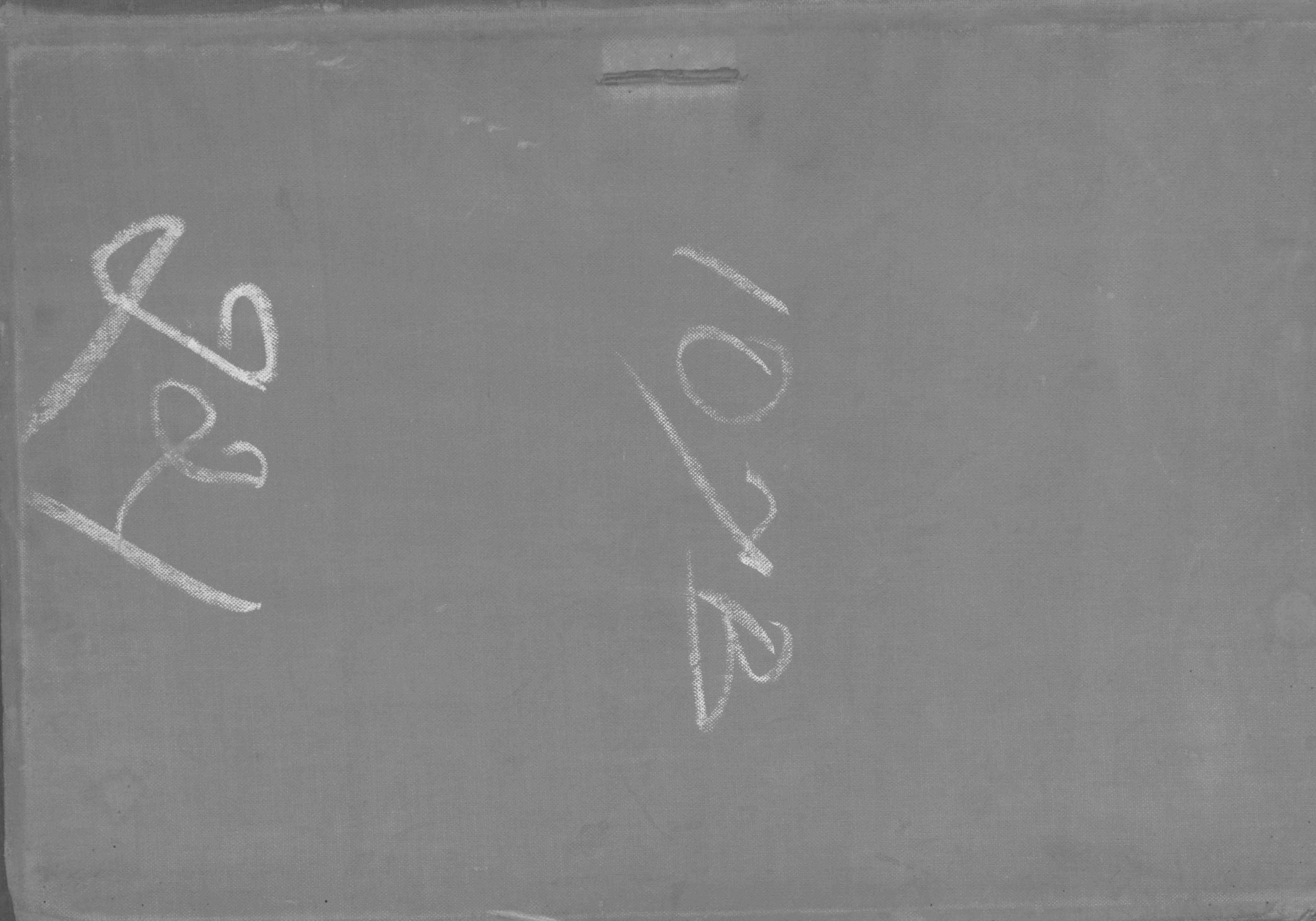

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To Col. Reimbold

To Colonel Reimbold - Informing him, that if Major Kreese, Captain Braune, and Doctor Schwartz wish to proceed to Europe, the usual Allowances, granted to Rings & offices will be paid them. - If they don't chuse to accept that, they must wait till an Opportunity offers by a Company's Ship -

To Col. Nixon

To Colonel Nixon - To give Pasports to the Sepoys whom he may employ in passing and repassing to Madrapatam, which will bring to a Certainty the Cause of Complaint, and enable the Board to make the necessary Representation to Tippoo accordingly. -

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue directing them to call upon Sunnobajee to make good the Sum for which he stands Security - and To take into Consideration - M.r Palk's Proposals for building Boats for the Service of the Southern Rivers, and give necessary Directions thereon. - -

To. Masulipatam

To. Masulipatam; - To advertize for Proposals for building a Boat of Teak Timbers of the same Dimensions as that at Rajamundry to be stationed at Chicacole - Not to detain the Tappals arriving to the Presidency on Account of the Provincial ones. -

To

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To Vizagapatam and Ganjam, representing the Conduct of Captain Power to be so very reprehensible, that the Board do not think him entitled to the Payment of the Freight therefore must prevent him for negociating the Bill and get it from him if possible.—

To Vizagapatam and Ganjam

To Lieutenant Colonel Davis, to send the Detachment of Sepoys to Arcot to convey the remaining Stores to Mr. Roiseau; and to proceed himself to the Presidency as soon as he shall have accomplished the Demolition of Chillumbrum.—

To Lt. Colonel Davis.—

Received the undermentioned Letters which are entered in Miscellany Book. N. 55, 56, 57, 58, 59.—

From Ensign Norris.

From Ensign Practitioner. Norris, inclosing another Statement of the Expence to be incurred in destroying the Fortifications at Ambour, exclusive of the Powder, which Article was included in his former Statement.—

From Lieut. Sundt.—

From Lieutenant Sundt, the Disputes between Sied. Mustapha and the Moogral Polygar brought to a Conclusion.—

From Messrs Corbet & Boyd.—

From the Masters Attendant; inclosing an Acknowledgement from the Master of the Sisters Liviana, that he had sufficient Water for the

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From Lt. Colonel Davis.—

Troops imbarked on board his Ships.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Davis, enclosing an Account Current of Rice left in Chillumbrum by Captain Dawes.—

Sent the following Letter to Bengal.—

To the Honble John. Macpherson

Governor General &c. Council at

Fort William

Gentlemen,

To Bengal; representing the Conduct of the Commander of the Snow Leonara and requesting that the Bills drawn by this Government in his Favor may not be negociated in Bengal.—

We beg leave to report to you the Conduct of Captain George Power of the Snow Leonara, which we conceive ought to be universally known, that those Persons who may hereafter employ him, be enabled to Judge how far a Reliance ought to be placed in him.—

Captain Power was employed a few Weeks ago to convey from this Port to the Northern Settlements a Number of Troops Amounting to 300, of which 249 were Europeans, he Reported to the Masters Attendant that he was provided with a Stock of Water and wood for 12 Days, and Actually took some Water Casks from the masters Attendant, previous to the imbarkation of the Troops, in Order to A

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Complete his Stock of water. The Vessell Sailed and was scarce out of the Roads, when some Disagreeable Altercations happened between Captain Power and the Commanding Officer of the Troops; for the particulars of which, and for the Account of what afterwards happened, we beg leave to refer to the inclosed Papers which will exhibit the Scandalous Conduct of this Person in a proper light.

We drew a Bill upon Masulipatam in his favor for the Freight, but as he has Judged proper to quit that Port without performing his Engagements, and as his Conduct has been so reprehensible, we have directed the Gentlemen at Masulipatam not to pay this Bill, and we beg leave to request you will cause such Notification to be made as may prevent his Negociating this Bill at your Presidency.

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

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At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord. Macartney K. B.

President

St Genl. Lang . Alexr. Davidson Esqr.

James Daniell Esqr.

Friday 20th
May 1785

. Minutes of last Consultation

Read and Approved.—

Read the following Letter from

. Masulipatam, with Enclosures entered viz

. Miscellany Book. N°59.—

To the Right Honble Lord. Macartney. K. B.

President and Governor &c. Council

of

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Masulipatam, the Renter of Villapolle sopus Complaint against Mr Pinot, in Conequence of his Refusal to pay the Amount of Customs on Goods exported by them and for ill treating his Servant. Enclosing their Correspondence with Mr Martigny on the Subject.—

In our address of the 26th Ultimo, we had the honor of acquainting you with what had been written to the Resident of Ingeram, respecting the Renter of Villapolle's Seizure of visiting French Vessels which came into the River, Since which the Chief of Ingeram has transmitted to us a Complaint made by the same Renter against a French man, named Mr Pinot, in conequence of the latter having

Mr

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refused to pay the amount of Customs on some Goods imported by him in September last, agreeable to an obligatory Note, which he had then given under his hand, and for ill treating the Servants who were sent to demand those Duties; on the receipt of which we, in conformity to the Chiefs Sentiments, wrote to Mr. Martin, requesting he would oblige Mr. Punnet to pay the amount of the Customs, as the transaction happened previous to the Restoration of Tanjore, and also to make suitable atonement for his ill treatment of the Renters People - This letter we sent under a Flying Seal for Mr. Hamilton's perusal. That we might have the benifit of what information he could give us on the Subject, at the same time with Mr. Martin's Reply - Mr. Hamilton has accordingly acknowledged the receipt of our letter informing us that he delivered that for Mr. Martin, but did not receive any answer from him; The enclosure. N.1. is Copy of the Reply which Mr. Martin has sent us, and N.2. is a Copy of what we have again written him, which will likewise be transmitted open for Mr. Hamilton's perusal. Mr.

Secretary

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Secretary Rudleston communicated to us the Select Committee's orders respecting the Duties which the Subjects of France were to pay previous to the Restoration of their Factories, in his letter dated 26th. September, which is that we allude to in the present one to Mr. Martin; but as it appears from the last Paragraph of his letter to us that he may possibly conceive the Natives, living under the protection of the French Flag are to be Exempted from the payment of Duties as well as French men, we beg to be honored with your positive orders on this head, as if this privilege should be granted in its fullest Extent, it will certainly be the means of throwing the greatest part of the Trade into the hands of the French and those living under their protection; as every Black Merchant by trading in the name of a Frenchman or under a French Flag, will thereby be exempted from paying the Duties to which English Subjects and all others, trading under English Colours are liable. We also request to be informed whether any Goods are to be passed thro' the Country Duty Free, in Consequence of their being

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being accompanied by a Formeh Chief of Dustuck; for this having been a Subject of discussion before the late war, we have reason to think it may again be renewed, in which case we Request to know in what manner we are to act, because to admitt such a Right in the Chiefs of the French Factories would certainly be attended with very bad consequences, of which we had the Honor of mentioning more particularly, in our address under date the 8th. March 1784.—

We have the Honor to be very respectfully.— My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

(Signed) James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Thos. Barnard

Masulipatam 4th. May 1785.—

President. Minute thereon.—

The President delivers in the following Minute.—

Minute for Council. May 20. 1785

Appears by the Letter from the Masulipatam and the Papers enclosed in it,

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Mat. Mr. Pinot, a French private Trader, reported some Goods from Mallapillee in the month of September last 1784; and as this was before the Restitution of the French Factories, the Renter of Mallapillee required the usual Customs, and Mr. Pinot granted, what he calls an obligatory, but Conditional Note for them, which he now refuses to discharge.

Mr. Pinot alledges in vindication of his Conduct, that his Vessel was stopt before any Duties were demanded of him — that the obligatory Note was not voluntarily signed by him, but became an act of necessity, in consequence of the Detention of his Vessel, and that he immediately protested against the Demand.

Upon the above State of the Case, that Mr. Pinot was liable to the Payment of the Customs, and that he ought to have made no Difficulty about it. His Vessel was detained for the Duties — If she suffered by that Detention, it was his own fault and not the Renters' Had the Duties been paid, when demanded, or any Satisfaction given for the Amount, no hindrance would have happened — Mr. Pinot says that those Duties were only demanded from the French, and not

not from other Foreigners but the Chief and Council of Masulipatam deny this, and declare that, tho perhaps in a few Instances it may have happened, that Danish Colours have screened the Dutch, yet this Privilege, if ever allowed was at the Discretion of the Renter, who was the only loser by it, and not by any means approved or conceived at by Government which considered all Foreigners upon an Equality in this respect.

Mons.r Lalor and other French Traders in the same Circumstance with Mr. Pinot paid Customs upon their Goods before the Exemption took place, in consequence of the late Treaty of Peace, on that Mr. Pinot seems the only one that has disputed the just claims of the Renter.

But it would appear from a Paragraph in the Letter from Mr. Maclive the French Resident at Yanam to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam dated the 27.th April, that he conceives the Native Inhabitants of Yanam, and other places under the Protection of the French are by the Treaty of Peace as much exempted from Duties as the French. The Chief and Council seem to understand the Paragraph

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in this Sense, but as the Expression is not very clear, I think they should be desired to request an Explanation of it, and at the same time to declare, that we consider the Privilege of trading Duty free to be granted by Treaty only to the French, for their own proper Merchandize, and not for the Merchandize of any Native whatsoever; and that we cannot allow such Exemptions to be extended by Deutruck or otherwise to the native Inhabitants.

It will be necessary, I think, to write a Letter to the Governor of Pondicherry on the subject of Mr. Pando's refusal to pay his obligatory Note for the Duties, and his ill treatment of the Renters Servant who was sent to demand the money.

(Signed) — Macartney

The Board concur entirely in opinion with the Right Honble. President, and it is accordingly Agreed, that a Letter be written to Pondicherry containing the Sentiments expressed in the foregoing Minute.

The Board concur in Opinion with the President as expressed in the foregoing Minute

Read the following Report from the Board of Accounts with Enclosures lodged in the office.

To

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Report of the Board of Accounts, the 4th May 1785.—

Since we last had the Honor of Addressing you we have received the following Reports.—

A Report by Mr Holland dated 7th Janua-ry upon the General Journal Journals of Vizagapatam, together with the dependant Accounts of the Subandiary viz. from.—

1st. May 1780 to 30th. April 1784 Exclt.—

General Journal pages
Cash Account
Paymaster at Chicacole
Military Paymaster at Vizagapatam. Civil Paymaster at Vizagapatam, Storekeeper at Vizagapatam from 1st February 1781.—

Military Storekeeper from 1st. February 1781.—

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A Report by. Mr. Wynch
dated 7th. January 1785,
on the Payments and
disbursements in the
Garrison of Poonamalle
from 1st. May 1780 to
April 1783.—

A Report by. Mr.
Jackson, dated 6th. January
1785 on. Mr. Digby's Ac=
=counts and disbursements,
as Agent Victualer to the
Southern Army, from the
Month of October 1782. to
the 30th. June 1783.—

A Report by. Mr. Hol=
land, dated 16th. January
1785 on the Account of
Ingeram from 1st. May
1780 to 30th. April 1784.—

A Report by. Mr.
Woolf on the Accounts of
the Garrison of Vellore,
that come into the Superi=
intendants office from
1st. May 1780 to 30th. April
1783.—

A Report by. Mr.
Wynch on the Mint &
Masters

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Masters Accounts from 1st. May 1781 to Decem=ber 1784.—

A Report by Mr. Woolfon the Accounts of Angole, that came into the Office of the Superin=tendant of the Marine Disbursements from 1st. May 1780 to 30th. April 1783.—

It appears from Mr. Hollands Report on the General Journals Parcels of Vizagapatam, that it has not been usual to forward Accounts from the Employs of Import Warehousekeeper and Garrison Storekeeper, the Accounts of these Em=ploys may not be of sufficient Magnitude to require a Separate Set of Books, but we are of opini=on it would be proper that a Monthly Account of Expenditure should be forwarded together with the other Accounts

Journal

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of the Subordinacy; and if it be not thought necessary to make up a regular Sett of Books it would perhaps be eligible to form a State-ment of the consumption of the various Articles in Custody, which might be effected by opening Columns for them in the Ledgers of the General Books of the Subordinacy. We therefore recommend that Orders be sent to Vizagapatam to forward Monthly Accounts in future, from the Employs of Import Warehouse and Garrison Storekeeper, and the Annual Books of those Employs if it has been usual to keep such Books, or otherwise that the Accounts be fully entered in the General Books of the Subordinacy. We have thought it necessary to write to the Paymaster of

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Circular directing that in future Pay rolls be forwarded in support of Military Payments, and that all abstracts thereof be countersigned by the Commandant for the time being, and that the bounty for # enlisting Sepoys be # inserted at the foot of the Abstracts.—

There appears to be an Establishment of # Bullocks retained on Service and kept in # readiness for field duty at Chicacole. It appears from the Accounts of February. March and April 1784 that 146 # Draught and 34 Carriage Bullocks were then # retained for the Service of 2 Brass 3 Pr. 1 Brass 6 Pr. and 2 Brass 2 Pr. which it may be proper to state, submitting the propriety of retaining a

All Draught and Carriage Bullocks to be discharged

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Stat Establishment of
Bullocks on this Station
to your Lordships &c.a

We beg leave to recom=
=mend that in future Orders
be sent to the Storekeeper
and. Military Storekeeper at
Vizagapatam to forward
Vouchers of Receipts and
Indents for all Issues

Copies of a Letter from
our Board, in consequence
of Mr. Hollands Report
we have the honor to
inclose you.

By Mr. Wynches
Report there appears to
have been an Error in the
addition of one of the Month=
=ly Accounts for the Expen=
=ces of Poonamallee to the
Amount of 155 Pagodas
This we suppose will be
rectified when the Accounts
are adjusted and the Charge
for Firearms we have
ordered to be discontinued
as your Lordships &c.a
will observe by our Letter
to Mr. Hawkins Copy of

which

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which we have the ho-
nor to enclose you.

On this Report by
Mr. Jackson it appears
to us that if Mr. Digby
bought Arrack at Naga-
=patam on his own ac-
=count, not having had
orders or Authority from
his Superiors to make
the purchase for the
Company and being
without funds of theirs
for that purpose, and
that if he bore the risk
and Expence which it
must have been consi-
=derable, to Trichinopoly
where it was found on
Account of the Company
he must in this Case
be considered as a Merchant
and be allowed the rea-
=dy Money Price at
Trichinopoly.

Mr. Digby charges
50 Pagodas for Months
Acting Agent, which is
not warranted by the

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This overcharge must be
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Regulation Book, has
been a customary Charge.
An overcharge of 370.
28. Appears by Mr.
Jackson's Report, to have
been made for the Hire
of Carts and Bullocks,
for conveying of Stock
from the Month of Octo=
ber 1782. to 30th June 1783.
there also appears an
overcharge of 117.19.9. for
Victualling the Europeans,
Mr. Jackson +
having objected to the
Number of Servants em=
=ployed by the Deputy +
Agent, and such not being
fixed by the Regulations
as it must depend on the
occasional difficulty of
providing articles neces=
=sary the Circumstances
in this respect in which
the Southern Army was,
are not known to us, and
we do not think ourselves
competent to decide on
the matter in question,
and have referred the
same

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This Reference Approved

same to Mr. Mc Jackson
on the Spot to determine.

On the Report of the
Ingeram Accounts made
by Mr. Holland from 1st.
May 1780 to 30th. April
1784, as particular &
remarks occur.—

In consequence of
Mr. Woolfs Report on the
Garrison of Vellore we
found it necessary to
address the Paymaster,
to explain some of the
Charges which appeared
in his Accounts, Copy
of our Letter we have
the honor to inclose to
your Lordship, since
which we have received
an answer satisfactory,
excepting on the Grain
Accounts. Mr. Egilvee

may be

A Wastage of Five P Cent the Paymaster charges
P annum may be allowed 5 P Cent wastage on
on all Grain in General. Grain; he pleads that
it has been an invaria-
ble rule to make this
charge as we are not

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possessed of any Authority, or can a Precedent be quoted why such Allowance should be made, we beg leave to Submit to the Consideration of your Lordship &c. the propriety of this Charge.

No Remarks on the Report by Mr. Wynch on the Mint Master's Accounts, from 1st. May 1780 to 31st. December 1784.—

In Consequence of the Report by Mr. Wolf, on the Accounts of Bengal, that came into the Office of the Superintendant of the Nabobs Disbursements from 1st. May 1780 to 30th. April 1783 a Letter was written to Mr. Gardiner a Copy of which we have the Honor to enclose you with his Answer. Mr. Gardiner pleads not having been informed of the Orders regarding the Allowance

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This Charge to be allowed for Bullock hire and has charged at the rate mentioned in the prin: ted Regulation which makes a difference in the Amount of Pagodas 1738. 24 Inst. we beg leave to Submit this to your Lordship &c.a as well as that of retaining in the Service a part Establishment of Bullocks, we have ordered him in future to abide by the Regulations in Regard to the pay of Artificers. —

— We have been favoured with a Letter from your Acting Secretary Mr. Chamier, date 15th. March, and agreeable thereto addressed Major Edington on the Subject. Copy of our Letter with Major Edington's Answer we have the honor to Enclose you. —

Copy of our Letter to the Agent in consequence

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Of. Mr. Balfour's Report containing our resolu=tions respecting Alte=rations in Mr. Dobbyn's Accounts, we have now the Honor to enclose to your Lordship &c.a &c.a &c.a beg leave also to observe that, in the Agents Ac=counts, instead of Char=ging the hire by the Month when Bullocks were Employed for a Month or more, it is charged at so much pr. Day after the rate of the Monthly hire divided by Twenty; on the Idea of the Monthly hire having been fixt for a Month of 30 Days by this manner of charging the hire the Company pay in the 7 Months of the Year which contain 31 Days the hire of one day in each Month above the Monthly

This charge inadmissible

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Monthly rate—100
understand this has
been the custom of the
Agents to employ and
submit it to the consi-
deration of your Lordship
&c.—

We remark Indents
for Bullocks or Carts
dated three, four and
sometimes five days
before they were dispat-
ched on the Service for
which they were requi-
red, during which they
are charged for as if alrea-
dy actually employed.
As to prevent this unne-
-cessary Expence the
Indent should specify
the day when the Carts
or Bullocks will be ill
wanted.—

In the Books of
the Agent the Expence
of Victualling Spanish
Prisoners at Nagore
from May to October
1780 Amounting to £

All Bullocks to be changed
according to the date of their
being received in to the
Service.

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To be referred to the Accountant who must recommend a Head for this Charge

Pagodas 800,31-17. has been erroneously charged to the Head of Victualling the Troops we beg leave to recommend to your Lordships that this be written off to such other Account as you shall think proper to charge with it.—

To be referred to Mr. Dobbyn who must be desired to explain why the business was not brought up.— the Confusions of the times being considered as an sufficient Excuse.—

Mr. Dobbyn charges 450-1.40. for Office Rent and wages of writers &c. for 7. Months after he gave up the Employ of Agent for bringing up the business of that Department which was in Arrears from the Confusion of the Times.—

Mr. Dobbyn having represented to us the heavy Losses he has sustained by accepting as Payments, Bengal Bills Copper &c. Copy of the Statement of this Account

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Mr. Dobbyn's Representation cannot be attended to.

Account we have the Honor to enclose you, and Submit to the Consideration of your Lordships &c.

The Interest Account we have examined as it cannot be supposed Gentlemen can make large Advances on Account of their Employ for the Public Service without some Compensation of Interest we think it proper to Submit it to the Consideration of your Lordships whether this charge might not be admitted.

We have the Honor to be with Great Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obt. and most humble Servants

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Wm. Hyndman
Edwd. Ld. Holland
Jno. Bd. Halliburton
Robert Woolf

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Substance of a letter from the Nabob

The President lays before the Board a letter from the Nabob, entered in Country Correspondence. N°57, representing that Captain Kennedy refuses to deliver up His Highness's House at the Mount, lately occupied by Colonel Kennedy, who has bequeathed it by Will, when he had no right to do so, the Nabob never having it to him. —

Minute thereon

Ordered that a Letter be written to Captain Kennedy, desiring he will give up the House agreeably to the Nabob's Requisition. —

Read the Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Davis of the 14th. Instant mentioned in his Consultation, —

Lt. Col. Davies promoted to the Rank of a Supernumerary Major

The Board taking into Consideration the long Services of Lieutenant Colonel Davies, now the Senior Captain on the List, it is Resolved that he be appointed a Supernumerary Major on the Establishment, from the date of which appointment no additional Expence to be incurred, as Captain Davies is Quarter Master General, and has the nominal Rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and is therefore entitled, when on Service, to the Batta of Lieutenant Colonel

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Lieutenant Orr promoted to the Rank of Captain Lieutenant of Cavalry.

Colonel — Resolved also, that Lieutenant John Orr the Senior Lieutenant of Cavalry be promoted to the Rank of Captain Lieutenant, which will not be attended with any Additional Expence, Captains Lieutenants having only the pay of Lieutenants.—

The foregoing appointment to be published in G.O.

Agreed that the above Promotions be published in General Orders.

The Six Senior Ensigns promoted to Lieutenancy by the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief

The Commander in Chief begs leave to recommend that the Six Senior Ensigns be promoted to the Rank of Lieutenants, but to Continue on Ensign's Pay only until regular Vacancies happen.—

Ordered Accordingly

From Mr. Hudleston

Read the following Letter, as entered in the Miscellany Book. No. 60.

From Mr. Hudleston dated 17th. May enclosing Sundry Papers from Mr. Churchill, Deputy to Mr. Burke; His Majesty's Paymaster General to the King's Troops in India —

Minute thereon

Resolved that his Demand for Poundage, Paymasters and Surgeon's Stoppages &c. &c. due on Account of the 78th. Regiment be discharged, and the Regiment debited Accordingly.—

Mr. Davidson delivers in the following

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Following Minute upon Colonel Ross's Letter to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam.—

In Council 20th. May 1785

Mr. Davidson's Minute on that Part of Colonel Ross's Letter to the Board of Masulipatam which bears Relation to Coringa.—

In Addition to what Mr. Daniell has said concerning Coringa, it may be proper for me to observe, having been long Resident at Ingeram near that place, that I think Coringa might be made a place of great Consequence in time of war.—

The Bay has depth of Water for Ships of any Burthen.—

On the Shore, and immediately approaching it, there are at least Seven and twenty feet* mud, nevertheless on each side the Bar the Beach is Sandy, very fit for Building a Mole or any other Masonry to make this Port a Complete Harbour, & in case of Wind the largest Ships in the Country

* Some years since a Ship in Coringa Bay in raising her main-top mast it slipped out of the Sling, and dropped perpendicularly along side, but did not cast off, the man having hold of it for hoisting it up they found on measuring that it had penetrated upward of thirty feet in a fine stiff clay colour'd Mud.—

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Since of Six and seven hundred Tons have driven on the Mud frequently run on it purposely, and after the Change of Weather have with the greatest ease warped off. There are not above 11 feet water on the Bar of Coringa, but there being no Surf, and the bottom being soft at the Springs, Ships of large burthen may by unshipping their masts, with the assistance of Casks, get over it. Col. Rose mentions the Veteran Store Ship English built of 500 Tons drawing down there. I have seen a Ship of 600 Tons cruising in the Harbour of Coringa.

Notwithstanding the Port of Coringa is at present in a state of Nature, yet its Situation is such that in the most dangerous Monsoons Ships, Snows and Craft of all kinds fly to it as a Haven for shelter. Col. Rose mentions in his Report that near Seventy Vessels had anchored

within the bar there are 7 to 15 fathom water

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and taken Shelter there
in 1783, and 1784. That at
this time there belong to
the Port.—

1 Ship of Five hundred Tons
99 Snows, on an average, One
hundred and eighty Tons
each — 80 Sloops, of about
hundred Tons each.—
25 Donies, on an average,
Ninety Tons each.—

Whilst I was Resident
of Ingeram I have known
in one Season, near
Three Hundred Vessels of
all Kinds touch there. Co=
=ringa might not only
be established as a Com=
=mercial Port for the Pro=
=tection and Assistance
of the Merchants of In=
=dia, but its Superior Situa=
=ation without doubt,
points it out as a Natio=
=nal Object. Next to
Trincomalay, Coringa
is the only Port on the
Coast of Coromandel ca=
=pable of giving protec=
=tion in the S.E. and

N.

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N. East Monsoon to
Squadrons, and India
Men, about the Public
Service require that
remaining on the Coast
during the Little Mon-
soon in April, and the
the N. E. Monsoon in
the Languous mon. to
of October, November,
and December. —
Coringa is in the
Rajamundry Circar
a Country abounding
in Cattle, Poultry, Rice,
Firewood, Water and the
other requisites for re-
freshing; not to mention
Teak, and Country Tim-
ber, floated down a
annually during the
Floods by the Godavery
(or Godavery) River which
Passes Ingeram, and
Pyaram, into the Bay
of Coringa. I am not
sanguine as Col. Ross
regarding the facility
of

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Consequence might it receive at Coringa. No doubt difficulties would at first be felt, but as incouragement were given probably plenty would come, and Ships be better supplied than at Tonnamalay. —

Surveys have been taken of the Bay of Coringa, particularly one by Major Will.m Stevens of the Engineers, which I understand has been published by M.r Dalrymple. A Survey also was taken by the master of the Orford a Man of War when Capt. Leslie of that Ship put in there after a Gale of wind in 1775 or 1776, but there is not, Col. Ross informs me, a Copy of it in the Engineer's office. The Bar of Coringa is several hundred feet wide — I have heard an experienced

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+ He said he should not compleat
to contract for executing a
proper work for about Twenty
five Thousand Pagodas Ten
Thousand pounds Sterling (£10000)

experienced able Surveyor
Captain Pantom, of the
Sea Horse Man of War,
+ a point that if the Bar
were narrowed to a
proper Space, it would
rise considerably and
admit Ships of the Line
at the Springs. There is
little or no back water
at Coringa. The Harbour
there may be considered
more as a Bight, than a
River although there
certainly is a Communi=
=cation by a small
Creek or Channel betwe
the Godavery and Corin=
=ga.

I recommend that a
Letter be written to the
Supreme Council reques=
=ting that Mr. Ritchie,
who is an able Nautical
Surveyor, be permitted
to make a Survey of Co=
=ringa, particularly of
the Northern Inlets of
the Bay least known

but

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but of most consequence to Navigators, to shew where the cover it can give to Shipping during the bad weather of the N. E. Monsoon. If he be engaged or absent, I propose the mention of it in the General Letter, that our Honble Employers, if they think proper may send a Nautical Artist, not only to survey and Report upon Coringa but Pitty Polly, Porto Novo, the Godjah of minar &c.a. In the mean time if the Board approve of it Mr. Guthrie of the Engineers might be employed at Coringa he is I am informed an ingenious young man of good Education. —

(Signed) Alex. Davidson

Agreed

1523.—

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Minute thereon

Agreed that a Copy of this Minute with an Extract from Colonel Ross's Letter relative to Coringa be sent to Bengal, and that the Gentlemen there be requested to send Mr. Rietstie to the Coast for the purpose of surveying the Bays of Coringa and Pettapolly, and some other parts of the Coast of Choromandell.—

Pettapolly

Letter to the Court of Directors of this Date approved, and to be copied fair.—

The Secretary lays before the Board the Draft of a Letter to the Honorable Court of Directors, which is approved, and ordered to be copied fair.—

" Alex. Davidson

"

" J. Daniell

"

1324. Fort S.t George May 1785

25th Sent the following Letter to Bengal

To the Honble John Macpherson Esq.r

Governor General &c.a Council at

Fort William

Gentlemen

We have the honor to inform you that our Chief Engineer who is lately returned from an inspection of our Northern Garrisons has strongly recommended to us the Survey of the Bay and Port of Coringa & the Bay of Pitapolly, which have indeed often been represented to us, as of much consequence and we have wished that they should be surveyed, but have not had it in our Power, as we have not under our orders a proper Person for this Service.—

We have therefore to request you will be pleased to order M.r Ruthie for this purpose to Madras that he may not only survey the above Bays but take the bearings and Soundings of some Parts of the Coast of Choromandel which are not well ascertained and of which the proper

To Bengal, requesting that M.r Ruthie may be ordered to survey the Bays on this Coast, & particularly Coringa—

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25th perfect knowledge is absolutely necessary for the safety of the Company's Ships navigating in these Seas.

We have the honor to Enclose you Extract of the Letter from the Chief Engineer and Copy of a Minute delivered in by M.r Davidson relative to Coringa.—

We have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humble Servants.

(Signed) Macartney

Council

Fort S.t George
25th May 1785.—

Received the following Letter from Masulipatam with the Enclosure referred in M.B. N.o 6

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c.
President & Governor &c. Council of
Fort S.t George

From Masulipatam enclosing Copies of Correspondence with Thos. Hamilton on the Subject of the French Claims.

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have received your Secretary's Letter of the 5.th Instant with its two enclosures Copies of which we have sent to the President

of

1526 Fort St. George May 5th 1785.

25th of Ingram agreeable to your orders— Being unable to furnish your Lordship &c. with any information respecting the circumstances mentioned by General Lantenccan of Commissaries having been sent from Madras, or even to comprehend what he thereby alludes to, we have requested Mr. Hamilton to acquaint us if any such circumstance should have come to his knowledge.

We have the honor to inclose Copies of correspondence with Mr. Hamilton on the Subject of the French slaves since our letter of the 4th Instant, in you will therein perceive what he has proposed regarding the Farm of Nellapillie being put under the management of an European, and what we have written in reply; and we think it necessary to observe that the Renters Managers having continued to exact Duties from the Vessels after we wrote Mr. Hamilton that they should be discontinued may have arisen from the time necessary for our consulting with the Chief, for his giving the necessary

Orders

1527 Fort St. George 6 May 1785.

2d.- Orders to the Renters, & for the Latter communicating those orders to his Manager at Nellapillee.-

The Questions put by the Resident of Tengeranbo to Oppaye Pantalou late Manager of the Farm of Nellapillee, with the Answers of the Latter respecting the Rents in Dispute with the French, we forward as the best information we have been able to obtain of what was customary before last War; any further information we may obtain on this Subject shall be regularly communicated to your Lordships

2d.- We have the honor to be very respectfully.-

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants
James Hodges
J. C. Boileau
Thos Parnell

Masulipatam
4th. May 1785

Received the following Letter from Bengal:-

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.
President & Council on their Political Department
My Lord & Gentlemen Fort St. George
We had the honor to
Regd

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Fort S.t George 6 May 1785

From Bengal enclosing Copy of his Majesty's Judges Answer respecting the delivering up a Foreign Delinquent.

Sir

Acquaint you under date the 5th Instant that we had stated the question which your Lordship & Co had submitted to us in your address of the 23d February, to his Majesty's Judges and should Communicate their Answer to you as soon as we were furnished with it. We have now received it and have the Honor to enclose a Copy.—

We are happy to observe by your Letter of the 8th Ultimo that no Considerable Progress had been made in effecting the Restitutions that were Stipulated in the Definitive Treaty with the Court of France. We do not see either the Force or Propriety of the Arguments which you have thought proper to use in Opposition to the Opinion that we gave in our Letter of the 2d of February for removing the Embarassments that had occurred respecting the Foreign Dependancies of Negapatam

We have been honored with your Letter of the 27th Ultimo transmitting to us a Dispatch from the Governor and Council of Colombo. as this Packet encloses the Copy of a Letter which they had addressed to your Presidency, and we may soon

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2d. would expect to be acquainted by your Lordships &c. on the subject of it we shall defer writing to Columbo for some days.

We inclose a Letter to Tranquebar which we shall be obliged to your Lordship &c. to have forwarded to that place.

Fort William
Foreign Depart.
19th April 1785

We have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
(Signed) John Macpherson
John Stables
Chas. Stuart

To the Honble John Macpherson Esqr
Governor General and the Gentlemen of the
Council at Fort William in
Honble Sirs Bengal

Having attentively considered your letter dated the 17th of March together with that from General Coote &c. &c. &c. Monsr. Saw to the Right Honble the President and Council at Fort St George requesting that Paul Daniel Lake a Merchant at Masulipatam, might be delivered up to them, We are

of

25 of Opinion, that if any future Application, of a similar Nature, should be made to the President and Council they would not be justified by any legal authority in delivering up to a foreign Power, a person accused of delinquency; who being entitled to local Protection in return for his local allegiance, ought to have the Benefit of the British Laws, by which no Man can be deprived of his Liberty without due Process after sufficient Examination and Evidence.

We have the honor to be with great Esteem Hon.ble Sirs Your most Obedient humble Servants

Fort William
14th April 1785

Rob.t Chambers
Jn.o Hyde
W. Jones

/ Signed /

a true Copy
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To the Right Honble Geo: Lord Macartney K.B.

From Bengal enclosing Copy of a letter from Colonel Pearse with an Abstract of his Journal of the March of his Detachment to Madras.

President &c.a Council on their Political Depart.

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have been honored by the Receipt of your Letters bearing date the 23 of Febry

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2d February and 8th and 26th Ultimo.

We have the Pleasure to transmit to you Col. Pearse's answer to the Reference made to him in Consequence of the Doubts expressed in your Letter.

We have explained on our Public Department, to your Representations of the pressing wants and Exigencies of your Govern-ment, and have consented to your drawing upon us for a present Supply to the amount of five Lacks of Rupees. We trust that you will send us as early as possible, those Official Statements of your Resources Disburse-ments and wants, which we have required, and without which we cannot regularly adjust the General Accounts of the Company in India nor form a just comparative Estimate of the particular Distress of any of their Settlements. Since February 1782 we have been continually desirous of obtaining these Accounts, and according to prescribed Forms.

We were not informed by the late Governor General of any Letter written by him to the Company on the 16th of December 1783.

1532 Fort St. George May 1785

21st If your Lordship & Co. have formed your Opinion of the Resources of this Government from any Expectations given in that Letter, you would of course make allowances for the immense and unforeseen Expences arising from the Detention of Col: Pearse's Detachment in the Carnatic and for the Amount of the Bills drawn by you upon this Government from December 1783.-

In the Observations which you have been pleased to make on our Engagement with Sir John Burgoyne to recruit his Regiment of Light Dragoons you may freely indulge provided that you carry into Effect our Directions for the good of the Public Service. a Complete Regiment of European Light Dragoons disciplined by able and distinguished Officers is a valuable Force in the Carnatic and we trust that you will not without necessity deviate from what we have so earnestly recommended to you upon the Subject of this Regement

We have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obed.
humble Servants
(Signed) John Macpherson
John Stables
Chas. Stuart

Lord Walsham
Secret Department
19th April 1785

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28 A.D. Colonel Pearce's Letter & enclosures mentioned in the foregoing Letter entered on M.B. N.o 62.

Sent the following Letter to the Resident at Acheen, via Tranquebar

To M.r Joseph Yorke, Kinlock

Resident at Acheen

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble President and Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 26.th March, advising of your Appointment to Acheen of which the Board have not received any intimation from the Governor General & Council

The Board cannot have the least objection to the Siamese hiring the King of Acheen's Agents to engage at this Place Topays for the King's Service & so far from receiving interruption I am directed to assure you that the Agents will be assisted by Government, if assistance be necessary

The Board further direct me to inform you that notice will be taken of Nagueda Allah, when he comes to this

Presidency

For the Resident at Acheen; will in every Instance comply with the Requisitions contained in his Letter of the 26.th March.

1534 Fort S. George 25 May 1785

25r Presidency & no Opportunity which may
raise the Reputation of the Company in
the Eyes of the King of Achem, or of his
Subjects, will be permitted to escape.

Any information which the
Records of this Presidency can afford will
be readily transmitted to you: orders were
immediately given to make Extracts & Copies
accordingly — but by some strange & unac-
-countable accident the Papers you require,
which were bound up in a Separate book
have been mislaid & are not yet found all the
all possible industry is used in the Search for
them. —

I am Sir
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) J. Chamier
Act. Secy

Fort S. George
25r. May 1785

Sent the undermentioned Letters
which are entered in M.B. Nos. 63, 64, 65, 66,
67, 68, 69, 70, 71. —

To Capt. Kennedy — Directing him to
To Capt. J. Kennedy restore the House & the Mower belonging
to his Highness the Nabob, bequeathed to
him by the late Colonel Kennedy —

To J. Smith — To J. Smith, approving his Conduct
in

1535 Fort S.t George — May 1785.

25th On the Arrangement of the Business between Syed Mustapha and the Moogral Polygar.

To Vizagapatam To Vizagapatam, enclosing Extract from the Report of the Commissioners of Accounts to which they are desired to conform.

To Mr. Christopher Breithaupt To Mr. Breithaupt informing him of his Appointment to the Cooperage.

To the Resident at Tanjore, to comply To Mr. Hudleston with the Application of Mr. Churchill and debit his Majesty's 78.th Regiment on his Accounts.

24th To Masulipatam, enclosing Copy of To Masulipatam Lord Macartney's Minute relative to Mr. Pirrot which must be their Guidance.

To Messrs. Palk & Digby advising of the To Mr. Palk Appointments of the former to the Paymaster- To Mr. Digby ship & the latter to the Commissaryship of the Troops under Brigadier General Howe.

To Capt.n Bidcliffe To Capt.n Bidcliffe to deliver over the Command of the Fort & Garrison of Palamcotah to Lieut.t Colonel Sir Henry Conby.

Received the following Letter

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B. From Messrs. Lindt Clow advising of the Probability of the Termination of their Mission

President & Governor &c. Council of Fort S.t George

Sirs

We

1536 Fort S.t George May 1785.

24 We communicate to your Lordship &c.a the pleasing intelligence of a letter having been received yesterday from the Vackeels, advising us, that Hurnagee Row had at length acceded to the engagements entered into by his Gomastah, Anunta Row, with the Rajah for the Payment of both Kists; had discharged the first to Hyder ally and satisfied him with regard to the second and that in consequence / the Papers of Adjustment being reciprocally interchanged/ written orders addressed to the Circar Aumils / Copys of which We have received for the immediate evacuation of all the Districts/ has been delivered to Hurnagee Row who has promised to present them here in three or four days. the Rajahs Servants are in readiness to proceed to take Possession the moment he arrives. So soon as the Restitution takes place your Lordship &c.a shall be duly acquainted —

Unwilling to divide the attention of the Vackeels by the pursuit of too many objects at the same time We directed

place

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24.th directed them, not to urge the enlargement of the Rajahs Relations while the principal one remained in Agitation; seeing that it is now attained they have therefore removed the Subject, and given us hopes that they will meet with Success.-

We have the honor to be with much respect.-

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

(Signed) Jas Lind

BJ Close

Venkatgherry
20.th May 1785

Received the following Letters from Pondicherry.-

Pondicherry. 30.th April 1785

Mi Lord

Le Brigadier Gen.l

Coudreau expressing

his Hope that

Justice may be

done the French

Nation by a

Restoration of the

Lands now Laid

Claim to at

Yanaon.-

J'ai reçu la Lettre My Lord

que vous me avez fait

l'honneur de m'ecrire

datée du 20 de

ce mois en réponse à

reclamation que j'ai

faite pour les possessions

Françoises, à Yanaon

I have received the Letter you did me the honor to write me the 20.th Instant in reply to the Claim I made for the French Possessions at Yanaon.-

Vous admettez que

puis qu'il m'a vu en

as this Subject has seen

1538 Fort St. George May 1785

24 de des entiers ne de-
repondre par nos
Lords respectives sur la
reclamation de M. Pavon
pour l'Isle de Diego Garcia
qu'il paroit en conclure
que cette objet n'a
pas été rappellé dans le dernier
traité de Paix. Pour-
-tés moi, Milord de
vous observer que cette
réponse ne va de la
des termes que Lord
connoit dans cette
demande faite particu-
-lierement sur les
Articles que demandent
un long examen avant
de pouvoir prononcer
pertant Lord gestow est
obligé de rester
dépourvu aussi long-
-tems. Je me pense
-rois de faire une observation
sur ce qui a été dit par
cette demande
-ande double Nouvelle
-tée en cet fait
mention

has never been distinct
nor any answer made
by our respective
Courts to M. Pavon's
Claim for the Island
of Diego Garcia. It is
natural to conclude that
as the late Treaty of
Peace is altogether
silent upon it, Pavon
may Lord to observe
to you that such obstruct
is not known in a demand
made particularly for
points which require
a long investigation, before
decision should ensue,
especially when it is
necessary to refer to
particulars - for back
I am convinced that
if they had imagined
that that demand should
not have been made it
would have been mentioned
by stating that every
subject, which had
not finally been deter-
-mined should be looked
upon

1539 Fort St. George — May 1785.—

2th mention, en exprimant upon ce nuelle, on the
que toutes Objets dont la determination, thereof
discussion n'avoit pas été remise à l'acte in
complette, devoit regarder leur Original situa-
=tion.—
comme on avoit fait, dans
le cas contraire les Etats different with
Choses resteroit au moins regard to the Ground
dans l'Etat d'une on the east side of the
premiere Instance.— factory as it was the
Il reviendra par suite French possessed at
du terrein dans la partie ly at the beginning
de l'Est de la loge déja= of the last War, even
=nommée ou on jouissoit after the Opposition
paisiblement au commen= made by Mr. Sadlier,
cement de la derniere who had not the
Guerre même après la sanction of the English
opposition faite par Commissaries, that were
M. Sadlier, qui n'avoit pas eu la sanction des on their from Madras for
Commissaires anglois de the purpose of
Madras envoyés pour enquiring into the
connoitre sur les Lieux cause of the Disputes
l'objet qui avoit fait all differences respec-
naître discussion dans ting Lands in this Country
toutes les difficultés qui etoit les Inhabitants
regardoient les terreins only who can prove
dans ce Pays ce ne sont which are the People
dont que les habitans qui that they belong to
des Lieux qui administrent les Etats by their means.
only

1540 Fort St. George 11 May 1785.

11e les preuves de la jouissance partielle on telles personnes ou Nations, [illegible] seul moien que loié give such Assistance peuth parvenir a donner un Acte de [illegible] justice dans ce Genre demid, [illegible] Je Suis persuade Milord, que vous donnerez [illegible] vrai acette proposition la Limite qu'elle presente et qu'alors vien naarter a ce qui regarde le tien ces reclame au terme dont la france en jouissoit au Commencement de la derniere Guerre.

J'ai L'honneur detre avec une Consideration distinguee.

Mi Lord

Votre tres humble et tres Obeissant Serviteur

Contenceau

only that Justice can be done — I am persuaded my Lord, that to this proposal you will give such Assistance as it merits and that the Lands which are to France in the State they possessed them before the War, without any further delay.

I have the honor to be with distinguished Consideration.

My Lord

Your very humble & very Obedt Servt

Contenceau

A true Translation

Chase
French Transl.

1541

Fort St. George May 1785

24th

From Monsieur Le Vicomte De Souillac announcing his Arrival in India charged with the Managment of all the French Settlements East of the Cape of Good Hope - Trusts that he shall find the same correspondent Disposition on the part of this Govern.t of a good understanding, as he is determined to observe -

Pondichery le 25 May 1785

Milord,

J'ai l'honneur de vous faire part de mon arrivée dans cette place en conformité des ordres de sa Majesté très Chrétienne qui a jugé à propos de remettre au Gouvernement General des Isles de France et de Bourbon, ce qui a déjà confié tous les Etablissements françois situés en deçà du Cap de bonne Espérance. Je vous félicite Milords, de tout mon cœur de l'heureux cas de Correspondre avec vous à une époque où la plus sincère union et la plus parfaite harmonie semblent devoir subsister entre nos Couronnes et nos Respectives Nations. Que cette sincère Union, que nos Dispositions mutuelles, et presque une même Nation, nous rendent toujours voisins, et Presque amis, tandis que les Souverains dont nous sommes les Représentans nous donnent l'exemple de la Concorde, et nous prêtent mutuellement leurs forces pour maintenir la Paix, et la Tranquillité dans nos Possessions, c'est ce que je m'empresserai d'apporter de mon côté, l'esprit de Justice

Pondichery 25. May 1785

My Lord,

I have the honor to advise you of my Arrival at this Place agreeably to the orders of his most Christian Majesty, who has thought proper to annex to the Government General of the Isles of France and Bourbon, which has already been entrusted to my Charge, all the French Establishments situated on this side the Cape of good Hope - I congratulate my Lord at seeing on a footing the most sincere Union and Harmony subsisting between our Crowns and our respective Nations, that this Union and our mutual Dispositions, and almost one Nation, may render us Neighbours, and almost Friends, while the Sovereigns whose Representatives we are, set us the example of Concord, and mutually lend their Forces to maintain Peace and Tranquillity in our Possessions, is what I shall endeavour on my part to observe with the strictest Justice

Persuaded

1542 Fort S.t George May 5.th 1785.

24 # Justice et de Conciliation
le plus propre a maintenir et augmenter s'il est possible, la bonne harmonie qui fait le vœu de nos Souverains respectifs. Je ne doute pas de trouver une correspondance parfaite de votre part et une similitude de sentiments au moien de laquelle des Legeres Contestations s'il en survenoit seroient promptement terminées.

Je dois aussi avoir l'honneur de vous prevenir, Milord, que M.r de Poligny arrive avec mon et Poland du Regiment de l'Isle de France, est pourvu de la place de Gouverneur particulier de Pondichery et Dependances en Asie. Vous ordres et que lorsque je repassai a l'Isle de France Chef de cette Gouvernement il aura l'honneur de Correspondre avec vous relativement

persuaded that on my part, I will bring that Spirit of Justice & Conciliation, which shall be the most proper to maintain and encrease if possible the good harmony which is the wish of our respective Sovereigns & doubt not of finding on your part a Correspondent Disposition and similar sentiments by which means slight controversies if any occurred would be speedily terminated. I have the honour to communicate to you, My Lord, that M.r De Poligny Colonel of the Regim.t of the Isle of France is appointed Governor of Pondichery & its dependencies in Asia under my Orders and that when he shall return to the Isle of France I the Chief Correspondence of the Govern.t

1543 Fort St. George May 1785

24 # relativement à ce que Government General the
Concerne ses interets on Have the honor
dans cette Partie to enclose Herewith your
J'ai l'honneur relative to the said
d'être avec une haute concern our Interests
Estime, &. Consideration on this Head of the
distinguée. Have the
My Lord honor to be with the
greatest esteem and
Votre très humble distinguished consid.
& très obeissant ration
Serviteur My Lord
(Signé) Le Vte de Souillac Your very humble
& very Obed.t Servant
(Signed) Le Vte de Souillac

a true Translation
H Chase
French Transl.r

Ordered that the following Letter
be written to Brigadier General Contencau
in answer to his of the 30.th April, on the
in a Letter of Congratulation to Vicomte
Souillac

To Brigadier General Contencau
Commandant General of the French
Settlements &c.a at Pondichery

Sir,

I have the honor to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your Letter of the 31.st
april

To Brigadier Gen.l
Contencau. The
Carts &c. Piece of
Ground will be
delivered up
provided the French
Resident at Yanaon
can produce sufficient
Proofs that it belongs
to their Nation

1544) Fort St. George 2 May 1785

24th April.-

Upon referring to the Proceedings relative to the Claims made by Mr Pannon after the Peace of 1763 it does not appear that any thing had been wanting on his part to support the Claim which he made to the Boat People and Pilots of Dindigul. He brought all the Proofs he could procure. They were not admitted by our Commissaries as sufficient. The matter was referred home and the Claim afterwards entirely dropped on the part of your Nation.-

With regard to the ground on the East side of Yanam, if you have sufficient Proof that it belonged to your nation and that you possessed it quietly at the breaking out of the last War, it shall certainly be delivered up entirely to you. If you will be pleased to direct your Chief at Yanam to produce his proofs of these Facts before our Commissary, Mr Hamilton, he no doubt every attention shall be paid to them and the fullest Justice done to such Claims as may appear well founded.-

I have the honor to be with the strongest Consideration Sir

Your Most Obedt humble Servant
(Signed) Macartney

Fort St George
2nd May 1785.-

1545 Fort St. George 24th May 1785.

To Brigadier General Le Vicomte de Souillac

Governor General of all the French Settlements to the Eastward of the Cape of Good Hope.

&c &c &c

at Pondicherry

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive with is importants your Letter of the 25th & lose no time in offering you my Compliments of congratulating you on your arrival in India invested by his Sovereign with a Commission may rest assured of the friendly Disposition on the part of this Government in the Discussion of any national Points.

To Monsieur le Vicomte de Souillac, congra=

=tulating him on his arrival in India invested by his Sovereign

I have had the honor to receive a Letter of Charge with which you have lately been invested by His most Christian Majesty. The assurances which you are pleased to give me of your Cordial disposition to cooperate with me on the amicable discussion of any points which may occur in the administration of the Affairs of our respective Sovereigns, is particularly agreable to me; & I have the honor to assure you, Sir, that you will find me upon every occasion actuated by a similar disposition.

I beg leave to enclose a Letter which was addressed to General Contenceau & just going to be dispatched at

1546 Fort St. George May 1785

24th at the time I had the honor to receive yours of the 20th Instant.

I have the honor to be with the most perfect Esteem & Consideration

Sir

Your Most Obedient &

Most humble Servant

(Signed) Macartney

Fort St. George

24th May 1785

Received the undermentioned Letters which are entered on H.B. No. 72.73.74.75.76.77.78

From Mr. Bourne — Two Letters from the Public Secretary at Bengal, dated 4th April & 2d May, the former enclosing an Account furnished by the Deputy Paymaster of the King's Troops at that Presidency of Pay & Allowances issued from the 27th January 1784 to the 7th March 1785. The latter enclosing a Receipt of Lieutenant James Forbes for the Sum of 1000 Sicca Rupees, further advance thereon.

From Mr. Casey — From the Paymaster at Palamcotah dated 10th April enclosing Sundry Statements & Accounts.

From Capt. Pringle — From Capt. Pringle of the Guides, states his intended Tour.

From

1547 Fort S. George May 1785

From Fort Marlbro' 24th From Fort Marlboro 9th April - Captain
Mandeville returns to his Station at this
Presidency; and requesting that his Son who
went to England on the Royal Charlotte
for his Education, may be placed on the
List of Cadets at this Establishment.

From Sir Henry Corby. 25 From Colonel Corby dated 22d May accepts the
Command of the Fort & Garrison of Palam-
cotah.

From Capt.n Smith of the Artillery 17th May, states the Particulars of his Passage
on the Snow Leonora, and the Sufferings
of the Troops for want of Water.

26. Received the following Letter from Mr.
Montray

To the Right Honble. Lord Macartney &c.
From Mr. Montray representing the impracticability of furnishing the Governor General & Council at present with the different Accounts required by them

Fort S.t George
President and Governor &c.t Council of

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have received Mr. Secretary Freeman's Letter of the 14th Instant enclosing
Extract of a Letter from the Hon.ble the Gov.r
General & Council under date the 19th Ult.o
together with the Copy of a Letter addressed to
them

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26th them by their Accountant General I should
be happy to be enabled to furnish your Lordship
& C. with the several accounts required, and
as you have been pleased to send a Circular
order to all the Subordinacies, directing them
to Comply immediately with every requisition
from me, on the Subject of Accounts, I have
in Consequence written for such as are necessary
for the purpose, and as soon as I receive
them, no time shall be lost in framing
the several Estimates required, in a form
as nearly similar to that recommended by
the Accountant General at Fort William, as the
Difference of Circumstances will admit.

I am sorry it is not possible
to give any real Authentic State of the
Honble Company's Finances under this Presidency
made up to the present time, for the reasons
I mentioned in a former Address, & which
still Continue to Operate to wit, that "the
"books and Accounts of the several Paymasters
"& C are so far back, occasioned chiefly by
"the want of money to discharge the Arrears,
"and to several unadjusted Claims for
"Bullock hire, Grain & C which are now
"under the examination of the Commissioners of
Accounts

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26th Accounts.

Your Lordship &c will do me the Justice to allow, that no unnecessary delay has happened in my Department; the Journal Books being merely an Abstract of those of the Employs and Subordinacies they cannot of course be completed till all those Subsidiary Books, are delivered into my Office. About Twelve Months ago I represented this to your Lordship &c upon which you were pleased to fix a time to wit 10th Novemr last, for the Several Subsidiary Books ending 30th April 1783 to be Completed but the Military Paymr Genl did not find it practicable to Comply with your Orders and to this day his Books for that year are not balanced. For these reasons your Lordship will see that all I can promise is an Estimate of the Several Accounts required Accurately taken from the Materials, that may be furnished by the Several Departments.

The Statements transmitted by your Lordship to Bengal last year, were as Compleate and Accurate as could at that time be framed, but as Considerable Progress has been since made in auditing the

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26th the Accounts ascertaining the Arrears due, besides Payong the Current Charges of the Month with more Punctuality, & flatter myself that I shall be enabled to make the Statements now ordered more satisfactory.—

Fort St. George
25th May 1785.

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Geo: Moubray
Accountant

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to the Governor General & Council, inclosed in the following Letter.—

The Honble John Macpherson Esqr.
Governor General &c. Council at
Fort William.

To Bengal informing them that their Requisition for Statements would have been unnecessary had proper Attention been paid to former Letters — The Accountant General furnish them in the Manner they desire recommend that a proper Person from their Offices may be sent

Gentlemen,

We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 18th April enclosing an address to you from the Ledges dated 16th April with their Opinion upon a Case which we had stated and return you our thanks for the transmission.— We

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sent hither to make out the Accounts— Enclosing two Minutes of the President on the Subject of half Batta.—

26

We have also received another Letter from you of the 18.th April to which we now reply—

Had you taken the trouble of perusing or attending to our different Letters to you from the other Departments on the Subject of Accounts, particularly those of the 11.th December and 9.th January with their enclosures you would not have found it necessary to repeat a requisition for Statements which our Accountant assured us he could not furnish in the Forms you desired, but as we wish to take from you any pretence to reproach us with not paying the proper Attention to your directions we request you will be pleased to send hither from your Office some person who may in your Opinion be qualified to instruct & assist us in making up our Accounts, according to such a mode as may be most agreable to you— In the mean time we have sent to M.r Mowbray a Copy of those parts of your Letter which relate to this Subject, together with M.r Larkin's Observations

on

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26th in toto and we shall be happy, if any new
method can be discovered to convey to you
clearer information than was given by the
Presidency first transmitted to you, by our
President in his Letter of the 14th October last,
& afterwards in the Duplicates of those Papers
authenticated by the whole Board, in conse-
=quence of your dispatch of the 8th November
Inclosed we have the honor to send you a Letter
which we have just received from Mr. Montray
& we are convinced that he will do every thing
in his power to content you.—

We are sorry you should so far
mistake our expressions as to suppose that
we could presume to take Offence at a Paragra-
=ph of your letter of the 7th February or at any
Paragraphs of any other of your letters— but
we must beg to be excused from Admitting
that our Veracity was not questioned when
we were told by you that of the exigencies
of our Presidency were in reality as pressing
as our representation declared, you consented
to accept bills from us to a certain Amount.
Is it possible for any Person, conversant in the
English Language to put a Different construction
upon such Words, from what we do But altho

per.

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We cannot admit your denial on this point.
We readily admit the charge of our having
repeated over & over again to you in general
& urgent terms, the distresses & exigencies of our
Government & we now repeat them again—
It is our duty to do so & that duty we must
perform; you will act as you think fit—

We by no means overlooked that
part of your letter in which you said "that you
would give an immediate & attentive consi-
deration to our representation, respecting
the state of our Exigencies and adopt such
early measures for our Relief as the situation
of your Affairs would admit of"— But as we
did not receive the relief required, we
were apprehensive that you had not been
able to give that immediate & attentive
consideration to our Exigencies which you
promised, or if you had, that you conceived
the situation of your Affairs did not allow
of your adopting those early measures for
our Relief.

With respect to the remonstrances
from the Officers of our Military Establishment,
which you mention, We enclose our President's
two Minutes of the 12th April and 3d May, from
the latter of which you will perceive sufficient
information

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We can form no opinion upon the subject — The Letter relates to an Arrangement of Italy Batta, which, however proper it may be, We think it expedient to defer till we receive Advices from Europe respecting our Military System, these advices have been long expected & will probably arrive in a few days. The Letters annexed to the Minute of the 12th April will convey to you every information relative to the Italy Batta, which it is in our Power to afford. —

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

Fort St. George
26th May 1785.

At a Consultation Present
The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President
Lieut. General Sang Alex.r Davidson Esq.r
James Daniell Esq.r

Thursday
26th May 1785

The Minutes of last Consultation read
and Approved

The Houghton Indiaman arrives from England with Dispatches from the Company.

The Honble Company's Ships Hough=
=ton, having imported the morning from England,
& her Packets having been opened, (as is particu=
=larly detailed on the minutes of the Civil Depart.t
the

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The Board are made acquainted with the Orders of the Court of Directors of the 9.th December to surrender to the Nabob the Deed of Assignment, and are advised of the Appointment of Lieut.t Gen.l Sir John Dalling to be Commander in Chief on this Coast—

The Nabobs Assignm.t to be surrendered—

Sir John Dalling appointed to the Command of the Troops on the Coast

Resolved that the President be desired to write to the Nabob & to make known to him the orders received with our Intentions to put them into Execution with all possible Expedition / Vide CC N.o 58. /

Letter to be written to the Nabob.

As the Nabobs Country is to be restored to him, and as Lieu.t Colo.l Stevenson may possibly differ from our's respecting the Destruction of Amboor, It is Agreed that a Letter be written to Lieu.t Col.l Moorhouse desiring him not to proceed until further Orders—

The Destruction of Amboor postponed

Mr Chamier is now appointed Secretary & Mr William Pollen Jackson, Depu.t Secretary to the Military & Political Department, together with the Offices annexed thereto.

Mr Chamier appointed Secretary.

Mr Jackson Deputy Secry to the M. & P. D.

" Alex.r Davidson

" J. Daniel

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26th Received the following Letter from Bombay by his Majesty's Ship Bristol, imported this Day, with Enclosure entered in Mr B's 79

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB
President & Governor &ca Council
at Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Bombay Captain Brisbot accounts for his Conduct in not touching at Masulipatam in his way to Bengal as ordered by this Government

We have had the honor to receive Your Letters of the 10th & 27th February, & agreeable to what you informed us in the latter We instantly called upon Commodore Brisbot to Account to us for his disobedience to your Orders in not stopping at Masulipatam in his Passage to Bengal from your Presidency We have the Honor to enclose Copy of the Answer he sent us to the Letter which was wrote to him regarding this business by which it appearing that his not touching at Masulipatam was an Act of necessity We have acquitted him of any intentional Neglect to the Orders of Your Government, tho We thought he was deficient in not advising Your Honor &ca after his arrival at Calcutta of the Circumstances which prevented his complying with Your Orders & have reprehended him

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26 him Accordingly

Commodore Andrew Mitchell with his Majesty's Ships Defence, Eagle & Worcester will this day sail for Great Britain and the Bristol & Active under Commodore Charles Hughes will at the same time sail for your Presidency; by the Bristol We have the Honor to send this Packet.

We request you will transmit the inclosed Packet to the Honble the Governor General & Council by the first Opportunity & have the Honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
R. H. Boddam
L. Wilson
Sam[l] Sparrs
Rich[d] Church

Bombay Castle
Publick Department
10th May 1705

From Capt Kennedy

Received a Letter from Captain Daniel Kennedy (as entered in WB 1700) stating the Claims by which he considers the House at the Mount occupied by his late Brother to be preathed to him Capt Kennedy by Will, as his property, & by no means the Right of the Nabob.

Ordered

26 Ordered that Captain Kennedy be directed — immediately to restore the House, on pain of the severest Displeasure of Government, not having produced any Deed from the Nabob, that can prove his Title to it (Vide MB Nº 81.)

To Capt Kennedy

27th Received a Letter from Major Genl Campbell (as entered in MB Nº 82) requesting Permission to come to Madras on the Arrival of Lieutenant General Stoper —

From Genl Campbell

Ordered that General Campbell be informed, that he may come to the Presidency, whenever it suits his Convenience. (Vide MB Nº 83.)

To Genl Campbell

Received a Letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal, (as entered in MB Nº 84) enclosing two Packets for the Court of Directors.

From Bengal —

Ordered that the Packets be forwarded to England by the Gloucester; and that the Receipt of the Letter be acknowledged (Vide MB Nº 85)

To Bengal —

Sent a Letter to Lt Col Moorhouse (as entered in MB Nº 86) directing him not to proceed to the Destruction of Amboor till further Orders.

To Lt Col Moorhouse

Received the following Letter & Enclosures from the Dutch Commissaries at Pulicat,

To

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27th

Translate

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

Right Honorable Sir & Sirs

From the Dutch Commissaries advising of their having been appointed by the Government of Ceylon to receive back the possessions to be ceded to Holland by the late definitive Treaty of Peace and enclosing Copy of their Commission

The first underwritten being the 23d of Instant arrived here, We have the Honour to give Notice of it to Your Lordship &ca

Out of the annexed authentic Copy of the Act of Authorisation it will, as we hope, perfectly appear to Your Lordship &ca that We by the Ceilon Government are appointed Commissaries for to receive back on behalf of the Netherlandish East Indies Company from the Gentlemen Commissaries to be appointed by Your Lordship &ca (Negapatnam excepted) all the Possessions which before the War arisen in the year 1780. between the Crown of England and our Republic, our Company have possessed at this Coast, to the End that by it Satisfaction be done to the Tenor of the Treaty of Peace since concluded between both the High Sovereigns.

Concerning this the Honorable Governor & Council of Columbo have already before written to Your Lordship &ca & proposed Pallicatta

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27th Pallicatta to be a Place of Meeting for the Commissaries of both Sides.

Therefore if Your Lordship &ca likewise chuse that Place for the proposed Meeting we beg very friendly to send the appointed Gentlemen Commissaries hither the sooner the better, to the end that the necessary Transactions be made towards the restoring of our Factories of this Coast with their Dependencies, or otherwise to let us know what Place Your Lordship may like to chose for the Conference to be held.

And whereas in Consequence of the Preliminary Articles of Peace it is much appearing, that after the Conclusion of Peace nearer Transactions have begun between our both Sovereigns concerning Nagapatam, we beg Your Lordship &ca to shew us also the favour of informing us whether those Transactions really have had place, and what has been the Effect thereof.

We have the honor to be with very much Esteem

Your Lordship & Comrades
humble & Obed.t Serv.ts
W Blaauhouwer
Jac.s Sadarind
J. D. Simons
M Stoffenberg Translate

Pallicatt
25th of May 1705

(Signed)

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Willem Jakob Vaan de Graaff. Extra: ordinary Counsellor of Netherlands Indie, Governor & Director of the Island Ceilon and its Dependencies &c.

Sends Greeting & notifieth to all those that shall see this, or hear it read

Whereas the Supreme Council at Calcutta by a Letter of the 23d Novr 1784. have given Notice to us and our Council, of having received Order from their Superiors for executing the Definitive Treaty of Peace concluded between the Crown of Great Britain and the Republic of the free united Netherlands, and declared that they are perfectly willing so to do, and that there would not be the least doubt but that the English Government at Madras likewise shall have received the same Orders wherefore We also by Letters to the said Government do nearer insist upon the final Fulfilling of the Treaty of Peace.

We appoint, Commit and impower therefore by these Presents the Merchant and former Chief at Negapatnam Willem Blaauwkamer, the Merchant and former Chief at Pallicatta Nicolaas Sodaman, the Merchant and former First Storehouskeeper at

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27th at Negapatam Jan Daniel Simons and the Junior Marchant and former Deputy Store house Keeper at Negapatam Martinus Stoffenberg, as our Commissaries, to receive over in the Name and on behalf of the State of the Three united Netherlands generaal ge privileedged East India Company our former Possessions on the Coast of Coromandel, as as they before the War have been Subordinated under the Stood Settlement Negapatam, at Portonovo Sadrastpatnam, Pallicatta, Paticol, Sagger: naikpooram and Bimlipatnam, with all the Dependencies of them, from the English Go: vernment at Madras, according to the definitive Treaty of Peace concluded between the respective Sovereigns in such a State as these Possessions now are, and wherof Specifical Inventories must be formed; mean while we qualify the said Blaauwhamer, Sadoma, Simons & Stoffenberg further to receive so back from the English Government at Madras our before mentioned Possessions in our Name by Power of this our Public Act of Authorisation.

(Signed) W. J. Van De Graaff

Company's Seal

By Order of the Honorable

Governor (Signed) I J Bekking Secretary

A true Copy (Signed) M: Stoffenberg

Sent

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27th Sent the following Answer

To William Blaauhamer
N. Tordarmo
J. D. Simons
M. Hoffenberg
Esqrs

at Pulicat

Gentlemen

To, in Answer — Expect Instructions from Bengal on the Subject they write me, as soon as they arrive, they will be carried into Execution — Desire to know if they are authorized to make the Cession of Negapatam and repay the Expences incurred on Account of the Maintenance of Dutch Prisoners.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Letter of the 25 Instant advising us of Your being appointed Commissaries to receive on account of the Dutch Company the Possessions which are to be restored to You in consequence of the late Treaties.

We are to inform You that We daily expect Final Orders & Instructions from Bengal to settle all matters with Your Nation, & shall lose no time as soon as they shall have arrived to carry them into Execution — We know not of any Transactions between our respective Sovereigns relative to Negapatam excepting those which are contained in the late Treaties of September 1703 & May 1704.

We

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27th

We request the favour of You to inform us whether You are impowered by the Governor & Council of Columbo to make a formal Cession to us of Negapatam & its Dependencies, & whether You are also impowered to repay us the Expences that have been incurred for the Maintenance of the Dutch Prisoners during the War

We have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your very Obedient Servants

(Signed) Macartney

Fort St George
28th May 1785

Mcn Council

Saturday 28th May 1785

At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord Macartney KB

President

Lieut Genl Long Alexr Davidson Esqr

James Daniell Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Lt Gen: Sloper

To

1365 Fort St George 20th May 1785

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c:

My Lord

From Lieut Genl Sloper arrives at the Cape on his Way to India notifies his Appointment of Commander in Chief, and of his Orders to bring Sir John Burgoyne to Trial.

After a tedious passage from Falmouth the Fox Packet has made her Way to this place; and in about five days will proceed for Madras; I take the liberty of acquainting Your Lordship, that the Court of Directors, have honored me with the appointment of Commander in Chief in India and that I have his Majesty's letter of Service, as Lieutenant General, with orders to bring Major General Burgoyne Bart: to a Court Martial: of this I have by letter informed Sir John Burgoyne.

A few days before I left London, I had the honor of being with Lady Macartney, & have the pleasure to inform You, she seemed in good health

I have the honor to be with great respect and regard

My Lord

Your Lordships

most Obedient and most

humble Servant

R Sloper

Cape of Good Hope
March 21st 1785

Read the following Letter from Sir John Burgoyne

May

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My Lord & Gentlemen

The King having been pleased to Confirm my recommendations for the Succession of Officers in the different Regiments where there were vacant Commissions, I must suppose His Majesty regards me as the Commanding Officer of his Troops in India untill an Officer Superior to me in rank arrives from Europe, for which reason I make a demand of all Dispatches & Letters that may come directed to the Officer Commanding the King's Troops in India, & desire You will give orders for their being delivered to me or my order

From Major General Sir John Burgoyne on a Supposition that his Majesty regards him as Commander in Chief in India demands that all Dispatches and Letters directed to the Officer Commanding the King's Troops to be delivered to him

I am

Your very Obed.t Serv.t

(Signed) J. Burgoyne

M.G.

Madras
27th May

Read the following Letter from

Masulipatam

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

President & Governor &.ca Council

of Fort St George

My

From Masulipatam representing

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representing that a House standing in the Fort as French Property is to be sold, and recommending that it be purchased on account of the Company.

My Lord & Gentlemen

The French Chief M^r Forestier has informed us, that M^r Boucher, a Gentleman residing at Pondichery has empowered him to dispose of a House belonging to him in this Fort and as this House has for a considerable time been rented from M^r Boucher for one of our Assistants, M^r Forestier has made a tender of it to us, previous to his taking any other means for disposing of it— The house almost shuts up one of the principal Streets, and is Situated so nearly opposite to the Arsenal, as completely to overlook it, which would be attended with inconvenience if it were to continue to remain French Property: and we are besides very much in want of both Civil and Military Quarters. the Ground also on which this House and Offices stand will afford a convenient and almost a necessary addition to the present accommodations of the Arsenal and Store House, to which it is contiguous, and in this light alone would be a desirable acquisition.

We conceive it may sell for about

about 200 Pagodas of which Sum the Materials alone, if it were pulled down, would Not think be equivalent to one half; We request therefore to know whether under such Circumstances Your Lordship &c will permit us to purchase it for the Company

We have the Honor to be very respectfully

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your &c

Masulipatam
20th May 1785

James Hodges
(Signd) John Peter Boileau
Tho.s Barnard.

The following Answer being Drawn
is ordered to be dispatched

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

Gentlemen

To, in Answer, to purchase the Town on the cheapest rate, and dispose of the materials.

I am directed by the Right Honble President & Council to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter of the 20th Instant

and

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and to inform You, that the House mentioned therein appears to be so situated that your Committee of Works should take the earliest opportunity of pulling it down, & of giving another Spot in lieu of it — if this however cannot be done in consequence of its being French Property, I am directed to desire You will purchase it on the cheapest Terms, & provide Mr Darvall with other Quarters

The Purchase being made. —
You are to direct the House to be pulled down & to dispose of the Materials

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obed.t Serv.t
(Signed) John Chamier
Secretary

Fort St George
28th May 1785

Read the following Report from the Committee of Stores

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Report of the Committee of Stores 25th May 1785

At a Committee of Stores

Present

Lieut.t General Ross Lang

Lieut.t

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Lieut Coll Patrick Ross
Bryan Scottney Esqr
Lieut Coll Moorhouse absent

Read Proceedings
of this Committee of the
4th Instant with the remarks
of the Right Honble
President in Council thereon

Read Letter from
the Acting Mil. Secretary
enclosing Indent from
Masulipatam which
as well as one from
Vizagapatam, cannot be
complied with until the
arrival of the Europe Ships

Approved

The Commissary
of Stores informs the Board
an Indent from the
Mount (now laid before
them) has already been
complied with

Ross Lang
Patrick Ross
(Signed) B. Scottney

The President delivers in the
following Minute, which is entered on the Proceedings in the Civil Department

Minute

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Minute for Council May 20th 1785

Lord Macartney's Minute signifying his Intention of resigning the Chair in Consequence of ill Health; and of the late Orders from the Court of Directors to surrender the Assignment to the Nabob offering to proceed to Bengal on his way to England to represent in Person the distressed Situation of this Presidency.

Having frequently expressed to the Board, my Intention of proceeding to Europe as soon as I received Authentic Information of the appointment of a Successor, and the Honble Court of Directors having now appriz'd me of the Nomination of Mr Holland to succeed me in the Government, I propose in Consequence to avail myself of the earliest opportunity of putting that Intention into Execution.

My Health is much broken by severe, and repeated Attacks of the Gout, and I feel myself unable to Continue those Exertions of Labor, and Application, by which I have during these last four Years sustained the heavy, and increasing weight of the Charge entrusted to me. But were my Strength and Abilities much Superior to what I feel them. I candidly Confess it would be utterly impossible for me to carry on the Company's Administration under the Orders just received for surrendering the Nabobs Assignment. Those Orders are founded on Sentiments directly opposite to the Opinions, which I have invariably entertained, and Communicated to my Employers of the Actual Situation of their Affairs and I cannot help supposing from them, that the Honble

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Honble Court of Directors have withdrawn their
Confidence from my Administration, & by establishing
a System which tends to throw an Absolute Dis-
credit upon all that I have done, and represented
upon this important Subject, it would appear,
as if they meant, tho' they have not expressed it
that my Resignation should immediately
follow the Receipt of those Orders.

After all that has passed relative
to this Assignment, after the Struggles that
have been made to keep it, against the whole
Power of Bengal, and against the most
determined opposition of the Nabob, I certainly
expected that the Honble Court of Directors
would have allowed greater credit to the
Motives which induced me contrary to my
own personal Interest and Safety to hold
fast to the Assignment, as the great resource
for the common preservation of the Company
and their Friends, and at any rate that they
would not have Surrendered this Pledge of
Security, without pointing out, and obtaining
some equivalent for it. The Statements and
Calculations before the Honble Court at the
time they came to the Resolution of restoring
the Assignment, led to Conclusions directly
the Reverse of those which have been taken
in

in the General Letter — They shewed the rapid Decline of Revenue, and Increase of Expences — while the Country was under the Nabob's management They proved that the whole Amount of his Receipts were insufficient to discharge one half of the annual Demands upon him from the Company and his Creditors and they demonstrated that by the Company's Management, the Revenue was nearly doubled, and promised a Fund amply Sufficient to have eased the Nabob in a few Years of most of his Incumbrances. I conceive therefore (and am pretty Confident I shall never have cause to change my Opinion) that the Nabob's real Interest, and Happiness as well as the general Security would have been best Consulted by retaining the Assignment and that the Company upon the same principle that they assert their Right to wield the Sword for the common Good in time of War might have Administered the Revenue for the Common Good in time of Peace When Danger threatens, the Principle must hold equally in both Situations. The Embarrassments which the late War has thrown upon the Company, render their Circumstances almost as Critical at this Juncture, as they were during the

the Invasion, and until the Army Arrears are reduced, and Secure Funds established for the present, and future Payment of the Troops, our internal Danger is as great, as any that can threaten us from without.

The Differences which have subsisted between the Nabob and the Government, and which no accommodating Spirit on my part can now reconcile, present insurmountable Objections to my bearing any Concern in the new Arrangement Their Success must chiefly depend in the first Instance, upon their being brought forward by Gentlemen, against whom the Nabob entertains none of these violent Prejudices which he has manifested in all his Actions and Correspondence with me, almost ever since the Assignment was first obtained from him — I am still sensible of the great Difficulties which are likely to involve the Government, however Successful it may be in its first Operations These can only be alleviated by the powerful aid, and Interposition of the Governor General & Council of Bengal, and if the Board should think it eligible, I freely offer my Services to proceed thither in my way to England, and endeavour by a personal representation of the State of this Government, to draw such a decided & effectual Support

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Support from them as may be adequate to the Risk of its Embarrassments

This Offer proceeds solely from a Wish to employ my Service, in any way that may be acceptable, or useful, to the very last moment of my stay in India. I have no other concern which could induce me to visit Bengal and particularly at this unhealthy Season of the Year, but if the Board should be of opinion that my presence there, will not tend to strengthen their written Representations, Or to give the Gentlemen a better Insight into the Actual State of our Affairs, than they have at present, I shall request Permission in that case to proceed to England in the Glatton now under Dispatch

(Signed) Macartney

Minute thereon

The Board are very much concerned to find from the President's Minute that his Lordship proposes so soon to resign the Charge of a Government in which he has rendered such essential Services to his Employers. The Board accept most readily his Offer of proceeding to Bengal, and are willing to entertain hopes that the representations which he will make of the distressed State of the Company's Affairs

Affairs under this Presidency, will procure relief suitable to their Exigencies from the Governor General & Council — Agreed that a Letter be drafted to Bengal, & that one be also sent to the Commander of the Grey Hound Packet directing him to put himself under the Orders of the President.

Mr Davidson delivers in the following Minute.

In Council 28th May 1785

Mr Davidson's Minute proposing the thanks of the Board to the Right Honble Lord Macartney for his Conduct during the Period he has presided over the Affairs of this Government

In the Minute just read, the President having announced his determined Resolution of quitting the Chair, on an early day, it is particularly incumbent on me, who have had the Honor to serve during the greatest part of Lord Macartneys Administration, to move the especial Thanks of this Board to the Right Honble President

I move accordingly that it be Resolved, that the Thanks of this Board be presented to the Right Honble Lord Macartney, for his able and unwearied Exertions in the Discharge of his public Duty.

For

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For the ready and implicit
Obedience which he has paid to the Orders of
the Court of Directors on every occasion, and
above all, for the inflexible Firmness and
Integrity of his Personal Conduct by which
the Authority of Government has been
supported, and the Affairs of the Company
successfully carried through a Scene of the most
trying and unexampled Difficulties

(Signed) Alex.r Davidson

Approved
(Signed) R: Lang

Mr Daniell delivers in the
following Minute.

Minute in Council 28 May 1705

Mr Daniell's Minute, in approbation of the Right Honble Lord Macartney's Conduct.

Too sensible of the force of those
Arguments conveyed to this Board in the Right
Honble President's Minute of this date, which
has determined him to proceed to Europe. I
can only repine at the cause of so sudden a
Departure, and the fatal Consequences which
may ensue to the public by an Alteration of
that System which was begun from Necessity
and

and continued from a perfect Conviction of its use
The benefits which have already resulted from the
Assignment, require no Comment. The records, and
the present existence of the Company on this Coast
most plainly indicate the propriety of the measure
and I dread the Consequences of the present Orders
from our Honble Employers for its redelivery.

The approbation in general from
Europe of the Conduct of the Right Honble President
during the Course of four Years Administration
(replete with every trying Difficulty) is such an
incontestible Certificate of Applause, that tho my
Signature can add nothing to his Merit, with
pleasure I subscribe to the Opinion — I indeed
lament that his Departure from the Settlement
furnishes me with the present Opportunity, and
I embrace it, to express my hope, that after his
last attempt in India for the future welfare
of this Settlement, and its Dependencies, by going
to Bengal for that purpose, he may proceed to
Europe in Safety, and meet with that reward
to which his Services to the Public, and to
the Company in particular, so justly entitle
him.

(Signed) J. Daniell

Resolved unanimously, that
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the Thanks of this Board be given to the Right Honble Lord Macartney for his able and unwearied Exertions in the Discharge of his public Duty — For the ready and implicit Obedience which he has paid to the Orders of the Court of Directors on every Occasion; and above all for the inflexible Firmness and Integrity of his personal Conduct, by which the Authority of Government has been supported, and the Affairs of the Company successfully carried through a Scene of the most trying & unexampled Difficulties.

Resolution of the Board.

Read the following Letters as entered in the Miscellany Book No. 37, 80

From Lieut.t Colo. Mackenzie dated 1st May, enclosing Copy of a Bill for Sircarrahs & Secret Services amounting to Pagodas 300. & stating that altho' the original Bill which is in his possession is Countersigned by Colo. Sullivan Mr. Jackson the Commissioner of Accounts has refused to include the Charge in the general Certificate of Arrears.

From Lt.t Col.o Mackenzie

The Board approve the Conduct of Mr. Jackson, in refusing to include Colo. Mackenzie's Bill in the General Certificate of

Minute thereon.

of Arrears due to him, because this Bill ought to have been paid by Colonel Sutherland; & by him brought forward & explained — Agreed that a Letter to the foregoing Effect be written to Lieut Coll Mackenzie, & that he be informed that the Board must decline paying the Bill which he has presented.

From Colonel Rumbold

dated 21st Inst. representing that the declining State of the health of Lieutenant Roden and Ensign Hasberg makes their return to Europe absolutely necessary, & requesting that the Commander of the Glatton may be directed to receive them on board his Ship now under Dispatch

From Col Rumbold

Agreed that Orders be sent to Capt Drummond conformably to Col Rumbolds Request, & that an Advance be made to him for the Table Expences of the two aforementioned Honourable Officers — Agreed also to refer to the Court of Directors the final Settlement of the business with Capt Drummond.

Minute thereon

The President delivered in the following Paper, alluded to in his Minute of the 3d May.

The Allowance of the French Military Officers in India, in time of War in Garrison & in Peace

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The Allowance of the French Military Officers in India in time of War, in Garrison, and in Peace

Viz.t

	In War time	In Garrison in time of War	In Peace
	Monthly Livres Sols Den.s	Monthly Livres Sols Den.s	Yearly ff
The List of the general Officers of the Army and of Corps			
A Field Marshal	5000 " "	3333 6 8	" " "
A Brigadier of Infantry	3000 " "	2000 " "	
A Colonel	2400 " "	1600 " "	
A Colonel Commanding a Corp	2400 " "	1600 " "	
A Second Colonel	2000 " "	1333 6 8	
Lieutenant Colonel Commanding a Corp	1800 " "	1200 " "	
A Lieutenant Colonel Commanding a Second Corps where there is a third	1500 " "	1000 " "	
The Major of each Corps	1200 " "	800 " "	6000 " "
The Adjutant	900 " "	600 " "	3000 " "
The Major General of the Army	3000 " "	2000 " "	
To each Adjutant General	1000 " "	666 13 4	
To the Chaplain	300 " "	200 " "	
Commission Officers			
The Colonel	1200 " "	800 " "	
Lieutenant Colonel	900 " "	600 " "	
Major	600 " "	400 " "	
Captain	300 " "	200 " "	
Generals Aides de Camp			
Ff Colonels	800 " "	533 6 3	
Ff Lieutenant Colonels	600 " "	400 " "	
Ff Majors	400 " "	260 13 4	
Ff Captains	300 " "	200 " "	
Corp of Engineers			
The Lieut Colonel Commandant	1800 " "	1200 " "	
To a Brigade Major	1200 " "	800 " "	
To a Major	1000 " "	666 13 4	
To each Captain	800 " "	533 6 8	
To each Lieutenant	600 " "	400 " "	
To an Ensign of the Colonies	400 " "	266 13 4	

Infantry

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	In War Time	In Garrison in time of War		In Peace	
Infantry					
Grenadiers & Chasseurs	Monthly	Monthly		Yearly	
Captain Commandant	300 " "	53	6 8	3600 " "	
The 2d Captain	200 " "	46	13 4		
1st Lieutenant	160 " "	37	6 8	1800 " "	
2d Do	120 " "	20	" "	" " "	
The under Lieutenant	300 " "	20	" "	1500 " "	
Chasseurs in Peace time					
Captain	" " "	"	" "	3400 " "	
Lieutenant	" " "	"	" "	1720 " "	
The Under Lieutenant	" " "	"	" "	1460 " "	
Fusetiers					
To each of the two first Captains of European Infantry belonging to Regiments on duty	300 " "	53	6 8	3000 " "	
A Captain Commandant	760 " "	50	13 4	3000 " "	
Second Captain	650 " "	43	6 8	" " "	
1st Lieutenant	520 " "	34	13 4	1600 " "	
2d Do	400 " "	26	13 4		
An under Lieutenant	300 " "	20	" "	1400 " "	
A Captain acting Major	1000 " "	66	13 4	" " "	
A Quarter Master Treasurer if an Officer	450 " "	30	" "	" " "	
To the same if he is an under Officer	170 " "	11	3 8	" " "	
To the Color bearer if an under Lieutenant	300 " "	20	" "	1200 " "	
To the Adjutant	200 " "	13	6 8	540 " "	
Surgeon Major	400 " "	26	13 4	1800 " "	
Artillery of Beganzon					
To the Commandant	1500 " "	1000	" "	7671	8 6/7
To the Chief of the Brigade	1200 " "	800	" "	" " "	
To the oldest Artillery Captain	925 " "	61	13 4	" " "	
To each other Captain	900 " "	600	" "	4228	10 5/7
To each Captain of Bombardiers	875 " "	58	3 8	4228	10 5/7
To each Lieutenant who has a Captains Commission	850 " "	56	13 4	4457	2 10 3/7
To each first Lieutenant	650 " "	43	6 8	2228	11 3/7
To each 2d Do	600 " "	40	" "	2228	11 3/7
To the third Lieutenant acting as Adjutant	550 " "	36	13 4	2057	2 10 3/7
To a 3d Lieutenant Do as 2d Mt Treasurer	600 " "	40	" "	2057	2 10 3/7
To each of the other third Lieutenants	600 " "	40	" "	"	" "
	500 " "	36	13 4	2057	2 10 3/7
Artillery					
Of the Isle of France & of India first Captain	875 " "	58	3 8	4000 " "	
2d Captain	850 " "	56	13 4	" " "	
To each 1st Lieut with Captains Commissions	650 " "	43	6 8	2080 " "	
To each 1st Lieutenants	600 " "	40	" "	1800 " "	
To each 2d & 3d Lieutenants	550 " "	36	13 4	1500 " "	
Train of Artillery					
To the Commander in Chief additional	500 " "	1600	" "		
To the Managers of the Park { Allowance 850 " " / Additional 400 " " }	1250 " "	800	" "		

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	In War time Monthly	In Garrison in time of War Monthly	In Peace Yearly
	Pagodas Fs D	Pagodas Fs D	
To each under Director additional — — —	200 " "	100 " "	
To an Assistant in the Park Do — — —	100 " "	100 " "	
To Do — Do — — {Allowance 400.— —			
{Additional 100.— " }	500 " "	300 " "	
To the Major of the Train {Allowance 850.— "			
{Additional 300.— " }	1150 " "	" " "	
To each Adjutant Additional — — — —	150 " "	" " "	
To the keeper of the principal Magazine ditto	333 28	250 " "	
To each Surgeon Major Allowance — —	400 " "	266 13 4	

Seapoys

To each Officer Commanding a Battalion —	760 " "	506 13 4	3000 " "
To each European Officer commanding either, Grenadiers, Chasseurs, or vested with the Management of them — — — — —	520 " "	346 13 4	2200 " "
To each of the same, Fusiliers, Gren.rs or Chasseurs —	400 " "	266 13 4	1600 " "
To the first Indian Major — — — — —	300 " "	200 " "	864 " "
To each of the other Indian Majors — — —	150 " "	100 " "	
To each of the Indian Officers of Gren.rs & Chasseurs	145 " "	96 13 4	7060 "
To each Indian Officer of the first Rank —	140 " "	93 6 8	7060 "
To Do Do of the 2d Do —	90 " "	60 " "	353 4 "
Do under European Lieutenant —	400 " "	266 13 4	1400 " "

Different Ranks omitted

A Chief of a Battalion — — — — —	1000 " "	666 13 4	4000 " "
A Quarter Master Treasurer & Corps — — —	560 " "	373 6 8	1800 " "
A Drum Major — — — — — — —	50 " "	33 6 8	400 " "
A Prevost — — — — — — —	50 " "	33 6 8	400 " "
An Armourer — — — — — — —	50 " "	33 6 8	500 " "
	22 " "	14 13 4	153 " "

A true Translation (Signd) F. Chaste
French Translator

To go a Number in the Packet

Agreed, that a Copy of the foregoing Paper be sent a Number in the Packet to England.

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" Alex.r Davidson

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" J. Dunlop

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2B. ½ Received the following Letter from all S.rs
Land & Sea.

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

From Mess.rs Lord & Bond. The Rajah receives the order for the Restoration of his Districts.

My Lord & Gentlemen

We now do ourselves the honor to inform you, that Chitrengee Row arrived last night and waiting upon the Rajah this Morning, presented him, with the original Order from Ibrahim ally for the Restitution of the Districts; in consequence Peroften People belonging to this Circar proceed this Evening to take possession of them, and as they are to be accompanied by a person on the Part of Ibrahim ally and for the purpose of seeing his orders promptly complied with We have therefore no reason to suppose that any further procrastination is intended.

Many of the Districts being at a considerable distance from hence at least 14 Days must elapse / even admitting that no obstacle arises / before We can be informed of the whole being delivered over.

The

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The Rajah visited us this morning
purposely to request of us to return your
Lordship & C.a his compliments & acknowledgments
for the Ready support you have afforded him,
depending that from thence no negociations to which
he declared the Success that now waits him, is
Solely owing. He likewise took the Opportu-
=tunity of desiring us to mention again, the
very reduced State of his Finances chiefly
occasioned by an unexpected contention to put
a period to which he was forced to submit
to most exorbitant terms exacted by the Dutch
flattering himself that a representation of the
Subject from us who having long resided on
the Spot, must be intimately acquainted with
every circumstance would induce your
Lordship & C.a to give directions for the Speedy
Settlement of his Accounts; giving him credit
for his Demands on the Company under the
several heads set forth in our Letter of the 6.th
December last and by himself nearly about
that time.

We have in our Letter so
repeatedly and minutely described the real
Situation of the Rajahs Affairs as leaves us
no

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B.K. no room to add anything on the present occasion
and as to his request to us We shall only
Observe that his Conduct in every stage of the
business fully entitles him to extraordinary
indulgence from your Lordships &c.

We have the honor to be with much
respect.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient
humble Servants.

(Signed) Jn.o Lind
B.J Close.

Venkat Ghorry
23.d May 1785.

Received a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun
dated the 6.th Inst.o/ representing that one
of his Poligars having proved refractory, he
has sent a Body of Troops to Chastize him,
and requests that orders may be sent to the
Company's Jaghidars not to give him Assist-
ance.

In consequence of the foregoing Letters
are written to the Commandants of Vellore
and Ambore directing them not to harbour
the Refractory Poligar, should he fly into
the Districts under their Commands/ viz.

M.B. Inst.o/-

From Tippoo

To Col.o Nixon
To Capt.n Sale

Sent

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28th Sent Letters as entered on M.B. Nos 90. 91.

To Col. Mackenzie

To Colonel Mackenzie The Board cannot admit his Charge for Pioneers & Sweet Service as the Mode of bringing it forward, is contrary to the established Rules of the Service.

To Lt. Rumbold

To Colonel Rumbold a Voyage will be ordered on the Station for Lieutenant Roden Hasbery.

29th Received the undermentioned Letters which are entered in M.B. Nos 92. 93. 94. 95.

From Mr. Lind

From the Paymaster at Nellore, requesting that Vencat Row may be directed to pay attention to his Applications & Representations with regard to Godowns for preserving the Powder Barrels sent from Madras.

From Capt.n Kennedy

From Captain Kennedy, Has in Consequence of the Orders of the Board, informed the Nabob that he may take Possession of the House at the Mount.

From Capt.n Bidlulph

From Captain Bidlulph, advising of the Death of Mr. Wasey, Paymaster at Polamcotah.

From Genl. Campbell

From General Campbell Requesting the usual allowances granted his Majesty's Officers returning to Europe, may be paid to Lieut. Spencer Browne.

Ordered Accordingly.

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Lieut. Genl. Sir John Dalling Bart. having taken the Oath of Allegiance & Office in the Civil Department now takes his Seat at the Board.

Lieut. Genl. Sir John Dalling Bart. takes his Seat at the Board.

30th

At a Consultation, Present

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.
President
Lieut. Genl. Sir John Dalling Bart.
Alexander Davidson
James Daniell } Esqrs

Monday 30th May 1785.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following Letter from

Lt. Genl. Lang

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
K.B. President & Governor &c. Council
Fort S.t George

From Lt. Gen.l Lang requesting leave to resign the Company's service, & that his annual Pension of £1000 &c. may be paid to him in England

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Lieutenant General Sir John Dalling Bart having taken upon him the Chief Command I have had the honor to deliver you a return of the Company's Troops on this Coast.

As

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Fort St. George. May 1785.

In consequence of the orders of the Honble Court of Directors signified in the 6th Paragraph of their Letter dated the 10th Decemr 1784. I am not to consider myself as any longer in the Service of the East India Company. I am to request that your Honble Board would be pleased to accept of my resignation of the same - and that it may be made known to the Honble Court of Directors that it is my wish that the Annuity they have allowed me should be paid in England being more convenient.

I have the honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant.

(Signed) Ross Lang

Fort St. George
the 29th May 1785.

The following answer being drafted is ordered to be copied fair & dispatched.

To Lieutenant General Lang

Lt Genl Ross Lang
accepting his Resignation & returning him thanks for his many services he has rendered the Company.

Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of yesterday's date, & greatly to your request, We now accept your resignation

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tion of the Worlds Companys Service.—

We beg leave, Sir, to assure you that We shall avail ourselves of the first Opportunity of expressing to the Court of Directors, our sense of your Merit & Services, & shall urgently upon them the Pension which they have been pleased to confer on you may be paid in England.

We request of you to accept our thanks on the name of the Company for the many Services you have rendered them during the Course of these 30 Years Past of which such honorable mention is made in many Parts of our Records, as to render it unnecessary for us to give any Additional Testimony upon the present Occasion.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient

humble Servants

(Signed) Macartney &c.

Council

Fort S.t George
30.th May 1785.

The President delivers in the following Minute.—

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Lord Macartney's Minute on the Situation of the Annaldars in Consequence of the Surrender of the Assignment.—

Minute Sir Council May 30th 1785.

The Honble the Court of Directors in their Orders for Surrendering the Assignment have expressly provided that the Annaldars of the several Districts shall be recommended to the Nabob for a Confirmation and their respective Leases during the remainder of the Term for which these Districts have been let, but as it is probable that some of the Annaldars may decline accepting to relinquish their Farms, than be transferred in this Manner to the Nabob it seems a very essential Preparation to the Surrender of the Assignment that these Annaldars should be apprized of the Intentions of the Court of Directors concerning them, that they may make their Choice, and take the Benefit of the Company's Protection if they think proper, before the Assignment is given up, and while you have the Power to afford it— This Concerns to be strictly within the meaning of the Company's Orders, and consonant to the strictest Justice which requires that these People who engaged under the promised faith of the Company's Security, should enjoy it in the fullest Manner—

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Submit to you therefore whether the Committee of Assigned Revenue should not be directed to Correspond with the Board of Trustees with the Orders respecting the Assignment and the Intention of the Company in their favor, and that they be desired to signify whether it will be agreeable to them to accept of such accommodation to the Nabob as the Company have stipulated for them.

(Signed) Macartney

The Board concurr in Opinion with the Right Honble President, & that a Letter be drafted to the Committee of Assigned Revenue, from the foregoing Minute

The Board concurr in Opinion with the President

" Alex Davidson

" J Dacres

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31st Received the undermentioned Letters which are entered in M.B. Nos 96. 97. 99

From Colonel Moorhouse

From Col: Moor. Letter

Letter from Colonel Moorhouse dated 29th May, advising of his having desisted from the Prosecution of the Destruction of Amboor agreeably to the Orders of Government.

From Mr. Norris

From Mr. Norris, requesting Permission to return to his Survey at Amboor.

Ordered accordingly / vide M.B. No 98 /

From Mr. Richard Guy

From Mr. Richard Guy, requesting the Paymastership of Palamcottah, vacant by the Death of Mr. Wase.

To Mr. Thos. Palk Paymaster to the Southern Forces / as entered in M.B. No 100 / desiring him to co-operate with the General Home on carrying into Execution a Plan for erecting a Range of Quarters at Wallajanagar on the Bangalore Rote.

Sent the following Letters —

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

Gentlemen

I am directed to inform you that

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3d That the Court of Directors in their Orders lately received have expressly Provided that the Annuldars of the Several Districts shall be recommended to the Nabob for confirmation in their respective Leases during the remainder of the Term for which these Districts have been let, but as it is Probable that some of the Annildars may choose rather to relinquish their Farms than be transferred in this manner to the Nabob, / the Board conceive it to be a very Essential Preparation to the Surrender of the Assignment that these Annuldars should be apprized of the Intentions of the Court of Directors concerning them that they may make their Choice & take the benefit of the Company's Protection if they think proper before the Assignment is given up, & while the Board have the Power to afford it - This it is conceived is clearly without the meaning of the Company's Order, & Consonant to the strictest Justice which requires that those People who engaged under the promised faith of the Company's Security should enjoy it in the fullest Manner -

You

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You will be pleased therefore to acquaint the several Members with the Orders respecting the assignments and the Intentions of the Company in their favor & to procure from them a declaration whether it will be agreeable to them to accept of such Recommendation to the Nabob, as the Company have stipulated for them.

Fort S.t George
30.th May 1785

I have &c.
Jon.a Duncan
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) John Cramer
Secry

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

Gentlemen

The Company's Ship Houghton arrived from England the 26.th Instant, and brought us Letters from the Court of Directors dated the 9.th and 10.th December, of which we have now the Honor to inclose Copies, for your Information.

You will perceive by these Dispatches

To Bengal advising Lord Macartney's intended Resignation, in consequence of ill health & the Orders from England for surrendering the assignment. Stating the ill effects likely to be produced if that be render. Lord Macartney proceeds to Bengal on his way to England.

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to lay before them the distressful situation of this Presidency

5th Dispatches, that the Hostile Coast have ordered the Surrender of the Assignment, and reference as to certain Treaties, and Arrangements to be made with the Nabob and the Rajahs of Tanjore, for defraying the Expences of protecting the Carnatic, both in Peace and War. —

We have in consequence written a Letter to the Nabob, Copy of which we enclose, informing him of our Intention to comply with the Company's Orders, with as much Expedition as the Nature of such a Change will permit. —

Our President finding his health much impaired by frequent attacks of the Gout, has determined to return to England immediately, in which resolution he is strengthened, not only by the appointment of Mr. Holland, who is nominated to succeed him on his Resignation, but also by the Purport of the Orders received from the Court of Directors, in the Execution of which, he cannot be a party, consistently with his known Sentiments, with the Line he has Taken, and under the strong Prejudices which have invariably operated against him in the mind of the Nabob. —

To take away therefore every pretence to impute to him the embarrassments & difficulties

which

charge

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St which must necessarily attend the new Arrangements he now withdraws himself from the scene; and he trusts that his Motive for doing so, will be received as the best Evidence he can give of his sincere Disposition to buy the Ease of the Company by removing as far as depends upon himself what might perhaps be considered as an Obstacle to their Accomplishment — We beg leave to enclose a Copy of the Minutes Delivered in by the Right Honble the President on this Occasion.

We have made it our particular request to Lord Macartney, that he will proceed to Bengal before he takes his final Departure for Europe, and this we have done with the View of availing ourselves of his Personal Representations to you upon the State of this Presidency in order that you may be fully apprised of our present Embarrassments, and prepared to give us the most effectual Relief in your Power.

Strongly impressed as we are with the highest Sense of Duty and Obedience to the Orders of our Constituents, it may yet be permitted us to express our apprehensions of the fatal Consequences that may result from the sudden & Abolition

4th abolition of the assignment Security, without any Equivalent, or Chance of an Equivalent to answer the various, pressing, and momentous Exigencies of the Service.

Soucar Security on which the Court of Directors seem to lay so great stress, never can be obtained from the Nabob for the heavy payments he will have to make to the Company — Nor, if obtained for any part of them, can it be depended upon, since we know for a certainty that the principal Soucars here are absolutely ruined by former Transactions with the Nabob, and that there is not one in the place whose Security can be safely taken even for so small a Sum as Twenty thousand Pagodas.

We fear therefore that this expected Resource of Soucar Security which has been held out to the Company on such shewy Colours, will fail altogether of its purpose and leave us to depend entirely upon the Faith and Honor of the Nabob even for our Daily Support.

However favorably We might be inclined to think of the Nabob's future Intentions, We certainly cannot draw any Hope from the

Trust

4th Past Experience of our own, or of any former Govern-
ment, the Records for many Years past are full
of essential Failures on the part of the Nabob
in his Money Engagements, and of Constant Com-
plaints on the part of Government of the Critical,
and Dangerous situations to which they were
frequently exposed by being reduced to our absolute
Dependance on the Nabob in this particular —
The breaking out of the late War afforded the
most striking Example of the Nabobs Insuffici-
ency, or Disinclination to assist us for from
the time of Hyders Invasion in July 1780 until
the acquisition of the Assignment in December
1782, We scarcely received any Assistance what-
soever from him. Though at this Period he had
not only the Obligations of Faith and Honor, but
the most powerful stimulative of self Preserva-
tion to Direct him to his True Interests. —

But admitting he has now profited
by the Lessons he has had, and that he is further
impressed with the most lively attachment and
gratitude to the Company for the immense obli-
gation which he has received from them, and
allowing him to act in Consequence, with the
sincerest

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H.t purest Design of fulfilling his Engagements, nothing is more easy than to prove from the materials before You, and which were before the Court of Directors at the Time their late Orders were framed, that it is utterly impracticable for the Nabob in the Management of his own Revenues to perform what is now required from him.

It appears by the Nabobs own accounts entered in the Proceedings of the Committee of Assigned Revenue that his Nett Receipts from the whole Carnatic on an average for the three Years immediately before the War were Pagodas 13,81,218 ℔ Annum Supposing him to receive the same Sums now, without any Deduction for the impoverished and Ruined State for many of the Districts in Consequence of the War, how will his Account then stand.

His Proportion of the Current Charges for the Defence of the Carnatic exclusive of the Pay of the King's Troops will be according to the former Arrangements about . . . . . 5. Lacks.

Annual Payment on Account of his public & Private Debts . . . . . } 12. Lacks.

Expence of his Household, Guards &c.a and all other Charges &c.a &c.a . . . . } 5. Lacks.

22. Lacks—

N.B. 40,000 P.s ℔ Month or 4,80,000 P.s—

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This is a Moderate computation and yet it shews at once a Deficiency of above 2 Lacks of Pagodas—Itis possible Winded and barely possible that the Nabob may by Anticipations of the Revenue and other forced and unnatural methods discharge his Payments in full for the first Year, but this we think is the utmost that can be expected, and if it be done at all it must be at a heavy Expence to the Revenue, and to the welfare of the Inhabitants, which will be miserably felt in the Second and Third year by all the Parties concerned.

Under the Impression of Circumstances so strong and Convincing we have invariably opposed the Nabobs Views of obtaining the immediate surrender of the Assignment and we are sure it will appear hereafter that in this opposition we have consulted his True and Permanent Interests as well as those of the Company by retaining the Assignment in our Hands until the Current Charges might have been securely provided for a Considerable part of the Nabobs publick and private Debts extinguished and his mind eased of a heavy Load of care

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St
Y. And veration — This must appear evident from the
past success of the Committee of Assigned Revenue
in the Management of the Collections of which
you have authenticd accounts before you.

We trust you will excuse so minute a
Discussion of a subject which by reason of its Impor-
tance well merits the most serious attention that
can be given to it you are fully acquainted with
our Debts and Embarrasments occasioned by the
late ruinous, and Complicated War in the Carnatic,
and we flatter ourselves that in consequence of the
new Arrangements by which we are directed to part
with the only Security we had for our present Relief,
you will consider of the most early and effectual
means to support us against the heavy and urgent
Demands for Arrears and for the Current Pay of his
Majesty's and the Company's Forces on this Establish-
ment — We beg leave to refer you to Lord Macartney
for any particulars concerning the State of this Presi-
dency which may have escaped us in the Correspondence
with your Board. ——

We have the Honor to be. —

Fort St. George
June 1st 1785 —

Gentlemen

P.S.
We enclose a Copy
of the Company's Letter
to the Nabob of Arcot —

Your Most Obt. Humble Servts.
Signed Macartney &c.
Council

1603

Fort St George 2d June 1785

Lieut. General Sloper, Commander in Chief in India having arrived, & taken the Oath of allegiance and Office, now takes his seat at the Board.

At a Consultation, Present

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.
President

Thursday the 2d June 1785.

Lieutenant General Sloper
Lieutenant General Sir John Dalling Bart
Alexander Davidson
James Daniell
} Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation Read & approved.

The President delivers in the following Minute.

Minute for Council June 1st 1785.

Lord Macartney's Minute concerning observations upon the Account sent from Bengal in the Letter Directed to Mr. Secretary Truman 4th April 1785

It is in our Letter to Bengal of the 4th May last acknowledging the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Briscoe's Letter of the 4th April & Mr. Secretary Truman, we informed that Presidency that we should soon have the Honor of Communicating to them our Observations upon the Papers transmitted to us therein

1604

Fort St George 2d June 1785 —

entitled "An account furnished by the Deputy Pay-
"master of His Majesty's Troops at Bengal of the
"Pay and allowances ordered by him to those from
"the 27th January 1784, to the 17th March 1785 —

I now beg leave to enter upon Record, such particu-
lars as have struck me in a Comparison between
the Two Military Establishments of Bengal and
Fort St George — As this Paper has been drawn up
with haste, on account of the shortness of the
Time which remained to me before my departure,
from hence, I should be glad that the proper Officer
were directed to examine it, and when revised, that
it should be sent to Bengal as was promised to
them in our abovementioned Letter of 16th May
last —

(Signed) Macartney.

Minute thereon —

Ordered that the Account accompanying
the foregoing Minute be delivered to the Accountant
with directions to examine it after which it is agreed
that it be sent to Bengal conformably to our Decla-
ration to that Government in our Letter of the
16th May last —

The President lays before the Board

A Bill from his Highness the Nabob —

the

1605

Fort St. George 2d June 1785.

Is much distressed for want of Money &c Requesting that the Balance of his Sixth part down to the present time may be paid off.—

The following Note addressed to Mr Secretary Fowzer by the Nabob.—

His Highness the Nabob Wallajah Behander presents his Compliments to Mr Fowzer and desires he will be pleased to Inform the Governor that His Highness is much distressed for Money for the Necessary Expences of himself and family, and in His Highness's Name to request the Governor will be so good as to Order the Balances of His Highness's Sixth part, Down to the present time, to be immediately paid off.—

Chepauck
31st May 1785.—

President to Minute thereon.—

In Consequence of which the President begs leave to enter the following Minute.—

Minute for Council relative to the Nabobs Note to Mr Fowzer now read. June 2d 1785.—

A few days since the President sent to the Nabob, all the Accounts in his Power to furnish Viz.t Those of the assigned

Revenues

1606 Fort St. George 2d June 1785.—

Revenues made up to the 31st December last,
and those of the Payments &c. made to His
Highness on account of His Sixth part to the
1st May, since which 10,000 Pagodas more have
been sent to him.—

What Balance is actually due
to his Highness on this Account, cannot be im-
mediately ascertained, as many of the Charges
on the Revenue are at present only estimated,
and cannot be finally until this Accounts of the
Year ending the 11th of Next Month are closed up
with the Several Renters.—

As the assignment is ordered to
be surrendered, and certain Terms and Conditions
are in Consequence to be adjusted between the
Nabob and the Company all Accounts must be
now made up and closed as soon as possible
and His Highness will much accelerate this
necessary Adjustment by remaining Quiet
till the Accounts are settled & other preparatory
measures taken for the final Surrender of the Assign-
ment agreeably to the wishes and Intentions of the
Honble Court of Directors.—

Macartney.

Read

1607

Fort St. Georges 2d. June 1785.—

Resolutions in Consequence.—

Agreed that Copy of the foregoing Minute be sent to the Pilot in answer to his Note.—

The President to Minute expressing his thanks for the support he has met with from the Members of the Board, & now takes leave, lays before them his affidavit of having received no present, but what he mentions; as also his Declaration of his property acquired in India, to be entered in the Records.—

The President delivers in the following Minute.—

Minute for Council June 4th. 1785.—

Having in my Minute read at the Board the 28th. of May — Signified my Intention of soon proceeding to Europe I now beg leave to record that I propose embarking on the Greyhound Tomorrow for Bengal, from thence I mean to take my Passage to England by the speediest safe Conveyance.—

At the same time that I mention this I cannot omit to express my particular thanks to the Members of the Board for the unremitting support, which I have received from them, in the Execution of the laborious Duties of my Office — without this support I must have sunk under the peculiar Embarrassments of my situation — with it, I have been enabled thus far to restore Peace & Tranquility to the Country & to make — some Provision for the Numerous & pressing Demands.

1606 Fort St. George 2d June 1785 —

(Demands of the Service — The late Orders from England, however they may have affected those of my Plans, by which alone I conceive the Company's Interests and Establishments on this Coast are likely to be supported, can make no alteration in my Wishes for the Prosperity of their affairs, or my firm Determination to promote that prosperity, as far as I can both in Bengal & in England by the aid of such Informations, as I may have acquired during my Residence in the Country. —

The last Duty which I am to perform before I take my final leave of the Coast will be my formal Resignation of the Government, I shall send it in writing from the last Northern Port of the Circars at which I shall touch in my way to Bengal. — I now deliver up to the Board my Keys of the Treasury and shall deliver the Keys of Fort St. George to Mr. Davidson at the Moment of my embarkation both under the necessary reservation of my Right to resume them, and the Event of my being obliged, which God forbid, (by any accident befalling the Ship in her Passage to Bengal) to return to this Presidency — or any other Contingency compelling my return. —)

The

1609

Fort St. George 2. June 1785.—

The painful Moment is now arrived when I must bid you Farewell — my Feelings on the occasion are too strong for my expression — May your Administration, Gentlemen, be happy, I am fully persuaded it will be Just prudent and honorable.—

Before I conclude I beg leave to enter on your Records this Paper, & I request that they may go, together with my present address as Numbers in the Packet to England — One is an Affidavit, and the other a Declaration, both which, it is proper to have transmitted for the Information of my Honorable Employers.—

(Signed) Macartney.

I George Lord Macartney Governor and President of Fort St. George in the East Indies, do Solemnly Swear, and Declare, to the best of my Knowledge, & belief that from the Day of my arrival there on the 22d. of June 1781. to this hour I have never by myself, or by any other person for me, directly or indirectly, accepted, or received for my own benefit, from any person, or persons whomsoever a present or presents of any kind, except

Two

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Fort St. George 2d June 1785.

I no Pipes of Madeira Wine from two particular friends,
(One of whom never was in India, the other is at Ben-
gal) a few Bottles of Champaign & Burgundy
and some Fruit, & Provisions of a very trifling Value,
And I further Swear and Declare, that I have confined
myself solely to the Honble Company's Allowances,
which are 40,000. Pagodas p Annum, The Mintage
of 2000 Pagodas p Annum & the Commission & Con-
sulage on Coral, which during my Government, have
produced on an average about 1000 Pagodas p An-
num, that I have never embezzled, or misapproprie-
ated to my own use, any part of the Company's Monies,
or effects, and that I have not been engaged in any Trade
Traffick, or dealing of any kind, but strictly and
bona fide observed all my Covenants with the Honble
East India Company, and acted in all things for
their Honor & Interest to the best of my Judge-
ment & ability.

So help me God.

Fort St. George
Sworn before me this 1st Day of June 1785.

Signed Philips Stowey
Mayor.

Signed A. Macartney

For Council June 2d 1785.

Having in January 1794. made up my

1611

Fort St. George 2d June 1795.—

my Account of the clear benefit (after paying my Expences) of the Government of Fort St. George to me from my arrival to that time, I transmitted it to the Honbles Court of Directors by the Busbridge, which Sailed from hence for England early in the February following—

The Balance in my favor was then £2,224 Sg.

since that period to this day 1st June 1795.—

The Net benefit according to the most accurate Statement that I can draw out, amounts to

29,572 Pagodas so that upon the whole, during my four Years Residence in India my fortune has been increased by the Sum of 21,796 Pagodas from which ought to be deducted my Expences and the price of my passage to Europe, which I conceive can scarcely be estimated at less than 5000 Pagodas.

As this the provision of 58th Sect. of the Act of the 23d of His Majesty declares that no person returning from India before the 1st January 1797 shall be compelled to deliver any Inventory, or Account of his Property, I have thought it necessary so far to anticipate the wish of the Legislature in this respect, as to record

the

1612

Fort St. George 2d June 1785.

The foregoing Account in the Books of the Presidency, where I have been serving, and I desire it may stand there, as a Publick Record open to the Inspection of every Person who may be inclined to peruse it.

Signed Macartney.

Lord Macartney expresses his approbation of the Company's Servants in General.

The President avails himself of this occasion to express his Sense of the Conduct of the Company's Servants in General during the period of his Administration, his Lordship thinks it unnecessary to pass any Eulogiums upon the Committee of Assigned Revenue of whose Exertions ample Testimony appears on several parts of the Records.

Thinks it unnecessary to pass an Eulogium on the Committee of Assigned Revenue, the Records bearing ample Testimony.

The Right Honble President expresses his approbation of the two Secretaries.

The President begs leave to record his approbation of the services of the two Secretaries and of the Town Major, during the time they have filled those Stations under his Government.

Of the Deputy Military Paymaster.

The President also takes this opportunity of expressing his approbation of the Conduct of Mr. Torriano, the Deputy Paymaster General,

And of the Deputy Accountants.

and of Mr. Cockburn, the Deputy Accountant.

This

1613

Fort St George 2d June 1785.—

His Lordship begs leave to recommend these Gentlemen to the favorable notice of the Board.

Sir John Dalling expresses his approbation of Lord Macartney's proceeding to Calcutta.—

At the Sir John Dalling has not signed the Letter of Yesterday's Date addressed to the Governor General & Council which was drafted from the Resolutions of this Board taken previous to his arrival, he begs leave to record his perfect approbation of his Lordship's proceeding to Calcutta in his way to Europe, for the purpose of representing the real State of affairs under this Presidency, & he is persuaded that the best Consequences will result from the Measure.

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" Alex. Davidson

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" J. Daniell

1614. Fort S.t George June 1785

June 3.d Received the following Letter from the Committee of Assigned Revenue—

To the Right Honble Geo. Lord. Macartney
K.B President and Govern.r &.ta Council

From the Committee of Assigned Revenue—
Combaje has been again called upon for the payment of his last Kists but declares his impossibility of discharging it.—

My Lord & Gentlemen Fort S.t George

Agreeable to your Commands of the 19.th Instant Wrought M.r Secretary Chamier we have again called upon Sumbagee and pressed him for payment of the last Kist due by the Renter of Arnee, but he continues to assert the impossibility of discharging it on account of the total failure of the Crops We beg leave to represent this Circumstance to your Lordship &.ta that you may adopt the Measures proposed in your said Letter or such other as may appear Suitable to the occasion

We have the Honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
(Signed) Charles Oakeley
David Halliburton
George Moubray.

Fort S.t George
26.th May 1785

Sent the undermentioned Letters / which are

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2. and entered in M.B. for the Month of June Rs

1. 2.

To Lt. Stewart & Barry

To Edwards Stewart & Barry directing them to repair to the Presidency -

To Mr Thomas Welch

4th To Mr. Thomas Welch - To supply Captain Stevenson with 80 Bullocks to enable him to proceed with his Regiment to Tanjore. -

5th Received the following Letter from Major Gratton, Adjutant General to the King's Troops in India. -

John Chamier Esqr

Military Secretary

Sir,

From Majr. Gratton desiring that an authentic Copy of the Charges against Sir John Burgoyne, with a List of Evidences in Support of them may be transmitted as soon as possible to Lieut. Auchmuty. -

A General Court Martial having been Ordered, by Virtue of his Majesty's Special Warrant for that Purpose, to assemble for the Trial of Major General Sir John Burgoyne Baronet, on certain Charges to be exhibited against him by the Government of Fort Saint George, and Accordingly to request that an authenticated Copy of the said Charges, together with a List of the Evidences in Support of them, may be Speedily transmitted to the Deputy Judge Advocate General, Lieutenant Auchmuty of His Majesty's 52d Regiment

I have the honor to be

1616

Fort St. George June 5th 1785.

5 Nº Ltrs.

Sir

Fort St. George
June 5th 1785

Your Most Obedient Humble
Servant
John Grattan
Adjt. Genl. of His Majts
Forces in India

(3 Copies)

At a Consultation, Present

Alexander Davidson Esqr. Presdt.
Lieut. General Stuart — Sal. Danielly Esqr.
Lieut. General Sir John Dalling Bart.

Tuesday the
7th June 1785.

Minutes of last Consultation
read and Approved

General Stuart lays before the
Board the following Extract of a Letter to him
from the Secretary at War —

Extracts of a Letter from the Secretary at War
to Lieut. General Stuart, dated 3d December 1784.

Extract of a letter from
the Secty at War to Genl
Stuart touching that
the three Major
Generals coming on
Establishments
to India to enjoy
Rank Oppotunity
after his Arrival

Sir,

According to your Desire, I have
applied to His Majesty to know what General
& Staff Officers are to be continued on the
establishment

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Fort St. George 7th June 1765

Establishment in India; and I am commanded
to acquaint you, that Peace being restored
in that Country, and a Considerable number
of the Foreign Regiments having been
ordered to be withdrawn from thence,
His Majesty thinks it unnecessary that any
of the Major Generals now on Indian
should remain there after your Arrival.

You will accordingly direct
Major General Alexr Campbell Esqr to
return by the first proper Opportunities
to Europe; & give the like Directions to
Major General Sr Robt Barrygne as
soon as his Trial shall be finished, & in
case he shall be acquitted by the Judge-
ment of the Court Martial.

The Officers of Adjutant General
and Quarter Master General are to remain
on the Establishment of His Majesty's Troops
in India & are to be continued on the present
Stations of them namely Majr Gratton
of the 100th Regt & Lt Col. Leathes of the
98th.

A true Extract
(Signed) Robt Roper

General Roper sends to the Board

1618. Fort St. George 7th June 1785

Board that Her Majesty's Letters of Recall have been delivered to Major General Campbell & Ogle.-

The Board proceed to take into Consideration the General Letter from the Court of Directors dated 9th 10th & 21st December- upon reading that Part which relates to the Surrender of the Assignment, Mr. Darnell begs leave to enter the following Minute.-

General Letters from England taken into Consideration

Minute in Council 7th June 1785

Minute of Mr. Darnell on the Company's Orders for surrendering the Assignment to His Highness the Nabob

The orders contained in the General Letter from Europe of the 9th December for the delivery of the Assignment of Her Highness the Nabob has brought on us a task equally difficult in the undertaking and perhaps dangerous in its Consequences- The success of these kind of negociations depend much upon the Secrecy and Expeditty of Commencement & by such promptitude we must soon arrive at that necessary piece of information whether the Nabob on his part can or cannot comply with the terms expected by our Honble Employers-

Well inclined to the Interest and welfare of His Highness as the Honble Court have expressed themselves in their Letter above remembered, it is much to be wished he may meet this Government with the same Honble Dispositions

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Dispositions - The Nabobs seizing on the Jaghire of the Assignment seems for some time past to have much irritated that Jarr full of Apprehension we shall not meet with such favorable dispositions with which these Board are impressed to enter sincerely into an open and favorable endeavour for the General welfare of both Parties - and so inseparably are the Interests of the Company now connected with those of the Nabobs and Rajah of Tanjore, that if all those Parties do not heartily unite in a liberal attention to their Interests, by unanimity, good faith and a steady adherence to their engagements the intended system of Peace may prove very unfortunate one to the three Powers engaged in it.

To diminish by degrees the fatal effects of that displeasure which the Nabobs has lately exhibited against this Government on the Consequences of the Assignment, and to temper his mind to that kind of compliance with the Orders of the Company as conducive to the present Interests of both it should become the immediate duty of one of more Members of this Board to endeavour to accomplish such a purpose by frequent and friendly

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Speedy communication with them, such a conduct
may serve to pave the way to the great objects
before us, and be the means of getting thro' this
Labyrinth of business with some facility which
may otherwise lead us into inextricable
difficulties —

The Actual debt to the Company
and the Creditors being ascertained in the
General Letter from Europe, Funds whereby
no regular dividends can be made whenever
the Nabob may pay money into the Treasury
on Account of those debts, I beg leave to propose
that two Gentlemen, wholly unconnected at the
Durbar, should be forthwith appointed to
meet two more from the body of the Creditors
with one or two Agents on the part of His
Highness to ascertain without loss of time the
exact balances of the abovementioned Accounts
to the period above alluded to —

For the regularity of the Accounts
in General of the Revenues since the Assignment
has been in possession of this Government, I
flatter myself His Highness will be prevailed
on to Consent to continue the Servants on the
present Channel to the end of the present
Fasly, the 11th of next Month — by that time
we may hope for the Arrival of Mr Holland

and

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and the result of Lord Macartneys Mission to Bengall of what may be our Resources from thence for the immediate General disbursements to our Troops.

The Circumstances of Lowcay Lecurby mentioned in the General Letter for the Revenue Season of Pagodas to be annually paid on Account of the old debt to the Company and Creditors, appears to be a difficulty not easily overcame — my Opinion of Lowcay Lecurby has been fully offered on some of my minutes during my Chief ship at Masulipatam — That same kind of Arguments are too well suited I am afraid to the present occasion, and as I know no Lowcay on this Coast on whom I would excite to take a Bill for 20,000 Pagodas, so I should be very cautious in giveing my Assent to such kind of Security for so large a Sum as twelve Lacks, and of any other Security can be admitted, where are the People to be found whose responsibility is equal to so great an undertaking? The payment of our Troops should be immediately provided for, and of course it becomes our most Serious Consideration whether our Civil Employers aware by the Spirit of the General

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General Letter that we should depend solely on the Nabob for the very existence of their Government, by giving up the assignment in the first instance, and thus leaving it to themselves to fulfill their expectations in consequence. If the Nabob was Guided by his own opinions we should have much less to apprehend; but under the present conduct of the Durbar what might be the result of so unguarded a reliance? It may be means of saving much time and of benefiting by the Opinion of the Governor General and Council to communicate to them all our Proceedings on these important Subjects as we advance in the execution of them. The necessary part of the General Letter respecting the Nabob should be forthwith communicated to His Highness; and knowing no time to lose, no reason to expect money either from the Jamabie or Sunnud, while these Subjects remain undecided, I should presume that a public personal Communication with them on these points in question are best calculated to bring them to a speedy conclusion - To go thro' such a variety of Arguments in the Course of Letters, would engross

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engross a Space of Time little limited to the Investible Sum in Treasury — and the almost unavoidable references to Bengall, may likewise be attended with unavoidable delays —

Struck of the poverty of our Treasury because the Lord Macartney has left — 2,59,898 Pagodas in it, our Troops are in Arrears of their Current Pay, and whilst Arrears are falling on us without any present expectation of receipts, I am doubly anxious to be relieved from the unpleasant prospect before us, and to overcome those difficulties in which we may otherwise be unavoidably involved —

The Accountants should moreover be forthwith directed to prepare Statements of the Military Expences of the War and Peace Establishments by which to regulate the proportions to be paid by the different Powers for the Defence of the respective Territories; and Instructions should be prepared and forwarded to the Resident at Tanjore with directions to enter into the proposed Treaty with the Rajah according to the form prescribed in the General Letter of the 9th December from the Honble Court of Directors

(Signed) I Daniell

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A Separate Letter to be written to the Court of Directors to acknowledge the Receipt of their Order

Agreed that a Separate Letter be drafted to the Court of Directors advising them of the receipt of their Commands & assuring them that We shall lose no time in carrying into execution the several Orders contained in their Letter:-

A Letter to be written to Mr. Benfield inclosing Copy of the Propriety to return to the Presidency-

Agreed that a Letter be written to Mr. Benfield inclosing Copy of the Letter of the 9th December which relates to him, and recommending to him the strictest attention to the Orders of the Court of Directors which We are resolved to enforce.-

The President informs the Board that he has appointed Mr. Thomas Oakes to be his Private Secretary, & proposes in Consequence that the usual Oath of Secrecy be administered to him.

The President appoints Mr. Thos. Oakes his Private Secretary

Mr. Oakes being called in, the usual Oath is administered to him according-ly-

Gen.l Mopson informs the Board, that in Obedience to His Majesty's Commands he has directed a Court Martial to be assembled for the trial of Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart.-

Gen.l Mopson has directed a Court Martial to be held on Sir John Burgoyne

Agreed in Consequence that Mr. Stephen Popham be directed to appear, at the said Court Martial, as Prosecutor on behalf of the Company

Mr. Stephen Popham to be the Company's Prosecutor at the ensuing Tryal.-

1625 Fort St George 4th June 1785

Company and that he be furnished by the Secretary with all the necessary Documents from this Office.—

Read two Letters from Capt.n Wheeler dated 6th & 7th Instant the former requesting leave to resign the Service being obliged to proceed to Europe on Account of his private Affairs. the latter soliciting the Board to discharge what is due to him from the Honble Company.

Agreed that Capt.n Wheeler be permitted to resign the Service, & that he be recommended to the Court of Directors for permission to return after his Affairs shall be settled.

Do — Do

With respect to Capt.n Wheeler's Claim for Money due to him from the Company It is Agreed to inform him that the Board have no means in their hands to discharge his Demands, excepting by Company's Bond which they are willing to grant to his Favor.—

" Alex.r Davidson

" J. Hamilton

1626 Fort S.t George June 1783

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Diary

Sent the following Letters

To Mr. Paul Benfield

Sir,

To Mr. Benfield enclosing Extract of a Letter from the Company granting him Permission to come to the Presidency

In conformity to the Orders of the Court of Directors as expressed in the enclosed Extract from their Letter of the 9.th December last I am now directed to inform you that you have the permission of the Board to come to the Presidency at the same time that I signify to you this Permission I am directed to observe to you that Government expect the most implicit obedience on your part to the orders of the Company & they take this opportunity of assuring you that they shall immediately enforce those Orders should you not strictly conform to the Conditions

on

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7th on which you have permission to
visit the Presidency. —

Fort St. George
7th June 1785

Sir

I am

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) John Channin

Secretary

To Mr Stephen Popham

Solicitor to the United Company

To Mr Popham
appointing
him Prosecutor
in behalf of the
Company against
Sir John Burgoyne
and inclosing Papers
on the Subject by
which the Charges
may be prepared.

Sir,

Application having been made
to the President & Council for the
production of the Charges & Evidence
against Major General Sir John
Burgoyne, who is to be tried by
a Court martial on the 21 Instant.
I am directed by the Board to send
you the accompanying Papers
that you may prepare the
Charges accordingly & furnish the
Deputy Judge Advocate Lieutenant

Anchmuty

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7th Authority with them, with a List
of the Evidences whose presence will be
necessary at the ensuing Trial —
The Board desire you to carry on this
prosecution on the part of the Com=
=pany, & you will be pleased therefore
to apply to me, should any Documents
be necessary, or addition to those —
now sent to you

I am
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) John Chamier
Secretary

Fort St. George
7th June 1785

Received Letters as entered in
Miscellany Book Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8.

From Capt. Sherman

From Capt. Sherman stating
the Reasons that induced him to make
a Capture of a Vessel since claimed by
Mr. De Bussy.

Bury

From Ensign George Bowen
Requesting that His Representation
relative

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The relative to his Rank) may be referred to Europe, provided the Board cannot comply with it here

From Col. Nixon

From the Commandant at Vellore, - Enclosing a Report of some Sepoys who were refused Permission to pass to Madraday by the high Road.

From Ensign Jarvis

From Ensign Jarvis in Extenuation of his Conduct, in signing the Letter to the Commandant of Tanjore relative to half Batta.

To Colonels Nixon & Straubenzee

9th Sent Letters to Colonels Nixon and Straubenzee, and to Fort Marlboro as entered in Miscellany Book No. 9, 10, the former requiring their immediate Presence - & to appear as Evidences at the ensuing Trial of Major General Burgoyne, the latter enclosing a Return of Europeans and Sepoys embarked on the Glatton for that Presidency. -

To Fort Marlboro

&c

1630 Fort S.t George 11.th June 1785

At a Consultation Present

Alexander Davidson Esq.r President

Saturday 11 June 1785

Lieut. General Stuart, James Daniell Esq.r

Lieut. General Sir John Dalling Bar.t

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

The President delivers in the

following Minute

In Council 11. June 1785

The President taking into Consideration

the late Orders of the Company respecting the

Assignment and the very various Consequences

the measure must involve if this Govern=

ment be left to its own slender and insufficient

Resources, thinks it necessary to take a review

review of our Situation and to submit to

the Board the Steps which he thinks most

proper to be adopted in the present

Conjuncture —

The last Letter to Bengal mention

ing the Orders for surrendering the Assignment

states at the same time in strong and it is

to

President's Minute
on the late Orders
from the Company
for surrendering
the Assignment
of His Highness
the Nabob

To the Ld Govr 11th June 1785

to be hoped in convincing Lights the alarming Posture of our affairs and the Embarrassments that surround us.

The arrears due to the army amount to 18 Lacks of Pagodas - the Troops to the Southward of the Coleroon are not less than 8 Lacks in arrears and kept together only on the slighted Faith of the Company that the Revenues of those Districts should be solely applied to their Discharge - loaded with a heavy Bond Debt - the whole Civil Establishment eighteen months in arrears - and excepting a Credit of 5 Lacks of Rupees for the purchase of Rice positively forbidden by the Supreme Council to draw on them even for the smallest Sum. -

We have long had to Struggle with these difficulties and at the very time when a prospect opened of surmounting them by the return of Peace to an exhausted and depopulated Country, the late orders have

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Shall take out of our Hands the means of
Preservation and consigned the dearest of
Interests of the Company on the Coast to
inevitable Destruction, unless indeed the
Supreme Board have great Resources and
will apply them to our Relief —

The alarm which these
Considerations naturally excite, will derive
greater Force from reflecting on the State
the Army must be reduced to in two or
three months at the utmost when without
Supplies from Bengal there will not be
a Pagoda in the Treasury — To this disastrous
Crisis would the Government have been
long since reduced had it not resorted to
the only remaining Expedient of taking
the Country (unproductive in the Hands
of the Nabob) into its own immediate
management — to this measure we owe
our present Existence — all the efforts of the
Supreme Council for our Relief, great
as they were, assisted by rigid Oeconomy on

our

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our part, and devoting every Resource to the
maintenance of the army, had proved
insufficient, and we must have sunk
under the Weight of the Difficulties that
oppressed us, but for the timely relief
which, through able and faithful
Management, was given by the Collections
from the assigned Countries.—

The Governor General and Coun
have been minutely informed from time to
time of our Distresses as also with the
accumulated and insurmountable Difficu
of our Situation since the Orders were give
for surrendering the assignment under
date
may— this last letter, strengthened
by the personal Representations of the Lat
President, will pointedly inforce this
serious Truth, that our sole Dependence
is upon their Exertions.— They know, who
Experience has invariably taught us,
that the Promises of the Nabob are no
to be relied on, and they must be answerab
for all the Consequences of making the
Government

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Government absolutely dependant on H.
Hom for its Support.—

An Answer may now soon be
expected from Bengal—in the mean time the
President proposes to the Board that a letter
be written to His Highness the Nabob, inclosing
such Extracts from the Company's Letter as will
serve to convince him that the Requisitions
we make are in strict Obedience to their
Orders—informing him that the foregoing
Demands on the Company for money
on Account of the Current Charges, and
the great Arrears due to the Troops, render it
highly expedient that we should know
from him what Security we have to depend
upon after the Assignment shall have been surrendered,
and what immediate Payments he can make to
the Company—That these are Points which
in the present State of our Affairs cannot
be left in doubt, since we have no adequate
Funds of our own to apply to in case of a
Disappointment—and that he be further
requested

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requested to confirm by his own Sanction
the arrangements made by the Company
for the payment of his public and private
Debts, which are now become the direct
and immediate Concern of Government

(Signed) Alex.r Davidson

The President lays before the Board
Draft of a Letter to the Nabob which being
approved, is ordered to be Copied for

President's Minute & Letter to the Nabob to be sent to England by the Glatton.

Agreed that Copy of the
Presidents Minute & this Letter be entered
Country Correspondence N.o 64 / be sent
to England, as a Number in the Packet
by the Glatton.

From Captain Drummond

Read a Letter from Captain
Drummond / entered in Miscellany
Book N.o 11 / requesting Payment of
Bills for victualling the Company's
Troops embarked on the Glatton for
Bencoolen - Ordered that the Bills be paid -

Minute Hanson

" Alex.r Davidson
"
" J. Dunlop
"

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June 12th Recvd Letters entered in M.B. Nos 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.

From Captain Drummond, representing the Impossibility of affording a Passage to Europe to two Hanoverian Officers ordered by the Board to proceed on the Glatton.

From Colonel Reynbold, stating that the Captain of the Glatton makes objections to the taking on board two Hanoverian Officers; and requesting that positive Orders may be sent him to give them a Passage, or pay a Sum that will procure them one on a foreign Ship.

From Genl Campbell requesting that the usual Passage Money granted to his Majesty's Officers returning to Europe may be paid to the Honble Lieutenant Cochrane. Ordered Accordingly.

From the Resident at Cuddalore inclosing a Return of Provisions &c. &c. for the Month of May.

From B. J. Contencau, dated 6th April, inclosing Several Papers relating to Monsieur Bussy's Claim to a Vessel captured by the English at Pondicherry during the late War.

M.S. Sede Captain Drummond's Letter entered in M.B. this Month No 5.

From Lieut. Macalister at Masulipatam dated the 24th & 30th May particularizing the Circumstances on which the Council at that Settlement founded their Complaint against him to Government, of having

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12th having treated Mr. Hodges the acting Chief in a disrespectful & unbecoming manner. —
Sent the following Letter to Mr Popham

To Mr. Stephen Popham

Sir,

The President and Council of Fort St. George putting Special Trust and Confidence in you do hereby direct empower and appoint you to appear at a Court Martial ordered to assemble at the Government House of Fort Saint George on Tuesday the 21st. day of this Instant June for the Trial of Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart on certain Charges exhibited against him by the Government of Fort Saint George and you are to prosecute in their name and behalf under and by Virtue of this authority —

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12th June 1785

Signed by Order of the President &
Council —
J. Chamier Secy

To Mr Popham
empowering him
to appear at a
Court Martial
for the Trial of
Sir John Burgoyne
and to prosecute
in the Name and
on behalf of the
Government of
Fort St. George

14th Sent Letter to Major General Campbell
Agent, of which the following is a Copy.

To Major General Campbell
at Arcot

Sir

I am directed by the President & Council

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To Major General Campbell Ogle informing them of His Majesty's Intention to recal his Major Generals serving in India that they are no longer to consider themselves on the Staff of the Army & to proceed to Europe by the first Opportunity - Genl Campbell to deliver over the Comm: of the Cantonment at present to the next Senior Officer -

Port St George
14th June 1785 -

I am informed the Board that His Majesty has judged proper to recall His Major Generals serving in India, & that Notification has been made to you accordingly, I am directed by the President & Council - The Board further direct me to desire you will deliver over the Command of the Cantonment at present to the next Senior Officer, & return to the Presidency - to observe that you are no longer to consider yourself on the Staff of the Army, & I am also to express their expectation that you will avail yourself of the first Opportunity of obeying his Majesty's Commands Communicated to you by His General Letter -

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant,
(Signed) John Channier
Secry

N.B. Those parts in the foregoing Letter within the Inclosed, were omitted in the Letter to Major General Ogle -

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At a Consultation, Present

Alexr. Davidson Esqr. President

Tuesday the 14th June 1785.

Lieut. General Sloper

James Daniell Esqr.

Lieut. General Sir John Dalling Bart.

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved.

Declaration of Lieut. General Sloper on his having signed the Separate Letter by the Glatton.

General Sloper Conceiving himself incompetent to give an Opinion upon those Subjects in the Separate Letter by the Glatton, which were agitated previous to his Arrival, & which are necessarily mentioned in that Letter, takes the first Opportunity of recording this Declaration, that his Signature may not make him responsible for Sentiments expressed as abovementioned.—

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam with Enclosures entered in M.B. from 20. 24. to go Home with three Letters from Lieut. Macalister, mentioned in the Diary

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c.

President and Governor &c. Council of

My Lord & Gentlemen Fort St. George

We have duly received your

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Secretary's Letters of the 16.th 17.th 18.th & 19.th Instant with their enclosures —

From Masulipatam enclosing Papers in Elucidation of the Complaint preferred against the Renter of Nizampatam by the Renter of Ongole, and of Linti — Macclenties Conduct on the Insult offered by him against the Civil Govt. in the person of Mr. Hodges —

Your orders respecting the Engineer Department shall be duely attended to, and the Works which you have permitted to be undertaken will be begun immediately, excepting the Shed for preserving the Iron Carriages, which We have deferred for further Consideration, when we shall have been honored with your Commands on a Copy to our address of the 20.th Instant —

An advertisement for receiving Proposals for Building a Boat to be placed on the Durian Cootua at Pitticacollum has been published, agreeable to your directions; but as we understand from the information Started on a former occasion, when the building of such a Boat was in agitation, That none like that at Rajahmundry could be procured or even at Pitticacollum; we have thought it necessary to direct our Engineer to proceed thither at a proper time, when the Pilot shall be full, and Report to us, from the best information, to be obtained on the Spot how far the Boat would be serviceable, and for what Length of time, during the Period when the River is not fordable; a Copy of his Report shall be transmitted to your Lordships Notice

Such

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such Proposals as may be received)
Your Secretary's Letter of the 27.th
Herewith are the Papers enclosed (& transmitted) to the
Chief, who has given the necessary directions to the
Renter of Nizampatam respecting what what
was set forth in the Letter from the Committee
of Assigned Revenue to your Lordship &.a
as you will observe by the Copy of his Letter
to us on this Subject, with the Papers enclosed
which we have the honor herewith to enclose
from № 1 to № 5.

On the receipt of Mr. Secretary
Chamiers Letter of the 17.th we transmitted that
for Lieut.t Macalester to know there the Chiefs
of the Officer Commanding the Troops in Garrison
and we have now the honor of transmitting
from № 6 to № 12 Copies of all the Correspondence
which has passed on that Subject, since we
received your late order; as also those Letters
which have been sent to us under flying
Seals to be forwarded to your Lordship &.a
on the perusal of which, Mr. Hodges has
reported to us, that so far from having the
respect for the Civil Government, which
Mr. Macalester therein professes, he endeav-
=ours, and indeed has not a doubt, that there

have

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have been Meetings held, consisting of many of the
Officers belonging to the Garrison where it has been
resolved not to want or have any Communication
with the Company's Civil Servants (this perhaps
with the same few exceptions) and as a presumptive
proof of this, he informs us, that the following
circumstance in itself would not otherwise deserve
notice, that the Officer coming off Guard, who
waits on the acting Member with his Report,
where the latter is at the Fort, & used always
always to stay breakfast, has for several days
past abruptly retired after delivering it, and
indeed we could not read the 2.d & 4.th Paragraphs
of Lieut.t Macalester's letter to your Lordships &c.
without surprize, as it would thereby appear
that we are from insulting Mr. Hodges, he
behaved towards him with the greatest respect,
which is entirely opposite to the facts stated
to us by Mr. Hodges on the 4.th Instant, and which
he now confirms.—

We are indeed quite at a loss
in what manner to understand Mr. Macalester, when
he so positively asserts his innocence upon this
occasion, if he means only to affirm that he did
not, in the expressions he made use of to Mr.
Hodges, employ any terms of reproach, any
epithets

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of the Ills of Servility or abuse we advised of it, when we Paid our Charge of 50 £ Sterl to Mr. Hodges it was not intended to account him Guilty of that Charge was soon Done but absolute and peremptory demand without any Right that we know of excepting that of his pleasure, of the enlargement of a Native confined by the orders of Mr. Hodges, a demand expected even after Mr. Hodges had expressed a willingness to release the Prisoner, merely at the desire of Mr. Macalister; it was founded on the manifest Contempt offered to the Authority of the Chief in Sundry expressions made use of by Mr. Macalister, publickly calling that Authority in question, and without any qualifying terms, to save the Appearance of the smallest degree of respect for it; Lastly it was founded on that persevering importunity with which he continued to urge the release of the Prisoner, as boisterous, offensive, and disrespectfull, that Mr. Hodges was compelled by it to quit the exercise of his Judicial Duties, and withdraw, least it should end in some act of violence on the Part of Mr. Macalister; it appears to us that such a Conduct as we have just described, will very fully Support the Charge that was Laid by us.

J.W

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The Letter mentioned by Mr. Macaulay
in his 2d Paragraph, and of which he has
transmitted a Copy, with his enclosed address to
your Lordship &c.a was allowed to remain in
S.t Thomas; but was omitted to be sent a number
in the Packet, as very immaterial to the
Merits of the case, and we believe on a perusal of
it, that it will not appear to your Lordship
&c.a that even supposing it there would have been
of any benefit to his Cause.

We think it unnecessary to say
any thing further in respect to the last Paragraph, than to refer your Lordship &c.a to the
enclosed Copies of our correspondence since the
receipt of your Secretary's Letter of the 17th Instant;
wherein our reasons for refusing to furnish
Mr. Macaulay with a Copy of our Proceedings
are set forth.

We have the honor to be
very respectfully.

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t
humble Servants

James Hodges
L.C. Boileau
Tho.s Barnard

Masulipatam
31st May 1785

as Lieut. Macaulay's representation

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of his Conduct differs so widely from the Account transmitted by the Chief & Council of Minute thereon as that Officer has urgently solicited to be tried by a Court Martial, it is Agreed that the Commander in Chief be requested to give the necessary orders for convening a Court Martial at Masulipatam.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Copy of a Letter from the Secretary at War.-

Lieutenant General Hoper

Officer Commanding His Majesty's Forces in East India

Extract of a Letter from the Secry at War to Lieut. Genl Hoper dated 9th Augt 1784 Signifying Intent to offer a Bounty to such Men as have re-enlisted for three years only to induce them to list without any Limitation of Service Confining the said Bounty to two Guineas p Man.-

SIR,

It appearing by the last Advices from the East Indies, that a number of Men had been lately reenlisted for three years only, I am commanded by his Majesty to recommend to you, to offer a Bounty to such Men to induce them to List on the usual Footing without any Limitation of Service allowing them to choose what Regiments, either Horse or Foot they will List into, among those now in India the said Bounty not to exceed

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Recd two Guineas per Mail.

War Office
21st December 1784

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obedt
humble Servant
(Signed) Geo. Yonge

General Assembly
Observation Thereon

General Assembly in Consequence Submit to the Board the propriety of making advances from the Treasury for the several Services abovementioned, as soon as the State of the Company's Finances will admit.

Received the following Letters from Colombo, from Mssrs Baanbanner &c. at Dutch

(Translation)

To the Right Honble Geo. Lord Macartney KB.
President &c. Council of Fort St. George

From Colombo requesting to be put in possession of the places guaranteed to them by the late Treaty.

My Lord & Gentlemen

The Letter wherewith your Lordships honored us of the 30th March was forwarded to us by Mr. Lowis on the 4th May, but owing to contrary Winds, the Vessel did not arrive with us till the 14th Instant.

We are obliged to your Lordships for the Orders you have given to Mr. Lowis to

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to put Mr. Mehard in provisional Possession
of the places taken by the English from us
during the late War, on the Madura & Tellaramur
Coasts; But we have not hitherto been informed
of the Execution of this Order, and we suppose
the Delay has been occasioned by Advices you
have received of Peace not having been formally
delivered over to us, which render it necessary
to put us in full Possession of those places, instead
of a provisional Delivery.—

Previous to the Receipt of the
aforementioned Letter, we had appointed Mr.
Blankhamer with three, our Commissaries
to receive back the Possessions to be ceded to
us by Treaty on the Coast of Choromandel, and
they have advised us of their Arrival at
Pulicat.— We request your Lordships & will
cause those Restitutions to be made as soon
as possible.—

We have the Honor to be with
Esteem.

My Lords & Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
(Signed) Van De Graaff
Jr Stuyvesant
G. Holch
Billing
Rahel
Translator

Columbo
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(Translation)

To the Right Honble Geo. L.d Macartney
Knight of the Bath President & Governor &c.
of Council. of Fort S.t George

From the Dutch at Pulicat on the same Subject as the foregoing Letter.

Right Honble Sir & Sirs.

We have had the honor to receive your Lordships &c.a much esteemed Letter of the 28.th ulto. but as the purport we have perused with, that your Lordships &c.a still expect from Bengal the final orders & instructions, for settling every thing with our nation, whom not only we, but even the Honble Governor and Council at Colombo, have thought that those orders had been given long ago, as the Supreme Council at Calcutta have been so good as to communicate to the Governor of Ceylon, by Letter of the 23.d of November 1784, that they had received from their Superiors the necessary orders to fulfill the Contents of the Treaty of Peace lately concluded between the Crown of Great Britain, and the High & mighty States General.

Having thus found ourselves mistaken, we shall await your Lordships further orders on the Head which your Lordships &c.a would very much oblige the Government of Ceylon and us, if you could deem it expedient to

Ceylon

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to put us in the Provisional Possession of Pulicat, upon the same Terms as have been proposed by the Governor and Council at Colombo, in their Letter of the 9th of last month which we humbly request may be done.—

Concerning the two different Questions contained in your Lordships &c. Letter, we have the honor to answer, that we have not been qualified by the Columbo Government to make a formal Explanation Negapatam to your Lordships &c. or to make good the Expences incurred by our Prisoners of War during this War.

We have the honor to be, with perfect Esteem,

Right Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your Lordships humble and Obedient Servants

(Signed) W. Brownhammer
N. Sadam
J. D. Simmons
H. Hopfenberg

Pulicat the 30th May 1785

Ordered to lie on the Table.

To lie on the Table.—

Read the following Letter from the Chief Engineer.—

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. Council of

Fort St. George

My Lords Gentlemen

From the Chief Engineer giving his Opinion on the Caromahe Wall of the most northerly Sea Gate for the Accommodation of the Guard; & expressing his Apprehensions for the Safety of the Prisons while the Soldiers are quartered in the Barricades above them.-

In consequence of Mr. Secretary Dorrmans Letter of the 14th Instant, I have been with Mr. Jones to see the Caromahe Wall of the most Northerly Sea Gate, which he mentioned in his address to the Secretary, for an Accomodation of the Guard.-

An examination, I find, 20 feet & Arches may be divided off for a Guard Room, and no more, with convenience to the adjoining Godown, which will then be left on the one door only fronting the Gateway- The like space may be taken from the Godown now occupied by the Troops South of the Southern Sea Gate. When by dividing the present Guard into two, to consist of half the number of men, each Gate will have its proper Guard close to it; and if nearly the same Space next to and north of the Southernmost Gate was taken from the Sea Customs Godown there would be a proper Place for the Officers between the two Guards.- This I conceive to be the best Distribution for the

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The Guard Rooms on the East front supposing the Guards augmented and an European Officer to have them in charge. I set the same down Submit to you the propriety of having them now divided off in this manner by Brick walls, to prevent the claims of the different Departments upon them to whom they may never the less be lent until they are wanted. For any one of them may contain the present Guard, unless it should be thought advisable to divide them, as I have recommended, or to have the Black Officers and the Men in Separate apartments.

Permit me at the same time to express my apprehensions of the great Danger to which, in the present unfinished State of their Galleries, the Visitors are exposed from the Dirt and Filth occasioned by the Soldiers living quartered in the unplaced Casemates above them.

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) Patrick Ross

Fort St. George
28th May 1785

The Board approve the Recommendations of

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Minute thereon

of the Chief Engineer respecting the Accommoda-
-tion of the Guard in the Casemate West of
the most Northerly Sea Gate.

With respect to his Observations
on Account of the unfinished State of the
Gallaries it is agreed that he be desired to,
inform the Board what will be the Expence
of finishing them, with his Opinion on the
Subject.-

Read the following Letter from three
of the Company's Field Officers.-

To Lieut. General Ross Lang
Commander in Chief &c &c &c

From three of the Company's Field Officers representing their distressed Situation from their Gratuity's having been stopped.-

Sir,

The Field officers on this Establishm.t who were at the Presidency on the 24.th of October last, had the honor to address the Government on the Subject of their Gratuity stopped in consequence of a Representation from some of the Field Officers in His Majesty's Service.

Not having been favored with an answer to that address, wherein they flatter themselves with having removed the Objections stated by the King's Officers, they beg leave again through you to request the attention of the Hobble Board to the Subject in hopes they

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They will be pleased to remove the distressing Restriction under which the Company's & their Officers now Labour and direct their Accounts for Arrears of Gratuity, now due, to be made up and discharged.-

We are Sir

Your most Obed.t &

Most humble Servants

Patrick Ross

Wm. Bruce

James Livingstone

Fort St George

23. May 1785

As this Subject is already referred to the Court of Directors, it is not in the Power of the Board to take any further Steps until orders are received from England.-

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Col. Davies with an Account

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Horible Sirs

From Col. Davies enclosing an Account of the Amount of Cash disbursed on destroying the Fortifications at Chillumbrum

In consequence of your Orders, signified to me in February last, to proceed and destroy the Fortifications of Chillumbrum, I beg to lay before you an Account of the Amount of Cash disbursed on that Service, & the Lascars employed were not upon Batta

Lists

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I was under the necessity of paying them their usual Batta for removing the Duce and Powder from Chillumbrum to the Porto-Novo River, - which account I beg leave to enclose. -

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) John Davies

The Board Desires their approbation of the Conduct of Colonel Davies and direct his Bills to be paid. -

The Board observe with much Satisfaction the Loyalty & Diligence which has been manifested in the Destruction of Chillumbrum

& it is in consequence agreed that a Letter be written to Col. Davies, expressing the Board's Approbation of his Conduct.

Ordered that Dr. Col. Davies's Bill amounting to Pags 35. & 653 Fanams be discharged.

Read the following Letters, entered in the Miscellany Book Nos. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27.

From Capt.n Mandeville dated 6th Instant, reporting his return to this Presidency, agreeably to the Permission given him, as appears on our Minutes of the 18th May 1784

From Capt.n Mandeville

Agreed that Capt.n Mandeville do resume his Rank in the Artillery of this Establishment, & that the same be published in

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in General Order.—

From Colonel Stuart dat.d 26th

From Col. Stuart

May stating the necessity of making some Repairs to the Barracks & Quarters at Tanjore & enclosing Estimates from the Engineer & Paymaster.—

Agreed that Colonel Stuart be desired to leave the Repairs executed which he recommends, observing that he is to confine himself to what is absolutely necessary, & to observe upon this, & upon all other occasions the strictest Oeconomy.—

Minute thereon

From Colonel Nixon dated

From Col. Nixon

26 May, transmitting an Estimate of Repairs judged by Ensign Ryland, the Engineer at Vellore to be necessary.—

Agreed that Colonel Nixon be desired to give the Board every information in his power respecting these Repairs proposed by the Engineer with his Sentiments relative to the absolute Necessity of incurring the whole or any Part of the Expence stated by Ensign Ryland.—

Minute thereon

From Ensign Ryland Dated

From Ensign Ryland

29th Ult. requesting that he may be permitted to draw for Batta, & Conveyance Allowances.—

Agreed

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Agreed that Lieut. Ryland be informed

Minute Thereon

that neither Batta or Conveyance Allowance can be paid to him unless when employed on Service on the Field.—

From Colonel Stranbenzee dated

from Col. Stranbenzee 11th June, complaining of the badness of the Provi-

-sions at Poonamallee—

Agreed that the President be

Minute Thereon desired to give the necessary Orders to rectify this Complaint.

From Lieut. Rollston dated

from Lieut. Rollston 27th March, requesting that he may be allowed

his Pay for January last, when he was absent

in Bengal upon Leave.—

Ordered Accordingly—

Ordered

Read Petition from the Bullock

Petition from Bullock Maistries

Maistries as entered in M.B. No. 28 lately serving with the Grand Army, representing their distresses & stating that there is a Ballance of upwards of Four Lacks of Pagodas due to them—

Minute Thereon

The Board are sensible of the Hardships to which the maistries suffer from the non payment of the Ballances due to them, but having no means at present for their Liquidation excepting Company's Bonds, it is Agreed that they be tendered to the Maistries.—

Read a letter from the Nabob

entered

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Substance of a Letter from the Nabob

entered in Country Correspondence 1065 stating, that Lord Macartney had promised to settle with his Highness, the Account respecting the 25th part of the Revenues of his Country which was stipulated when the Assignments took place, to be furnished from this Government having departed without fulfilling his promise his Highness begs his Successor will send him the Balance.

" Alex. Davidson

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" J. Dannell

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Diary.—

June 15 Sent the following Letter

To Lieutenant Colonel Davies

To Lieut. Colonel Davies, in Approbation of his Conduct in the Demolition of Chillumbrum.

Sir

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 13th Instant: & to inform you that We have directed the Bills which accompanied it to be discharged

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15th We remark with Satisfaction that
small expence which has been incurred in the
destruction of Pallamcotta war & We take this
Opportunity of expressing our approbation of
your Conduct in the execution of the Service
entrusted to you.

We are, Sir,

Your most Obed. Servants

Fort St. George
15th June 1785.

(Signed) Alexr. Davidson
" Z. Comwell

To Charles Hughes Esqr.
Commanding His Majesty's Squadron
on the East Indies

Commodore Hughes, requesting that one of his Majesty's Ships may be spared to convey troops from Masulipatam and to bring some from thence.—

Sir,

Being desirous of sending Troops to Masulipatam, & of having some Transported from thence to the Presidency, We request the favor of you to Spare one of His Majesty's Ships for this Service.—

If it be in your Power to comply with our Requisition, We beg of you to inform us at what time the Ship will be ready to sail, when we shall send the necessary directions to Masulipatam

that

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15th That no time may be lost in the Embarkation
of the Troops at that Settlement.—

Fort S.t George
15th June 1785.—

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t Servants
(Signed) Alex.r Davidson
&c.a Council—

16th Received the following Answer.—

Alexander Davidson Esq.r
President, and the Gentlemen of the Council
Fort S.t George

Sir & Gentlemen

From Commodore Hughes the Active ordered on that Service—

I have been honored with your Letter of the 15th Instant wherein you request the favor of one of His Majesty's Ships to carry Troops to Masulipatam, and to have them transported from thence to this Presidency

In answer to which, I have to inform you, that His Majesty's Ship Active is ordered for that Service, & will be ready to receive the Troops early on Monday Morning next.

I have the Honor to &c

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16.th Do.

Fort S.t George

the 16.th June 1785.

Sir and Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant

Signed Chas. Hughes

Received Letters as entered on M.B. No.s 29

30/ — From Masulipatam dated 2.d June, stating that Monsieur Fontevrier has proposed, in a Letter from Masulipatam to them, Copy of which they enclose, with their Reply, that the Buildings erected during the last War by the English, on the Ground of the old French Factory, be valued, and that the Sum be laid out on the Spot which has been offered in Exchange. That the Ingenieur has accordingly made an Estimate of their Value at 500 Madras Pagodas, which they request the Orders of Government upon.

factory

From Captain Crokier requesting that the Arrears of the 9.th Battalion may be discharged.

From Masulipatam

Crokier

Sent the undermentioned Letters which are entered on M.B. No.s 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42.

To Masulipatam directing them to pay 500 Madras Pagodas for the Buildings erected

To Masulipatam

16th erected on the Ground of the old French
Factory, since it fell into the Hands of the Compa-
ny, in order to avoid the Inconveniences
likely to result from a Vicinity of that Ground
to the House of the Chief of Maundapatam.

To Capt. Cookson — To Captain Cookson informing him that
the Paymaster at Vellore has been directed to
discharge the Arrears due to the Battalion
under his Command.

To Mr. Ogilvie — To the Paymaster to discharge the said
Arrears.

To Col. Nixon — To Colonel Nixon, to give the Board
every Information in his Power on the expairs
& Buildings proposed by Ensign Ryland.

To Ens: Ryland — To Ensign Ryland. The Batta or Conciderably
allowances can be granted to them, employed
employed on Service in the Field.

To the Chief Engineer — To the Chief Engineer approving his
Recommendations respecting the Accommo-
dation of the Guard in the Casamata Wall
of the most northerly Sea Gate; and desiring
him to give in an Estimate of the Expence
to be incurred in furnishing the Galleries.

To Maundapatam — To Maundapatam, directing a Court
Martial to be held on Lieutenant Macclister
on the Charges upon which he is now under
Arrest.

To the Committee of Affairs
Fevenue

To the Committee of Revenue
16th Revenue, enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Govr. General & Council of Bengal relative to the Proceedings of their Committee.—

To the Paymr. & Commandt Tanjore
To the Paymaster & Commandant of Tanjore.
relative to Repairs to the Quarters & Barracks, represented as absolutely necessary to be made, which the Board consent to, provided the strictest Economy is observed.—

To Capt.n Mountfield
To Captain Mountfield, enclosing Extract of a Letter from Govern.t to Vice Admiral Hughes, defining the Extent of his authority & directing him to make returns of Stores as well as of Troops to Bn. Gn. Hughes—

To Masulipatam
17th To Masulipatam directing them immediately to order the Detachment of His Majesty's 23d Regt. of Light Dragoons to come to Masulipatam that it may be ready to embark on the Arrive.—

At a Consultation, Present.

The Honble Alexr. Davidson Esqr. President
Lieutenant General Sloper
James Daniell Esqr.
Lieut. General Sir John Dalling Bart.

Saturday 18th June 1785

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.—

Read

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Read the following Letter from Brigadier General Horne.

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President & Vice Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir. & Sirs,

From Brigadier General Horne setting forth the great Distress of the Sepoys belonging to the different Stations dependent on the Southern Cantonment on Consequence of being so much in Arrear ++ Arrear — No Rice in the Public Granerie at Trichinopoly —

The extreme Distress the Sepoys are reduced to, belonging to the different Stations dependent on this Cantonment, in consequence of being so much in Arrears of Pay, as become so great and alarming that I can under the necessity of addressing your Honors & Vice in this disagreeable Occasion, at a Period when I know the whole attention of your Honble Board must be fully engrossed with the most weighty affairs of Government, which would have induced me to avoid addressing your Honors & Vice could I have done it with Propriety. —

The Arrangement Government adopted for settling the Arrears due 31st of August last to the Sepoys, and granting the Paymaster Certificate to each for the Arrears due to them, they received and acquiesced in, having the strongest assurance that their future Pay would be issued regularly

regularly, and that Funds would be appropriated
for Paying the Arrears. The Certificates were granted
for; but some of the Battalions instead of having
the Current Payments to split upon, are now on Arrears
five Months not having received Pay for January
and all the other Battalions are on Arrears for
February March April & May.

This failure in the Current Payments,
after the liquidation of the former Arrears, with
the Assurances given, is attended with the worst
of Consequences: the Sepoys publickly murmur
and even some of them upbraid their Officers
for having given Assurances, which are so little
attended to and begin to lose that Confidence they
before entertained of the Promises of their Officers.

For some time Rice was issued to
the Sepoys, which prevented the distress they now
suffer notwithstanding many have sold their
Certificates, Lain informed for a quarter of the
Land due them, which practice so very injurious
to the Sepoys I endeavord to prevent by issuing
an Order Censuring severely all those who were
Concerned in buying up the Certificates, at such
a loss to those People who had already suffered
so greatly for want of Pay and who were
so deserving of every Justice and Protection

of

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of the Government for the Warlike Stores they had so long encountered for want of them Pay being regularly issued the Practice soon reformed still existed, at the Presidency.

For some time past there has not been a grain for Price in the Public Granaries at Trichinopoly and the Sepoys have been obliged to furnish themselves from the Cantonment Bazar; which, with some Difficulty and much Opposition from the Trichinopoly Renters have hitherto got supply'd at moderate price from the different Polygar Countries round, not suffering any Customs to be levied on any Grain coming to that Bazar. No grain being to be procured in the Districts of Trichinopoly, it having been all Mortgaged even the present Crop on the Ground, although of an inferior quality to what is received in Store: but I judge it expedient I should acquaint your Honor &c.a with these circumstances, that you may be apprized of the Situation of this Garrison respecting Grain, and how long it may be before any can be had to be laid up in the Granaries — also how much it is in the power of the Renters and those who had mortgaged the Grain, to Retail it at the Price they choose to sell it at in the Market.

R.

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The Sepoys having now for some time, been alleged to purchase all their Grain on the Bazar and all of the Months Pay issued the 9. of May for the Month of January, Stoppages were made for the Rice they had received that Month are now in the greatest distress, having neither Money or longer Credit on the the Bazar People— Representations have officially been made time by the Officers of the different Corps, setting forth their Distress in the strongest Colors, at the same time observing, that the Sepoys doing Duty at Tanjore (who make part of the Southern Army) have some time since been cleared off for April, and all the Europeans for June — This partiality of paying the Troops, has been a subject of frequent Complaint, and which I before informed the Board of and could with some Regulation was adopted on that Head and that Head that the Paymasters of the Southern Garrisons, were enabled to make them Payments to all the Troops at the same Periods.—

Mr. Sawyer who has been some time at Tanjore, employed in representing the necessity of an immediate Supply of Money or Grain to alleviate the present wants of the Sepoys: he has assured me of doing all he can and has written to Mr. Digby to send to Tanjore for

4000

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4000 Columns of Paddy, for an immediate Relief
but I have my doubts of M.r Dugby's being able to procure a Cargo by Reg.y
but as necessity supersedes every other Consider=
=ation, I have informed them, if the Bullock
People cannot be induced to sell them Grain
South send Sloops to purchase them -

A Considerable Sum of money
Sundry Sums, is now at Madura for the purpose
of paying the Arrears of Certificates, granted to
the different Corps for October, November and Decem=
=ber 1783 which, agreeable to a Representation
of M.r Lewin to the Board, on the M.r Dugby's
Statement of the Arrears, met with their Concurr=
=ence and Sanction to Clear off those Arrears,
but I have received a Letter from M.r Falk
with a Statement of Arrears due for 1782, to
Troops who were then doing Duty and paid
by him as belonging to Tinchinopoly, demanding
a proportion of the Money at Madura to pay
those Arrears; I have informed M.r Lewin with
M.r Falks Demand, but he does not admit of it
it not being included in the Statement sent to
your Board by M.r Dugby - M.r Falk still
insists on the Propriety of his Demand,
being Arrears of Prior Standing. I enclose
your Hon.r for his Abstract for your Decision -

I am concerned to have been
Under

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under the necessity of taking up so much of your time on the present occasion; but I flatter myself the necessity of our situation, will plead my excuse. I shall only add further that such progress as can made in surveying the Shores of St Thomé and this Garrison a report of which I shall transmit as soon as finished

I have the honor to be very respect=
=fully=

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most faithfull
& obedient Servant

(Signed) Math: Home

Head Quarters
of the Southern forces
Tranchinopoly
12th June 1785.

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Sundrys for Discharging the following Arrears for the
Year 1782 to Troops serving under the Commandant of
Tranchinopoly

To Cavalry		165.15
To the 1st 2d & 3d Battalions as by Accounts particulars given in fully authenticated		12.715
	Pagodas	12880.15

Tranchinopoly
June 1785

(Signed) Thos. Palk
Paymr

N.B. 2 Months in 1781 due to the
6th Batn (Signed) J. C.

Read

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Read the following Letter from Mr. Lawrence, with the Enclosures ordered into Miscellany Book No. 43.

To John Chamier Esqr.
Secretary to the Military & Political Department

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honour to acquaint you for the information of the Honble the Court of Directors, that I received on the 15th Instant a Letter from Mr. Lawrence enclosing a Copy of a Letter to him from Brigadier General Stuart together with his Reply respecting the Distress of the Native Troops for want of Pay.

I have also received a Letter from the Dowdeswell advising me of the Orders from the Honble Court of Directors, to surrender the Assignment to the Nabob and directing me to make known to the several Renters under my Charge the Court's determination in their favor, over took me at this place, while I was waiting the Arrival of the Complainants on the Sheva=gunga Longany and collecting the Polygars Chiefs in this neighbourhood.

On the receipt of this important intelligence I should certainly have hastened to the Southward, where the Revenues are more productive, and where a deficiency would be more severely felt, had not the Critical Situation of the Troops at Trichinopoly claimed my first attention. The alteration which so sudden an Event occasioned in the face

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of affairs, could not but communicate itself to
the Troops, who had long been laboring under
heavy Arrears, and had been taught to look upon
to the Revenues under my Charge, as answerable
for them. This language had been adopted by
Government and had been publickly called upon
from Time to time to supply all the Resources
of the assigned Countries, South of the Colleroon,
to the purpose of liquidating those Arrears."
The Cloud has been more successful
than I could have expected, in my endeavors to
collect money from the Polygars: the enclosed Letter
from Brigadier General Horne will, I trust, evince
to the Honble President and Council, the prosperity
of my having remained here. I beg leave to refer
to that Letter and to my answer annexed, for an
explanation of the difficulties which the Troops
are laboring under and of my exertions to remove
them, and to restore confidence and satisfaction to
their minds. With the support
of the Honble Board, I have no doubt of success
in an undertaking far more arduous than before.
But I must be free to say, that to be effectual
that support must go to securing Mr. Digby
promptly on the Receipt of so much of the Revenue
as will suffice to make good the Arrears of the
Sepoy
fighting men -

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I am concerned at this juncture, to take up a Moment of the Board's time with a reference of Official misunderstandings. But the unaccountable perseverance of Mr. Pulteney in disturbing the Payment of Money-arrears with a Clause of his garrison, obliges me to trouble them with the enclosed Papers, & to request their Support in the execution of measures, approved of by themselves. The Conclusion of my Letter to the General, places the matter in its true Light, & it is only necessary to add, what I am sure will surprize them as it did me to hear, that the three Battalions, on whose behalf Mr. Pulteney pleads so strenuously are to share with the rest of the Army in the Money about to be issued; and that the 6.th Battalion in particular will receive no less than three Months arrear (I was unwilling, perhaps to mention this circumstance, as Mr. Pulteney had no right to interfere in the business delegated to me, but it may serve to shew on what a mistaken footing the demand was grounded.

I shall wait here for the instruc-tions of the Board respecting my future motions in all Accounts my return to Denmark will I am most expedient, as there is a Cash

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backwardness in the Merchants to purchase goods as usual of the Renters, which my presence might remove.—

I remain
Sir
Your very Obed. Servant
(Signed) Lyles Irwin

Tanjore
12th June 1785

The President informs the Board that the Renter at Tanjore has about 12,000 Pagodas in hand being part of the 120,000 which was promised as an Aid to Government by the Rajah and he therefore proposes that a Sum not exceeding 12000 Pagodas be advanced to Mr Swan by Mr Brown Resident in order to assist in the discharge of the present Arrears of the Southern Troops the Proposal being agreed to—

Ordered to be

The following Letters ordered to be dispatched—

To Lyles Irwin Esqre
Superintendant of Revenue &c
at Tanjore

Sir,

I am directed by the President & Council to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 12th Inst: with the Enclosures, and to assure you that they place the greatest Confidence in

Yours

Minute thereon

To Mr Swan informing him that the President & Council have directed him to pay into his Hands the Sum of 12000 Pagodas for the Liquidation of the Arrears due to the Southern Troops by the Country

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rely on his Zeal
& exertions at this
critical Period

your Zeal & exertions to which they are
conceived are particularly necessary at this
Critical Period.

The Board having approved your
Plan of liquidating the Arrears & for advancing
the payments to the Southward will support
you in Carrying it into execution, & in order
to assist you at this time when there must
be a great difficulty in Securing a regular
Receipts have directed the President at Tanjore
to pay to you such Sums as he may have
in hand, not exceeding 12,000 Pag.s & you will
please in Consequence to make Applica-
tion to him.

The President & Council desire you
Mr. Pallas Correspondence on a Business of which
the Management is not entrusted to them, &
they are well assured you will not suffer
yourself to be actuated by any Partiality
in the Payments under your direction

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Sam.l Sir,
Your most Ob.t Servants
(Signed) S. Charnier
Secry

To Brigadier General Home
Commanding the Southern Forces

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Sir,

I am directed by the President &

To Brigadier Gen.l Stuart advising him of the Instructions sent to Mr. Swan &c. &c. relative to Mr. Falkin the Liquidation of the Arrears disapproved of by the Board.

Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 12th Instant with its Inclosure & to inform you that they have written to Mr. Swan on the subject, & have directed the President of Tanjore to give him every immediate pecuniary assistance.

The Board having approved the Plan of Mssrs. Swan & Digby for the payments to the Southern Army for the Liquidation of the Arrears will give Support to the Carrying it into execution & they are Consequently disapprove the interference of Mr. Falkin in a Business so entrusted to his management, being well assured that Mr. Swan will not be actuated by partialities in any arrangements which he may make relating to the Public Service.

I am, Sir,

Your most Obed.t Servant.

(Signed) P. Chamier
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To John Huddleston Esqr.

President at Tanjore

To the President of Tanjore directing him to pay to Mr. Swan the Sum of 12,000 Pags

Sir,

I am directed by the President &

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From the money received by them as an Aid from the Rajah.

Council to desire you will Immediately pay to Mr Lowis such Ballance as may be now in your Hands exceeding twelve Thousand Pagodas of the Money lately received as an Aid from the Rajah of Tanjore.

Fort St. George
18th June 1785

Tanjore, &c.

Your most Obed. Servants
(Signed) S. Charnier
Secry

Read the following Letters from Major General Campbell, & Major General Ogle.—

To the President & Council
of Fort St. George

From Major Genl Ogle relating the Terms upon which he came to India & which had induced him to expect to be continued on the Staff while he remained in this Country

Gentlemen,

at the immediate Solicitation of the Directors of the East India Company His Majesty was pleased to order for Service in this Country, the several Regiments which have arrived since the Commencement of the late War, and as reports from India had induced the Directors to think the Preliminaries for Peace with the European Powers and America, were expected shortly to be ratified to consider a further Military Aid necessary His Majesty ordered the

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their request be granted, and two Regiments were ordered to embark on board the Indiamen which were in February 1783, at Portsmouth, under Sailing orders those Regiments were come home on board when they heard the Preliminaries were ratified, on which they assented that as their Stipulated time was expired, they would rich serve any more, and because no mutinous that it was deemed proudent to disembark them Immediately after which the 52.d Regiment Volunteered on the Service even tho it had borne its share of duty during the whole War. Previous to the Embarkation of the Regiment at Portsmouth, His Majesty was pleased to express his particular thanks to the Officers and men of the Regiment by the Mouth of Major General Lamarck Lawrence, for their Zeal for the Service, and further to assure them from the Court of Directors that immediately on their Arrival in India, they should for their Spirited Conduct be first on the list establishment the Military could enjoy, and should continue so during its Stay in the Country these assurances were made known to the whole Regiment on the Publick Parade at Chatham Barracks by the before mentioned Major General who also read to them His Majestys

Letter

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Letter of Thanks upon the Occasion.

Coming out to India, with those Promises and those Expectations I confess I did expect to be continued upon the Staff of the Army until I should embark for Europe - or should enjoy some adequate allowance to support the rank His Majesty has been graciously pleased to Confer upon me.

My stay however in this Country cannot be long, having received his Majestys Order to return to Europe by the first European Opportunity of which I shall certainly avail myself

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) Wm. Egle

Majr. Genl.

St. Thome
16.th June 1685.

To the President & Council of

Fort S.t George

Gentlemen,

Major General Egle having shown me the Accompanying Letter from him to your Honble Board on Situation being exactly similar therefore shall not trouble you with recapitulating my Claim upon Government for my Allowance as Major General, like

2 Com.n Major
General Campbell
on the same
Subject as the
preceding Letter

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an Opportunity offers of embarking for Europe,
agreable to His Majestys orders.

Have not a doubt of the justness of our
Claim, appearing evident to you, on the
clearest Legal and that it will be granted.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Allan Campbell
Maj.r Gen.l

Fort S.t George
June 17.th 1785

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Commander in Chief in Council
delivers the following Minute & Recommen-
dations.

The Commander in Chief begs leave to
recommend it to the President & Council to form
three Fourth Regiment of Cavalry immediately.

A respectable Corps of Cavalry is
extremely wanted at this Source of the
Expence; at the same time the Commander
in Chief would be most cautious of bringing
additional Expence on Government, he therefore
recommends that in forming their Fourth
Regiment the Establishment of each Troop of
Cavalry for the present through the four
Regiments

Minute &
Recommendations
of the Commander
in Chief of Fort
St George &
Fourth Regiment
of Cavalry.

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Regiments should be Eighty Private men exclusive of Ninety seven which could take from the first Second & Third Regiments Seventeen private per Troops on all Two hundred & four the Supernumerary privates are one Hundred & fourteen which gives the Fourth Regiment its compleat numbers within Two men. —

Draft.s — 204
Supern.y — 114
Wanting — 2
Total — 320

There are now in every Regiment of Cavalry Supernumerary Black officers & non Commissioned Officers, sufficient to compleat the Fourth Regiment according to the Establishment regulated by Government; which the Commander in Chief does not wish to diminish.

The Commander in Chief does wish by any means wish to diminish the number of the Cavalry intended by Government, but recommends the first Completing the four Regiments in the manner he has stated & afterwards allow them to recruit according to the established mode of the Country when Government shall judge proper.

(Signed) R.t Sloper

Recommendations from the Commander in Chief.

Observations

The Commander in Chief understanding it is the intention of Government to have as Capt.n Edward Fowler to be appointed to Command the fourth Capt.n

fourth

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Observations

Captain Lieutenants to Regiments of Cavalry.

each Regiment of Cavalry Capts. Lieut. John Murray
without encreasing the Lieut. Phillips Sulivan
number of Officers, has Lieut. Thos. Dallas
to save the expence of a Lieut. Geo. Brandrell
Supernumerary Captain to be Capts. Lieut.

Lieut. recommended one Cornets.
Lieut. & one Cornet less Chas. Rumley
than otherwise would Thos. Pagson
have been warranted & recom- John Leonard
=mends Captain Lieut. to be Lieut. of Cavalry
John Murray to be placed
as Capts. Lieutenant Ensigns
in one of the Regiments James Welwood 28th Batn.
& Lieut. Phillips Sulivan Robt. Price - - 4 Batt.
Thos. Dallas & Geo. Brand- alex. Deas - - 7 Batn.
=rell to be Captain Henry Williamson 35 Batn.
Lieutenants- James Hargrave 2 B. 2d Regt.
Thos. Hall - - 14 Batn.
Edmond Fry - - 29th Batn.
to be Cornets.
Lieut. Heath. Macalister
of the third Regt. of Cavalry
to be Quarter Master of
Cavalry
Lieut. Henry Conolly on
of the third Regt. of Cavalry
to be Quarter Master of
Cavalry.
Cornet Alex.r Grant to be
adjutant of Cavalry
Lieut. Henry Gordon of the
2d Regt. of Batn. to be
adjt.

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Observations

If Government intends as Deputy Adjutant General for the Division of the Army north of the Kistna the Commander in Chief recommends Capt.n Lieut.t Forsyth Letter for that appointment.

adjutant of the 2d Batt.n of the 2d Regiment.

vice James Hargrave Lieut.t James Dods of the 83d Batt.n to be adjutant of the 31st Batt.n

Lieut.t William Shepherd of the 1st Batt.n to be adjutant of the 1st Batt.n

6th The Board approve the Recommendations of Lieut.t General Sloper & it is in consequence agreed that the same be published in General Orders. +

Approved & to be published in General Orders

Read the following Letter entered in the Miscellany Book No.s 44, 45.

From Committee of Assigned Revenue dated 11th June recommending that the usual Guard of Sepoys lately sent to Conjeveram for the purpose of preserving the Peace, be continued on that Station

From the Comm.e of Assigned Revenue

Ordered Ordered Accordingly.

From the Chief Engineer dated the 8th June requesting permission to purchase some mathematical Instruments

From the Chief Engineer

for

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For the Engineers Department amounting by a Statement enclosed to £82.16.6

Agreed that Colonel Ross be permitted to purchase the Instruments which he recommends on Account of the Company.

Minute thereon

" Alex. Davidson

"

" G. Darnell

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Diary.

18th Sent Letter to Lieutenants Colonel Ross as entered in M.B. N° 46 / authorizing them to forward the mathematical Instruments represented by them as wanting for the Engineer Department

To Col. Ross

Received Letters from Lieut. Colonel Ross and Padre Ferdinand as entered in M.B. N° 47. 48 / the former stating the Inexpediency of permitting a Romish Church to be erected within 700 Yards of the Fort as requested by the Padre, the latter representing that as many Difficulties appear

From Lt. Col. Ross.

From Padre Ferdinand

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18th appear on the building on Church on the
Spot which Colonel Ross disapproves, he has
laid aside all thoughts of the Said Pointed
only to repair the old one. —

Received the following Letter from
Commodore Mitchell. —

The Right Honble Lord Macartney
& the Gentlemen of the Council
Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

I beg leave to acquaint you,
that in consequence of Orders received some-
time ago from the Lords Commissioners of
the Admiralty, and Lord Sydney one of His
Majestys Principal Secretaries of State
for the reduction of His Majestys Squadron
in this Country; I prepare to sail from
this Port to morrow, with His Majestys
Ships Defiance Eagle, & Worcester; leaving
Captain Charles Hughes of His Majestys
Ship Bristol in the Command of the remain
=der of His Majestys Squadron. —

I have the Honor to be —

My

from Commodore Mitchell advising of his Intention to sail for Europe on the 2d of May, in Consequence of Orders from the Lords Commissioners of the admiralty. —

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18th

My Lord & Gentlemen

Defence in Bombay Harbour
Dec 31st May 1785.

Your Most Obedient
very humble Servant
Andrew Mitchell

(Signed)

Sent the following Letter to Bengal.

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

To Bengal representing the Situation of the Company's affairs on this Coast, and the ill Effects likely to result from an immediate execution of the Company's Orders on the Surrender of the Assignments & requesting their Advice on the Subject.

Gentlemen,

We did ourselves the honor to address you on the State of Affairs upon this Coast under date the 1st June referring you to our late President, Lord Macartney, for every Information that might be requisite in addition to what we then transmitted to you.

In order that you may be acquainted with the Steps We have taken since the receipt of the Company's Orders for the Surrender of the Assignments, We beg leave to enclose Copy of Mr. Darrell's Minute of the 7th Instant & also one from our President dated 11th Instant, together with his Letter to the Nabob. To this a short answer has been received from

his

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18th His Highness's Copy of which We have also the honour to enclose.—

The Statement which our Letter of the 1st June forwards to you, of the unhappy Situation of our Affairs strengthened by His Lordships personal Representations, will exhibit so faithful a Picture of our Distress, that you will see the necessity of taking the Subject into your immediate Consideration, and of applying a suitable Remedy to the difficulties that press upon us—

By a series of Management as Conducted by the Committee of Assigned Revenue. We might reasonably have formed a Hope of recovering by means of the Assignments from the Calamities entailed on this Government by the late War—it would immediately have provided for the Current Charges, and enabled us by degrees to clear off the Load of Arrears due to the Civil and Military Departments. These Prospects however must be removed to a great Distance, perhaps totally vanish from the moment we are left to a Dependance on the Nabob for Support

The Question of Policy in giving back the Assignments abstractedly considered, we have

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18th Have no right to contest against the Judgement of the Company, to whom a ready obedience is due and we are most heartily disposed to pay it upon every Occasion, yet if, on Points of the Last importance to their Welfare, we are absolutely Convinced, that an immediate & precise Execution of Orders framed under Ideas inapplicable to the State of Affairs, at the time those orders are received would involve them in extreme distress and foreclose all Remedy & measures whatever we should think we were ill discharged the Duties of our Stations, in shrinking from the Responsibility attending the Suspension of such Orders, until some saving Clause were annexed to secure the Interests of the Company from the impending Danger - But - this is only effected by the Predicament in which we stand - such Reasoning would apply to Orders for an unqualified Retribution which we beg no means consider as the Spirit of the Company's Instructions pray the Company particularly direct, that such of the Renters as work for their Protection, are to be screened against the Resentment they may apprehend from the Nabob, for having acted under our authority and they are further pleased to direct if the Poucan

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by

secured

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18th Souvan Security appear practicable Shall
refer the matter to your Government.—

The above two Points are those previously
to be settled, for which end it would be
in vain to contend, after the Surrender shall
be made; yet the Nabob expects that the
Assignment shall first be restored, and assumes
that after he shall have made the necessary
"Arrangements in his Country he will give
"the Security of the most prosperous and honorable
"Lenders that can be procured."—

Were such indefinite Conditions
Subscribed to by us, we should go greater
Lengths in gratifying the Nabob & Subjecting
the Interests of the Company to Hazard, than
their orders could any way warrant; Unless
we have no little reason to place Faith in his
Assurances, when we are convinced that no
Foreign Security is admissible, when we
are in possession of undeniable Evidence,
recorded in the proceedings of the Assigned
Revenue that the whole produce of the
Carnatick during the three years
immediately preceeding the War fell short
under the Nabobs Management more than
two Lacks of Pagodas of what he promises

from

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18th From this time to pay to the Company and his Creditors; and above all, when we look to the Distresses which must be brought home to us, the Moment we are without Resources to answer the forgoing Claims of an Army deeply in Arrears, with other indispensable Demands, - these things considered, we should hold it a criminal breach of Duty to quit with that vital Strength on which over all depends, until some Specific and binding Engagement shall be entered into with the Nabob, or some equivalent Resource to keep alive the Faculties of Government.

Such equivalent Resource can only be expected from you in Case of an unconditional Surrender - but as the Subject of our Resources and Situation is already communicated to you, it is unnecessary to enter into any further Detail on this Occasion.

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obed.t Servants

(Signed) Alex.r Davidson
for Council

Fort S.t George
18th June 1785.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honble. Alexr. Davidson Esqr.

President

Lieut. General Sloper

Monday 20th Jun. 1785

James Dannell Esqr.

Lieut. Genl. Sir John Dalling Bart.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved

The President informs the Board

The Council summoned to meet the Ameen

that he has requested their attendance in Council to day in order to meet the Nabobs Second Son Ameer ul omrah Behauder who proposes making some propositions to Government on the part of his Father.

Soon after this Communication from the President His Highness Ameer Ul Omrah arrived & being seated he was

Query put to the Ameen by the President

asked by the President what Security His Highness the Nabob would give for the Payment of this proportion of the Current Charges, & for the Stipulated 12 Lacks if the Assignment of the 2d December. 1781 were Surrendered to him.—

To answer to this Query His

Highness

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The Ameer's Reply to the Presidents Enquiry.

Highness Ameer Ul Omrah lays before the Board the following Paper which he declares to contain his Fathers proposals, & which will demonstrate the Nabobs earnestness to promote the Companys Interest Consistent with payment of what is required from him, since it will be found to contain greater Security for the 12 Lacks, than even the Court of Directors themselves decided this Government to demand.—

Sketch of Preliminary Articles

Sketch of Preliminary Articles presented to the Board by the Ameer on behalf of his Father.

His Highness the Nabob agrees to pay his proportion of the Current Charges as stipulated by the Company to be settled by Treaty, between his Highness and the Company—the proportion not being ascertained the Nabob Consents to consider it for the present at the rate of 4 Lacks of Pagodas P Annum

His Highness agrees to pay 12 Lacks of Pagodas P Annum, on Account of his Debt to the Company and provide Creditors until those Debts are discharged Under these / the above / two heads the Nabob Consents to pay 16 Lacks of Pagodas P Annum to the Company who are to be answerable to the Creditors for the proportion allotted to them, agreeably to the Payments

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Payments that shall be made.

The Payments to be made by the Nabob at the periods that may hereafter be fixed on.

The Nabob agrees to give the same Security for the 12 Lacks as is required of him by the Company for his Proportion of the Current Charges - The whole to be paid in 3 Years - In case of failure in the Payment of the Kists when it becomes due, or within Twenty days afterwards he consents, and it shall be Stipulated that the Company may possess themselves of certain Districts hereafter mentioned, to double the Amount of the Balance due at the time by the Nabob, to be held by the Company till the same shall be cleared off. Immediately afterwards the said Districts shall be delivered back to the Nabobs

The Company are to have full authority to collect the Revenues of such Districts as may be made over to them, to make good Deficiency in the payment of the Kist on Kists that may be due but they must not disturb the Nabobs Government by turning out the Amuldars. - In case the Conduct of the Amuldars should be disapproved of by the Governor & Council, on complaints from them the Nabob will give Satisfaction upon the Subject

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The following districts shall be answerable
to the Company in case of failure in payment
their Value is estimated at 6 Lacks of Pagodas
& Amount of the failure exceed what these
Districts can answer on the proportion above
mentioned the Nabob then agrees to
specify other districts and make them over
accordingly, to make good deficiency on the
Conditions before mentioned. —

Should it at any time happen
that the said Rents are not paid punctually
as they become due, the Nabob engages and
promises that the deficiency whatever it be,
shall not fall on the Rent for defraying the
Current Charges — During the Nabobs work
to give a preference to the Payments to which
are to be made for discharging the Military
Expences. — Lastly the Nabob consents to be
bound with such extraordenary Restrictions
as shall necessarily be attended with
great delay & Consequent Injury to the
Country, in waiting the Form of Treaty
to be executed here & ratified as the Nabob
wishes it should be by the Governor General
& Council? the Nabob hopes that the above
Conditions, being drawn up and signed
by himself and the Governor and Council as
the Basis of a Treaty will be thought sufficiently
binding —

to form a

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binding - and that the Agreement of the 2d Dec.
will be given back, and the Country restored
immediately afterwards.

As to what respects the 12 Lacks to be
paid yearly, on Account of the Debts to the Company
and private Creditors - a Seperate Obligation
& Engagement to the Purport above mentioned
will be drawn out, as a formal Instrument
to be Signed and Sealed by His Highness the
Nabob.

These conditions are such as must convince
the Company and the whole World that the
Nabob is sincerely disposed to do what is expected
from him on all things, that Concern the Interests
of his ancient & faithfull friends.

Observation of the Board on the foregoing Paper.

The Board unanimously desire
his Highness Answer will amply and express
to the Nabob the great Satisfaction that
they derive from the perusal of the foregoing
which Contains an unequivocal proof
of His Highness the Nabobs Attachment
to the Company & of his Attention to their Interests
- The Board are convinced that the Nabobs Conduct
on this Instance will be very grateful to the
Company since it justifies the Confidence
which they placed in the honor & friendship
to his Highness Resolved therefore that an
Agreement on the Terms be immediately
prepared from the foregoing Paper, and order
that the Surrender of the Assignment may
take place with as little delay as possible the

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Agreed that the President be desired to Confer with the Nabob & to procure from him the names of the Districts that he means to assign to the Company in case of failure in the Payment of his Visits which his Highness must also fix— There after his Highness arrangements the President will be pleased to report them to the Board of their Final Conformation

The President to confer with the Nabob relative to the Districts to be assigned to the Company on failure of his Highness's Engagements.—

General Stepers delivers in the following Minute on the Letter to Bengal & ordered on the Diary of the 18.—

Gen.l Stepers Minute on the Letter to Bengal of the 18.th Inst.e

The 4.th Paragraph of the Letter to the Governor General & Council of the 18.th Instant in my Judgment carries an Allusion that our Situation is in danger of being worse from the delivery of the Assignments, & may be construed into a Censure of our disapprobation of the instructions given us by our Honble employers & therefore disapprove of the Paragraph.—

It was my Opinion in Council that

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That the Letter had Letters be delayd for some little time as we must very soon Sally understand what our difficulties (if any) were with the Nabob.

(Signed) Rob.t Hooper.

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" J. Dunwell

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22d Received the following Letters from the Committee of Assigned Revenue.—

To the Honble. Alexander Davidson Esq.r

From the Committee of Assigned Revenue on the Situation of the Rents & Polygars &others, who have a Claim to the Favor of the Company, in Consequence of Engagements now existing

President and Governor &.c Council of Fort S.t George

Honble Sir and Sirs

Before the Surrender of the assignments finally takes place, We beg leave to trouble the Board with a few Particulars concerning the Situation of the Renters Polygars and Others who have any Claim to the Protection and Favor of the Company, in consequence of the Engagements which have been made and are now existing under the Sanction of the Publick Faith repeatedly and solemnly pledged to these people.—

The Honble the Court of Directors, as We were informed, by the Letter from the Board of the 30.th Ulto. have resolved that the Renters &.c shall be recommended to the Nabob for Permission to

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22 Hold their Farms during the remainder of the Leases granted by the Company. We communicated this Resolution to the Renters and have received answers from the Renters of Nellore and Tripatty and from Mr. Lowis in Behalf of the Southern Renters, by which we understand it will be generally agreeable to them to receive the Recommendation of the Company to be continued on their Farms. Provided the Terms of the respective Leases be strictly observed and no Increase of Rent demanded beyond what those Leases authorize. This indeed we apprehend to be the Spirit of the Company's Resolution and we cannot help suggesting to your Honble Board the Propriety of obtaining such a Promise from the Nabob, as if any Increase of Rent or other new Conditions be required as the Price of their Continuance, the Recommendation proposed by the Company cannot be of the least use to them. We shall however endeavour every Effort that may be made to secure the Renters that their Conditions will become very precarious from the Demand that appointment is given us. The Renter of Nellore has requested that in case he cannot come to Terms with the Nabob on the Subject of

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22 That Farm, it may be particularly recommended
to his Highness to give the most effectual
assistance in recovering the Balances due to him
in the Country which are very considerable.
We would propose to your
Honble Board, if such a Measure can be
reconciled with the Company's Orders or with
the Declarations of the Nabob that there
Government might be permitted to close and
adjust the Accounts with the Renters &c.
to the End of the present year of Playeby
1696 which expires the 11.th of March Month
If this be not allowed, there is reason to appre-
hend some confusion and difficulty in
ascertaining the precise Balances due from
them. The moment the Company's authority
ceases no Renter or officer of the Revenue will
think himself under the smallest obligation
to render any Account to us.
There is one thing more which
the Duty we owe to our Soveraign and to the Honor
of the Company's Government, wants to require
of us. The Polygars on the Southern Country
who had been ever in a State of precarious
obedience to the Nabob, were by the happy
and united Efforts of Colonel Fullarton &
M.r Lewin brought under the fullest Subjection
to

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22 to the Company on the Coast of the Most equitable Settlements were made with them for their Peaceable and the most Conciliatory Ways adopted for engaging their Attachment to the Carnac. By these means a set of Lawless Banditti who often molested their Subsistence from the Nabob and employed themselves in plundering the Country and despoiling the Inhabitants of their Property, are now in a State of perfect obedience to Government paying their Peaceable with the utmost regularity and relying upon the Company's Protection for the secure Enjoyment of their Rights. These People to gether with the Polygars of Arnadore and Wanniapollam who were many years ago displaced by the Nabob and from motives of Policy restored by the Company are entitled to the Interposition of Government in their favor so that they may suffer no Detriment by the Loss of the Revenues into the Hands of the Nabob

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Thos. Rumbold
Edwd. Fetherstone
Geo. Vansittart

Fort St George
22d June 1785.

1 Signed

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22d

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.
President and Governor &c Council &c
Fort S. George

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Of From the Committee of assigned Revenue returning their grateful Thanks to the Governor General & Council of Calcutta for the distinguished approbation received from them of their Conduct.—

We have received Mr. Secretary Chambers Letter of the 15th Instant, with a Copy of one from the Honble the Governor General and Council of Bengal conveying the Approbation and Thanks of that Board to the Committee of assigned Revenue for their Proceedings in the Execution of the Duty entrusted to them.—

Impressed with a deep Sense of the High Honor conferred upon us by the Governor General and Council We take the earliest occasion of returning them our warmest acknowledgments nothing can be more pleasing to us than the Approbation of our Superiors as there is nothing which we have so much labored to deserve and the distinguished approbation which we have received from this Government and from the Supreme Board at Calcutta will be always remembered by us with the most heart felt Gratitude.— We

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We request you will be pleased to convey these Sentiments to the Honble the Governor General and Council on whose Letter

We have the honor to be,

Fort S. George
22d June 1785.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants,

(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
David Haliburton
Geo. Moubray

23d Received the following Letter from Lieut. Auchmuty, Deputy Judge Advocate

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Form D. Auchmuty advising that in Consequence of a Resolution of the Court Martial he is to prosecute for his Majesty's Name, Lt. John Burgoyne, requesting the Absence of Mr. Popham who was appointed

I have the honor to inform you, that by a resolution of the Court Martial I am ordered to prosecute Lieut Burgoyne Accused on his Majesty's name, by virtue of the 4th Article of the 12th Section of the Articles of War, as by a resolution of your Honble Board, Mr. Popham was directed to act on that

Capacity

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by this Government to prosecute - & bearing a Copy of the Charges delivered to Sir Eyre Burgoyne on May 1784.

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Capacity, I am extremely sorry your en=
=tions have been frustrated, and the Prosecu=
=tion deprived of so able a Conductor. It is
unnecessary for me to assure you, I shall
be very strenuous effort, to carry it on in
as able a manner as I possibly can, and I
shall be the first duty and inclination, to shall
pay the utmost attention to your wishes
on that head. I have to request your permission
to have the assistance of that Gentleman
mentioned and can venture to say, no objection
will be taken to his appearance at the
trial, provided he does not speak to the
Court. I am to request your Honble
Board will order me an Official Copy of
the Charges delivered to Sir John Burgoyne
on May 1784 as I am directed to prosecute
on them -

I have the honor to be
Honble & Sir &c.

Fort St. George
the
June 25. 1785.

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) E. Auchmuty
Jr. Advocate

Sent the following Answer -

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23d

To Lieut. Samuel Auchmuty
Deputy Judge advocate

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President and Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of 23d Instant stating as the Resolutions of the Court Martial — That you are to prosecute in the name of His Majesty and that Sir John Burgoyne is to be tried on the Specific Charges delivered to him by this Government on the 25th of May last — you also request the Assistance of Mr. Popham in conducting the Prosecution — The Board desire me to refer you to him for those Charges and for every other Paper relating to the Trial, he having furnished with them in Consequence of the order of the Board of the 19th Instant when he was appointed to prosecute — they have also directed Mr. Popham to attend you during the Trial According your request and they desire me to express their firm reliance on your Abilities as adequate to the Duties

To answer — Government are surprized at his being appointed to prosecute in his Majesty's Name — Desire he will Consult with Mr. Popham in many contro- verted points having given him their Special Instruc- tions relative to the Loyal of Sir John Burgoyne — and to accept from him & deliver into Court any Paper he may offer during the Trial

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23d Duties of the office to which you have been specially appointed—at the same time however they cannot with hold their Surprise at the Resolution of the Court for your Prosecuting in His Majesty's name when the Warrant expressly states that Major General Sir John Burgoyne Baronet is to be tried on the Charges — delivered in by the President and Select Committee of Fort St George—this Government therefore are the Virtual Prosecutors as much as ever Sir Hugh Pallisser was the Prosecutor of Admiral Keppel or Captain George Johnstone of Captain Evelyn Sutton—Sir Hugh Pallisser's name stands at the foot of the Charges as having signed them and they are both called Prosecutors throughout the Trial—The Judge Advocate is mentioned as a Separate Character under his Warrant from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty—

But there is an instance at Bombay immediately on Point, when Colonel Cockburn was tried Sir Charles Goulay the King's Judge Advocate General, desired that Lieut Rogerson might act as Prosecutor as he was best informed of all

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23d all the Circumstances — It is also the usage in all Courts of Mutual Justice the Lords in Consequence of Charges at the instance of any Corps that the Corps or one of them prosecute, and such person is called Prosecutor on the Proceedings — the Judge Advocate preserving his Separate Situation as Foreign Persecutor.

The Board having given their Special Instructions to Mr Popham relative to the Trial of Sir John Burgoyne expect your Advising with him on any controvertible Points as they will consider him as acting on their behalf in the ensuing Trial — and that you receive from him and deliver into Court such Papers as on his Judgement may be thought necessary in Support of the Charges alledged by this Government against Sir John Burgoyne and that if any such should be refused by the Court that you receive and deliver into Court such Protest thereon on behalf of this Government as Mr Popham may offer for that purpose with a view of being made part of the Proceedings thereof I am Sir

Fort St George
28th June 1785

Your most Obed Servant
(signed) J Chamier

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Alex.r Davidson Esq.re

President

Friday the 24th June 1765

Lieut. General Sloper

James Daniell Esq.re

Lt Gen.l Sir S. Dalling Absent on Service.—

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

Read the following Letters from Pulicat, & from Mr Mehow.—

/ Translation /

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney.—

K. B. President & Cr Council at Fort S.t George

From the Dutch at Pulicat expressing their surprize at having received no reply to their last letter, and repeating their request to be put in possession of the places guaranteed to them by Treaty.—

My Lord & Gentlemen,

In our last address under Date the 30th Ultimo we did ourselves the Honor to communicate a Proposition so perfectly reasonable in our Opinion, that we undoubtedly expected from your Lordship

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Lordship &c. an apologizing & speedy answer;
but as fourteen days have elapsed without
receiving any, we can no longer conceal
our Surprize at your Silence.

By the Ninth Article of the Definitive Treaty
of Peace, concluded between our respec-
tive nations of the 2.d of September 1783
and 20.th May 1784, it was stipulated,
that the Dutch were to be put in
Possession of all places taken
from them during the War, Nega-
tives excepted, which by the fourth
Article of the same Treaty was ceded to his Britannic Majesty.
and the Evacuation and Restoration
of those places were to be at the
same Period of time, that the
Execution of the Definitive
Treaty between Great Britain
& France should take place.

In

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In the Month of February
last, near four Months ago your Lordships
&c. in Conjunction with the Brigadier
General Coulon and compliied with the
Instructions of your respective Lower on a
by a reciprocal Restoration of conquests
made from each other on this Coast
during the late War.

The Governor General and
Council of Calcutta have already given
back the Possessions conquered from us
in Bengal Surat, and Sumatra
Fort Omorale has also been restored to us, and
your Lordships &c. have now only to put us
in Possession of the Places belonging to us
on this Coast, to render compleat the
Execution of the Definitive Treaty.

We trust your Lordships &c.
will excuse our being thus importunate;
the object is really of a very serious
Nature to us, as we are to become responsible
to our Superiors for the Accomplishment
of the Service entrusted to our Manage-
ment - should your Lordships &c. be of
Opinion that you cannot comply with our

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our Request, we beg you will be pleased
to state your reasons for refusing it—We
confess our Ignorance of any motives that
can operate to impede it, since no Instruc-
-tions you may receive from Bengal,
can with-hold from us the Profpects
guaranteed to us by Treaty—

We have the honor to be, with
Esteem,—

My Lords Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
(Signed) W Blagnhamer
S. Sadama
I D Lemons
M. Stoffenberg.

Pulicat
13.th June 1785.

(Translation)

To John Chamier Esq.

From Mr. Mekeon Secry to the Right Honble President & Council
advising that the of Fort S. George.
English Commissioners
have made propo-
-sitions to bring
entirely out of his Sir,
Power to Comply
with

I have had the Honor to receive
your Letter of the 30.th April, written by
Order of the Right Honble President and
Council

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Council of Madras, and should have
referred to it before, but that I was under
the necessity of sending it to Ceylon to
procure a translation of it.
May it please, Sir, that no
difficulty might have intervened on
executing the Definitive Treaty, have
not been wanting to shew respect to
your Letter - The Instructions I have
received from my Superiors are confor-
mable to that Treaty - and however
much I have studied on the progress
of any Mission, to prevent an Opposition
of Sentiment with whom I had to
negotiate: yet my endeavors have not
been successful - The English Commissa-
aries have made Propositions, entirely
out of any Power to accept and have
shaken the Sovereignty of the Nabob
of the Carnatic, with which we have
no Connection thereby deviating from
the Treaty of Peace which makes
no Stipulation of the kind - But
these Difficulties I trust are already
or will be soon removed. For having
seen

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Even replaced in the Possession of Tranquebar I see no fresh obstacle can possibly interrupt the final Completion of the Definitive Treaty.—

On that Head of your Letter respecting Negapatam, I can give you no Answer as I have received no Instructions on the Subject.—

I am with Esteem,

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) M. Mebane

Tutocoryn
5th June 1785.

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following Letter from Mr. George Taylor, Paymaster to the Bengal Detachment.—

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Having by dint of perseverance

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From M.r George Taylor, late Dep.t to the Bengal Detachment, advising of his having brought the Acc.ts to a favorable Ballance for Liquidation, & proposing that the Sums which have been acc.d for by him, and passed to the Credit of this Presidency, may be discounted for by Consignments of Rice to Fort St George with a suitable Commission to him thereon

persevering Labours brought the nice Accounts handed over to me against the Detachment for recovery to a much more favorable Ballance of liquidation than could have been hoped from the nature of such perplexing intricacies, and having on the Course of so arduous a Task been subjected to unavoidable expences on hire of writers and other Assistants indispensibly necessary for the able and effectual carrying on an investigation so contrary to the wishes of many Individuals who by long & tiresome Correspondences have rendered the business as well worth of enthrone & unthankful Labour as of much embarrassing Consequence as to my more immediate Concerns as Paymaster & which have naturally beyond the little advantages of my Station & so involved me in a maze of vexatious controversy that I should long since have relinquished the Task as impracticable had I not been encouraged & supported by a well grounded hope of ultimately reaping from your liberal dispensation of rewards and excitement of emulation some proportionate Compensation

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=vation from my Labours—

I may not be amiss here to remark that the portion of these Accounts which have fallen under my care form but a part of the total Charge which must stand exhibited in the Books of your Presidency to the debit of the Detachment— as all Charges posterior to the first of May 1703 were delivered in trust to my predecessor in Office, with which excepting some few balances enumerated in a Schedule thereof as remaining unsettled upon my Accession to the Office of Paymaster to the Bengal Detachment, my interference or retrospection hath nor could not possibly extend— all this as an immediate Servant of your Govern=ment ambitions of advancing myself to your notice, I could indeed have wished to have encountered the task from the very beginning and it is that, actuated by this principle alone I presume to offer to your Honble Board my humble Services as well in Continuing to Support and recover the remaining outstanding balances due Chiefly by Gentlemen who had either been struck off, or were Absent on leave from the Strength of the

Detachment

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Detachment previous to the said Charges having been brought forward, as to render the Sums which I have already realized and duly passed to the Credit of your Presidency of more immediate advantage to your resources, by withdrawing from any Accounts Current with this Government and accounting for to your the said recoveries by consignments of rice deliverable at Fort St George upon either such fixed terms as shall seem to you reasonably Moderate or the actual Invoice Price with such additional allowance or Commission thereupon as the Saving which I doubt not would thereby arise to the Company might entitle me to.—

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most Obd.t
Humble Servant
(Signed) Geo: Taylor

Calcutta
30th May 1785.—

The Board Considering Mr. Taylor's Proposal as advantageous to the Company it is Agreed that the following Letter be sent to him.—

To

1715 Fort St. George 27th June 1785.

To Mr George Tyler

Sir

To Mr George Tyler
Approving the
Plan recommended
by him of investing
the Sums realized
by Him on Consign=
=ments of Rice
an allowance of
5 P Cent thereon
granted to him.

I am directed by the Governor and Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th Ultimo, & to inform you that they are well pleased with your Exertions in having brought the Rice Accounts of the Bengal Detach=ment a favorable Issue for Liquidation

The Board in Consequence, approve of your accounting with them for the Rice Accounts delivered over to you, & they desire you will invest the Amounts realized by you, & also such Ballances outstanding as you may recover, in Consignments of Rice to be delivered at this Presidency.

The Board consider in your attention to the Purchase you may make, & consent to allow you 5 P Cent upon them as a Compensation for your assiduity in effecting a Settlement

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Settlement of the Rice Accounts &c making
these Consignments you will be pleased
to observe that every Cargo must be
insured, & great care must be taken to
employ dry Vessels & also that the usual
exchange of 400 S.R. for 100 Pags. is to
be adopted. —

Sam Jno

Fort St. George
24th June 1785

Your most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) J. Chamier
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Read the following Letter &
Enclosures from Masulipatam. —

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.
President and Governor &c. Council of
Fort St. George

From Masulipatam Honble Sir & Sirs
communicating their Sentiments, on the general Distribution of the Troops in the Circars: Enclosing Copy of a Letter to them from Col. Brathwaite on the same Subject

In conformity to your Commands communicated to us in your Secretary's letter of the 27th April we called on Col. Brathwaite for his Sentiments respecting the best general Distribution

1717 Fort St. George 4th June 1735

Distribution of the Troops on the Coast for Securing the Companys Possessions against any Sudden attack, with such observations as might have occured to him during his Residence at Ellore, or which might have arisen from the late succession of Sevajy Jung; and we have now the Honor of transmitting your Honor &c. a Copy of his reply which we delayed forwarding until we had communicated with our Chief thereon.

As the greater Part of the Subjects treated of in Col Braithwaites Letter, have already at different times been largely discussed in the Correspondence between this Board and the Governor & Council; and as we can have no doubt, that our Superiors have had sufficient reason, for establishing the present mode of carrying on Service under the Subordinate Settlements, it will be needless to trouble you with many observations on those parts of it, which relate to the extending the authority of the Commanding Officer, &c.

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to whom General Topics, We shall therefore
touch on them very briefly - The Subordina-
=cies have often experienced the inconveniences
arising from a divided or participated power,
as our Correspondence in the years 1778 &
1783 will more particularly evince &
to which we beg leave to refer - Colonel
Braithwaite's reasoning upon this Subject
appears to us more Speculative than
useful or applicable even to the Subject
on which he was consulted and for this
latter reason particularly as well as on
Account of the discussion the Subject has
formerly undergone any further Notice of
this unnecessary here

Colonel Braithwaite as Comm-
anding the Principal Military Station
and which According to the Arrangement
we have recommended is the only one
besides Masulipatam of any material
consequence in the District is the Officer
to whom we must always have recourse
for every Military Purpose of any
Moment, and will of course be the person
to direct its operation - Condapillee &
Samulcotah are considered only as Posts

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Ports conveniently situated for maintaining
the interior order & peace of the Country
any necessary information from the officers
Commanding those Ports may easily be
obtained by the Officer Commanding at
Fort William addressing the enclosed by
at present entrusted to the Chief &
Council, & if you should be pleased to
establish as a rule of Service that all
Officers Detached by our authority
should Correspond with the Senior
Officer of the District on Military
matters, we of course cannot object to it:
but at the same time we mention this we
think it incumbent on us to observe
that the delay & inconveniences arising
from our sending our Correspondence
with Officers on Detachment thro' the
Commanding Officer have already been
experienced to be such as to render it
almost impossible for the Chief & Council
to carry on any business in this manner
The Select Committee therefore on their
Letter to Colonel Lowe dated 26th March
83 thought proper not to comply
with the request which he had made
to

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to this effect although he at that time actually Commanded all the Troops on the Coast and also during an open war. Under the apprehension of an invasion when such a System of Service would certainly appear more necessary than at present.

We agree with Col.l Braithwaite that detaching Sepoys in small Parties must be very Prejudicial to them this motive induced the Chief & Council to recommend the raising of a Tribandy Corps, and afterwards to recommend that the same Corps might be augmented to the Strength of a Regular Battalion, and also that the Invalid Sepoys might be incorporated under the Command of an European Officer to be employed on Revenue Service, and we can assure your Honor & the Court we believe there never was a time since the Coast came into the Company's possession when so few regular Sepoys were detached from their Officers as at the present Period it will always be our care to avoid it, and as soon as the Company's authority shall have been fully established by a

System

1721 Fort S.t George 24.th June 1725

System of perfect Controul over the Revenue
of the Zemindars we doubt not but the
Subsidy Corps will be sufficient for all
Military Purposes on the Occasion of
the Revenue

Our reflections have hitherto
been general but there are some of
Colonel Braithwaite's observations which
require our more immediate notice,
lest by passing them over we might
appear to admit all he has said — he
observes that from the manner in which
the instructions of the Chief & Council
are delivered to Officers it might be
suspected "that the Service is not
one which will in all its parts autho-
=rize the Public Reputation" This
observation we think might have been
omitted because it implies a very
severe reflection and is at the same
time perfectly groundless We can
have no occasion to conceal ourselves to
a Subaltern Officer, taken from a
Regiment generally speaking and therefore
can honour to us as well as our Superiors

by

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by the Appearance of any Choice on our
part in matters where we dare not Trust
his Superior in Command We may Venture
to affirm that Col: Braithwaite is
mistaken when he mentions the depre-
=ciation of these Districts to be such as
may be annually perceived as wee are
convinced from every information, as well
as from our own Observation, that popu-
=lation in these Districts has increased
of late years, if we except the Zemindary
of Nooged where the decrease of the
Inhabitants has been occasioned Solely by
the Conduct of the Zemindar himself
with respect to Leif Seung we cannot
admit that Colonel Braithwaite has any
reason for Complaining of being entirely
ignorant of his Arrival until he had been
24 Days in the District, as he must have
been informed of it by the Chief who
visited Col: Braithwaite at Ellore on
his way to Rajahmundry the day
after we knew it ourselves we could
did not write to him on the Subject
because we had no Idea of Leif Seungs
intentions being Hostile to the Company
and

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and because on this Head we did not think at first of employing a Military Force against them, before we had written to your Hon.r & as we then by the Resident at the Nizams Court, but as soon as we received your Commands to order the Troops at Ellore to be kept in readiness we took measures in Communicating them to Col.o Braithwaite & wrote first to his not being allowed the means of procuring intelligence arises from our not being authorized to incur any Expence on this Account—

Were the extent of Colonel Braithwaites Command is confined to the Cantonment of Ellore, he certainly cannot by rule of Service claim returns from Officer Commanding the other Garrisons or Detachments in the District nor can we see any reason for why he should expect it— Returns are regularly made by all Commanding Officers to the Commander in Chief and a General return of the Troops in the District is sent monthly by us to your Hon.r & Colonel Braithwaites Situation is in this different in

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in this respect from that of General Horne or any other Officer Commanding a Cantonment to the Southward who receives no Returns of Troops from Garrisons or Detachments not immediately under his Command—

Col: Braithwaite on his proposed Arrangements appears to have formed them on a Supposition that seven Battalions of Sepoys are to be stationed on this District whereas as there are at present only five; it cannot therefore take place in its full extent, & making allowance for the difference of two Batt.ns it does not materially differ from that which we had the honor of Submitting to you, and which we still recommend except with respect to the Cantonment he recommends being established at Rajahmundry in which we do not concur with him for the following reasons first because altho Rajahmundry is a Post which would be of much consequence in time of an Invasion it is Situated that the principal Cantonment at Ellore being nearer to it than any

Place

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place from which the enemy upon landing will have to march to attack it, that post will always be sufficiently guarded by that Cantonment without requiring any permanent division of the Troops in the District for such a purpose Secondly because Royapooramdoy is a much less healthy Station than Ellore and on the last place because there are not Barracks for Quartering the Officers or Men & of course new ones must be built for that purpose thereby creating an Expence which for the above reasons, we think may safely be avoided.

What Col. Braithwaite observes with regard to Quarters certainly deserves notice - many Officers are at present from necessity Quartered on Houses rented for them in the Pettah of Ellore and the case was the same when a European Regiment was formerly stationed there; and has always been the case in Masulipatam where there are only regular Quarters for the Subaltern officers -

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1786 Fort St. George 24th June 1785

We have the honor to be very
respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt
Humble Servants
(Signed) James Hodges
Tho.s Barnard

Masulipatam
14th June 1785

Ellore 31st May 1785.

To James Hodges Esq.r
Provisional Chief & Council of
Masulipatam

Sir & Gentlemen,

The authentick and usefull information that it became necessary for me to gain previous to my hazarding my Opinion on your Public Records in reply to y.r letter of the 7.th Instant has occasioned some delay In that letter you inform me that as the Right Honble the Governor and Council are desirous of stationing the Troops to the northward to the best effect

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effect and of ensuring as much as possible the Company's Possessions against a Sudden attack, you deserve me to give my Sentiments respecting the General Distribution of the Troops in the Carnatic, with such observations as may have occured to me during my residence at Ellore which may have arisen from the late incursion of Sujf Sungh into the Company's District. It has been necessary for me to gain information to answer Questions of such a nature and Importance because the very limited bounds in which any professional avocations of mine can be made according to the present system, do not give me the right of deriving from any situation that general knowledge of the Gentlemen not regard to their Military resources, or even that knowledge of the state of our Troops in the Carnatic which in every point of view that I can see the public Service in Sought to possess either to enable me to reply to the call now made upon me or to act upon future occasions with Honor & Reputation to the Company and myself as an Officer in

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ive any of the Corps is allowed to make
any Return to me, and those even of this
Corps, Garrison when detached are instruc-
ted by your Board to consider themselves
from the Moment of their departure at
independant of me and to correspond
with the Chief and Council upon all
matters which they may think it necessary
to write about, and the Orders sent to me
enclosed by the Chief & Council to them
are sealed, this being the present rule of
Service Established in this District so that
an Officer while under my immediate
Command receives from my own hands
a Proof that I am not trusted with the
Knowledge, of what is to be done by Officers
and men whom I am called upon to furnish
this Circumstance besides lessening the
respect due to every Commanding Officer
from those under his Command serves but
to publish that mistrust and Jealousy of
the Military Officer in Station which if
it must exist ought to be as carefully
concealed as possible, as it may on some
Cases give room to some persons to
Suspect that the Service is not one which

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which will on all its parts authorize the
publick requisitions, and tends to lessen the
confidence in and the respect due to the
Government of the District, or as I have
before observed that due to the Commanding
Officer which I presume never ought to be
engaged in such orders which might not
very consistently with the dignity of
Government, and with as little delay &
trouble on the part instance be communicated
to the Subaltern in the usual manner
through his Commanding Officer who by
the present mode of detaching officers
from him is deprived of those Reports,
Returns, & Military Correspondences which
would communicate to him that sort of
knowledge which alone can render him
Competent to judge of his own real strength
or of that which he may have to cope
with and enable him at all times to be
ready to advance or execute measures
with professional propriety. - on the present
System all means are used to keep him
in the Dark, He is as it were prescribed
from all official information as to the

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the how or why, the Troops not immediately
on their Arrival are employed further than
that they are said to be for the Revenue
Service which is the Service of all others
According to the Opinions of most men
upon which Soldiers should never be
employed Despopulation seems to be the
Effect it has produced on these Coasts
since I was here last in 1777 and I am
informed by many that the decrease of People
is constant and sufficient to be annually
perceived that it is attended with the absolute
ruin to the Troops so employed the Fatal
Examples on the Lake War and upon all
occasions when Detachments have been
employed Sufficiently evince Sepoys
constantly detached from their Officers &
Colours scattered up and down the Country
in parties of two and three and much oftner
singly under the sole controul of Revenue
Collectors of every denomination lounging
on undulgences relaxations & Peculations
of every kind ought to be no longer considered
as a part of the real Military Strength
of the Coast, or such as the Company can
possibly confide in for the Security of
their

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Their Reflections on the Reputation of their Arms. It is a well known fact that a Sepoy's Cloathing and his Diet is not Sanguinary Sometimes & Others entirely depend upon the Confidence he has in his Officers and the Reflection that he acquires by constant practice on the use of his Arms and that he loses both these acquisitions by a very short Seperation from the means by which he acquired them. The Corps Sepoys are frequently for months in Situations where they do not even wear the dress of Soldiers, Quartered long by upon Farmers from whom they may be allowed the expressions they are to express on every occasion that their arrogant demands, and gratified with every thing in their way that their incapacity may endanger them to exact, & on this it may be presumed they are encouraged by the Several Renters for what the Sepoy does not earn & consumes he would cease to act as a Stimulous to those whose Industry or their Payments, each man may be useful at collections but they are scarcely

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Scarcely be expected to return to the Subordina-
-tion and Discipline required in a Soldier
that they will not, has been too often experi-
-enced when it has been necessary to remove
them by such Detachments as gave them no
hopes of returning to their Revenue Cessions

It seems therefore that the
first thing to be considered is whether the
Revenues cannot possibly be collected without
the immediate intervention of Sepoys, If
that, on these Coromandel is found to be the
case those employed should be considered
entirely as Revenue Sepoys, & be post respons
much cheaper and much less expectable
Establishment a Tittle or rather no dependance
can be placed upon them as real Soldiers
However if I may venture to hazard an
Opinion, it is that if the Company's Military
Forces were always kept in a collected and
efficient State and only employed as Soldiers
that is against an enemy or faithless
chastise with vigour refractory Subjects
the awe and respect that such a Military
Establishment must create would be
the surest means of preserving Peace
and would render Peons wearing the
Company's Badge only tantament to

all

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all the real branches of the publick Revenue
Another good effect which would
result from the no longer employing
regular Troops on the Revenues Service
is that all would speedily end to the disputes
which so often happen between
the Civil and Military Servants of the
Company; the Former, as far as my
observations lead me, cannot brook that any
Military Officer should on the least occasion
his Enquiries toward or even search after any
Authority over and detached from them
by them on the Revenue Service, and this
unpleasant to the latter to see those
Troops on whom the Company's possessions,
and his own Reputation may eventually
depend going to ransack for want of such
enquiries and such authority as vested
by them, and this has been and must
be the source of endless disputes.—
Both parties acting and thinking
upon different principles, each in his
own line, the one all attention to the Revenue
the other to his Discipline, it is impossible
they can ever agree and their disagreements
will be the greater in proportion as they
are

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are more Jealous and active on their
Several Departments.—

In regard to Self Being I cannot
but be of Opinion that this belief that he
should have time either to carry his point
or to retreat, before any force could be sent
against them and the ordinary and Stores
were to be abandoned all Hand, and the People
there take the Field in a totally unprovided
State in order to make the insulting
excursion he lately did and of which I had
no official information till twenty four
days after his arrival within a march of
Manelipatam being precluded from the
means of acquiring or receiving intelligence
I am authorized to pay any attention to hint
Chief and Council who did not deem it
necessary till then to communicate with
me on the Subject and I am confident that
such an excursion never would have happened
or ever will happen again if the Military
Force in the District are kept in a properly
collected respectable and efficient State;
I shall therefore proceed now to offer my
Opinion in regard to the best General Distribu-
-tion

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=tion of the Forces in the Carnatic and here
must hope for allowances, as I can only
speak from my own Ideas arising from
General principles being wholly unacquainted
with almost all the Tributaries, their Revenues
and present strength. — I will not wish
to suppose that what are now called the
Military Forces in the Carnatic are to be
such in reality and no longer collectors
of Revenue, in such case I think that the
Artillery Corps now here when completed
one Battalion of Europeans, and nine
Sepoys in their present Establishment as to
strength will replace the Company's northern
possessions in a state of internal Security
and foreign respectability for such a force
be equal to the repulsion of any sudden
attack which can be made upon them by
Sea or Land, and will effectually overawe
and reduce all Tributaries or others concerned
in Payments to the Revenue to an exact
and punctual obedience to the orders of
Government through perhaps in the beginning
of new Levies as much may be necessary.
I should propose that the Company of Europeans
Artillery

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Artillery and one Company of Native Artillery with the European Battalion & three compleat Battalions of Sepoys furnished with a Suitable Train of Field Artillery only, should be stationed at Ellore Two Battalions of Sepoys, with such Invalids of all denominations as can be spared at Masulipatam one Battalion detached, five Companies at Condapelle, and four at Samulcotah and one Company of native artillery with four Field Pieces, and one Battalion of Sepoys at Rajahmundry, which I consider as a Post of much Importance & Commands the Ferry which enables the Forces to afford mutual assistance to each other at all Seasons, and without which it would be scarce practicable when the Godavery is full, & the enemy should not possess it or be able by a small Detachment to destroy the Boats. The force stationed at Rajahmundry would also be at hand to expell any decent attempt made at - Coringa the most likely and practicable place on many Accounts for an invasion by sea, Rajahmundry is also the place where the Chief annually assembles the Jemmadars to settle the

Jemmy Sundy

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Sommyburdy, and ought therefore to be
on such a State as to convince them that
we are prepared for any Military opera-
-tion which may suddenly become
necessary. one Battalion on the Vizaga-
-patam, and one in the Ganjam District
the impression made by these would be
greatly strengthened by the Battalion at
Rajamundry, and upon every short
notice at any Station they could be
brought back to act together and with effect
in case of any troubles arising to the
northward of the Godavery even in the most
rapid and sudden state of the River, and
such an event being provided for. Which
the Circars may be said to be an internal
State of Security Were Lords at present the
Officer of highest Rank on the Circars,
I would proceed as a part of this detail
to point out what Powers ought to be
vested in such an Officer and what
Services expected from him the more fully
to ascertain the desired state of Security,
and ask whether it ought not be
prudent to give him such a share in
the delegated Government of the Subordi-
-nacies as is held by the Commander in
Chief.

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Chief at the Presidency that so if he is capable of his Situation a greater likely=hood may arise that the most judicious military measures may immediately be applied when necessary by the aid of his Advice, and an official & permanent System of Discipline be kept up, but this is a Subject which I shall consider present Circumstances, leave to be discussed or not as you shall think proper, and only request that these observations and distributions may be transmitted to the Honble the Governor Council on this with such animad=versions corrections or approbations of them, as you may think it necessary to bestow. At the same time I must request of you to represent to the Right Honble the President the Troops may be judged by them who the best more depends upon the Quartering of Officers, than may be generally imagined Sum and money to expensive Barracks in Cantonments, they become Objects for without the means of defence, and contra=dict the very principle upon which a

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a Cantonment is formed that it is to be
ready to change its Station on a short
notice, but regular Quarters are essential
because officers are by them kept
together near their men, under the eye
of their respective Commanding Officers
& subject to the constant remarks and
observations of each other whereas the
Quartering them up & down in Black Houses
in the Pettah, is attended with the unnecessary
expence on repairs to make and keep
such Houses tenantable & prevents the
young Officers from the Society of their Broth=
=ers, & exposes them to temptations such
as youth can rarely resist, and which
no Commanding Officer can remove, &
frequently ends in the destruction of their
Morals & health & of course robs them of
that activity and Zeal which he might
otherwise have possessed, so many of such
Examples have occurred to me since
I have been on this Service when there
was more room for pity than Censure,
which pity has also its bad effects on
the Service at large, that I should not
think I had discharged my duty if
I had closed this Letter without calling

Your

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your attention to the important article of Quarters which may be regular though constructed in a temporary manner of cheap Materials.—

I am with Respect

Sir, & Gentlemen,

Your very Obedient Servt.—

(Signed) John Braithwaite

A true Copy

(Signed) H. Malcolm

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Read the following Letters, entered on the Miscellany Book. Nos. 49, 50, 51, 52.

From Lt. Col. Regnault 16th June

From Lt. Col. Regnault with a Memorial from the Officers Commanding Companies of Artillery representing the bad State of the Cantonment Hospital at the Mount, & the want of a few Doolies for the use of the Sick.—

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Chief Engineer be desired to examine the Hospital at the Mount & report in Consequence & that 4 Doolies be ordered for the use of the Cantonment

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at the Mount

From Captain Lovyn dated 18th

From Captn Lovyn

June stating that he understands a new Arrangement of the Cavalry Corps is in agitation, & renewing his Solliciteation to be employed —

Agreed that Captn Lovyn be informed that his Claims being referred to the Court of Directors no Appointment can be given to them until their Orders be received, & that he be also acquainted that no new Arrangement of Cavalry is in agitation —

Minute thereon

From Captain Cochrane & Brown 19 June, requesting Copy of the late Right Honble President's Minute respecting them —

From Captn Cochrane & Brown

Agreed that these Gentlemen be informed that the Board are obliged to decline acquiescing in their request —

Minute thereon

From Captn Lieut. Brudenell stating that his Rank has not been properly fixed, & requesting that he may be allowed that Place to which his first Commission in the Service gives

From Captn Lieut. Brudenell

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gives him pretension,

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