in entering with the Officers in the Garrison of Tanjore, a Letter to the Commanding Officer on the subject of Half Batta -

Reasons respectfully offered to the consideration of Right Honble the Lord Commander in Chief &c by Capt Thomas Cockrane Archibald Brown & Thomas Knox, in vindication of their Conduct, in subscribing with every Officer then in Garrison a Letter dated 16th day of March & addressed to the Officer Comg

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of obtaining Information on a point then in
doubt.

2d March 1785. On the 2d day of March the
following General Orders were ipued by Brigr
General Horne Commanding the Southern Forces.

"Pay to the Non-Commipioned
"and Private Europeans of the Cantonment of
"Warriour for the month of March, & Pay and
"Allowances to the Officers for January 1785
"will be ipued to morrow. Pay and Allowances
"to the Officers of the Cantonments of Secundermally
"Mellour Nattam, Tondy and Zepharabad
"Batta to those of the Cantonment of Tripatore
"for January 1785 and Pay to the whole of the
"Black Troops in Cantonment for November
"and December 1784, will be ipued on the 15th
"Current, when the Balances due to Tondy,
"& the Cavalry of last payment will be liquidated."

3d March 1785. In conequence of the above
order the Officers in the Garrison of Trichinopoly
and in the Cantonment of Warriour on the
3d day of March received payment of their
Batta bills for January made out in the
usual form, which was in like manner recd
by the Officers in the Garrison of Maduraba,
Station of Mellour, and Cantonment of Secunder-
abadly. Circumstances known in the Garrison

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of Tanjore within three days after they took place, and Officers belonging to the Garrison of Trichinopoly, whose Attendance became necessary on a General Court Martial held in Tanjore, previous to their leaving Trichinopoly, received payment of their Bills for Half Batta for February, and as it will shew that the Officers in Tanjore were in a particular predicament, it may not be improper here to observe that two Officers belonging to that Garrison received payment of their Bills for Half Batta for January, the Denomination under which the Allowance for that Month was issued to Officers in the Cantonment of Arcot -

On the 12th of March the following Order was issued by Colonel Stuart Commanding in the Garrison of Tanjore -

"Subsistence and Allowances for February and the Arrears for the Month of January will be issued to the Officers in Garrison on or before the 15th Current -

Agreeable to the above Order Bills for Half Batta for January then in Arrears, with Bills for that and other Allowances for February having been presented at the Pay Office, payment of those for the Allowance of half Batta for January & February was

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was refused – The Officers in the Garrison of Tanjore unacquainted with any reason why this Allowance paid to the Officers in neighbouring Garrisons should be withheld from them in particular, were unanimously of opinion that it became expedient to present the following Address on the Subject to their Commanding Officer –

To Colonel James Stuart

Commanding the Garrison of Tanjour

Sir.

Upon presenting our Bills on account of our Allowances for the months of January and February, agreeable to Garrison Orders, the Paymaster having refused payment of those for Batta unless made out for temporary Allowance – We find ourselves under the necessity of representing to you that We have not seen any order of Government to that effect, that we are unacquainted with any Authority he may have to prescribe such Change in the Denomination of this ancient Allowance, and as this seems to be a preparatory Step to deprive us of an Allowance We have so long enjoyed, and with which we find it very difficult to subsist at present. We beg leave of you to forward this Letter to Brigadier General

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General Horne Commanding South of the Fla-
=vocow. with our respectful request, that he
would please to ascertain the Authority on wh.
this Alteration is made, and if it should ap-
=pear to be from Government. that in trans-
=mitting this Letter to the Right Honble
the President and Council he may use such
Arguments as he may think will weigh
with Government to induce a Continuance
of this Allowance under this accustomed denomi-
=nation of Batta-

We have the honor to be

with respect Sir Your very Obt. Servants

Signed by every Officer
in His Majesty's and the
Company's Service in Jarina.

Tanjore
16. March 1785-

In this Letter We can freely
declare and say, there was nothing meant by us
in the smallest degree disrespectful to Govern-
=ment, but as from the severe Measure that
has been adopted concerning us, it appears
to have been considered as such; We sincerely
profess our Regret that we should have been
unhappily misunderstood, and as a proof
which We hope will be allowed an indisputable
one, that our Conduct was guided by the most
explicit Obedience, Deference & Respect to
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the Authority of Government when made known to us. it is necessary only to observe that immediately upon the Commanding Officer's publishing the pleasure of Government, that Bills for the Allowance of half Batta should in future be made out for temporary Allowance, We altered our Bills and gave them in accordingly as was done by every other Officer at Tanjour on the 4th Instant the day on which the first Order on this head was published in that Garrison —

From the above candid State=ment of the matter We hope necessity on the part of the Officers in Tanjour of addressing their Commanding Officer will be admitted, when no Authority had appeared for the Pay=masters refusing to pay our Bills made out for half Batta, and the Servants giving a verbal Answer to their people sent with those Bills that half Batta was struck off. this we know that half Batta for the same period had been issued only a few days before in the Garrisons & Cantonments before mentioned —

We beg leave further to observe that had we been conscious of intended dis=respect, We never could have expected that Officers of such Rank and Character as Colonel

Stuart

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Stuart and Brigadier General Horne, Whose hands and Inspection the Representation was previously to pass, would have forwarded it; and we trust that in this Instance We have not failed in that respect to Government which has been our constant endeavor to support, as well by example, as by the Advice We have uniformly given to the junior Officers immediately connected in Station with us, to whom it is but Justice to declare that they were likely reconciled to a patient & silent Submission to that Distress which they dreaded from the Loss of half Batta, and which after their first Apprehensions had occasioned Communication of their feelings on Representations were shewn guarded -

In support of our professional Character, and as a Proof of the Attention we have on all Occasions paid to the Interest of our Honble Employers, We think it a duty we owe to them and to ourselves to bring forward the following Facts as they may apply to us individually -

Captain Cochrane begs leave to state that after ten years Service in the Kings Army he engaged in the Service of the Honorable

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Honble Company to which fifteen Years have been uniformly dedicated and during which time he has never been absent from his Station, that he had the honor of being appointed by Government Town Major of Tanjour which he held for Six Years, and until he was removed to the Command of Negapatam - That John Sullivan Esquire lately the Honble Company's Resident in the Principality of Tanjour can bear ample Testimony to Captain Cochrane's Exertions for the public Good - That in the hour of the accumulated Distresses of his honorable Employers he had fortunately in his Possession 1600 Pagodas which he readily laid out for various public Services, and considerably to his own disadvantage - as his Accomplt will bear Testimony - This money is still unpaid.

Mr Sullivan soon after his Arrival, finding himself in the greatest Distress to satisfy the Troops then nearly in a state of Mutiny, he assisted him with 400 Pagodas, as an example to others to stretch out their helping hand - This money was unpaid for many many Months and no Interest required -

Captain

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Captain Broom begs leave to state that he has been sixteen years in the Service of the Honble Company; nine of those Years Adjutant to the 1st Circar Battalion, in discharging the Duties of which Station he had the good fortune to obtain the Approbation of all his Commanding Officers, a happiness he also experienced in discharging the duty of Adjutant General on the Service against Negapatam under Major General Sir Hector Munro -

That under the Orders of the Chief and Council of Nizagapatam he had the honor of commanding the Detachment which took possession of the Dutch Fort & Factory of Bimilipatam in July 1781 -

That he delivered over to the Chief & Council of Nizagapatam on Account of the Honble Company and of the Captors, every Article of Civil and Military Stores & public Merchandize there captured, amounting as he has reason to think to 75,000 Pagodas or Rupees,

- That in consideration of the public Exigence he has not from that time made a single application for his Share of the Capture -

That since his Entry into the Service he has been only two Months absent on Leave from

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his Station unless when compelled to seek for Change of Air by loss of health incurred on Service in that part of the Circars which proved fatal to fifty three Officers during his Residence there, and from the bad Effects of which he is not altogether recovered - That he has on many Occasions accompanyed his Corps upon Service, & continued with it in the Field contrary to the express Injunctions of several of the Faculty on this Establishment.

That he is one of five Brothers who have dedicated the Flower of their days to the Service of the Honble Company - Nor can he here omit the Tribute due to the Memory of Colonel Brown whose moral and Military Character was surpassed by few; whose early Suffering, by the loss of an Arm upon Service in the Year 1761 hindered not those Exertions, which since the Commencement of the late War carried him twice upon the Malabar Coast, out of his Tour of Duty: and immediately on his Return from that toying Service, on which he so frequently signalized himself; in the Field in the Carnatic, from whence he never returned; and altho' Capt: Brown can claim no merit from these Connections

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he doubts not they will be admitted in ad-
=dition to his expectations from this long &
faithfull Services —

Captain Knox begs leave to
state that he has been fifteen years in the
Service of the Honble Company during which
time he has had the happiness to meet the
Approbation of all his Superiors: That he
has had the honor of serving Ten years in
your Regiment and by your Recommenda-
tion obtained a Staff appointment in
that Corps, which he held for seven Years.
— That when the Exigence of the Company
affairs was extreme, and when Mr Sulivan
the Representative of the Honble Company
South of the Coleroon felt the utmost ne-
cessity for Money to satisfy the Claims of
Arrears long due to the Garrison of
Trichinopoly then in actual Mutiny, took
upon himself the Responsibility for 2600 Pag
which had been deposited in his hands by
Officers, by that time in Captivity, in the
month of February 1782, he afforded Mr
Sulivan with that Sum to be remitted for
the Relief of the Garrison of Trichinopoly
at a time, when it was attended with
extraordinary Risk from the enemies of
the

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the Enemy who then infested its Neighbour-
-hood and which Sum remains at this day
unpaid -

That in this instance he
gave the Interest of the Honble Company
a preference to his own Convenience will
be admitted when he declares he was about
that time under the necessity of selling
his Watch to enable him to subsist him-
-self and his Family - To alleviate the
public Distress he declined drawing his
monthly Allowances when others did, and
was enabled so to do by the use of 1600 P.
which he procured from Captain Brown
in the month of January 1782 -

That we have voluntarily
contributed our Mite to relieve Government
from difficulties occasioned by the exhausted
State of the Treasury. We trust the above
Facts will evince, and that from the same
Motive we have dispensed with the payment
of our monthly Allowances as often as We
possibly could will appear from the following
Statement of our Arrears.

To Captain Cochrane -

Arrears for twenty one Months are now due,
for which we have only the Paymasters

Certificate

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Certificate bearing no Interest —

To Captain Brown Arrears

for seventeen Months are now due, for the

Amount of ten of which a Bond on the

part of the Honble Company has been granted

by John Sullivan Esquire. The Residue is vouched

by countersigned Bills which do not bear

Interest

To Captain Knox Arrears for

twenty two Months are now due for which

in consequence of his Application in Septem.

last, a Bond was granted by Government —

We beg the Commander in

Chief may take the earliest opportunity to

lay before the Right Honble the President and

Council this fair Statement which we trust

will be deemed a satisfactory explanation of

what has so unfortunately subjected us to

the displeasure of Government, and in doing

so We have to express our earnest desire Respect-

fully that he will intercede himself to get us reins-

stated in our former Appointments, and

relieved from the implied Censure which

the late L: C: may have thrown upon our

Characters by such public Intimation as

may be judged suitable —

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Spencer Cochrane
Archd Brown
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To Lieut General Ross Lang

Commander in Chief

Sir.

Understanding that Mr. Johnston, paymaster of Madura, has lately by letter represented that no payment under the Denomination of half Batta has been made to the Officers of that Garrison for January last, as set forth in the letter We had the honor of addressing you on the 17th Current; Respect to you Sir and Justice to ourselves make it necessary to declare, that we have the strongest reason to say it was the firm belief of every Officer in Tanjour, when we left that Garrison, that the Officers in the Garrison of Madura, had received payment of their Bills for January made out for half Batta.

From Mess.rs Cochrane, Brown & Kinloch, on having been informed that the Paym.r at Madura has represented that no Payment was made to the Officers in that Garrison in January last under the denomination of Half Batta.

From Mr. Johnston's Statement however it appears that the information inducing their Belief in the Officers of Tanjour has been premature, yet when they were acquainted that Mr. Johnston (in reply to a requisition of the Officers of Madura to know whether he would pay their Bills after the 1st of January last made out for half Batta.) answered in the affirmative, and by

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by Signature in his official Station, authen-
-ticated Bills made out for half Batta,
for that month, circumstances which can
be vouched by Captain Lieut. Smith now
at the Presidency. We hope there will
appear to have been reasonable Cause for
such Belief, and sufficient Grounds for
the candid Statement we have in conse-
-quence made of it — And altho' We are
very desirous of succeeding in our own Vin-
-dication, yet as We are equally anxious
to be saved from the Imputation of being
capable of the smallest wilful Misrepre-
-sentation, We have to request you may
be pleased to lay this Letter before the Right
Honble the President and Council.

We have the honor to be &c.

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Spencer Cochrane
Archd Brown
Thomas Hyde

The Commander in Chief
also lays before the Board (as entered in the
MB: Nos 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124) Letters from
Lieutenants Gibbings, Bannerman, Cosgrave;
Ensigns Allan, Wellwood, & Rodgers in extenuation
of their Conduct for having signed a Letter to
Colonel Stuart dated

From Lieuts Gibbings, Bannerman, Cosgrave; Ensigns Allan, Wellwood, & Rodgers.

Ordered

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Ordered to lie on the Table.

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Read the following Letter from
Mr Commissioner Jackson with Inclosure entered
in the Miscellany Book N: 125/.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen.

From Mr Commr Jackson, enclosing the Examination of Arnapootra of Mr Digby's late Coniscoply -

Agreeable to your Commands signified to me in a Letter dated the 2d Inst. from Mr Chamier acting Secretary, I have since had several Meetings with Arnapootra the Coniscoply, who lodged an Information against Mr Digby, as your Lordship &c have been already advised - The enclosed Examination contains the purport of what has passed between us, in which your Lordship &c will find, that he has said nothing to the purpose, nor can I persuade him, to produce his Proofs, unless I will take upon myself to relieve him from the Cutwalls Choultry, which I have repeatedly informed him, is not in my power to do -

I wait for your further Instructions and have the honor to be,

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with the greatest Respect.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most Obedt

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W Jackson -

Warriore
15th April 1785.

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Read the following Letters

(as entered in the Mins: Nos 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133./-

From the Resident at Tanjore

dated 21st Instant, enclosing Copy of a Letter addressed to him by the Deputy Paymaster of the Kings Troops containing a requisition for a Sum equal to £ 1806. 0. 3 under the denomination of certain Articles, described Soundage, broken Periods &c &c and requesting the Boards Orders on the Subject -

From Resd of Tanjore.

Agreed that Mr Hudleston be desired to call upon Mr Churchill for copies of the Papers from which he is authorized to make the above Demand, that the Board may be enabled to judge how far the Claim is admissible -

Minute thereon.

From Major General Campbell

dated 23d Instant with an Enclosure, requesting that ten Invalids of the 23d Regiment of Light Dragoons be accommodated with passages on the Glatton, and that the Board

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would take into Consideration Colonel Floyds representation to him that St Thomé is an improper Place for cantoning the 2d Regt and / as there will shortly be more Horses than Men. / that the Dragoons be hence= =forward exempted from the Infantry Duty of the Cantonment.

Agreed that Genl Campbell be informed. that an order will be sent to the Commander of the Glatton to receive the ten Invalids. and that the Board will very shortly reply to the latter part of his Letter.

Minute thereon.

From the Commandant and Paymaster at Tritchinopoly dated 20th Instant enclosing a Representation from the Inspector of Stores to them. & recommending sundry Repairs to the Arsenal & Laboratory which ought to be compleated before the setting in of the next heavy Rains -

From Mr Falk.

Agreed that Lieut Col Coby and Mr Falke be desired to send an Estimate of the Expence which will be incurred in the Contruction and repairs of the Buildings mentioned in their Letter, observing that the Roofs must be tiled and the whole cal= =culated upon a Scale of the strictest Oeconomy.

Minute thereon.

From

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From the Resident at Nagore dated 15th April, representing that when the Subsidies are withdrawn, a Company of Sepoys will be necessary to supply their Place stating, that he has reduced the three Companies of Subsidy Sepoys to two Companies of 50 Men each, & regulated their Pay, which is to each Man one Porto Novo Pagoda, Cloathing included—

From the Resident at Nagore—

Minute thereon.

Agreed that Genl Horne be desired to send a Company of Sepoys to Nagore, from the Cantonment at Warriore, & that Mr Fallofield be advised of it, & informed that the Board approve the reductions he has made in the Subsidies, directing further that the 100 Men now remaining be incorporated into one Company, by which means fewer Officers will be necessary, & the Expence of cure espond—

From Col Stranbenzee Commdg

From Col Stranbenzee

the 52d Regt dated 21st Inst: desiring that Captain Drummond of the Glatton be directed to receive on board Dr Evans of the 52d Regt who has obtained permission from General Campbell to return to Europe on account of ill Health—

Ordered accordingly—

Ordered—

From the Paymaster at Nellore dated 21st Instant informing the Board that the Account of the Arrears of Pay to the 4 Companies of the 13th Battalion is made up to the 31st of August by

From Mr Lind.

Mr

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The Paymaster at Arcot

Agreed that Mr. Lind be
informed that the Arrears due to the 4
Companies of the 18th Battalion will be
paid off by Government as soon as possi-
-ble, when due Information will be
given to him - Whatever Arrears subse-
-quent to the 31st August that may
now be due to the 4 Companies, must
be discharged so soon as the Account is
properly made out.

ate ite thereon.

From Lieutenant John
Munro, dated 15th April, stating that his
Accounts and Vouchers are lodged with
Mr Jackson, and requesting that he
may be ordered to audit & settle them -

om Lt. Munro.

Agreed that Lieutenant
Munro be informed that the Board are
assured that Mr Jackson will audit
his Accounts when they come before
him in their proper Place -

enute thereon -

Ordered that Copy of
Lieut. Munro's Letter be sent to Mr Jackson.

From

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From Mr J. Barter

From Mr James T. Barter

Assistant Surgeon dated 21st Instant, requesting leave to resign the Service -

Agreed that Mr Barter be permitted to resign, and that Mr Minute thereon - Michael Corbett late Surgeon of His Majs Ship Eurydice be appointed an Assistant Surgeon on the Establishment

The President lays before the Board a Petition from Ramiah an Inhabitant of the Carnatick (as entered in Miscellany Book No 134) who rendered great Services to the Prisoners at Bangalore during their Confinement, which has been acknowledged by them and who on that account prays for a monthly Allowance in order to subsist himself, his Family, and an old Hircarrah, who rendered him great Assistance - he states 6 Pagodas as the Amount which is necessary, five for himself and one for the Hircarrah -

Petition from Ramiah -

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Minute thereon-

In Consideration of the well authenticated Services of Ramiah, and the Hircarrah it is Agreed that 4 Pags be paid monthly to the former, and one Pagoda to the latter, out of the Secret Service by the President -

From Mr James Walker-

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board an Application to him from Mr James Walker, late a Lieutenant in the Company's Service (as entered in the M.B: N: 135) to whom a Pension of 15 Pagodas monthly was given on the stating that he is unable to live here upon it, and requesting that it may be paid to him in England, and that he may be ordered a Passage on the Gibraltar now under dispatch -

Minute thereon.

Ordered that Captain Drummond be directed to receive Mr Walker on board as a Charter party Passenger, & that Mr Walker be informed that the allowance granted him cannot be transferred to England & that it will cease whenever he leaves the Settlement.

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A Company's Bond granted to the Agent for 10,000 Pagodas

The President informs the Board that Mr. Ross the Agent to the Army has applied to him for a Company's Bond of 10,000 Pagodas in part payment of the Arrears due to him, and therefore proposes that a Bond to that amount shall be granted to him agreeably to his Request.

Ordered accordingly.

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Ross Dan

Geo. Dalrymple

J. Russell

Ens. J. Greenhill