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To Capts Cochrane & Brown

25th

To Captains Cochrane & Browne, Govern-
ment have thought proper to decline
acquiescing in their request for a Copy of the
late Right Honble President's Minute

To Capt. Tonyn.

Tonyn

To Captain Tonyn, informing him that
no late alteration has taken place in the
Corps of Cavalry; and that as his several
applications & Claims have been referred
to the Court of Directors, no Steps can be
taken 'till that Reference arrives —

To Capt. Alex. Montgomery

To Captain Alex. Montgomery at
Ongole, informing him that a Poligar belonging
to Tippoo has taken the Protection of the Renter of
Ongole, and directing him in consequence to deliver
him up —

To Commodore Hughes

To Commodore Charles Hughes, requesting
he will spare one of his Majesty's Ships to proceed
to Masulipatam for 135 Men of his Majesty's
73 Regiment —

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr. President

Lieutenant General Sloper

Saturday
25th June 1785

James Daniell Esqr.

Lieutenant General Sir John Dalling Bart.

Minutes of last Consultation read

and approved

Read the following Letters from

Masulipatam, with Enclosures, entered in Missel.

Copy Book No. 61. 62.

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President and Governor &c. Council

of

Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Masulipatam enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr Forestier relative to the House recommended to be purchased for the Company also Copy of a Letter from the French Resident at Yanam stating that the natives under the protection of the French Flag are to be exempted from all Customs by the English & applying for Leave of absence for Mr Guyon and Mr Andrew to proceed to the Presidency

In consequence of your Commands communicated to us by your Secretary under date the 28th ultimo an application has been made to Mr. Le Forestier respecting the House which was recommended to be purchased, but he informs us,

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We, that he cannot conclude a Bargain without
advising Mr. Boucher to whom the House
belongs, and that he has accordingly written
him on the Subject.—

We were duly honoured with
the Receipt of the General Order of the 29.th
ultimo Announcing to us the Arrival and
Appointment of Lieutenant General Dalling
to be Commander in Chief on the Coast, and
Mr. Hodges has likewise laid before us a
Letter from Mr. Davidson, wherein we are
informed of Lord Macartney's Embarkation

The Resident of Ingeram having
Communicated the Sentiments contained
in Lord Macartney's Minute which was
transmitted to us under date the 24.th ultimo
to the French Chief of Yanam we have the honor
of herewith transmitting a Copy of his Reply.
by which it appears that Mr. Martin entertains
an Idea that the Natives in any manner
under the Protection of the French are entitled
to be exempted from the Payment of Customs

and

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and to all other Privileges which subjects of France
enjoy by virtue of the late Treaty of Peace, which is
very different from your Commands to us.

We George Anderson Surgeon's
Assistant at Condapillie having requested of us to
make application to your Honor &c. for your
permission for him to proceed to the Presidency where
his private affairs require his presence, we beg
to know if you have any objections to his application
being complied with.

We have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Masulipatam
the 11th June 1785

(Signed) James Hodges
Thos Barnard

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr
President and Governor &c. Council
of
Fort St. George,

From Masulipatam
enclosing a List of Goods
imported to that Settlement
by Frenchmen whose
names are mentioned
therein

Honble Sir and Sirs,

We think it necessary to transmit
to you

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you the inclosed List of Goods imported here by the Frenchmen whose names are therein mentioned since the 1st May and on which our Sea Customer informs us they have positively refused to pay any Duties and we request you will be pleased to honor us with your Commands whether or not in consequence of the late Treaty of Peace Goods belonging to Frenchmen are to be charged with any Duties in future.

We have the honor to be
very Respectfully
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants

Masulipatam
19 June 1785

James Hodges
(signed) John Peter Boileau

Ordered to be on the Table

Read the following Report from the Commissioners of accounts, with Enclosures, lodged in the Office.

To

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President and Governor &c. Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Report of the Board of accounts on the Examination of accounts since their last address

Since We last had the Honor of addressing you We have received the following Reports

a Report by Mr. Woolf on the accounts of the Garrison of Nellore, that come into the Superintendants Office from June 1781. to the 30 april 1784 —

a Report by Mr. Bynde on the Rental General & Scavengers Accounts from May 1780 to the 31 December 1784 —

There appears a Charge of Ten Shillings P day for the Office of Grain Keeper at Nellore, in the Report by Mr. Woolf, as there was no Authority for this Charge a letter was written to Messrs. Orans & Lind to explain it, / Copy of our Letter with Mr. Orans answer We have the honor to enclose / Tho' the Charge for Grain Keeper at Nellore is unauthorized by the Regulations, yet when the Honble Board ordered it to be discontinued, no further disapprobation appeared to be expressed, we take the Liberty to Submit to

your

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your honor &c. the consideration of the charge
prior to that time

Copy of our Letter to the Paymaster
on the Subject of Hire & purchase of draught &
Carriage Bullocks, We have the honor to enclose
you, when We receive an Answer We shall
have the honor to transmit it you in our next
address with our Remarks

There appears a Ballance of 24707 Pf.
to be accounted for on Account of Grain delivered
from the Month of August 1782 to January 1784 -
The Paymaster has been written to on this Subject

The Military Paymaster General
has been directed to carry to the Credit of the
Company the Sum of 68.170. being on
Our charge made by the Paymaster of Villoor

In Consequence of Mr. Wynch's
Report on the Rental General & Scavengers
Accounts We addressed Mr. Dent / Copy of our
Letter with his answer We the Honor to enclose
you / how far he was authorised to reduce
the Assignment the Honble Board will be

pleased

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pleased to determine - but if it is realy as has been
represented by the Scavenger, that incase a Reduction
had not taken place, the Inhabitants would have
Objected to paying any thing, we Submit to the Consideration
of the Honble Board if he was not Sufficiently justified
in the Night he assumed

The Sum of 216 pagodas mistakes
in the addition of the different Columns we have
directed the Scavenger to carry to the Credit of his
Employ, Viz in future to indent to the Storekeeper
for Stationary, as well as produce Vouchers for
the printing Bills -

There appears to be no Checks either
for Receipt or disbursements in this Office & the Expences have
increased considerably within this 3 years -

We have directed Mr. Dent to collect
in the Outstanding Ballance as expeditiously as
possible -

We have the honor to be with
great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient
& most Humble Servants
(signed) W Wynch
Edwd Holland
J. Balfour
Robert Woolf
Read

Fort St. George
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Read the following Letter from Mr. Dobbyn

To the Honble Alexr. Davidson Esqr.
President and Governor &c. Council of
Fort St. George

From Mr. Dobbyn stating his Reasons for charging Interest on the money advanced him for fulfilling his Contract with Government

Honble Sir and Sirs

I have this instant been informed through the Committee of Accounts that you have thought my Charge of Interest inadmissable agreeably to my Contract with Government, Arrack was to be supplyd by me at the price of 45 Pagodas per Leaguer, and that money should be advanced me for such supply; Government did not fulfil their engagement of advancing Cash, of course I was under the necessity of borrowing a Sum, that I might not be remiss on my part, for which I think I have a claim of Interest, this I take the liberty of requesting Honble Sir & Sirs you will be pleased to grant me, and I flatter myself you will not deem this request unreasonable, when I assure you, that a great part of the time I held the

Contract

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Contract, this Article was so increased in value/ on
account of the Dutch War/ that I was actually
obliged to purchase at treble the price it was issued
to the Company for —

Respecting the advances I made
on account of my Employ as agent, altho' I shall
be a considerable loser, Yet as I cannot quote a
Precedent, where such indulgence has been given
I shall not make any demand on this Account.

I take the Liberty Humble Sir and Sirs
to solicit your reconsidering the charge I have made for
the Sums I was under the necessity of employing,
in order to bring up the business, after delivering over
the Employ to Mr Ross, the confusion of the times
prevented the Accounts being transmitted to me
from different parts of the Country, I should hope
this will plead in my behalf, and that you will
be pleased to indulge me with this allowance —

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servant
Signed W Dobbyn

Fort St George
18 June 1785

The Board having duly considered the
contents of the foregoing, it is Agreed that the
following

Minute thereon

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Following Letter to be sent to the Commissioners of Accounts

To Mr. William Wynch

and to the Commissioners of Accounts —

Gentlemen

To the Board of Accounts in answer to the two preceding Letters

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 9th Instant and to inform you that they Consent to allow the Charges for Grain Keeper at Nellore prior to the time when it was ordered to be discontinued. —

Mr. Dobbyns having represented to the Board that in his Contract with the Company for supplying Arrack it is particularly specified that money shall be advanced to him & that as such ingagement was not fulfilled he was obliged to borrow a Sum that he might not fail on his part of the agreement. It is judged that his Claim for Interest is just & the President & Council having therefore resolved to admit it. —

have

The Board have also consented to admit his Charge made for Servants whom he

charge for

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he employed in bringing to the Business of his Employ.

You will be pleased in addressing your
reports in future to the Board not to blend the
accounts which belong to the Civil Department
with those of the Military as was the Case in
your Letter of the 9th Instant. —

I am, Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient Servant.
Signed J. Chamier.
Secretary.

Fort St. George
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Read the following Letter from the
Committee of Assigned Revenue

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

From the Committee of Assigned Revenue recommending that Mr. Andrews be permitted to draw the same allowances as are enjoyed by Mr. Fayre ——

Honble Sir and Sirs,

We Mr. Irwin in his letters to
the late Right Honble President repeatedly mentioned
the activity and Exertions of Mr. Andrews, his Assistant
in the Trichenopoly District, who frequently
had considerable Trust reposed in him, which
he

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he always excuted to his intire Satisfaction - On
this consideration and in consiquence of the
extra Expences Mr. Andrews was subjected to by
his Situation Mr. Irwin recommended that
Gentlemans allowances should be put upon
the same Footing with those of Mr. Irwin
who is junior to Mr. Andrews in the Service and
also acts under Mr. Irwin as Assistant in the
Superintendence of the Southern Revenues - Mr. Irwin
has now repealed his Recommendation but as the
late Orders respecting the Assignment may not permit
Mr. Andrews to hold his present Station many
days longer, we beg leave to submit with all
deference whether the extra allowance solicited for here
might not be granted from the beginning of the year
as some alleviation for his disappointment. This is
the object proposed by Mr. Irwin himself and as the
Expence will hardly exceed 500 Pagodas We hope it
will meet with your approbation.

superintendence

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir and Sirs,
Your most obedient humble Servants
(signed) Chas. Oakeley
David Haliburton
Geo. Moorhay

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25th June 1785

Jr

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Minute thereon

In Consideration of Mr. Irvein's repeated recommendations in favor of Mr. Andrews which are now supported & brought forwardby the Committee of Assigned Revenue, it is Agreed that the allowance proposed by them be granted to Mr. Andrews

Read the following Letter from Ensign Strahan.

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr
Governor and President of Fort St. George &c &c
and the Gentlemen of the Council

Honble Sirs & Sirs

From Ensign Strahan stating that in consequence of a violent indisposition which rendered him unable to obey the General Order directing the Return of all officers to the Presidency, he was struck off the list of the army, and requesting to be restored to the Service

With the utmost concern did I learn on my Arrival at Madras that I had been struck off the List of the army, owing to my not having reported myself to the Adjutant General, agreeable to Orders issued here for that purpose.

The Indulgence the Honble Board were pleased to grant me, at a period when particular Circumstances called me urgently to Bengal was to my Duty an additional and powerful motive for

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For instantly complying with every Order the Honble Board should think proper to publish, but soon after my Arrival at Calcutta I was suddenly seized with the Bengal Fever, and in compliance to medical advice, was precipitated to seek a change of air in the most interior part of the Province. - In this unfortunate Situation, Orders issued at either Presidency could seldom or never come to my knowledge, and the daily flattering Hopes of so far recovering as to enable me to rejoin the army, prevented me from reporting myself sick. - Fortunately that Order, published towards the latter End of 1784 requiring every Officer belonging to the Establishment on leave of absence, to rejoin his Corps, before the first of March 1785, came to my Ears, though at a considerable time after it had been issued. - This I no sooner understood than I determined, though far from being recovered, to attempt returning to Madras, which after a tedious passage of near three months,

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months, I was lucky enough to accomplish about the beginning of May last. Since that time the Revolutions which have taken place here in Government, have prevented me 'till now from laying this address before the Honble Board, and for these two months past have kept me in the most disagreable of all Situations, a State of suspense. Suspence

Permit me therefore to solicit, that in consideration of the above unavoidable circumstances, the Honble Board will be pleased to restore me to my former rank in the army here, in which hope I have the honor to remain with the greatest respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient humble Servt

Fort St. George
the 22d June 1785

Signed H. Strahan

As Ensign Strahan's case is peculiar & as he appears to have done his utmost to obey the General Orders directing the return of all Officers to their Corps it is Agreed that he be reinstated on the Establishment with his original Rank. — received

Ensign Strahan restored to the Service

Read

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Your most obedt humble Servt

Signed A. Strahan

Fort St. George
the 22d June 1785

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Your most obedient humble Servant

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Ensign Strahan restored to the Service

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Read a Letter from Captain James Oliver
dated 19 June / entered in the Miscellany Book
No. 63 / stating the Distress the Officers labor
under from living in Tents during the Land Winds
which are very violent / that the Inconvenience
would be removed by purchasing or renting
Captain Wilkins's House as it is large enough
to accommodate the whole / representing that
French Sepoys are stationed at Marconam
to protect the People employed in burning
Chunam also Charcoal at that place for
Pondichery, whither a Quantity has been
lately conveyed, upon which he requests the orders
of the Board —

From Captain James Oliver

and

Agreed that the President be
desired to write to the Vicomte de Souillac at Pondichery
on the Subject of French Sepoys being stationed
at Marconam, and that he be requested to remove
the Cause of Complaint

Minute thereon

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With respect to the recommendation
of Captain Oliver that Captain Wilkins's House
at Permacoil be either bought or rented for
the

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the accommodation of the Officers under his Command it is Agreed that Captain Olivier be directed to hire the House for the above Purpose at the Rate of 10 Pagodas P month

The President lays before the Board the following Preliminary Articles of agreement which he has directed to be drawn out. The Periods of the Kists & their Number also the Districts to be assigned to the Company in case of Failure on the part of the Nabob in the payments to be made by him, are those which have been fixed between him & his Highness, & are the best terms he could procure in the course of many Interviews

President lays before the Board

Articles of Agreement entered into between His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic and the Governor and Council of Fort St. George,

Preliminary articles of agreement to be entered into between his Highness the nabob and the Government of Fort St. George previous to the Execution of the Engagement.

1st His Highness the Nabob agrees to pay his proportion of the Current Charges as Stipulated by the Company, to be finally settled by Treaty between His Highness the Nabob and the Governor and Council of Madras amicably

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agreeably to the late orders of the Company dated 9th Nov. 1
until the exact proportion can be ascertained his
Highness consents to consider it at four Lacks
of Pagodas Pannum.

2d His Highness the Nabob will likewise pay
12 Lacks of Pagodas Pannum on account of his Debts
to the Company and private Creditors, until those
Debts are discharged.

3d Under the two foregoing articles his Highness
will pay 16 Lacks of Pagodas Pannum to the Company
who are to be answerable to the private Creditors for
the proportion allotted to them according to the
payments that shall be made.

4th His Highness agrees to give the same Security
for the above 12 Lacks of Pagodas Pannum as is
required of him by the Company for his proportion
of the Current Charges.

5th In case of any Failure in the Payment
of the Rist when it becomes due, or within twenty
days afterwards it is hereby stipulated that the
Company may possess themselves of certain
Districts hereafter mentioned to double the
amount of the balance due by the Nabob at
the

the time - When the Company find it expedient
under the conditions agreed on, to have recourse
to this Security, application must be made to
his Highness the Nabob who will inform the
Amildar or amildars of the amount of the Company's
Claim - The Company may exercise all necessary
authority for collecting the Revenues but are
not to disturb the Nabob's Government by turning
out the Amildars or Sirrishtadars - The Company's
People employed in those Districts are to give
regular Receipts for the monies they shall receive
and when the Sum amount for which such Districts or
Districts stood answerable shall have been paid
to the Company, their Power will of course immediately
cease and the Nabob's authority be restored as fully as
over any other part of the Carnatic.

6th Should any cause of Complaint arise against
the Amildars of the Districts so made over to the
Company, it must be represented to his Highness the
Nabob, who will give them satisfaction upon the
Subject, even to the Dismissing the amildars and
appointing others in their stead if it should be
necessary.

7th

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7th It has already been Stated that when a Kist or any part of it that is due, shall remain unpaid more than twenty days, the Company may resort to the Security given to them, but as from the nature of Revenue Collections, the Full produce of the Country to make good the last Kist, cannot be received until the beginning of the following year, the nabob requires two months for (in compliating) what may remain due of the last Kist, to the amount of two Lacks of Pagodas - should the balance exceed that Sum, two months after the Kist shall have become due, the Company may take possession of the management as before mentioned in the 5. Article of this agreement.

8th His Highness the nabob taking notice of the particular stress the Company lay on the Security to be required for the punctual payment of this Share of the Current Charges and being sensible of how much Importance it is that the Military Expences should be regularly provided for, His Highness agrees that the amount of this Share of the Current Charges shall be exclusively paid with the First Kist and as much of the Second Kist as may be necessary to make

up

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up the four Lacks of Pagodas - The remaining part of the 2d Kist and the whole of the 3d Kist amounting to 12 Lacks of Pagodas, will be appropriated in discharge of his Highness's Debt to the Company, and his private Creditors. —

9th The whole Sum of 16 Lacks of Pagodas is to be paid in manner following. —

1st Kist 30th September Pag.s 300,000

2d Kist 31st January . . 600,000

3 Kist 10 July . . . 700,000

It was submitted and known to his Highness the Nabob, that the Renters, his Subjects, were employed under the Company, and his Highness engaged to continue the same Renters as long as they shall conduct themselves to his Satisfaction, at the same time that he cannot consent to confirm them on the Condition of the Company's Cowle. —

10th The following Districts are to be answerable to the Company incase of failure of Payment

1st The District of Trivatore with the Villages Tummanoor. —,

2d The District Ellungad &c. consisting of twelve Maghans. —,

3d

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3d The District of Upsoor with the Villages of Coonimmad.

4th The Purgannah of Tindawanmani.

5th The Purgannah of the Cusbah of Verdaore including 9 Mahals & Tewadee & Vedoor and Veramunnee and the Talookas of Choultrallee

6th The Purgannah Baltpoor including the Purgannahs of Tiruvamalore, Tiruvalore, Timmenellore, Siva pattam & Timmenellore.

7 The Villages of arcot & Arakwadee

8 The Purgannah of Wandachal, Gopraipoor, Woolungaul & Senemorthee.

9 The Purgannah of Calwanacoor

10 The Purgannah of Kulloorkee

11 The Jaghire of the Fort of Pramebagueddah and the Talooka of Shunkrapoor

12 The Purgannah of the Cusba of Nuvvutgueddah

13 The Villages of Punnatoor.

14 The Talooka of Cunnanoor.

15 The Purgannah of the Havelee of Timanee including the Villages of Cullespauk.

16 The Villages of adoonmungal

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17 The Purgannah Palour &c.a

18 The Purgannah of Chungam

19 The Purgannah Tolgoody &c.a

20 The Purgannah of Damarpauk

21 The Village of Villapauk

22 The Villages of Mundcalle

23 The Talooka of Timmeree

24 The Villages of Chuckrangpoor

25 The Purgannah Cholingavaram with Tirkolum

26 The Villages of Chuckramettoor with naikiary

27 The Talooka Arnaloor

28 The Talooka of Mallehovy

29 The Talooka of Vandapundick

30 The Purgannah of Pondie &c.a

31 The Talooka of Wandoor

32 The Villages of Coondapoor and Canovey pauk

33 The Purgannah of Amboor

34 Tellicput and agraram

35 The Talook of Allicanoor

36 Worriore Pollam

37 Vellicundapoor } excepting the Jaghire of Runjengaudd

Their value is estimated at Six Lacks of Pagodas Fannums, and if the deficiency exceed what the above

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above Districts can make good in the proportion
mentioned in the 5th article of this agreement the
Nabob is then to Specify other Districts in
addition, and make them over to the Company
accordingly, with due regard to the Spirit of
such Obligation

The Security for the 12 Lacks
on the next Districts is accepted upon a full
Conviction, that Soucar Security is not valid
but should the Bengal Government judge
that the Soucar Security should be taken in
preference to it, the Nabob agrees to cancel the
Security he has already given and Substitute
Soucar Security in its stead.

5th Should there be any essential Failure in
the Crops, owing to the want of Rain or otherwise
it is agreed that a deduction be made, not from
the Current Charges, but from the 12 Lacks
stipulated to be paid to the public and private
Creditors, to the extent of the Injury the Company
may sustain, as shall be estimated and fixed
on by the Governor and Council.

12th

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12th The Company having been pleased to direct that a Treaty be formed with his Highness the Nabob, embracing some essential Points which cannot at present be ascertained, and as it is his Highness's Wish that the Treaty when concluded at Madras should be ratified by the Governor General and Council of Bengal, which would take up some time, and consequently prevent the orders of the Company regarding the assignment being carried immediately into Effect, the above Preliminary articles of agreement have therefore been entered into between His Highness the Nabob and the Governor and Council which are hereby declared to have all the Force of a Treaty — and as to what respects the 12 Lacks of Pagodas to be paid yearly on account of the Debt due to the Company and private Creditors an Instrument seperate from the Treaty to the effect abovementioned, shall be executed under the Seal and Signature of his Highness the Nabob.

13th The within Condition being first duly Signed and Sealed by the respective Parties the agreement of the December 1781 will be immediately returned to His Highness the Nabob, who is thereby restored to the Possession of, and full Exercise of Sovereignty over the Carnatic June 1785

(Signed) Alex. Davidson

by the Nabob

Witnesses (Signed)
J. Oakes
C. Truman
J. Chamier

The

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The Board expressing a wish that Districts more productive than those mentioned in the foregoing Paper should be named, & that the Number of Kists should be multiplied, the President observes that he has laboured ineffectually to Carry these Points but in order to try every mode, he proposes that His Highness Amer Ul Omrah be requested to meet the Board in Council on Monday Next, when another Conference with him may take place.

Proposition by the President in Consequence of an observation of the Board on the foregoing articles

This proposition being agreed to, the President is requested to Speak to His Highness the Amer Accordingly

President's Proposition agreed to.—

" Alex. Davidson

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" J. Daniell

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26.th Sent the undermentioned Letters for Stock
are entered on MSP. N.os 64. 65. 66.

To Captain James Oliver, directing
him to rent Captain Wickens House at
Pursewaul for the accommodation of the
Officers at the Consideration of 10 Pagodas
P Month.

To Captn James Oliver

To Mastr Depatation — informing them,
that the particular Consideration of their
Letter of the 11.th Inst. 19 & 20 instant is deferred,
and that M.r George Anderson has permis-
=sion to visit the Presidency.

To Mastr Depatation

To the Committee of assigned Revenue,
granting the allowances to M.r Andrews recom-
=mended by them.

To the Committee of assigned Revenue

At a Consultation Present

The Honble. Alexander Davidson Esq.re
President

Lieut.t General Roper

James Daniell Esq.r

Lieut.t General Sir John Dalling Bar.t

Monday the 27.th June 1785

Minutes of last Consultation
read and approved.

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# Fort St. George 27th June 1785.

The President delivers in the following Minute

## In Council 27th June 1785.

The President's Minute stating the Substance of his Conferences with the Nabob on the Conditions to be entered into by his Highness previous to the Surrender of the Assignment; & the terms to which he has brought his Highness to consent.—

The general Ground of Arrangement which I had settled with the Nabob through the Channel of his Son Ummeer Ul Omrah as stated in the Papers he produced in Council on Monday last, having met the unanimous Approbation of the Board it remained only to fix the Trusts and obtain a List of the Districts that were to be made over to the Company in case of failure in his Payments. From the exhausted State of our Finances it became an object of immediate Importance to urge the Nabob to make as early and large a Payment as possible, and to devide the remaining Trusts in the manner most adapted to our Situation in this View I proposed monthly Payments which could in some degree answer the Demands that would be made upon us, and judging likewise that the frequency of our Claims would best secure his punctuality

After Soliciting Turn upon

his

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This ground during three days, he absolutely refused his Consent, declaring that the Country was not so regularly productive as to allow him to fulfil such an Engagement — he objected for the same reason to six Lacks which afterwards he proposed as a means between his wishes and mine, and could not prevail on him to depart from the usual Custom of discharging the Payments in 3 Lacks — His proposal was to pay Pags. 165,000 in November 85. Pags. 545,000 in March 86 & Pags. 890,000 in July 1786. —

I represented this as totally inadequate and proposed how convenient to me a more favorable Settlement both as to the Periods and Amount of the Debt, and after repeated Conferences and Alterations of the Terms, he at last with much difficulty consented to pay. —

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| 1st Lack | 30th Sept. | 300,000. |
| 2d Do. | 31st January | 600,000. |
| 3d Do. | 15th July | 700,000. — |

I explained to the Honorable what our Situation was such as would require Advances of Cash between the Periods of the Debts, and begged that the Money might be paid into our Treasury

regularly as the Nabob received it from the Country, which he promised should be done, and that he would from time to time let me know what Sums of money might shortly be expected to come in, that we might regulate ourselves accordingly.—

At every Interview I had I observed to him the manner to Specify the particular Districts to be pledged for the regular Payment of the Trusts, he defered however giving me the List saying it was making out, and would soon be ready— I made it a pointed Request that he would fix on such parts of the Carnatic as were in the most flourishing State— which would be answering the Purposes of putting them under our Management the most effectually and in case the Company should find it necessary to recur to this Security that the balance would of course the more speedily be cleard off and the Country restored to him— He told me his father had fixed on certain Districts in the Arcot Province for that purpose— at which I expressed my Concern, observing that he had made Choice of those Countries which had chiefly felt the Ravages of War, and begged of him

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how to name the Zemendly Nellore or any other fertile Districts - that as Coud be have no Doubt of his Intention faithfully to perform the Engagements he had entered into, he would see there was no more Risk in pledging a rich Country than a barren one, that it would do him more honor & the Company be better pleased with it - On his Part also he was immoveable It was he said his father's fixed Resolution, not to Subject the Countries - & had named to the Chance of being made over to us, expressing his Apprehension that they might ultimately be required as Sagheers - that the Company had left the Choice to himself and that it would be a great Disgrace, after consenting to hard Conditions to give his best and richest Districts as Security - that those he had mentioned had been estimated at and were equal to Six Lacks of Pagodas P.r Annum and if more should be necessary he had bound himself by the 10.th Article of the Agreement to make good the Deficiency by pledging a further Portion of Country - on the 24.th he delivered the list of the Districts, and it was read in Council the next morning Have

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I have entered into this detail to shew that I could not with the most strenuous and repeated Solicitation, obtain better Terms - I wish the Board may be able to prevail on the Honble when he meets them this day in Council, to make an alteration on these two Points, but from the difficulties he made in consenting to the present Settlement in regard to the Rents, and the Steadiness with which he adhered to the Resolution of governing other Countries than those he has mentioned I fear every further attempt will be fruitless.

Nothing can more fully evince the Determination of the Company to give back the Assignment to the Nabob than that the strong Remonstrances from this Government against it, have been entirely disregarded - the great and urgent Distress we are in for want of pecuniary aid, has I hope, warranted our retaining it till we should receive the orders of the Governor General and Council on whom we could alone rely for the means

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Means of support in case of an unconditional
Surrender, or until we should obtain some
more substantial Security than that of
Soucars which had been mentioned —

The Nabob has however been
prevailed on to substitute Land Security
for Deficiencies in Payment on the whole
16 Lacks of Pagodas — His forgoing on those
Districts which are least valuable may
carry the appearance of wishing to evade
the performance of his Engagements, but it
should I think rather be considered as the
effect of weakness and shortsighted
Policy — since this Stipulated that other
Districts must be made over in case of
Deficiency on those he has already fixed
on. —

The Honble Colonel of the
Conferences, repeated the words of his
Father's Letter of 12th Instant on the Subject
of Security — the Carnatic he said always
remained as a general and permanent
Security for what he offered, himself the
Sovereign, and resting on it — However
from the Position the Company have
cautiously and with great regard to the
Feelings

fixing

repeated

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Feelings of the Nabob directed that Specific Territory shall be named as Security, and thus by making it a Condition before Land taken from him all cause to complain or he otherwise would do of an act of unprecedented Violence.—

The Concessions His Highness has made are greater Purchases than could have been expected— and more than we were instructed to demand— He has bound himself to perform all that is required by the Treaty, provided Security for the performance of his Engagements to his public and private Creditors, and thereby removed every Ground of Difficulty that stood on the way of surrendering the Assignments

(Signed) Alexr. Davidson

The President lays before the Board an Account of the values of the Districts on the Arcot Province which are to be assigned to the Company in case of a failure on the part of the Nabob on the payment of his Visits— This Account is furnished by the President of the Committee of Assigned Revenue.—

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The President lays
before the Board an
Account of the Value
of the Districts in
the Arcot Province
to be assigned to
the Company in
Case of a Failure
on his Highness's
Engagements

1780. Fort St. George 27th June 1785.

Previous to the Arrival of His
Highness the Ameer who has promised to
attend the Board, agreably to the
Resolution of the 25th Instant, The President
proposes that the Board should fix upon
the Questions to be
put to the Ameer
on his Arrival.

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The Matter having considered,
It is Agreed that His Highness the Ameer
be desired to inform Government whether
the Nabob, his Father will consent to
encrease the number of his Suits, whether
he will make them monthly, or whether
he will consent that the Principal
Payment

The Questions resolved on

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Payments should be made in the Month of March, when the principal Coss is exhibited also whether he will assign Sortile, produce some Countries and Land of more he has named in the Province of Arcot.

Gen.l Sloper's additional

General Sloper proposes that the following Paragraph be added to the 10th Article of the Preliminary Agreement

" The Lascar Security for the

Paragraph to the Preliminary Articles

" 12 Lacks on the Arcot Districts is accepted
" upon a full Conviction that Lascar Security
" is not valid; but should the Bengal Govern=
" ment judge that the Lascar Security should
" be taken in preference to it, the Nabob
" agrees to cancel the Security he has already
" given, and substitute Lascar Security in
" its stead."

The Board approve the foregoing foregoing

Approved of

Paragraph & it is agreed that it be recommended to the Nabob for Insertion

The Amcer arrives

His Highness the Ameer being arrived & visited the President states the foregoing Queries to him.

The Ameer's Reply to the Questions sent to him by the President

In answer to the Queries proposed His Highness the Ameer begs leave to observe, that after all which has been done by his Highness the Nabob, he is much

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much surprized that the Council should still press hard upon him, that the Nabob to shew his readiness to gratify Government voluntarily proposed the same Security for the 12 Lacks which the Company had so particularly stipulated for his Highness's Proportion of the Current Charges, and considering that it would be very agreable to them, that the Land Security which they directed this Government to take for the abovementioned Proportion & the future Charges should extend also to the 12 Lacks in which they had so Considerable a share he had proposed Districts for the whole 16 Lacks - after having thus done even more than the Company could expect His Highness the Nabob hopes that his Father will not be further pressed & as death if the Nabob could have consented to unwillingly the Heirs he should have acquiesced when so warmly urged for several days on that head by the President, but that it was impossible for as there was by the immemorial Custom of the Nabobs Government only 2 Heirs fixed with the Renters, he must adopt his Payments to the Company accordingly His Highness-

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The Answer concludes by assuring the Board that his Father has Commissioned him to say, that he had acquiesced in every thing in the utmost of his Power—

The Answer agrees to General Kopers additional Paragraph—

With respect to the concluding Paragraph proposed by General Kopper & approved by the Board to be added to the 10th Article he has not the least objection to it's Insertion.—

The Articles of Agreement resolved on

His Highness the Answer having withdrawn and his answer to the Queries proposed being considered, the Board are of Opinion that there is not any probability of the Nabob's according to better terms than those already proposed without a delay which ought to be considered as unjustifiable from the Spirit of the General Letter & might deprive the Nabob of the Power of making all the necessary arrangements previous to the setting in of the rains, for the benefit of the ensuing Season. It is therefore Agreed that the Articles be engrossed, & prepared immediately for Signature.— Resolved that the President be desired to Surrender to the Nabob the Agreement of the 2d Decemr 1785 tomorrow

The President to surrender the Agreemt to morrow, & procure His Highness's Signature

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Signature to the Articles of Agreement

at Noon after which he will procure His Highness's Signature to the Preliminary Articles of Agreement

Read two Letters entered in M.B:
from Colonel Elphinston, & Capt.n Lord
Will.m Murray N.o 67. 68.

from Col: Elphinston dated 26th

from Col: Elphins= =tone

Instant enclosing the Engineers Estimate & Acct for Repairs necessary to the Quarters at that Cantonment amounting to Rupees 187. 36.-

Agreed that a Letter be written

Minute thereon

to Col: Elphinston desiring him to direct the Repairs to be made agreably to the above Estimate

from Lord William Murray dated 27th June, enclosing Extracts of the Compan.s orders respecting Lieut Creyghtons payment of the Arrears of his Gratuity amounting to Rupees 168.. 30.-

from Lord William Murray.-

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page

Minute thereon

Ordered that the above Gratuity be discharged.-

" Alex Davidson

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" J. Darville

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1785 Port St. George June 1/85

28th Received the following Letter.—

To John Chamier Esqr

Secretary to the Military & Political

Department

Port St. George

Sir,

I have been favored with your letter of the 18th Instant, and shall embrace the first opportunity of submitting the observations which the Hon.ble Board have been pleased to pass on my several representations.—

Animated by their express declaration to support me in any plan of liquidating the Southern arrears and enabled to satisfy the immediate expectations of the troops, by the credit given me on the Resident of Tanjore, I beg you to assure the Hon.ble President &c. that I shall continue my exertions for the public service and hope in the event of my Journey to Tinnevelly to provide a sufficient Sum for another payment of Arrears on the Month of August, Contineing the issues for the Current Pay on the mean time. These expectations are derived from the large Sums due from the Tinnevelly Renters during the Month of July August & Sept.r, arising from a Revenue of

from Mr Lewin
recommends that
Clause be inserted
in the Surrender
of the Assignment
by which the
Company may
retain their
Authority over
the Provinces of
Madura & Tinne-
velly till October
next. Reports the
views of the
Renters of those
Countries to the
recommendation
(we) for a Continu-
ance in their
respective Farms;
and states his
Opinion of the
Difficulties and
Disappointments
to be apprehended
from a Change
of Government & Authority
in the Countries
under his Manage-
ment.—

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28th of Pagoda's 1194, but by the tenor of their Sowkar, not payable before that Period, as the Company are undoubtedly entitled to all the Revenue of 1194, & as the object is too considerable to be endangered or called in question, I am sanguine enough to suppose that by a Clause in the Surrender of the Assignment, whenever that may take place, the Company's authority may remain undivided until October, on the Provinces of Madura & Tinnevelly I beg leave to remark, that these Revenues being now modelled by me, with the Approbation of Government, are on a different footing from any other under the Assignment, & as the Visits for 1195 do not commence before October, little inconvenience could arise to the Nabob from such a delay; particularly as the Renters in question are responsible & regular Paymasters, & will I trust be confirmed by his Highness agreeably to the interposition of the Honble Court of Directors on their behalf.

And here I must take occasion to distinguish the answer of the Renters of Madura & Tinnevelly, to the recommendation offered them by the President to the Nabob, for a continuance in their respective Farms; which you will oblige

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28th alleged me by laying before the board the
Renter of Madura writes thus Through M.r
Lavie -

Vencat Row desires me to inform
you, that he is ready to execute the Sunnud of
his Mutchulka, under the management
of the Nabob, the same as under the Company,
from the reliance he places on the Company's
protection, & the justice he expects from their
hands. He begs I will mention his expectations
that he may not be subject to any encrease
of Rent from his Highness, or to any other
terms, than those already made between him
& the Company; & that his Highness will
allow him to settle his Accounts with the
Company for the three first years, & be
satisfied with such an adjustment. That
he will then chearfully look forward to the
prosperity of the Country, & to those advanta-
ges that must arise from its flourishing
Situation; & which he justly claims as the
reward of his labours & industry, on the former
part of his lease."

The twelve Renters of Tinnevelly
reply in a like manner to the same effect, through
M.r Sanderley, except that they flatter
themselves

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28th Thereby to hold their farms for the unexpired year of the Lease under their Company Cowle, Shee accountable to the Nabob.

Nor do I therefore Sir, to express my anxious wishes, that the Prayer of their Petition may be complied with. For with scarce an exception, I will venture to pronounce that such a set of Renters are not to be found in the Extensive dominions the experience of two years is sufficient, I hope, to establish this fact, & my good will for the Nabob, & my solicitude for the interests of my Employers, & the welfare of the Worthy Empire in India, occasion this forwardness in me, to do justice to their merits & to claim the reward so confessedly their due Besides, that I may have to recall to the attention of the Honble Board, that those are the Men, who brought forward proposals to the Right Honble President last year, for renting them Several farms for 5 Years to come, when their leases were expired, & an advance of 20 P Cent on the present Rents a Proposal, indeed, which many adventurers may make, but which few besides themselves, could be trusted to perform.

Under this conviction, Sir, and Under

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28th under the instruction of the duties of my
extensive Charge I cannot but dread the
consequences of a different System, and
propagation the insufficiency of my
endeavors, to save the Balances on the
Countries from the grasp of a new authority
I have discharged my conscience in
apprizing any Superiors of the different lines
& disappointments to be apprehended
on any department, leaving to their better
judgement and ability to obviate or
remove them. — I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obed. Servant

(Signed) Eyles Irvine

Tanjore
24th June 1785

To the Honble Alexander Davidson

President and Governor &c. Council of

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

In consequence of the orders
of your Honble Board to the late President
dated the 8th September 1784 enclosing
a Copy of a memorial addressed to the
Honble

charge

Resident

from the President
Tanjore advising
this having made
application to the
Rajah to consent
to some Adjustment
of Mr. Sheller's
claims & relating
the Rajahs answer
thereto. —

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28th Hon'ble Court of Directors by Mr. Gabriel Mullen with an extract from their orders of the 10th Septem. 1783 I have made application to the Rajah, and endeavoured to prevail on him to consent to some agreement of the Claims set forth in the memorial, but hitherto without success.

The facts stated therein have been fully explained and urged to both the Rajah and his ministers who in answer positively deny the truth of them in as far as they assert the delivery of Mr. Mullen's Grain, on the grain of any other individual to the Circars with respect to any grain that might have been urged by the Company's Peishcars at the period of the Nabob's being dispossessed of the Country, his excellency said he could not think himself accountable for such Grain unless it had been delivered to him, or the amount of it carried to his Credit by the Company, or either of those cases, the fact would appear on the Company's Accounts or in those of the Circars. The Rajah added that during these ten years he had been frequently applied to in favor

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28th favor of those Claims and of others equally void of foundation, since it was well known that when her Country was overrun to them she received nothing with it, either of the property of others or of that which to an immense amount had been taken from herself by the Nabob.

The above answer affording no prospect of the Rajahs acknowledging the Claims in question I addressed a Letter to Mr. Lambellais formerly Stockwell the person mentioned by Mr. Moodler as being jointly interested with him in one of the Grain purchases acquainting him of the Rajahs absolute denial of the facts stated in the memorial, & requesting him to point out, or to send to me any person, or persons who could give Testimony or information concerning them — Mr. Lambellais has written to me in reply that he will in a few days send me some Papers from Tranquebar, together with sufficient evidences to prove the justice of her demand should she make good this assurance, I shall not fail to renew

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2d. renew the Subject with the Rajah and represent to him the necessity of his making Compensation to both the Parties aggrieved

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Sir
Your Faithfull
Humble Servant
(Signed) J Hudleston

Tanjore
16th June 1785

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.
President & Governor &c Council of
Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

In answer to my reference to the demand of the deputy Paymaster of his Majestys Troops for the allowance of Roundage, broken periods, Captains non effective allowances, & paymasters & Surgeons Stoppages your honor &c directed me through M. Secretary Chamier to comply with the said Demand, and I should have done so immediately but for the difficulty of procuring Pagodas which has occasioned an unavoidable delay

From the Resident of Tanjore enclosing his Correspondence with the Kings Paymaster General on the Subject of the Claim made by him on the Company on account of his Majestys 7th Regt. for Roundage &c &c and advising of his having hesitated on the payment of it being dubious of its Propriety.

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28th In the mean time having reflected further on the nature of the demand in question, and having a under stood that Stoppages are made from the pay or Subsistence of the men for the Articles above described it occurred to me as a Matter of Doubt whether the said Stoppages might not have been allowed for & therefore in effect already made good by the Company, in the Sum paid monthly to his Majesty's Troops under the denomination of Gratuity by an order as is stated in our Military regulations "to make their pay on a level with that of the Company's"

I was no means however sufficiently confident as to the ground of this doubt to trouble your Honor & the with a reference of it upon my own Judgment singly and therefore communicated what has occurred to me to the deputy Military Paymaster General at the Presidency, and requested the favor of his opinion which there would be ample time to receive before a number of Pagodas could be procured sufficient to discharge the

amount

1794. Fort St George June 1785

28th Amount of the Boundage &c with the two Months Deductions which will be due the 25th Instant & the Interval Mr Burke's called upon me for both, and a Correspondence between us ensued which I have the honor to forward on the enclosed Papers from No 1 to No 6 inclusive — as after giving the utmost attention to the Arguments urged by Mr Burke any doubt respecting the Demand upon the Company for Boundage &c still remains, I deem it my duty to submit it to your consideration especially as my error should I prove to have been in one can be attended with no disadvantage to the public Service.

With respect to General Stuarts Regulations which I am aware had, as Mr Burke observes the Sanction of Government they do not appear to me to affect the point in question. The mode & proportion of Gratuity to be paid to the Troops which Mr Burke mentions as having been directed by that Office were taken verbation from the Company's established military regulation the declared Intention of the Company on allowing that Gratuity was that his Majesty's & the Company's Troops should be on a level in respect to pay — The Question therefore I humbly con-

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ceive

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28th conceived to be whether or not, the Gratuity allowed and made use of, for the Deduction from the pay of the Kings Troops occasioned by the stoppage for Poundage & Servants of the answer be in the affirmative & the demand for poundage &c be nevertheless complied with the Kings Troops would on that case receive more than the Company's by the amount of those stoppages.

Since writing the above Mr. Burke has mentioned to me in conversation that every Regiment of his Majesty's Troops on the Coast would about this time receive the Amount of Poundage &c the 73d Regiment only excepted, and that he was apprehensive there would be some disturbance in consequence your Honor &c will perceive by the enclosures No. 4, 5, that I offered to advance Mr. Burke the amount of the Poundage if any not doing so would be attended with any embarrassment, or inconvenience to him and that he in very obliging terms declined that offer but in consequence of the Intimation from Mr. Burke above stated I have written to him that I am ready to pay him

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28th Inst immediately the whole amount of his demand for Poundage &c. rather than risk the smallest Inconvenience to his Majestys Service, and that I shall content myself with Submitting to your Honor &c. what has occurred to me upon the Subject & requesting your orders for my future guidance; copy of the Letter is added to, and makes the 7th Number of the enclosures.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your faithful & obed.t

Servant

(Signed) J. Huddleston

Tanjore
23d June 1785

N.B. The Enclosures mentioned in the preceding Letter are entered on this. M.B. N.s 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75.

Sent the following Letter.—

To Charles Oakely Esqr.

&c. &c. &c. Members of the Committee of Assigned Revenue

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Presid.t

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue relating to the Inquiries of the

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Assignments in obedience to orders from England — Underletting them to notify the same to the Nabob

B^h President & Council to inform you that the Deed of the 2^d Decem.^r 1784 by which the Nabob assigned his Countries to the late R.^t Honble President, was this day surrendered to His Highness in obedience to the Orders of the Court of Directors.

You will be pleased therefore immediately to notify to the Amildars &c.^a the restoration of the Nabobs authority over the Carnatick.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) S. Charnier
Secry

Fort St. George
B.^h June 1785

N.B.
The same to Dykes Irwin Esq.^r
Superintendant &c.^a
at Tanjore

To Charles Oakeley Esq.^r
&c.^a Committee of Assigned Revenue.

Gentlemen

In the former of
Assigned Revenue
covering Copy of
a Preliminary
Articles between
the Government &
the Nabob in

I informed you yesterday
by

1798. Fort St. George June 1785

Consequence of the Surrender of the Assignment; & informing them that their allowances are to cease from the fifth of July

29th by order of the Board that the Deed of Assignment of the Nabobs Country had been Surrendered to him

I now enclose Copy of the Preliminary articles of Agreement signed by His Highness, after the Deed of Assignment was delivered to him— These Articles will exactly ascertain the line to be adopted by you respecting the Renters, & will give you every information on the Subject.—

The Board will consider you entitled to your allowances until the 5th July after which they are to cease you are notwithstanding to continue to Meet as a Committee until the Accounts are Ballanced & every thing pertaining to your Charge fully arranged.—

I am Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) S. Chamier
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Fort St. George
29th June 1785

NB a Letter to the same Purport was written to Mr. Irwin.—

Recd

1799 Fort St George June 1785.

29th Recorded the undermentioned Letters
entered in M.B. Nos 76. 77. 78. 79. 80.-

From the Commandant of Vellore,
from Col: Nixon dated 3d June enclosing a Letter to Govern-
-ment from the remaining Prisoners at
Bangalore, setting forth their deplorable
Situation from the rigorous Treatment exer-
-cised over them, and requesting that every
exertion may be used to procure their Releas-
-ment.

From the Chief Engineer dated 25th
June enclosing Letter from Lieut. Heiselbach,
from the Chief accompanying his Survey of the Ground
Engineer thought proper for a Road to the Pagoda
of Ranjana with his Bill for Batta while
on that Service.

From Mr Sadlier, dated at Rajamundry
from Mr Sadlier 21st June enclosing two Letters from Poonah
also Paper of Intelligence, advising of an
Engagement between Tippoo Sultaun & the
Marattas.

From Col: Ross, dated 27th June enclos-
from Chief Engineer -ing Estimate of the expence to be incurred
in finishing the Gallerie, amounting to
Pagodas 2860 18 38.-

From Commodore Hughes, dated 27th
from Commodore June, advising of his having ordered the
Hughes- Cygnet to proceed to Masulipatam for
Troops

1800 Fort St. George June 1785

29th Troops on the Requisition of Government.

In Consequence of the foregoing Letter
to Masulipatam
were dispatched to Masulipatam Vide
MSS. Sec. 81 & 82 directing them to order
80 Men of His Majesty's 73d Regt at Ellore
to proceed to Masulipatam to be embarked
on the Cygnet for the Presidency and
the Remainder of the Detachment to
march to Arcot

Sent the undermentioned Letter pointed
in MSS. Sec. 83

to Col. Wellesley To Colonel Wellesley directing the
Execution of the Reports to the Quarter M
an Arcot agreeably to our enclosed Estimate
of the Engineer.

Recorded the following Letter

To John Shore Esq.
Secretary to the Military & Political
from Mr. Sec. Webbe. Department
the sum of 12000
Pags will be
kept in readiness
for Mr. Dawson
agreable to the
order of Govt.
— has paid to Mr.
Burke the full
Amount of this Warrant
Ten Pagodas Vizt. Sir,

I request you will be so
good as to inform the Nizam's Board that
I have been honored with the receipt of
their order signified in your Letter of the

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29th the 18th Instant; and have in consequence
dispatched Mr Swan that he may receive
upon assistance from me the amount
of 12,000 Pagodas which Sum will be held
in readiness to be paid to his order.

I request also the favor of you
to inform the Honble the President and
Council that on the 23d Instant I have sent Mr Burke
the full amount of his demand for
Bandage &c Cuny £2216. 19. 10. or Star
Pagodas 5542. 20. 10.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most humble Servant
(Signed) J Huddleston

Tanjore
25th June 1785

(Translation)

To the Honble. Alexander Davidson Esq.
President &c Council.
of Fort S.t George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to offer
our Sentiments of Congratulation to Mr.
Davidson, who, we understand, has
Succeeded

from Pallecat
expressing their
astonishment at
receiving no reply
to their two last
Letters.

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29th Succeeded to the Government of Fort St George.

Sirs with the utmost astonish-
-ment we perceive your Honors are making
no Preparation for returning to us the
Places on this Coast granted by Sevaji,
nor are we Less surprized at your silence—
We have written your two Letters under
Date the 20th Ulto, and 13th Instant,
on that Subject, but you have not replied
to them, nor communicated to us any part of
your Reasons for withholding us from
those Possessions—

We have to observe that so
strange a Procedure cannot fail of
being noticed by our Superiors,— the regard
due to the Stations we fill, compels us peremp-
-torily to insist on the immediate execution
of the Definitive Treaty, or a communication
of your Sentiments if to the contrary—
The Duty we owe to ourselves and to our
Constituents, renders it necessary to remove
by every exertion in our Power, any Instance
from to the Accomplishment of the Object
of our Mission— We have the Honor to be

Sirs

Your Honble Sirs & Sons

Your very obedt Humble Servants

(Signed) W. Blackburn
J. Madan
J. Lindsay
W. Hollond

Pulicat
28th June 1785.

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To John Chamier Esqr

Military Secretary

Sir

From the Deputy Judge Advocate requesting Copies of all Papers and Proceedings relating to the appointments of Lt. Gen.l Lang & Brig.r General Horne. -

I am directed by the President and Members of the Court Martial to request you will order to be laid before them a copy of all Orders of the General Letters received by this Government from the Court of Direction that on any way relate to the appointments of Lieut. Gen.l Lang and Brig.r General Horne. -

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) S. Auchmuty

Judge Advocate

Fort St. George

30th June 1785

Sent the following Answer. -

To Lieut. Samuel Auchmuty.

Deputy Judge Advocate

Sir

In consequence of your application to me for Copies of such Parts of the Gl. Lang accounts by this Government from the Court of Directors that

To the Deputy Judge Advocate enclosing herewith Copies of the Papers required by the Court. -

general letters

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30th on any way relate to the Appointments
of Lt. General Lang & Mr. General Horne—
I have now the honor to send you an
Extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors
in which the Appointment of Lt. General
Lang is Confirmed, & another in which
they advert to the necessity under which
they felt themselves of appointing one of His
Majestys Officers Commander in Chief
on this Coast, & express their attention
to Lt. General Langs peculiar Situation

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) J. Chamier
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Fort St. George
30th. June 1785.

July — 1st Sent the undermentioned Letters & Extracts
are entered in the M. B. for the Month
of July Nos. 1, 2, 3/—

To Mr Benfield — To Mr. Benfield permitting him to
proceed to Bengal for the re-establishment
of his health and directing him to deliver
over the Office of Paymaster of Pennacoil
to the Paymaster at Chinglepet

To Mr Lance — To the Paymaster of Chinglepet
directing

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To directing Lord and Fullarton to pay the Garrison of Permacoil.

To Masulipatam, informing them that the Charges against Lieut. Macalister are to be brought by their Board.

Received Letter from Col. Reynbold entered in M.B. No 4 requesting that the Hanoverian Regiments serving in India may have their regular Leave of Duty as the Majesty's other Regiments and enjoy the Benefits arising from a better Situation than Madras, where no Batta or other allowance is granted.—

Masulipatam

Col. Reynbold.

At a Consultation, Present

The Honble Alex.r Davidson Esq.re President

Lieut. General Sloper

James Daniell Esq.r

Lt. Gen.l Sir John Dalling mid.r foter

Minutes of last Consultation

read & approved.

The President reports to the Board, that agreeably to their directions, he waited upon Seir Highness the Nabob attended by the Secretaries the day before yesterday.

Friday 1st July 1785.

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yesterday, I restored to His Highness on
his Durbar, the Deed of Assignment of
the 2d December 1781 — The Nabob immedi-
=ately after signed together with the
President two Copies of the Preliminary
Articles of Agreement entered on the Minutes
of the 25th Ultimo — ordered that one of the
Copies be deposited in the Cash Chest

The President informs the Board of his having surrendered the Assignment

The following Letter drafted yesterday for Bengal is now ordered to be dispatched

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

To Bengal; advising them of the Surrender of the Assignment and of the conditions upon which it was effected; subject to their Approval.

Gentlemen

We did ourselves the honor to address you under date the 18th June duplicate of which, with the several Papers is enclosed.

We have now the honor to inform you that the Deed of the 2d Dec.r 1781 by which the Nabob assigned his Countries to Lord Macartney, was yesterday surrendered to His Highness by our President agreeably to the orders of the Court of Directors.

&c

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In our Letter of the 18th Instant
We informed you that "We should hold it
"a criminal breach of Duty to part with
"that vital Strength of the Deed of Assignment
"on which our all depended until some
"Specific & binding Engagement should
"be entered into with the Nabob
In order to carry this determi-
-nation into Effect our President had
frequent personal interviews with the Nabob &
reported to us the result in his Minute
of the 27th Instant Copy of which We
beg leave to enclose as it details an
Account of the Presidents negociations at
the Durbar previous to the Surrender
of the Deed of Assignment - From this
minute you will observe that he proceeded
the Nabob assent to certain Stipulations
which are approved & which are contained
in the Preliminary articles of Agreement
Copy of which are now enclosed - These
Articles were signed by His Highness & our
President immediately after the Surrender
of the Deed of Assignment, & will, we
flatter ourselves, be honored with your
Approbation, since they will be found
to contain better Terms of the 12 Lacks to be
paid

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Stand by His Highness to the Company and
to his private Creditors, than the Court of
Directors themselves prescribed — Let
however, every contrary to our expectations
lyon should Judge the Loucan Security
prescribed by the Company, preferable
to that which we have accepted, subject
to your Approbation, you will perceive
by the 10th Article of His Highness's Agreement,
that he has engaged to substitute the
Loucan Security in its stead but impressed
as we are with Acknowledge of the great
insufficiency of the Loucan Security in
this Coast and the risk which in own
person would attend the property of the
Creditors by an acceptance of it, not to
mention the Additional Expence which
the Nabob must incur, if the Revenues
of the Carnatic should unnecessarily
pass thro' the hands of the Loucans into
the Company's Treasury, we have proposed
the latter Security offered by his Highness
till your pleasure may be communicated
to us. —

We trust our Arrangements with
the Nabob will meet to the very extent which

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which could be expected after the surrender
of the Assignment, yet with this assistance
even regularly afforded, our resources
must prove very inadequate to the
heavy charges with which we are burth=
=ened.— Since the Company on their
late Order for surrendering the Assignment
have made no kind of provision on
Majesty's Troops serving on this Coast
which we must now consider as forming
part of our own Military Peace Estar
=blishment and of course we must be
include it in our Current Charges— In
case of Emergency We have been alle
to compromise with the Company's Troops
who have been contended to receive part
of their allowances, but We apprehend
such a measure would not be practi=
=cable with the Kings Forces Upon
this idea We beg leave to propose to
you the expediency of reserving applie=
=cations from the Kings Paymaster to
your Presidency, or We would submit
to you the propriety in Failure of
Remittance

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Remittance of allowing us a certain monthly
Credit on you to enable us to comply
with the Indents of Cash on account of
His Majesty's Regiments

Until We have some Incum-
-ary Relief from you it will be impossible
for us to make any allowance for an
Investment, Unless you are pleased soon
to afford us assistance, We shall be reduced
to the necessity (as we have in a former
Letter dated 29th March stated to you)
of disbanding part of our Army, as the
only means remaining of bringing our
Expences within the compass of our Receipts

We beg leave to inclose Copy
of a letter addressed to us by the Commdtee
of Assigned Revenues containing their
grateful Sense of the Approbation
which you have signified of their
Conduct

We also inclose Duplicate
of our Dispatches to the Court of Directors
by the Gratton, which We request you
will be pleased to forward under the
Care of Lord Macartney or in case of his
Departure by the first Conveyance to

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Europe

We have been honored with the
receipt of your two Letters of the 26th Ulto
to which We shall pay due attention

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt Servants
(Signed) Alexr Davidson &c
Council

Fort St. George
30th June 1785

General Stepen begs leave to enter the
following Minute, containing his observa-
tions on the foregoing Letter.

Minute 1st July 1785

Gen.l Stepen's Minute containing Observations on the preceding Letter.

With a full conviction of the highly meritorious conduct of the Honble Companies Troops employed on the late expedition, that on cases of emergency there is no inconvenience, difficulty or hazard that His Majesty's Troops would not undergo for the service of the State. I do not see any necessity of referring applications from the Presidency Paymaster to the Presidency of Bengal in the first instance, I conceive the Bengal Government

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Government to have its pecuniaries difficulties as well as this Presidency & therefore that Resources may be found here, at least our Situation greatly amended by following what I mean as the System of the Bengal Government close attention to reform and the institution of a judicious Economy in every Department

(Signed) R.t Sloper.

The President proposing that a Duplicate of the Letter to Bengal of the 18.th Ult.o be sent by the present Occasion, Mr. Daniell enter. the following Minute.

Minute 1st July 1785.

Mr. Daniell's Minute on forwarding a Duplicate to Bengal of the Letter of the 18th Inst.

Sam of Opinion that it is not necessary to send a duplicate of the Letter to Bengall of the 18.th Ult.o because it appears that the Original has been forwarded by Mistake, the Contents of it being in some degree rendered unnecessary by the presence of the Ameen on the part of his Highness the Nabob with proposals acceptable to the Board previous to the dispatch of that Letter.

(Signed) J. Daniell

General

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General Stephen begs leave to enter the following Minute. —

Minute 1st July 1785

General Stephen's Minute thereon

From the first I disapproved of the Original Letter to the Governor General and Council dated 18th June 1785 & after-wards understood the letter was not to be sent, but as it is gone, I have no objection to the duplicate being sent

(Signed) R. Stephen

The following Letter received from Bengal since last Consultation are now read, & entered

To the Right Honble Geo. L. Macartney KB President &c. Council, in their Political Department. —

From the Governor Genl. & Council, advising of the Probability of a Rupture between Sipsee and the Peishwa; & enclosing extract of a Letter to them from their Resident with Mahadjee Scindia and of their reply, on the Subject. —

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

We think proper to transmit to you enclosed an Extract of a Letter which we have lately received from Mr. Anderson our Resident with Mahajee Scindia in which we are advised of the great probability of a speedy Rupture between

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between the Maratta Government and Tippoo Saib and we are called upon to inform Scindia whether in conformity to the Treaty of Salbey we should offer our aid to the Marattas against Shah Nabob. We have the honor also to enclose an Extract of our answer to Mr. Anderson's Letter that your Lordship &c. may be guided by it in the event of your receiving any Letter from Tippoo Saheb that may make it necessary for you to explain the Intentions of the Company if Hostilities should be actually commenced between Tippoo and the Peshwa.—

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

Fort William
Secret Depart.
26th May 1785.

Extract of a Letter from Mr James Anderson Dated 10th May to the Honble the Governor General and Council —

"This Morning Aga Peace Punkah Came

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"came to me with a Message from Mahajee
"Sondia—The purport of it was that by accounts
"just received from Poonah it appeared that there
"was a great probability of a speedy Rupture
"between the Maratta Government and Tippoo
"who had of late conducted himself in a
"most insulting and oppressive manner that
"he had forcibly converted about 50000 Hindoos
"to the Mussulman faith, & that in particular
"at a Fort called Sungay on the borders of
"their territories near 2000 Brahmins of the
"Cast of Sunchar Sharey of whom many
"were Subjects of their Government to avoid
"this Evil, had put themselves to death; that
"he was likewise assembling large Bodies
"of troops near their frontiers, and that as
"from these circumstances they had every
"reason to apprehend the Hostility of his
"Intentions—He now begged to remind me of the
"articles of the Treaty of Salbey by which it
"was stipulated that the Friends & enemies
"of each were mutual and which he hoped
"we would fulfill in the Event of a Rupture
"with Tippoo by taking an active part in
"conjunction with them against him—He
"added that as he was sure of the co-operation
"of Nizam ally Cawn who was the Sirdar
"friend of the Peshwa he wished that a
Treaty

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"Treaty of offensive alliance might be concluded
"against Tippoo by the Company, the Peshwa
"and Nizam ally on the plan of the conditional
"Treaty executed by him and Mr. David
"Anderson in October 1783."

"At Sprague I rendered by the
"desire of Scindia frankly spoke to me the
"question whether we would adhere to the
"Treaty I thought it necessary to give him
"general assurances that Scindia might
"depend on our good faith and firm
"adherence to the obligations which we had
"contracted. In respect to an offensive alliance
"against Tippoo, I observed that it had not
"been our fault that we had not formerly
"taken place; but that the face of affairs
"being now much changed I could only
"make no reply to this Proposition but that
"I would not fail to state the whole to you."

"He suggested reasons to imagine
"that if hostilities should be actually
"commenced between Tippoo and the Marattas
"Scindia will call upon me for a decisive
"answer with respect to our intentions of
"assisting them or not I must beg leave to
"request that I may be honored with your
"Commands in regard to the language I am
"in such case to hold to him." (Extract)

(Signed) J. Hay

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Extract from a Letter from the Hon^ble the Governor Gen^l & Council to Lieut. James Anderson dated 26th May 1785.-

We have well and maturely considered that part of your address of the 11th instant in which you inform us that a message had been sent to you by Mahajee Scindia stating the probability of a speedy rupture between the Maratta Government and Tippoo Saib "reminding you of the "Article of the Treaty of Salbey by which it was "stipulated that the Friends & Enemies of each "were mutual" and expressing his hope that "we would fulfill it in the event of a rupture "with Tippoo by taking an active part in "connexion with them / the Mahattas / against "him. "You have further advised us that as "Scindia was aware of the co-operation of Nizam "Ally Cawn who was the firm friend of the Peshwa he wished that a Treaty of Offensive alliance might be concluded against Tippoo between the Company the Peshwa, and Nizam ally on the plan of the conditional Treaty executed by him & Mr David Anderson in October 1782 you add that having great reason to imagine that Hostilities should be actually commenced between Tippoo and the Marattas, Scindia would call upon you

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"yow for a direct answer with respect to our
intention of assisting them or not yow therefore
request our orders upon the Subject and wish
to be informed as to the language which yow are
that case to hold to him".

On a careful perusal of the Treaty
of Salbey we can find no Article therein
which stipulates that the friends and Enemies
of the Company and the Marattas State are
mutual: we agree in the 13th Article that we
will not afford assistance to any Nation
of Deccan and Hindostan at Enmity with
the Peshwa and it is stipulated in the 14th
that neither the English nor the Peshwa
will afford any kind assistance to the Enemies
of the other" our part of this Treaty has
been and will continue to be faithfully and
honorably adhered to, and yow may assure
Mahajee Sindia that should Hostilities
take place between the Peshwa and Tippoo
Saib we will not afford any kind of
assistance to Tippoo Saib a Treaty has
existed since the 11th March 1784 between
the Company & Tippoo Saib which stipu-
-lates in the fourth Article of it that the
English will not directly or indirectly
assist the Enemies of that Nabob yow
may at the same time inform Sindia
that

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That Tippoo has not as every respect fulfilled
the conditions of his late Treaty with us,
he has not yet delivered up all the English
who were in his Hands, and we have Com=
=plaints to make of his Barbarity to the
Marattas &c; we shall be glad to
receive any Applications that the Marattas
may have to make to us for strengthening
by means of the friendship already
subsisting between them and this Government.
That friendship as at present constituted
that on a general sense we might call
them Enemies our Enemies but a strict
Union or Alliance in war should be
defined and established in Special Engage=
=ments, Our Policy requires that we
should be guarded against entering without
necessity into offensive Alliances; But
if you may assure Sindia that independently
of all ties of Alliance we would never
permit regard to our Interest & the general
Security of all Indian powers to be Spectators
in any contest in which our late Enemy
in the Carnatic was likely to prove too
Successful against the Marattas.

If the Administration at
Poonah be determined to go seriously to War
with Tippoo they will make use of every
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ack to impress them with an Idea that we
meant to make with them in Hostility
against them, and as they would probably
conclude Peace with them whenever they
could do it to their own Advantage after
involving us in the dispute so we should
be cautious not to send it in Expectation
Power to charge us with unprovoked
Hostility in a violation of the Late
Treaty between them and the Company

A true Extract
(Signed) E Hay
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To the Right Honble Geo: Lord Macartney
President &c. Council at
Fort S.t George

From the Governor
General & Council
cannot authorize
this Government
to retain Publicat
until a satisfactory
arrangement can
be made for the
Discharge of the
Sums due for the
Maintenance
of Dutch Prisoners
because it would
be an Infraction
of the Treaty with
the States General.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

We have been honored by the
Receipt of your Letters of the 25th March &
3d Instant & we have received that of your
Right Hon.ble President bearing Date the
29th of last Month

We have much Satisfaction
in being informed that the Forts of Sonnea-
=mala & Ostenburg have been evacuated
by the French & delivered over to the Dutch
Commissaries

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Commissioners that nothing therefore remained unperformed by the French on your part of India to complete the Definitive Treaty.

Although the mode of which we found ourselves obliged to pursue for giving an early Effect to the Stipulations in that Treaty do not appear to have been favoured with your Application, we are happy to observe that it has been attended with all the Success which we could expect. The French & English Commissaries have put you in possession of Cuddalore & have removed a French Garrison from Tranquebar & put it on the possession of the Dutch there are Points which we reckon of real Importance to the British Interests in India, & such as ought not to have been left to distant & precarious adjustment in Europe. The United States of India are now convinced that we have effectually concluded Peace with France & Holland & they will therefore consider our arms for the Security of our Possessions in India more disengaged and in greater Force.

We trust that those Points are now adjusted which your Lordships &c.

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in your letter of the 8th March acquainted us remained to be settled, & that the Definitive Treaty with the Court of France is now accomplished in India in its manifest stipulations the points which we allude to are those relative to the Right claimed by the French to a small Barren Island in the River of Nagore & some fishing Puncahs of the Havilly Purgunnah & Castra of Waldore near Pondicherry as well as to the Exemption of Customs on the Northern Circars

We assure ourselves that as Trincomalee has been restored to the Dutch, a time has been fixed by your Lordship & the Chief Council of Columbo for effecting the mutual Cessions to be made on the part of his Britannic Majesty & the states General on the Coasts of Coromandel & Orixa.

We have considered the Question which you have submitted to us in your address of the 31st March relative to the Reimbursement of the Expences which the Company have incurred for maintaining Dutch Prisoners & the retaining Pulicat in your Hands until a satisfactory Arrangement can be made for the Discharge of this Debt, or until we shall receive

From

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Orders to you, to restore it without Delay.

We have Reasons to hope that we shall not have much Difficulty in obtaining Payment from the Dutch on these Provinces of the Expence that has been incurred here for maintaining the Dutch Prisoners, & we would recommend to your Lordship & to apply to the Chief & Council of Columbo or to the Government of Batavia for the Reimbursement of that which has been defrayed at your Presidency but we cannot authorize your detaining Pulicat or any other Place on your Hands until an Arrangement for this Purpose has been settled, because no Provision has been made for such Delay in the Treaty with the States General because we think that the Delay might be considered as an Infraction of it. We owe the Government of Batavia a considerable Sum for the Rice which has been supplied by them to your Presidency.—

We beg leave to request that you will cause the enclosed Letter to be forwarded to Pondicherry & Columbo & have the honor to be.—

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obt & Humble Servants

(Signed) John Macpherson
John Stables

Fort William
Foreign Depart
26th May 1785

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1824 Fort St George 4 July 1785.

The Governor General & Council having declined authorizing the Board to retain Pulicat or any other Dutch Settlement until a Satisfactory Arrangement can be made for the discharge of the Sums due for the maintenance of Dutch Prisoners as proposed to the Bengal Government in our Letter of the 31st March & it is agreed that Orders be issued for the immediate Restitution of all the Settlements possessed from the Dutch on this Coast.—

Memo the on the preceding Letter

as

Fred

Ordered that a Letter be written to the Chief & Council of Masulipatam directing them to desire Messrs Hamilton & Duff to restore to the Dutch Representatives the Factories of Tagguvancut Porcad & Pulicate—

Letters to be written for the Restoration of all the Dutch Possessions on this Coast, agreeable to Treaty.—

also a Letter to Vizagapatam directing the Gentlemen to restore Bimlipatam—Letters also to Messrs Lowndes Porteous, & Co Messrs Smith & Smith to make restitution of Pulicat.—

Read the following Letter & enclosure from Mr Secretary Freeman

To the Honble Alexr Dawdon Esqr

President & Governor &c Council of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr Secretary Freeman enclosing an Account of Cash paid to his Highness

Herewith I have the Honor to

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His Highness the Nabob on account of his 1/6 Share of the Revenues.

To Say before you an Account of the Sums paid to his Highness the Nabob from the Honble Company's Cash on Account of his 1/6th Share of the Revenues of the Countries assigned to the Honble Company by the Agreement of the 2d December 1781 amounting to Star Pags 4,73,500 and Madras Pagodas 16000 with the following Receipts passed by his Highness at different Periods for the same Sum

A Receipt for Sums paid to his Highness the Nabob to the 3d March 1783 amounting to - - - - - Star Pags 120,000

A Do - - Do from the 3d March 1783 to the 11th July 1783 amounting to 55000-

A Do Do from the 11th July 1783 to the 10th June 1784 amounting to M.P. 16000 & Pg 105,000

A Do - Do from the 10th June 1784 to the 13th Oct. 1784 amounting to - 50,000

A Do - Do from the 13th Oct. 1784 to the 19th May 1785 amounting to - 133,500

A Do - for so much paid to his Highness the 16th June 1785 - - - - - 10000

Total M.P. 16,000 & Pg 473,500

Fort St. George
30th June 1785

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt & faithfull humble Servant
(Signed) Chas. Freeman
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Account of Sums paid to His Highness the Nabob from the Honble Company's Cash on Account of his Highness's Share of the Revenues of the Countries assigned to the Honble Company by the Agreement bearing Date the 2d December 1784.

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| 1782 | | | | | | |
| April | 25th | Paid to his Highness the Nabob | | | 6000 | — |
| June | 3d | Do | — | Do | 5000 | — |
| | 28 | Do | — | Do | 5000 | — 10000 — |
| July | 3 | Do | — | Do | 3000 | — |
| | 22 | Do | — | Do | 5000 | — |
| | 25 | Do | — | Do | 6000 | — 14000 — |
| Augt | 6 | Do | — | Do | | 3000 — |
| Sept | 3d | Do | — | Do | 7000 | — |
| | 18th | Do | — | Do | 3000 | — |
| | 19 | Do | — | Do | 2000 | — 12000 — |
| Octr | 28 | Do | — | Do | | 5000 — |
| Novr | 20 | Do | — | Do | 5000 | — |
| | 25 | Do | — | Do | 5000 | — |
| | 26 | Do | — | Do | 10000 | — 20000 — |
| Decr | 1st | Do | — | Do | 20000 | — |
| | 6 | Do | — | Do | 10000 | — 30000 — |
| 1783 | | | | | | |
| January | 1 | Do | — | Do | 5000 | — |
| | 5 | Do | — | Do | 5000 | — 10000 — |
| February | 2d | Do | — | Do | | 5000 — |
| March | 3d | Do | — | Do | 5000 | — |
| | 4 | Do | — | Do | 5000 | — |
| | 16 | Do | — | Do | 5000 | — |
| April | 15th | Do | — | Do | 5000 | — 15000 — |
| May | 16th | Do | — | Do | | 5000 — |
| June | 7th | Do | — | Do | | 10000 — |
| | 20 | Do | — | Do | 5000 | — |
| | 30th | Do | — | Do | 5000 | — 15000 — |

Carr.d over Pagodas — 160,000 —

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Brought Over Pagoda — — 160,000 —

1783

July 9. Paid to his Highness the Nabob — 5000 —

11 Do. — Do. — 10,000 — 15000 —

Sept. 16th — Do. — Do. — 10000 —

Octr. 16 — Do. — Do. — 10000 —

30th — Do. — Do. — 10000 — 20000 —

Decr. 1 — Do. — Do. — 5000 —

20 — Do. — Do. — 5000 — 10000 —

1784

January 22d — Do. — Do. — 10000 —

February 4 — Do. — Do. — 10000 — 15000 —

14 — Do. — Do. — 5000 —

March 15th — Do. — Do. — 5000 —

18 — Do. — Do. — 10000 — 20000 —

27th — Do. — Do. m/s Pa. 16000 —

April 29 — Do. — Do. — 10000 —

May 20 — Do. — Do. — 10000 —

June 10 — Do. — Do. — 10000 —

July 24 — Do. — Do. — 10000 —

Augt. 17 — Do. — Do. — 10000 —

Sept. 9 — Do. — Do. — 10000 — 20000 —

25 — Do. — Do. — 10000 —

Octr. 13 — Do. — Do. — 10000 — 20000 —

27 — Do. — Do. — 10000 —

Novr. 17 — Do. — Do. — 10000 — 20000 —

24 — Do. — Do. — 10,000 —

Decr. 29 — Do. — Do. — 10,000 —

1785

January 7th — Do. — Do. — 10000 —

19 — Do. — Do. — 2500 —

February 12 — Do. — Do. — 10000 — 22000 —

16 — Do. — Do. — 10000 —

26 — Do. — Do. — 1500 — 11500 —

March 24 — Do. — Do. — 10000 —

28 — Do. — Do. — 10000 —

April 5th — Do. — Do. — 10000 —

13 — Do. — Do. — 10000 —

22d — Do. — Do. — 10000 — 40,000 —

30 — Do. — Carr. Over Pagodas 453,500 —

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Fort St. George 1st July 1785.—

Brot over Mss. Pag.s 16000 & M.rs Pag.s 453500.—

1785
May — 19th Paid his Highness the Nabob — — — 10000.—
June — 16 — Do — — — Do — — — — — 10000.—

Madras Pag.s 16000 & M.rs Pag.s 473500.—

Besides the above Sums by desire of his Highness Pag.s 150 were advanced on monthly on the Months of April & May making together the Sum of Pag.s 300. to his Dasoah at Tanjore through the Paymaster at Vellour Vouchers for which will appear among the Cash Vouchers.

Fort St. George 30th June 1785

Errors Excepted

(Signed) Chas. Freeman Jr. Secy

Ordered that the Receipts accompanying the foregoing Letter be lodged in the Cash Chest.

Read the following Letter from the Nabobs Creditors.—

To the Honble. Alexr. Davidson Esqr.

From the Nabobs Creditors with Expressions of Gratitude for the Honble Sir J. Lers

President and Governor &c. Council of Fort St. George

The pleasure and Command of

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liberal & interposition of their authority by taking the Property of the Creditors under their immediate Management & Protection

of the Court of Directors upon the Subject of the Nabob's debts, that is to say, the Consolidated Loan of 1767, the Cavalry Loan and the Consolidated Loan of 1777 as contained in Paragraphs 85 to Paragraph 104 of their Letter dated the 9th December 1784 having been published thereby your order dated 26th Ulto under the Signature of your Secretary; We the Creditors Representatives of Creditors or holding Interests in these Loans are impressed with the highest sense of the Consideration they have had for our past Difficulties and Distresses, and of their Justice, and Paternal regard for our Safety. In pursuance of the Commands of the Court of Directors we take the earliest occasion to express our entire Submission to, and Acquiescence in their Resolves; at the same time we are anxious to convey our Sentiments of gratitude for the very liberal interposition of their authority, and for the Security they have been pleased to afford us, by taking our property in those Loans under their immediate protection and Management; all which we sensibly feel in the Arrangements

They

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they have established between the Nabob
themselves, and us, as a certain Basis for
liquidating those Loans, in conjunction
with what may be due to themselves, on those
Arrangements we rely with grateful
Submission and assert unsolicit Confidence

We have the honor to Subscribe
ourselves

Fort St. George
1st July 1785

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your faithful & most
Obedient humble Servants
(Signed) Henry Alexander
John Young
for self & Constituents
Chas. Oakeley
for self & Constituents
Wm. Sydenham for
Constituents
Geo. Monbray for self &
Constituents
Pelling & du Pre
for themselves & Constituents
Rob. Bulman atty
to James Dodd Esqrs
Wm. Wynch.
Jno. Cuthbert one of the
Exrs to the Estate of Colo.
Parker Esqr. deceased
Chas. Macaulay
for self & Constituents

1831 Fort St. George 5th July 1785

(Signed) W.m H. Lorriamo
Attorney to Mr. Ann
Brickenden, as Executrix
to the Will of the late
Rich.d Brickenden Esq.r
Eccles Nixon
Edward Lourdan
Executor to the Estate
of Mr. Franc.s Lourdan
L. Bonnevaux for myself
& John Chamier Attd.g to John
Sybut, Samuel Johnson,
& the late L. Smith Esquires
L. D. Porchon for Constituents
Patrick Ross
Arch.d Brown
Executor of the late Col. Brown
Paul Benfield for self &
Constituents.—
Wm Balfour for Constt.s
Antonio de Souza for
self & all his Constituents
James Taylor Executor
to Reynold as known Decd
& James Taylor Executor
to George Mackay Decd
James Taylor
George Savage
Sal.l Call
} for ourselves & Constituents as Creditors
in the Debt of 1767 in the Enealing
Loan & the new consolidated Debt of 1777
as also Executor of Andrew Myendie deceased.—
George

1832 Fort St. George 8th July 1785

(Signed) George Savage Executor to the
Estate of Mrs. Mary Powney
Deceased
(Hissen Sung Muchanud)
(Ragunaud dos. Shaundos)
(Vullapah Lunda Dos)
(Gocul Dos Jeengah dus)
(Comarage Gauwan)
Lancah Ramah for Rich. Dighton
(Lagernaut Execut. to Stella=
=canbaaker)
Benjamin Mellenghamp for
St. Mary's Church
L. Popham for the Trustees of
Mrs. Lanes Johnson
Robt. Storey for self & Constituents
Annah Lawrey for self &
Constituents
P. Lawrey
Tho. Lewen for self & Constituents
James Call for St. P. Barbor
Edwd. Jno. Holland for self &
Constituents
Hissen dos Vergie dos
Chas. Bromley for himself in the
Deed of 1767 & the acon. for Debt
Deed of 1774

Chas.

1833 Fort S.t George 5.th July 1785.

(Signed) Charles Bromley as Attg.
Trustee for Sundry Persons
on the Old & new Consolidated
Debts.—
Doorvanesoola Jaggapah
Brammin

Ordered that the above be transmitted
to go a number to England a Number on the Packet by
in the next Packet the next Conveyance—
to England

Read the following Letter from
Messrs. Oakeley & Holland

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council of
Fort S.t George

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Messrs. Oakeley & Holland in relation to one Bond granted by the Nabob to the late Major Lyoaghh, which they request may be included in the Company's Provision for the Payment of his Highness's Debts.

As Trustees of the Settlement made between the late Major Lyoaghh and his Lady, we beg leave to inform you that we are in Possession of the following Bond of his Highness the Nabob.— One

and

1834 Fort St. George 5th July 1785

One Bond for Pags. Las 10,000 granted
in February 1777

One Dt. for ..... 9854 .. Dt.
One Do for ..... 800 .. Do
One Do for ..... 788 .. Do

21,442.

The Nabob having promised to pay
these Sums within a year after the date of
the Bonds it was not thought advisable
to consolidate them with the Debt of
1777 as that Arrangement promised so
very distant a Payment. His Highness
however not having discharged any
part of the said Bonds either principal
or Interest from that time to the present
Moment and the Company by their late
Order having made no provision for
the unconsolidated Debts previous to the
Nabobs Arrangement of 1777, We find
ourselves under the necessity of applying
to you in Behalf of our Court and we
make it our earnest request that those
Bonds may be included in the Company's
Provision for the Payment of His Highness
Debts, or if this cannot be done without
their express permission that you will
transmit a Copy of our Letter to the

Honble

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Honble Court of Directors by the first dispatch
and represent the Case to them in such
Manner as may procure the same Security
for this Money that has been extended to the
other Classes of the Nabobs Creditors.

We have the Honor to be
Fort St. George
25th June 1785.

Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants.
Signed Chas. Oakeley
Edw. John Holland

Agreed that Copy of the foregoing
be transmitted a Number in the next Packet
agreeably to the request of Messrs. Oakeley
& Holland.—

Read the following Letters, as
entered in the M.B. Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8.

Ltr a number in the next Packet to England

From the Committee of Assigned Revenue

From the Committee of Assigned Revenue dated 30th Ult. enclosing a Letter
from Mr. John Balfour with a Bill for
Rent of an Office from the 5th January 1782
to the 25th June 1783.—

Agreed that the same be allowed
& that the Committee of Assigned Revenue be
directed

Minute thereon

directed to discharge Mr. Balfour's Bill -

From Col. Floyd & Barry

From Col. Floyd, & From Lieut Col. Barry dated 18 & 27 Ult. inclosing Bills for Batta, while sitting as Presidents of Court Martials at the Presidency -

Minute thereon

As the Board know of any Precedent, or of any Order which would warrant the Payment of the above Bills, it is Agreed that they be communicated to the two Colonels & that they be informed that Government cannot for the above Reasons comply with their request.

From Mr. Paul Benfield

From Mr. Paul Benfield dated 25th June, requesting permission to proceed to Bengal on account of his Health & private affairs. -

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Benfield's request be granted, & that the Paymaster at Chingleput be directed to pay the Garrison of Pennacoolan Subsidy.

The President proposes that a short Letter be written to the Court of Directors to be forwarded Via Bussorah.

The President informs the Board that a Vessell will sail in a day or two for Bombay & Bussorah, & proposes that a short Letter be written by this Opportunity to the Court of Directors.

Agreed to

Ordered that the Secretary be directed to draft a Letter for England & for Bombay. -

" Alex. Davidson

"

" J. Daniell

"

1837 Fort St. George July 1785

2 Sent the following Letter to Batavia, viâ
Malacca & Britannia & Osterley Indiamen

To his Excellency W.A. Alting
Governor General & to the Gentlemen
of Council
at
Batavia

To Batavia Advising of the Ratification of the Definitive Treaty between Great Britain & the States General and inclosing a Copy of the Kings Proclamation thereon. —

Gentlemen,

We avail ourselves of the first opportunity of informing you that the Definitive Treaty between His Brittannick Majesty & the States General was Signed the 20th May 1784 — in consequence of which the inclosed Proclamation was published

furnished in London.

We beg leave to congratulate you on this happy Event, and to assure you that we shall on every occasion Cultivate that harmony, which cannot but be productive of the best effects to the Subjects of his Brittannick Majesty and to those of the States General. —

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We

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We have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Fort St. George

1st July 1785

Your most obedient and humble Servants

(signed) Alexr. Davidson &c.

Council

N.B. This Letter was sent under Cover to the Honble Van Braam Governor & Council at Malacca to whom a Copy was enclosed

Dispatched the following Letters

To the Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.

President & Governor

& Council

at Bombay

Gentlemen

To Bombay advising of the orders given by this Government for the Execution on this Coast of the definitive treaty between Great Britain & the States General

We have the honor to inform you that conformably to the directions contained in a Letter from the Governor General & Council dated the 26 may We have given Orders for the immediate restitution of all the Dutch Settlements upon this Coast - We request the favor of you to forward the enclosed Packet by the first overland dispatch for Europe -

We have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedt

humble Servants

(signed) Alexr. Davidson

& Council

Fort St. George

2d July 1785

To

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To William Blaauklamer
N. Tadama
J D Simons
M. Hoffenberg
} Esq.r

at Pulicate

To the Dutch at Pulicate informing them that orders have been given for the Restitution of all the Dutch Settlements on this Coast —

Gentlemen

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters dated 30th may, 13th & 22d ultimo

We have this day given directions for the restitution of all the Dutch Settlements / Negapatnam excepted / upon this Coast & We have appointed Captain Smith & Mr. Firth to restore the Factory of Pulicate to you

We request you will immediately delegate proper Persons to receive charge of the Settlements to the Northward of Pulicate

We have the honor to be

Gentlemen

your most obedient humble Servants

(signed) Alex.r Davidson
&c. Council

Fort S.t George
2.d July 1785

To

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To the Honble N. Vandr Graaf
Governor & to the Gentlemen
of Council
at Colombo

Gentlemen

To Colombo advising of the same

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 17th may 1785

We beg leave to inform you that We have given Orders for the Restitution of Tuticorin Pulicat Pulicole, Jaggernaickpooram & Bimlepatam to the respective Representatives of your Company who may be authorized to receive them

We take this opportunity of expressing the assurances of our wish to cultivate with you by every means in our power that friendship & harmony so conducive to the Interest of our respective Sovereigns & Employers.

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
your most Obedient & very
humble Servant
(signed) Alex. Davidson
Vr Council

Fort St George
2d July 1785

To

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To Anthony Sadlier Esqr.

Chief &c Council

at

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

I am commanded by the Board

To Masulipatam directing them to desire Mr. Hamilton to restore to the Dutch the Factory of Jaggernaickporam & Mr. Duff the Factory of Policole, a Copy of the Preliminary Articles inclosed —

to transmit to you their directions for the restitution of the Dutch Settlements in the Neighbourhood of Injeram & Maddepollam

You will be pleased in Consequence to desire Mr. Hamilton to restore to the Representatives of the Dutch Company who may be appointed to receive it, the Factory of Jaggernaickporam, & that you will also be pleased to desire Mr. Duff to execute a similar Service in restoring the Factory at Policole

I have the honor to inclose Copy of the Preliminary Articles between His Majesty & the States General, which were Concluded into a Definitive Treaty, & which are to regulate Messrs. Hamilton & Duffs making the Restitutions —

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed J. Cranmer Secretary

Sent

Fort St. George
2d July 1785

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Sent also Letters to Mr. Irwin at Tanjore

To Mr. Irwin

To Vizagapatam

To Messrs. Smith & Firth

to restore the Factory at Tutecorin & its Dependencies,

to Vizagapatam to depute a Proper Person to restore

the Factory at Bimlipatam to Messrs. Smith &

Firth at Pulicat to restore that Place to the

Dutch, all entered in Miscellany Book No. 9. p. 10. 11/

To Colonel Cooby /entered in Miscellany

To Colonel Cooby

Book No. 12/ directing him to attend to the

Requisition of Mr. Irwin in the Restitution

of the Dutch Settlements at Tutecorin.

Received the following Letter from

Messrs. Smith & Close

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.

President & Governor &c. Council

of Fort St. George

From Messrs. Smith & Close, advising of the Restoration to the Rajah of all the Lands he was dispossessed of except the 18 Villages appertaining to the District of Gooty and enclosing a Letter to them from Captain Smart of a political nature.

My Lord & Gent. Lamen,

We are happy in having it

in our power to inform You, of the Rajah being

restored to all the Lands he was dispossessed of,

excepting

2d excepting the Villages of Dadroddy Petty, Cherlasoory, and Nagroddy Petty (appertaining to the District of Gooteypetty) which were claimed by Kumsier ud dass Chan, the day preceding Captain Closes Departure, from Cuddepah as related in his Letter to your Lordships &c under Date 3d of October last. On receipt of this advice We addressed a Letter to Ibrahim ally Chan expressing our disappointment and surprize at their being detained in direct contradiction to the true intent and meaning of the Teipel Namah, and other Deeds recently executed and exchanged by the Sircars respectively, and requesting that he would immediately order his Vemil to deliver them up, for some days he declined giving a satisfactory reply, but on being importuned by the Vackeels, whom We had lately instructed how to act, he desired them to acquaint Us, that certain reasons, which he did not explain, prevented him, from complying with our requisition, without consulting Tippoo Sultaun, that

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that he would write to him on the subject and communicate his answer to us in ordering us soon as received — We may therefore except to be enabled to acquaint you with the Result in a few days. —

We inclose a Letter We received this morning from Captain Lieutenant Smart. —

We have the honor to be with much Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most obedient

Humble Servants

Signed { Fr. Lind
B.y Close

Vincat Ghery
23 June 1785

To Francis Lind & Barry Close Esqrs.
Vincat Ghery

Gentlemen

One of my people who came in last night from the Nizams Country informs me that Seloo Jeery a Son of the Nizams of 14 years of age

married

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2 marched a few days ago with 20.000 Horse to join
the army which marched to the Southward six
days last — he says that the whole are to join
the Mahrattas — another man who came in
this morning says that they are to go to Adoni &
force the Nabob to admit them for the defence of
the Country — I think if the Nizam was serious
in his professions of joining the Mahrattas his
troops would have been already across the
Kistna which they are not — I expect more
people in daily, if they bring me intelligence
worth communicating you shall hear from
me —

I am
Gentlemen
your most obedient
Humble Servant
(signed) Cosmart

Cundacoor
16 June 1785

Received Letters from Manelipatam
& Vizagapatam / are entered in Miscellany
Book Nos. 13, 14 / — The former enclosing
a Return of Troops belonging to his Majesty's 23
Regiment

From Manelipatam

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2 Regiment of Light Dragoons embarked on the Active Frigate for the Presidency - the latter representing the want of Quarters for the Europeans in Garrison and enclosing an estimate of the Probable Expence of erecting Barracks for fifty Soldiers - and advising that in consequence of the Rajah of Benaturi having risen mad and betaken himself to the Jungles the Marattas seem to turn their Eye to the Possession of this Country, which may be disadvantageous to the Interests of the Company.

From Vizagapatam

4 Received the following Letter from the Deputy Judge Advocate

Mr Chamier Secretary to Council

Sir,

From the Deputy Judge advocate requesting Copies of Papers from the records of Government agreeably to a List enclosed - and that the Secretary to the Military & Political Department may be examined on the Points before the Court.

In consequence of a resolution of the Gener Court Martial I have the honor to request copies of papers from the records of Government as stated in the enclosed list, on a trial of so serious a nature it becomes the duty of the Court to obtain every authentic document on the subject and they

desire

1847

Fort St. George July 1785

I beg leave to inform you Sir to acquaint the Honorable President and Council that their present application arises not only from the wishes of the Prisoner, but from their own sentiments of the propriety of proceeding thus. They also direct me to request permission of the Board to examine the Secretary in their military and political department on all such points as are now before the Court and on which compleat information is absolutely necessary for enabling them to give judgment of the matter in issue.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

(signed) S. Auchmuty

Judge advocate

Fort St. George

1 July 1785

The General Letter of the 30th of September 1783 from Paragraph 32 to 124 from the Select Committee to the Court of Directors.

Ditto 14th October 1783. Paragraph 2 to 72

Ditto 28th January 1784 Paragraph 61 to 64

That part or parts of all Letters or dispatches that may have been received by this Government from

1848 Fort St. George July 1785

Ext. from the Court of Directors relative to the appointment of Lieutenant General Lang and Brigadier General Horne as also General Lang's dismission Pension & Confirmation as Lieut.t General and Commander in Chief — Letter from President & Select Committee of the 30th December 1782. to General Stuart all Papers relative to a former or intended suspension of Colonel Lang as well as all Letters from the Court of Directors to prevent the possibility of his Succeeding to the Command of the army, if any such exist —

Signed
J. Auchmuty
J. Advocate

Sent the following Answer

To Lieutenant Samuel Auchmuty
Deputy Judge Advocate

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon.ble the President & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of

Your answer enclosing Extract from the Records of Government and containing Reasons therewith — relating thereto — stating why the Examination of the Secretary is thought unnecessary

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4th of the 1st Instant in which you inform me that

"in Consequence of the Resolution of the General

"Court martial you request Copies of Sundry

"Papers as stated in an enclosed List -

You also say that "on a

"Trial of so serious a Nature it becomes the

"duty of the Court to obtain every authenticate

"Document on the Subject, & that the application

"arises not only from the wishes of the Prisoner

"but from their own Sentiments of the necessity

"of procuring them."

In reply thereto the Honble

Board direct me to assure the Members of the

Court martial that they are as desirous as the

Prisoner can be that the fullest investigation

of the Subject now before the Court should take

place, & have in consequence resolved to furnish

the following Papers viz.th

Extracts of the General Letter from the Right

Honble President & Select Committee to the Court

of

1850

Fort St. George July 1785

4th

Of Directors dated the 30 September 1783

— Parag: 43, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60,

68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 124. —

Extracts of the General Letter from the Right

Honble President & Select Committee to the

Court of Directors dated 28th January 1784 —

Parag: 51 to 64 inclusive

Extracts relating to the Supercession of Colonel Sang

by Colonel Kaye & the subsequent reestablishment of

the Rank of the former over the latter —

With respect to the other Paragraphs

from the General Letter of the 30 September 1783 required

to you in the name of the Court Martial, the Honble

Board direct me to inform you, that the said

Paragraphs are not furnished, because they relate

to the confidential discussion & communication

of the Select Committee with their Constituents on

political points which are in themselves of a

General & Confidential nature & because the

Names of Lieutenant General Sang & Major

General

Fort St. George. July 1785.

General Sir John Burgoyne are not mentioned in them. —

For these Reasons the President and Council trust that the General Court martial will be convinced that the Communication of the abovementioned Paragraphs would not only be highly improper, but could in no wise tend to the benefit of the Prisoner. —

The Paragraphs from 2 to 12 in the General Letter of the 4th October 1783 are equally silent as to the two Generals, and being on similar points to those Paragraphs above alluded to in the Letter of the 30th September 1783 are not furnished.

The Extracts relative to the appointments of Lieutenant General Lang and Brigadier General Horne as also what relates to the confirmation of the former as a Lieutenant-General with the establishment of his pension on the arrival of Lieutenant General Sir John Dalling are already before the Court-martial. —

J

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4th I do not find on the Records of this Government any Letter from the Right Honble President or the President and Select Committee to General Stuart dated the 30th December 1782 nor any Letter from the Court of Directors to prevent the possibility of Colonel Lang's Succeeding to the Command of the army.

With respect to the permission which the Court request to examine the Secretary to the Military and Political Department on all such Points as are now before the Court I am directed by the Honble Board to observe that they conceive the presence and examination of their Secretary unnecessary, as Mr. William Collins Jackson the deputy Secretary has already attended the Summons of the Court, and will be in readiness not only to authenticate the accompanying Extracts but to answer such General Questions or Matters of Fact as shall appear in his Discretion not to relate to the Confidential

Points

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4 points of his Duty which have occasioned the Gentlemen in the Secretary's Office to take an Oath of Secrecy.—

I notwithstanding the above Observations the Court Martial should continue of Opinion that the examination of the Secretary will be useful to them under the restrictions of an Oath of Secrecy the Honble Board direct me to inform you that the Secretary will be ordered to attend the Court.—

I am,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
John Chamier
Secretary

Fort St. George
4th July 1785

(Signed)

Sent the undermentioned Letters/

To Colonel Floyd

which are intered in Miscellany Book N.° B. 167.—

To Lt. Col.t Barry

To Colonels Floyd and Barry, the Batta Bills enclosed by them in their Letters of the 18th ultimo for Liquidation is returned to them no Precident or Order warranting the payment.—

1854

Fort St. George July 1785

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue &c

informing them that Mr. John Balfour's Request for House Rent has been complied with, and directing them to pay over to His Highness the Nabob an Account of the Sums received by the Company from the Assignment also of what remains unpaid by the Renters &c &c

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble. Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President

Lieutenant Genl. Sloper James Daniell Esqr.

Tuesday 5th July 1785

Lieutenant Genl. Sir John Dalling Bart.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following Letter from Brigadier General Home and Mr. Irwin with Enclosures entered on Miscellany Book No. 18, 19

The

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The Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &c Council

of

Fort St George

Honble Sir, & Sirs

We have the Honor to transmit

a letter we have received from Messrs Orton and

Dyce, setting forth an account of their Proceedings

on the investigation of the Complaints preferred

against the Polygar Sam Naigue by the Hillmen

of Carcoor and transmitted to the late Governor

by the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun

We are concerned to find Sam

Naigue has not thought proper to bring

forward those charges against the inhabi-

tants of Carcoor for Depredations he asserts

they had committed in his Districts nor

of taking any proper measures to ascertain

the losses his people may have suffered

during the time those Depredations were

carrying

Transmits Brigadier General Stone & Lieut Irwin with an account of the Proceedings of Messrs Orton & Dyce on the Investigation of the Complaints preferred against the Poligar Sam Naig. with observations thereon

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carrying on his conduct in this respect appears very unaccountable, as it was evidently his Interest to have brought such charges as he might have against the Inhabitants of the Carour District for the plunder they had carry'd out of this Country, to have been admitted as part of the amount he stood Charged with and doubtless will be oblig'd to make good.

We think it necessary to observe that Sam Vaigues conduct respecting the whole of this transaction appears to be highly reprehensible, for in order to Investigate the foundation of the Complaints alledged against him by the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun and agreable to the Instructions we had received we ordered him to Come to Trichi-, nopoly, where he was aded by frivolous excuses altho we gave him assurances that he should not on any account be injured or detained his excuses not however

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however admitted of and it was then determined with
Sidi abdul Rufool that two Gentlemen should
proceed to the nearest Village in our Districts to
Carour, and there investigate the various Complaints
brought by each Party, where Sidi abdul Rufool
consented to meet them — Instructions were also
sent to Sam Naigue to attend with such proofs
as he had to produce to refute any of the Charges
brought against him by the Carour people if unjust
and to prove what he asserted that they had plundered
his people of, and altho a Coast was sent him
for his Personal Security, he did not think proper
to comply — but sent a Vakeel and some of his
people.

This Polygar formerly held several Villages
dependent on Carour, and we believe some on
Dindegul, of course was dependent on the Mysore
Government as well as on Trichinopoly, has
often been troublesome to his Neighbors and
refractory to the Nabob's Government, and if
he is not restrained by apprehensions of it
Punishment

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Punishment he may frequently involve
us in disputes with Tippoo Sultaun's Government
and considering his late Conduct it may be
doubted whether he will submit to make any
restitution to the Carour Inhabitants, without
a Force is marched against him, sufficiently
strong to compel him.

The precision with which Messrs
Orson & Dyce appear to have investigated
the Charges brought on behalf of the Carour
Inhabitants, leaves us no room to doubt that
had Sam Naigue allowed them to have stood
to examine his Charges, this Business would
have been brought to a degree of as great
exactness as there is a possibility of bringing
Charges of such a nature to, and we in
justice to the Gentlemen cannot but highly
applaud their assiduity and attention in
carrying through the Business so far,
considering the dispositions of the People they

had

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had to deal with and the Impediments thrown in their way. —

We have the Honor to be with Respect-

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your most Faithful obedient

Humble Servants

(Signed) { Matw Horne
Eyles Irwin

June the 25th 1785

Agreed that the President be desired to relate the subject of the above to His Highness the Nabob & to represent to him the necessity of reducing Sam Naick to obedience — after the Nabob's Consent shall be obtained to this measure, it is Resolved that a Letter be written to General Horne on the Subject

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Captain Montgomery —

John Chamier Esqr
Military Secretary

From the Commandant of Ongole respecting that Jetty Gendy prisoner in the Fort of Ongole for depredations committed by him in Tippoo Country

Sir, I have been honoured with your letter of the 11th

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The 25th June and beg you will inform the Honble President that the Poolegar Tolly Cundel now is now a prisoner in the Fort of Ongole, he has not been protected by the Renter here, but was taken at a Village twelve cose from this out of the Ongole district - some time ago this Poolegar came to Ongole and desired to see me, but hearing heard of the depredations he had lately committed in the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun's Country, I refused to see him, and ordered him to quit the Company's Country immediately, upon which he left Ongole - It would be a difficult matter to deliver him over to the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun's people, their nearest Garrison being thirty four cose from this, and my Sepoys could not enter his Country without being insulted, it would be requisite to march half the Battalion, to prevent the Poolegar from being rescued by his own people on the road as they know for certain he will

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will be put to death if he is delivered up. I shall therefore wait for further instructions

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most humble Servant

(Signed) A Montgomery

Capt.n Commanding

Ongole

Ongole

1st July 1785

Agreed that Captain Montgomery be desired to inform the Board by what means the Polligar Telly Cundel Naig is become a Prisoner at Ongole, after having been forced some time ago to quit the Districts

Minute thereon

Resolved that the President be desired to write to Tippoo Sultaun, advising him of the Board's determination to support by vigorous measures the enquiry which has taken place by Mess.rs Orme & Dyer respecting the charges exhibited against Sam Naick by the Carnoor People, & also to inform Tippoo that the Polligar

The President to write to Tippoo concerning Sam Naick

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Pollygar Telly Cundel Naig is detained a Prisoner at Ongole & will be delivered up, when proper arrangements are made by Tippoo Sultaun for that purpose —

And to urge the Release of the Prisoners —

The Board desire the President will avail himself of this opportunity of urging in the strongest manner the release of the Europeans who are still Prisoners in Tippoo's Country — Notwithstanding all that has been said, it is certain that there are many still in detention, of whom it behoves the Board to procure, if possible, the release —

The President delivers in the following Minute

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President's Minute stating the necessity of coming to a speedy determination on the mode & measure of the Retrenchments which the Situation of this Presidency renders unavoidable

In Council

The Assignment being recurred to the Nabob on certain Stipulations was entered into — If possible Resources may now be forcibly ascertained — and as they — fall so short of the present

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present Establishment of Expence it is necessary to come to a speedy Determination on the mode and measure of the Retrenchments which our Situation renders unavoidable — The — question is not what may in a political View be thought a proper Military Establishment for the protection of the Carnatic — but what we have the means of supporting — and whatever Reductions may be found necessary should take place without loss of time as every moment of delay will add to our Distress —

The Statement of our Receipts and Expences is nearly as follows. —

The whole annual amount of Military Disbursements & the Company's Revenues for the Ensuing Year is — Pag. 1455996 Ann. — 2365464.

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| Tanjore Subsidy | 400,000 | Civil Charges 1 month 25,000 Ann. | 300,000 |
| Nabobs amount & Current Charges | 400,000 | Interest on Bond Debt 1 month 11000 Ann. | 132,000 |
| | 2255996. | | 27,97,464 |
| Deficiency | 5,41,468. | | |

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It appears from the foregoing Account which tho' not perfectly accurate is sufficiently so for the present purpose, that there is a Deficiency of 541,468 Pagodas P Annum - The Company's Proportion of the 12 Lacks of Pagodas to be paid by the Nabob to the Public and private Creditors may be about 1/3 part or 4 Lacks of Pagodas P Annum which may be considered as a necessary Fund to be set a part for discharging the great Arrears due to the Army and the further Interest to be paid on such Bonds as it may shortly be found expedient to issue.

(Signed) Alex.r Davidson

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Letter from Colonel Elphinston.

To His Excellency Lieutenant General Sloper Commander in Chief in India &c. &c.

Sir,

Having Understood that the Honble President

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board Col. Elphinston's Representation of the Reduced Officers of his own 73 Regiment of Foot.

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President and Members of Council have been pleased to come to a Resolution that all allowance from the Honble Company, shall cease from the 1st of this present Month to the Officers of the 73d Regiment present in India who are under the predicament of being reduced to half pay.—

Permit me Sir to say, that I hope the Honble President and Members of Council will be pleased to continue the Honble Company's allowances to the abovementioned Officers for the following Reasons.—,

1st If they are absolutely reduced to their half pays, they will no longer think their Duty and attendance with the Regiment binding on them and there are not a sufficient number of Officers belonging to the Regiment present in India who are not in present the abovementioned Situation to carry on the Duty and Discipline of the Regiment, until others arrive to replace those reduced.—

2.dly The Honble Company can be put to no additional Expence as those Officers coming from

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From Coll. only commencd Company's allowance on their arrival in India on those Considerations I hope the Honble Board will be pleased to continue the usual allowance to the Officers doing Duty with the Regiment.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect Sir Your Excellency's Most obedt humble Servant

Fort St. George 3d July 1785

(Signd) John Elphinston Lt Colo. the 73d Regiment

General Stuart's Observation and Recommendation on the foregoing Representation

General Stuart begs leave to recommend that the allowances be continued to the Reduced Officers of the 73d Regiment since Colonel Elphinston represents their Services to be necessary until the arrival of the Officers who are to replace them.

Agreed to

Ordered Accordingly

Read the following Letters entered in the Miscellany Book. N 20. 21. 22. 23.

From

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From Mr Job Bulman

From Mr Bulman Superintendant of medical Stores dated 4th July with Enclosures lodged in the office, stating the great deficiency in the Supplies sent from Europe and representing the distress to which this department will be reduced, if some provision be not made, while there is an opportunity; requesting, in consequence, that he may be authorized to purchase such Medicines as are absolutely necessary.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr Bulman be desired to furnish the Board with a Statement of the probable Expence which the purchases will occasion, that they may be enabled to judge how far in the present state of the Treasury they are enabled to support it.

From Mr. Gordon

From Mr. Gordon Surgeon dated 22 June, stating the distress in which he is involved by his public Exertions in providing for the Sick and wounded while Senior Surgeon of the army to the Southward and requesting that Mr Jackson may be directed to adopt a more favorable mode than he has done, in passing his accounts.

Minute thereon.

Agreed that Mr. Gordon be informed that the Board do not think proper to make any alterations in the mode prescribed to Mr Commissioner Jackson for the auditing the accounts of the Southern army — If Mr Gordon shall think that Justice has not been done him, after his accounts shall have been audited according to the Form

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Form prescribed, the Board will be ready to pay attention to his representations.

From Lieutenant Young

From Lieutenant Young of the 78th Regiment stating that about 300 Sgs. are due to him for Gratuity and allowances when in the 98th Regiment and requesting that the Sums may be discharged as Government have liquidated all accounts of the 98th Regiment.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Digby be directed to discharge the arrears due to Lieutenant Young when in the 98th Regiment.

From Captain Lieutenant Andrews

From Captain Lieutenant Andrews dated 22d June, stating that nothing but extreme ill health could have induced him to resign the Service and desiring that he may be recommended for a participation of Lord Clive's Bounty.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Andrews be informed that no recommendation can be made for the Bounty until previous examinations have been undergone, and Certain Certificates obtained.

Alex. Davidson

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" J. Caniff

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Received the following Letter & Enclosures from the Right Honble Lord Macartney.—

To the Honble Alex.r Dawdson,
President & Governor &.c, Council
Fort S.t George.

From Lord Macartney, advising of her Arrival at Calcutta, and enclosing Copy of a Letter, to him from the Governor General, together with her Ladyships Reply.—

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform you, that on my Arrival here, I delivered to the Governor General and Council the Packet addressed to them, which you had entrusted to my care.

Inclosed I now send you N.1 the Copy of a Letter which I received from the Governor General dated the 15.th June also N.2 the Copy of my Answer dated the 20.th June.—

I flatter myself that in two or three days I shall be enabled to communicate to you the Sentiments and determination of this Government upon the Subject of your Dispatch.—

I have the honor to be &.c.a
Gentlemen
Your Most Obed.t & most humble
Servant.—
(Signed) Macartney

Calcutta
June 1.st 1785.

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6.th

The Right Honble Lord Macartney

K.B. &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

I am requested by the Board to inform you that they have taken into their Consideration the last Dispatches from Fort St George under date the 10.th June and that they will be happy to receive from your Lordship any Representation, which you may be pleased to communicate to them on the Affairs of the Presidency of Fort St George in general, or more particularly relative to the Orders recently received from the Company on the Subject of the Assignment of the Revenues of the Carnatic.—

The Consequences which may result from the Surrender of the Assignment as well as the Difficulties which may immediately occur in realizing a sufficient Revenue for the Security of the Carnatic are Subjects of deep Concern and critical Embarrassment, no Person can afford this Government better Lights for

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6th For their Guidance than your Lordships can should their Interference be required by the Administration of Fort St. George

Permit me to add, my Lord, that I shall be, for my own part extremely ready to avail myself, for the general good, of the honor of your Lordships Communications upon these interesting Subjects; and of my Sense of the Obligations which the Company owe to your Lordships in your Visit to this Settlement, for the purposes stated in the Public Dispatches of Fort St. George, could encrease the Satisfaction which the breast of every Zealous Governor feels in the steady Pursuit of the good of his Employers— I would with Chearfulness tender my Thanks to your Lordships upon the present Occasion: and I can answer for every member of this Government that their Sentiments coincide with those which I have now the honor to express to your Lordships— I have the honor to be, my Lord with the profoundest Respect.

Your Lordships most faithful
& most humble Servant
(Signed) John Macpherson

Fort William
15th June 1785

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

Sir

I have received the honor of your
letter of the 15th Instant enforming me that
the board had taken into consideration the
last dispatches from Fort St George, under
date the 1st June, and that they should be
happy to receive any representation which
I might wish to communicate to them, on
the affairs of the Presidency of Fort St George
in general, or more particularly relative
to the orders recently received from the
Company on the subject of the Assignment
of the revenues of the Carnatic.

With respect to the general
State of Fort St George, It has been so
amply detailed in the Letters from that
Presidency, that little remains for me to
add, If however any thing contained in them,
should appear to require either explanations
or Observations from me, I shall give them
with the utmost readiness to the best of
my judgment and ability.

As

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6th To the orders recently received from England. My sentiments are unequivocally expressed on the Minute delivered by me on my first place at Fort St. George and on the Letter from thence of the 1st June, signed by me and now before you. They continue unaltered, and I submit to you with equal concern and conviction to myself that the Surrender of the Assignment up to the Nabob, whether considered as a Measure of State or of Finance must inevitably draw with it the ruin of the Company's Affairs on the Coast of Coromandel.

Let me request you, Sir, for a moment to recur to the Statements which I had the honor of transmitting to your Government in October last, and you will perceive at a glance the responsibility of the Company's existing on the Carnatic without the Assignment. Even with it, and with every attention to the Management of the Revenue on its present advantageous footing by Mr. Oakeley and his Committee, the Company's relief from that resource will not be very sensibly felt for the next two or three years - afterwards

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6th afterwards indeed, if the Peace of the Carnatic be not disturbed, a rapid progress may be made in the discharge of the Company's and the Nabob's Incumbrances but how the Assignment, secured a way of hope for the preservation of the Company, or the Security of the Nabob - If there be so much difficulty at present in supporting the Company in the Carnatic even whilst we held the receipt, and management of all the Revenues of the Coast, what will be our Situation if we lose any part of them? - The Presidency of Fort S. George will be plunged into the utmost distress and confusion and will soon be compelled from necessity to recover by force that revenue which they now peaceably possess by another title - but in the mean time the Loss will be heavy and immediate the good faith of the Company pledged to the Princes under the Confidence of the Assignment will be irretrievably forfeited, and every difficulty with regard to our Neighbors on the Coast be sharpened and redoubled -

Formally to surrender the Assignment as directed from home and yet

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6 yet attempt to preserve the collection and
receipt of the revenues without it as may
possibly be suggested would introduce
a Scene of anarchy still worse than
even a total dereliction of the Company's
Interference for in such case there would
be double arnuldars, and double revenue
officers of all kinds over the whole Country.
The Collectors themselves would either
fail or be irrecoverably embezzled neither
the Nabob, nor the Comp[y] receive a
Shilling from them.—

Under the present circumstances
I confess myself at a loss to devise any
Middle mode, or conciliatory expedient
to extricate the Honble Companys represen-
=tatives from the Delemma into which
they have been thrown by the late orders
on this Subject, For the plain state of
the Question is now reduced to this—
In order to save the Companys' Interests
on the Carnatic from the ruin impending
over them, either the Assignment should
by the declared Interposition and order
of the Governor General & Council be
preserved inviolate as it now stands till
further Directions be received here, upon
a review of the Matter I may say
from

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6th from the Company itself, all unfounded as it has been, to the Company could unfounded as it may be, or effectual means should instantly be provided & secured by the Governor General & Council to answer the deficiencies & remedy the Mischiefs, which must inevitably follow a Surrender of the Assignment.— The latter measure must depend upon the present Situation and resources of Bengal, The former upon the Sense your Honble Board may entertain of the Los danger & of the necessity of deviating from their orders upon such an emergency, as now offers.—

Permit me to observe before I conclude, that the expressions of the General Letter from the Court of Directors of the 9th December last declaring them personal attachment to the Nabob of arcot & their reliance upon his Generosity and liberality of Sentiment &c. &c. can only be applied to the Nabob himself & by no means to his Second Son and Minister Azeem ul omrah. Now as the Nabob himself has long been and now is a mere cypher and totally out of the Question with regard to the Management or Judgment of his own Affairs, and his Minister in disposition and

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6th and Character perfectly unlike what the Directors suppose the Nabob to be, it may be worth considering how far an Instruction conveying a Complimentary confidence to the Nabob individually, should separate, or extend to his Ministers in whom it is well known that no Confidence ought to be reposed of any kind whatsoever.

I beg you will be pleased to communicate the Contents of this letter to the Gentlemen of your Council and to believe me with great respect

Sir

Your most Obedient &
most faithful humble Servant
(Signed) Macartney

Calcutta
28th June 1785

Sent the undermentioned Letters entered
in M.B. Nos 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29.

To Mr Wm Gordon

To Mr. William Gordon, Surgeon, informing him, that the Board approve the Mode of Mr. Jackson's auditing Accounts; - should he think Justice has not been done him after his Accounts have been inspected by the Commissioner, Government will readily pay Attention to his Representations

To

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6th

To M.r Henslow Digby.— To discharge the Arrears Gratuity & Allowances from Janry to Septem.r 1784 due to Lieut.t Young late of his Majesty's 98.th Regiment of Foot

To Captain Lieutenant Andrews; the Board cannot recommend him for Eleven Months Gratuity, unless he produces a Certificate which may entitle him to the

To M.r Job Bullman Superintendant of Medical Stores, informing him that he must make out an accurate Statement of the Instruments & Stores recommended by him, in order that the Board may form a Judgment thereon.

To the Commandant of Angola, desiring him to inform the Board, of the Circumstances which led to the Confinement of Lieut.t Campbell Navy, and by whose Authority he was imprisoned— To continue him in Custody 'till further Orders.—

To M.r Robert Andrews Assistant to M.r Brown representing that the Nabob has complained of his having sent in Confinement the Masters of Indiaman Lady Arriadne & Warrior Pollams & the Packet Ship Rhiddy of Leghorn whom he must release provided they consent to accept of

To M.r Henslow Digby.—

To Captain Lieut.t Andrews.

To M.r Job Bullman

To Captain Montgomery

To M.r Robert Andrews—

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6th of the Nabobs Protection & continue in their Farms, & Servants to keep them Prisoners, till their Accounts with the Company are cleared

7th Received the following Letter from Lieut. St. Auchmuty.

Sir.

I am directed by the President and Members of the General Court Martial assembled for the Trial of Major General Sir John Burgoyne to request you will direct a copy of the 44th Paragraph of the General Letter to the Court of Directors of the 30th of September 1783 to be communicated made out and enclosed to me

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) St. Auchmuty

St. A.

Lieut. Auchmuty requesting in the name of the Court Martial Copy of the 44th Para: of the Letter to the Court of Directors under date the 30th Sept. 1783.

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Mr Daniell desires that the following observation thereon observation upon the foregoing Letter, may be entered on the Records—

Confidential

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4th Confidential Discussion, and an Allusion to Sir John Burgoyne's Conduct appears to be mixed up in the 44th Paragraph of the General Letter to Europe from the Select Committee under Date the 30th Sept.r 1783. and if the one cannot be separated from the other, I think the Members of the Court Martial assembled for the Trial of Major General Sir John Burgoyne should not be furnished with the Sd Paragraph

(Signed) P. Daniell

Opinion of the Board thereon

The Majority of Council being of Opinion that at all Events the Paragraph applied for, should be sent, the following Letter was written in Consequence to Mr. Auchmuty

To Lieut. Samuel Auchmuty
Deputy Judge Advocate

To Lieut. Auchmuty enclosing Lieut. a Copy of the 44th Para; and stating Reasons for not communicating it to the Court Martial before.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated this day, in which you say that "you are directed by the Presidt & Members of the General Court Martial assembled for the Trial of Major General Sir John Burgoyne to request I will direct a Copy of the 44th Paragraph of

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7th "of the General Letter to the Court of Directors
"of the 30th Sept. 1783 to be immediately
"made out & enclosed to you"

Having laid your Letter before
the Honble President & Council I have
received their directions to furnish the
Parag: which the Members of the Court
Martial have, through you, requested
should be sent to them—

Altho' the Board have thought
proper to comply with the request of the
Court Martial in their application for
this particular Parag: being desirous of
conceding to the wishes of the Court where
it could be done without exposing them-
=selves to censure for improper & unne=
=cessary communications, yet, they desire
me to observe that, the 44 Parag: if such
of great importance, is, in their opinion
under the discription of those Parag: which
were not furnished with my Letter of
the 30th Sept, because they related to the
"confidential discussions, & communications
"of the Select Committee with their
"Constituents on political Points which
"are in themselves of a General & confidential
"nature, & because the names of D. General
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To Lieut. Genl. Major General Sir John Burgoyne

"were not mentioned in them."

In addition to the above Reasons for withholding the 44 Para: when the Board first applied for it they were at also one which had weight with the Board Viz: "That the Communication of "the Para: in question could certainly in "no wise tend to the benefit of the Prisoner.

Fort St. George
7th July 1785.

Sam. Six
Your most Obed. Servant
(Signed) John Chamier
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Received the undermentioned Letters which are entered on the M.B. Nos. 20, 31, 32, 33, 34,

From Mr. Robert Barclay dated 13th May representing that the Sum of 1 Pagoda 5/3-2-35 is due to the Estate of the late Colonel Edward Fanner, by Mr. William Dolbyn late Agent for the Barrack Contract, for Grain on the Sale of that Article, and requesting the Board will settle the same, in consequence of Mr. Dolbyn's having referred him to Mr. Bax for Payment who has disavowed his Knowledge of the

From Mr. Barclay

Circumstance

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7th Circumstance affecting that it had happened previous to his appointment.

From Brigadier General Stuart dated 3d July setting forth the Distress the Army to the Southward labor under from the heavy Arrears due to them by the Company, and enclosing Letters to them from Messrs Turing and Thompson, Surgeons, on that Subject.—

From the Committee of Assigned Revenue, dated the 5th July enclosing an Account of the Balances due by Zemindars & Polygars as can be ascertained at present.

From Messrs Lind & Close, dated 3d July, enclosing a Letter of a Political Nature from Capt.n Lieut.t Charles Smith, touching the present Situation of Tippoo & the Marattas.

From Messrs Blaauhamer & C.o at Pulicat, dated 5th July requesting to be informed of the Persons with whom they are to conform for the Restitution of Cadras Aggerrauch-=aram, Bundlepatam & Pollicode, & Porto Novo.

Sent the undermentioned Letters as entered on M.B. Nos 35, 36, 37, 38, 39.

To the Dutch at Pulicat.

To Messrs Blaauhamer & C.o advising them

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9.th Then of the Appointment of Mr Hamilton
to relieve Paggerman Chepauk Mr Sullivan
Duff, Palicode, a Gentleman from the
Council at Vizagapatam to deliver over
Bandipatam, Mess.rs Firth & Garrow.
Sadras, & Mr Hoefnagel Porto Novo
To Mess.rs Firth & Garrow, to proceed to
the Southward, and deliver over Sadras
to the Dutch.
To Mr Hoefnagel, to deliver over Porto Novo
11.th To the Committee of Assigned Revenue,
directing them to furnish the Nabob
with the Accounts contained in a Paper
inclosed to them. —
Received the following Letter & Inclosure
from Masulipatam, with their Inclosures
mentioned thereon / as entered on A.° 89.

To Mess.rs Firth & Garrow

To Mr Hoefnagel

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue.

To the Honble Alex.r Davidson Esq.r
President & Governor &.c Council of
Fort S.t George

From Masulipatam, communicating their Sentiments on the Orders from the Board to bring Lieut.t Macalister to a Court Martial with.t

Honble Sir & Sirs

We were duely honor.d with your Commands Communicated to us by your Secretary on his letter of the 15.th June

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with Extract of a Letter to them from the Chief on the same Subject

11th June, and it was not without the deepest concern that we observed your resolution of ordering a Court Martial to be held on Lieut. Macalister for the misconduct of a System by him & the Civil Government at this place, too reduced however not to take any steps in order to encourage your Honour's to alter this resolution until they could be found for our being favoured with your Chiefs Sentiments on the measure but as we did not know whether he might think it necessary to interfere in a matter where he was not personally, although certainly very materially concerned if this Nation be considered, Copy of Mr. Chamiers' Letter was simply transmitted to him without any remarks on our Part, and it afforded us the utmost Satisfaction to observe by his answer, Copy of which we have the honour to enclose, how entirely his Sentiments agreed with our own with respect to the effects which we doubt not will result from the decision of a Court Martial.

It is with extreme reluctance that we offer our Sentiments on any Subject when

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15 when they happen to differ from a resolution
of your Lordships in the present instance, we are
persuaded that we shall stand excused for
presuming to lay before you our reasons for
wishing your Honor &c. would be pleased
to adopt some other mode of proceeding on
the present instance than that which your
Secretary has announced to us — From any
knowledge we have of Martial Law it appears
to us that any would however grossly which
Lieut Macalister could have offered to the
Civil authority in the person of Mr. Hodges
would not have subjected them to even
the lightest censure by the articles of War
and of course that he must be acquitted,
but were the case otherwise we apprehended
it would be thought unusual we had almost
said unjust, to refer a question between the
Civil and Military to a tribunal composed
entirely of the latter. In our address of the
31st Ultimo we hinted at Meetings held
amongst the Officers of the Garrison, their
apparent tendency and your Honor &c will
perceive by the accompanying Memorial
which we have been requested to forward
by the Gentlemen, it concerns, to what length
their enmity to the Members of the Civil
Government has carried them, & that they have
broken

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the
We broken off all intercourse with the rest of their
own Line as venture to associate with the
former- you will also observe that what we
have just mentioned is not confined by those
Officers to the Garrison alone but that they
have endeavoured to interest the army to
take part in it as a Common cause by
publishing to other Garrisons their reasons
for refusing to Join upon any footing with
the two Gentlemen who have signed the
accompanying Memorial whose Characters
both as Officers & Gentlemen they must
confess to be unreproachable- some of the
Witnesses even whom Mr. Hodges would call
upon at a Court Martial have put it out
of their Power to do so, by entering into the
combination with the others and before we
dismiss this Subject, we cannot avoid
mentioning the objections which Mr.
Hodges would have to offer against the
person who at present holds the office of
Deputy Judge Advocate in this district-
Mr. Hodges desires to recall to the remem-
-brance of your Honor &c. that he was under
the necessity last year in his capacity of
acting Chief of representing to the Select
Committee thro' the Channel of the President &
in what manner Lieut. Mackay had
behaved

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1st behaved disrespectfully to them and that the latter was in consequence of this, ordered by the Commander in Chief to apologize to the former after which he still remained on the Fort of Mr Hodges and he was therefore consigned to be informed by Lieut Mackay who lately came on a Visit to the Settlement that he expected personal satisfaction as soon as he should no longer hold his Station here for having been ordered to make that an apology by the Commander in Chief a Circumstance of behaviour at least as disrespectful to the Commander in Chief as to Mr Hodges and after which it is impossible in the Opinion of Mr Hodges to expect Lieut Mackay could act the part of a candid Impartial Judge Advocate.

The above transaction has not until now been noticed on our records but as the comment made thereon by Mr Hodges appears to us to be sufficiently grounded and deserving your attention we have judged it necessary to give it a place upon this occasion.

Should this matter however be

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it be brought to trial before a Court Martial
where the professional Prejudices of the
Military who are the Judges would have
free scope without any thing to balance
this on the scale it is not to be expected
that the decision would be impartial
as a manifest advantage would thereby
be given them upon an occasion where
every assurance must have evinced
the necessity of at least holding the scales
even the consequence of a President of this
nature must be that the Military will be
established sole Judges of their own Conduct
towards the Civil Government and it will
ever after be unsafe for one who does not
hold a Commission to assist the rights of
Station when opposed to a Military man
an instance of which we have already
quoted where an Officer applied for the
Payment of arrears which the Select
Committee had ordered not to be paid &
on being informed that his request could
not be complied with he wrote an insul-
-ting letter to the Person an Officer for
which he is ordered to apologize by the
Commander in Chief, but at the he complies

he

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he nevertheless takes the earliest opportunity
of signifying his expectations of personal
Satisfaction – It is always difficult and
generally unpossible to prove an insult
because Opportunities are for the most
part sought where no witnesses are present
if positive Proof is therefore required
in every instance of this kind any Person
in Office whose Station obliges him to
refuse an unreasonable or improper demands
must ever lay open to it and if the Military
are a Mean able to no regulations but the
Articles of War, we are Apprehensive that
many crimes committed especially by the
Lower Class must pass with impunity For
instance The Washerman belonging to a
Depoy Battalion in this Garrison went out
a few days ago to the Pallah without his
Military dress where he broke open a house
and Committed a Robbery Upon Complaint
of this being made to Mr. Hodges he was
confined, but because this man altho' in fact
only a Washerman is included as a
Depoy in the Returns, a demand was made
of him by Capt.n Prendergast the Officer
Commanding the Troops in Garrison, whose
authority does not extend to the Pallah,
and

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and as the Spirit of the orders contained
in Mr. Secretary Chamiers letter of the
15th Learned to leave no alternative he was at
delivered upon Course
Upon the whole when he reflects we
on the incompetency of a Court Martial to
pass any censure on the accused, the opposi-
-tion it will afford of treating the respec-
-tabilities of the Civil Government with
contempt impossible to be avoided or any
ways repelled and the complete triumph
which the Military must necessarily gain
over the Civil Power together with the very
bad effects which must result therefrom
it is a Duty we owe to the Public and
the Service, to decline prosecuting Lieut.
Macalister before such a tribunal and as
your Secretary in his Letter of the 17th
Ultimo has communicated your entire
approbation of the measures, we took we
would rather rest satisfied with this mark
of your approbation and have Lieutenant
Macalister who did not think proper to
comply with your positive Command released
from his Arrest than pursue the matter in
the manner you have since been pleased
to order altho' we still trust this will
not be done without some mark of your
Displeasure

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on the Station he holds having neglected, as we think you will be of opinion on a perusal of the above Representation to interpose his authority as decisively & effectually as he might we conceive and as he ought therefore to have done, but the matter being by means of the above documents before your Hon.r Hon.rs & S.rs we humbly submit it to your decision.

We have the honor to be very respectfully

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs.

Your Most Obed.t Humble Servants.

Masulipatam
29th June 1785.

(Signed) James Hodges
Tho.s Barnard

Extract of a Letter from the Chief Dated
23.d June 1785.

I have desisted hitherto from any interference in the late proceedings respecting Lieut.t M.c Alister, presuming that matter would have been put into such a train, by the decision of our Superiors, as at once to vindicate the authority of the Civil Government, by your Representation so grossly insulted; to have satisfied every Claim

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claim of Military right, and have done full
Justice to the equitable demands of both; The
General Order, copy of which you have trans-
-mitted to me, directing a Court Martial
for the Trial of the Charge brought against
Lieut. M.c alister, appears to me so Little cal-
-culated to answer these Purposes, and so
negatory in itself, (even on a Supposition
that the Charge is fully proved) and serve
as a means of checking a conduct Similar
to that of which he stands accused in which
case the Civil authority must be left without
any sort of Jurisdiction; that I esteem it
indispensibly my duty to offer my Sentiments
thereon, and to recommend an immediate
address to the Presidency to Prevent their
late orders upon this Subject taking effect
a Certain offence involving no Military
crime, as I conceive, although very enormous
in itself more especially as being offered
to the first Member of the Civil Government
on the Spot, has according to your representa-
-tion been committed by Lieut.t M.c alister
after a decision passed on it by our Superiors;
it is their Pleasure upon a Representation
from him, to alter that decision, & to commit
the Trial of the Question to a Tribunal
which being competent only to Military
Crimes

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Crimes, cannot, of my opinion of the nature
of the present offence be well governed, —
take any cognizance of it— I conceive it
probable that the reason for having altered
the decision on this Matter Matter as above
noticed may have been for want of a communi-
cation on your part to Lieut.t M.c alister of
the circumstances on which your Charge
was founded; on I am sorry on this Account
that such a form should have been an Medi-
It is true that having advised him of your
intention to represent his Conduct to the
Presidency as well as generally informed him
of the nature of your Complaint, he might
thro' the Commander in Chief have equally
appeared before the Superior Board, and if
rected with them to form a judgment how
far from what was alledged on both sides,
it was expedient either to order Further
enquiry into the Matter, or to decide on it
on the materials then before them— Consider-
ing this, therefore, and that Lieut.t M.c alister did
not on the first instance require any Copy
of your proceedings, altho' I could have
wished they had been communicated to him
this not any intention never the less in saying
so to impeach at all the Formality of them—
If a Court Martial as I have already

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said is not competent to the Trial of the
Offence in question Lieut. M.c Alistoun must
of course be discharged; and the crime of
which he stands accused be passed over
without any Censure or further Notice, for
I apprehend the Court will give their
first attention to the circumstance, of
whatever the Offence be on them their Cogni-
-zance, or not, and if under it not to be
a Civil nature they will
Dismiss the Charge without further proceedings
To prevent the ill effects therefore which
must arise from such an issue, which
cannot but encourage future Misconduct
of the same Nature, not only so distinctive
of that Subordination and respect so necessary
for the upholding of all Civil Government,
but so utterly subversive of its tendency of
all Peace and good Order in Society, I
most earnestly recommend to you, respect-
-fully to declare any Prosecution before
the Tribunal to which it must now be
carried, unless further directed by our
Superiors, Submitting it, as the same time
to them, to refer any enquiry into the
fact, which you have brought before
them, to any persons whatever so as that
they

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they may be brought to a satisfactory
degree of proof on one side or the other;
and that the Civil authority of the
has been unwilled in the manner you
have represented may be thoroughly
vindicated. I owe the declaration of my
Sentiments now submitted to you, to our
Superiors, to you, & to my Station, and
whatever may be your determination, it
is my desire that what has been offered,
be communicated to the Worll the
President & Council. —

A true Copy
(Signed) Robt. Malcolm
a D.y Sub Secretary

Sent the following Answer

To Anthony Sadlier Esq.
Chief &c. Council
Masulipatam

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stating why the
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on Lieut. Macalister

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the Extract of a letter from your Chief
of date the 23d of that Month, we find
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to its proper cause for want of Comonunication
on your Part to Lieut. Macalister of the
Circumstances on which your change was
founded — Taking it for Granted that Lieut.
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Crime of which you accused him, we deter-
mined that a Speedy reparation should
be made to the insult offered to the Executive
Member of your Board — But when it came
to our knowledge that Lieut. Macalister
declared his Perfect innocence, and that you
had refused to him the common Satisfaction
of communicating to him the nature of his
Offence, it became us to alter our resolution
& appoint a Court Martial to search the
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which bore so different an aspect by the
enclosures in the Second — for tho we wish
and intend at all times, to support the Civil
Government for the General benefit of the
Service and welfare of society we do not
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to it, while we always hope to see it preserved
by the good conduct of those to whom this
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Macalister,

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Macalister, can involve the Civil Government
in those difficulties on which so much stress
is laid in the course of your letter — his Guilt
or innocence must appear in the result of it;
if you chuse to support your accusations
against the Prisoner, but we cannot condemn
a man unheard, after he has solemnly declard
his innocence — on such occasions a Military
man can only be tried by Military Law —
We cannot agree in opinion with you
that "any insult however gross which Lieut.
"Macalister could have offered to the Civil
"Authority in the Person of Mr. Hodges,
"would not have subjected him to even
"the slightest censure by the Articles of War"
The Crime of disrespect in our opinion can
be tried with more favorable effect to the
Civil Government, by a Military Court,
than by any other, If any bad effects result
to the Civil Government from your not
proving the Guilt of Lieut. Macalister,
or your refusal to carry on the prosecution,
you are indebted to your own premature
determination in forwarding the Complaint
hither, for if that Complaint could not be
proved for want of Evidence, it ought
not, for the reasons you apprehend, to have

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have had a place on your Public Records—

That a more speedy termination might ensue to the late altercations between the Civil and Military establishments at Manilapatam we should in Compliance with your wishes readily release Lieut. Macalester from his Arrest, if such a Proceeding could be warranted after the Dispatch of the order for assembling the Court, after his long confinement, and after all which has passed on record on these unhappy differences— We should however hope that neither Lieut. Mackay nor any other Person under the influence of an Oath, and his Military honor, at a General Court Martial, would be biassed by any Prejudices— but that Mr. Hodges may not complain of a Want of Public attention from us in Support of his Public Character We should have been glad if it had not been too late to have desired General Stuart to have appointed another Deputy Judge Advocate for the time being in that Department, as we can think that such a Circumstance might have drawn Mr. Hodges into a further difficulty by a Public demand on him, at a Court Martial,

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for his reasons for objecting to Lieut. Mackay

We pass over the last Paragraph

of your Letter as few words, because we are

concern'd to observe that it is replete with

the Seeds of Party — It is our wish to see

an end to any thing of such pernicious tendency, and we shall therefore comply with

your desire that the two Gentlemen should

be removed from their Battalions, & appointed

to another Corps — We are Gentlemen

Fort St. George
12th July 1785

Your most Obd. Servants
(Signed) Alex. Davidson
&c &c &c

Received the following Letter from Lieut.

Auchmuty —

To John Chamier Esq.
Secretary &c. &c.

Sir,

From Lieut. Auchmuty,
Slightly animadverting,
by order of the Members
of the Court Martial
on the Letter to them
from Government of
the 23d. Instant —

I am directed by the President and Members of the General Court Martial to acquaint you, that, having brought the Trial for which they were convened to a conclusion, they judge it necessary, before they close their Proceedings slightly to animadvert on

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on some parts of your official Letter to me
under date the 23d Instant.

The Surprize which the
Hon'ble the President and Council express
at the Resolution that I should prosecute
in his "Majestys Name," is to this Court incon-
=ceivable, since that Resolution was made
in obedience to his Majestys unconditional
direction, grounded on an Act of Parliament,
which no Precedent whatsoever, or however
high, can in any degree overturn.

Of the three Cases, which you
have adduced, two seem to the Court not to be
in point: & the other, were that necessary, to
sanction the Resolution in Question.

The two first are drawn from a
distinct Branch of the Kings Military
Service; a Branch, which exists under a
seperate Statute, & where Courts-Martial are
conducted on custom, & by forms, in every
respect, different from those of the Army.

In the case of Lieut. Colonel
Cockburn's Trial, Sir Charles Gould, as your
Aide de Camp requested he might have the
assistance of Lieut. Rogerson, as Prosecutor;
Such a request makes in favor of the
doctrine of Law, which this Court has
asserted.

In the present Instance the
Court

you

law.

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Court will readily admit, that the Government
of Fort St George is the actual Accuser of Mr.
General Sir John Burgoyne, may that it
the Vertual Prosecutor, but their Vertual
must stand as contra distinguished to
actual, for in all Trials by Court Martial
the King is Principal, as their Jurisdiction
extends only to Pleas of the Crown.—

I am further recommended by the
President and Members of this General
Court Martial to observe to you, they are
happy no cause has arisen thro' the course
of Trial for Protest, on the part of this
Government, but had such been offered,
by Mr Popham, they could not
have admitted it on the Records. For that
Court can legally Disparage its own
Proceedings, but happily from this as from
all Inferior Courts, Appeal may be made
to the King in his higher Tribunals.

I am,
Sir,
Your most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) St Auchmuty
Judge Advocate

July 11th 1785

At

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Alexr. Davidson Esqr.

President

Lieut. General Sloper - Sa. Daniell Esqr.

Tuesday 12th July 1785 — S.r Gen.l Sir John Dalling Bart.

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.

General Sloper delivers in the following Minute & Letter addressed to him by His Majestys Colonels serving on this Coast

In Council July 12th 1785

General Sloper's Minute with a Letter from his Majestys Colonels serving in India, on the Appointment of Colonel Home to be a Brigadier General

I have the honor to lay before the Board the representation of the Majs.ty Colonels relative to the Officer commanding South of the Coleroon, & it is necessary I should answer to the representation of his Majesty's Colonels; and should fully understand the situation of Brigadier General Home, that I may declare my opinion upon the subject —

(Signed) R.t Sloper.—

Lieut. General Sloper
Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

&c. &c. &c. We being all his Majestys

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British Colonels serving in India having attentively considered the 6th Paragraph of a Letter from the Court of Directors to the Government of Fort St. George dated 10th Decemr. 1784 a Copy of which we have the Honor to enclose, unanimously think from the very pointed disapprobation of the Court of Directors it is not their intention that Colonel Horne shall be confirmed as a Brigadier General. But that they have done us Justice in removing the very extraordinary supersession of each of us by this Appointment of the late Select Committee of which we entertain a due sense, & shall be always ready to acknowledge. In justice therefore to his Majesty's Commission which we have the Honor to bear as well as to ourselves we respectfully beg leave to represent to you that we cannot with Propriety & consistently with our Honor obey any Command from Colonel Horne, being a Junior Officer unless you, Sir, are pleased to lay your Public Commands upon us, on this Case, we know our duty too well not to make your orders the Rule of our Conduct, & trusting you will be

believed

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Please to point out the grounds, on which such an order would be founded, so as to render any further memorial unnecessary. We have the honor to be

Sir,

Madras
10.th July 1785.-

Your most Obed.t & most
humble Servants

(Signed) Lumsden Straubenzee &c.a
J.s Stuart Colonel
J.s Floyd Col.o
Jeffery Johnston Col.o

Attno Copy
(Signed) C.s Whitehill
Secry

The Board proceed to take into
Consideration the 6.th Parag.f of the General
Letter of the 10.th December 1784 upon which
as there appears to be a difference of Opinion
the Secretary requests the Sentiments
of each Member that a Resolution may be
formed upon the interpretation to be
made of the above Paragraph.-

Sir John Dalling is of opinion
that in the Paragraph in question, the
Company do not mean to annul the
Appointment of Brigadier General granted
to Colonel Horne by the late Supreme
Mr. Daniell delivers in the
following Memorandum.-

the 6.th Parag.f of the Letter from the Court of Directors of the 10.th Dec.r on General Harris's Appointment taken into Consideration

Sir John Dalling's Opinion thereon

Mr Daniell's Opinion thereon

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Minute in Council 12th July 1785.

On an attentive perusal of the Extract of the General Letter from the Court of Directors under date the 10th December 1784 I am clearly of opinion that tho the Court of Directors disapproved of the Conduct of the late Government in granting a Brigadier's Commission to Brigadier General Stuart the following words - "and positively direct that no additional expence be incurred by the Company on Account of this promotion" appear to me an incontestible argument that they meant it should be continued - The Court of Directors were advised that no additional expence had been incurred by that appointment & they equally knew they could not incur any if they annulled it - It follows of course that if they meant the Appointment should be annulled, they would have said so instead of writing those words above quoted, which so particularly point to its continuation

I am equally clear to and that no part of that Extract can be construed into a revocation of the Commission so Granted - if therefore it is not revoked by the

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the Court of Diriction, the Commissioners excuse with their approbation provided no additional expence be incurred by the Company on account of this Formation:

But for the Full consideration to His Majesty's Colonels that such is the intent and meaning of the Extract they enclose to the Commander in Chief in India with their Letter, I propose that Copy of their Letter with Copies of the remarks of this Government on the Extract aforementioned be immediately forwarded to the Governor General & Council for their opinion, and that Copies of them may be likewise forwarded to the Court of Directors by the earliest dispatch.

(Signed) S. Daniell

General Sloper's Opinion thereon

General Sloper is of Opinion that the enacted disapprobation of the Court of Directors annuls the Appointment.

The President's Opinion thereon

The President is of Opinion that as the Directors have disapproved the giving a Commission of Brigadier General to Colonel Fleming, they have at annulled the Appointment.

The Majority of the Board being of

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The Majority of the Board in favor of General Homes appointment

of Opinion that the Court of Directors have not annulled the Appointment, if is to be considered in full Force, & as having full Effect.—

The Commander in Chief recommends Capt.n Brown to succeed to Capt.n Muats Battalion who is willing to resign it in his favor.—

General Stopford reports to the Board, that Captain Muat desires Permission to resign his Battalion in favor of Captain Brown which the General requests may be granted.—

The Opinion of the Board.

The Board desire General Stopford to be assured that they are disposed to pay the greatest attention to his personal Recommendations, & will take an early opportunity of taking his Request into Consideration.—

General Stopford lays before this Board, the following Sentence of the General Court Martial lately assembled for the trial of Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart.—

Sentence of the General Court Martial of which Lt. Genl. Sir John Dalling Bart. was President.—

Sentence of the Court of Martial on Major General Sir John Burgoyne Laid before the Board by the Commr. in Chief.—

The Court having taken maturely considered the evidence and Records in Support

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Support of the Prosecution, as likewise the Defence and those in Support of it, Sir of Opinion that the Honble Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart. is not Guilty of the charges alledged against him and doth therefore most fully and Honorably acquit him of all and every part of the same. -

(Signed) John Dalling
D.Gen.l & Pres.t

(Signed) Samuel Auchmuty
Judge Advocate.

Approved
(Signed) R.d Hopes

A true Copy
J Wedderburn Secry

General Hopes begs leave to lay before the Board a Copy of a Letter which he has received from the Governor General of Bengal. -

To Lieut. General Hopes

Commander in Chief of the Forces in India &c &c &c

From the Governor General to the Commander in Chief, requesting his immediate Departure for Fort William

Sir

Since I had the Honor to address

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Address you a few days ago. I have heard of your Arrival at the Cape, & that you were expected daily at Fort St. George.

The Duplicates of the Despatches from the Court of Directors by the Fox Packet, are arrived, & I send that you may be detained some time at Fort St. George

Permit me to urge you if it is possible to proceed immediately to take your Seat and office in this Government. Military arrangements relative to the defence of the Frontier Provinces, rendered necessary by late Events, are in suspence and wait your Arrival - other Regulations regarding the Revenue and the Reduction of our unsupportable Military & Civil Expences require your Aid and Support -

In case it may be judged at Madras that your Presence there either relative to Courts Martial, or the Regulations of other Concerns specially recommended to you by the Company may be necessary for any length of time - I have presumed to write this Letter, & leave it to your own pleasure to record it, or not as a Letter from

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From the Governor General upon the Records of Fort Saint George soliciting y Justifying as far as such an applica=tion can, y our immediate departure for Fort William -

Fort William
11th June 1785.

Have the Honor to be with the most perfect Respect -

Sir

Your most faithfull
& most humble Servant

(Signed) John Macpherson

(A true Copy)

E Whitwell
Secry to the Comm:
in Chief in India

The General informs the Board that he purposes, in consequence of the foregoing Letter, to embark for Calcutta on the 14th Instant.

The General intends departing on the 14th Instant.

The Board are concerned to hear that General Stopen intends so soon to quit this Presidency, & beg leave to request he will take Charge of a Packet for Bengal in which the General chearfully acquiesces -

The following Minute of General Stopen was presented to the Board at last Consulta=tion

The Board observation thereon

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Consultation having been sent in Circulation
for the Consideration of the Board is now entered
with another Minute of the Generals.

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His Majesty's 52d Regiment and his 14th and
15th Hanoverians Battalions having requested
Government that they may be moved to
Cantonments where half Batta is enjoyed,
and the Request of Colo. Rumbold intending
to the Hanoverians Regiments being joined
as much as possible; I have to observe, that
I have no objection to the Request being
complied with and that I think it for
the good of the Service to comply with
that part of Colo. Rumbolds, that desires
the Hanoverian Regiment may be as
nearly assembled as possible.

General Stuart's Minute for the marching of the Regiments & Detachments in Order to change their Quarters & assemble the Corps

To answer the above Purpose, I propose
that His Majesty 52d Regiments, & His
two Hanoverian Regiments be ordered
to form part of the Arcot Cantonment;
that His Majesty's 36th Regt and his 73d
be ordered to Madras & Pondamalle
I desire that the Hanoverian Detach-
ment South of the Coleroon may be
ordered to join their Regiments. That the

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Grenadier Company of the first Battalion of the first Regiment may be ordered from Trichinopoly to join their Battalion on the Carnatic and that the three Companys of the Seventh Madras Battalion now at Pulicate, may be ordered to join their Regiment at Trichinopoly.

His Majesty's Seventh Regt. of Light Dragoons is under orders to march to Arcot.

I took the liberty of mentioning in Council, when the first Regiment of Cavalry was ordered South of the Coleroon, how very Sentential I thought it, that the new formed Cavalry should be kept as nearly together as the certain Cantonment would admit of; till they were properly disciplined. I now beg leave to state that I think a material advantage will accrue to the Service, by the Honble Company's Cavalry being form'd on the same System as His Majesty's 23d Light Dragoons are formed upon, that I have a high opinion of Colonel Floyd abilities as an Officer of Cavalry, and that I request all the Regiments of Cavalry in the Carnatic may be put under his Command.

(Signed) R.o Sloper

I beg leave to state that when I gave

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gave in my Minute at the last Council
15th July / the Second, Third and Fourth
Regiments of the Honble Company's Cavalry
were in the Act of Cantonment & His Majesty's
23d Regt of Dragoons ordered there under
the Command of Colonel Floyd; my request
tended to that Colonels / the Senior officer
of Cavalry / having the Command of the
whole.-

General Stopford
Second in Command
Colo Floyd having
the Command of
the Native Cavalry

The President delivers in the following
Minutes -

In Council 12th July 1785.-

Had not seen General Stopford's
Minute Concerning Arrangements and
Removals till it was read in Council.- I knew
that the General intended to bring them
forward, and thought it proper to deliver
my Opinion on a Subject which I deemed
of great Importance. What I have said is
submitted with deference to the two Generals
and to the Board. General Stopford's Ideas
and mine do not widely differ- I have no
objection to the two Hanoverian Regiments
being ordered to Arcot under Colonel
Rumbold, nor to the other Changes proposed
by

President's Minute
is of Opinion the
Native Cavalry
should remain
a distinct Corps,
under the Command
of Major Campbell

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by the Commander in Chief are to be Subject
to the made and Discipline of His Majesty's
23d Regiment of Dragoons being adopted
by Major Campbell, such orders being in
the Line of the Commander in Chief as
Regimental Detail; but I certainly wish the
Native Cavalry to remain as a distinct
Corps, under the Command of Major Campbell
who is an old Cavalry officer has served
upwards of fifteen years with that Body,
and has an undoubted knowledge and
Experience of his Profession.

(Signed) Alexr Davidson

Provisional Minute on the Commander in Chief's Proposal for stationing the Troops.—

When the Hanoverian Detachment
to the Southward consisting 322. Men and the Grenadier Company of
the 1st Battalion 1st Regiment of the Company's
Infantry are removed to Arcot, the European
Force to the Southward will be greatly reduced.
I beg leave therefore to submit to the consid-
eration of General Sloper whether the 36th
Regiment may not with propriety be sent
thither, & the 73d. comes of course to Pondamalee
in the room of the 52d. which the General
proposes to be marched to Arcot. I have suggested
this alteration from the consideration also

that

comes

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Cavalry, and the Commander in Chief may at his pleasure direct any mode be taken he most conducive to the welfare of the Service- this Object may be accomplished without putting those Corps under the immediate command of Colonel Floyd - the Military Character of Major Campbell, his long residence in India, his distinct Commission of Commandant of native Cavalry, his recommendation both from His Highness the Nabob and the late Sir Eyre Coote, the letter from Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote, under date the 22d December 84/ makes me wish that this Step may be avoided while I sincerely desire that Colonel Floyds good discipline of His Majestys 23d Regiment of Dragoons should be introduced into the Corps of native Cavalry by any other means which the Commander in Chief may devise. -

(Signed) J. Daniell

A General order to be published agreeably to the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief -

Agreed that a General Order be published to direct the Removals recommended by the Commander in Chief in India -

Read the following Letter from

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From General Horne with the Enclosures entered in Miscellany Book No. 40, 41, 42.—

The Honble. Alexr. Davidson Esqr.
President Governor &c. &c. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I have the Honor to transmit the Proceedings of the Committee of Survey held to examine the ordnance and Stores at Warriore and in the Garrison of Trichinopoly. your Honor &c will perceive by the Report of the Stores at Warriore that few of the Field Carriages that were with the Army in the Field are now found fit for that Service.— The Committee having paid the greatest attention in the examination of the Carriages conceive none of them might be useful for Detachments against any of the Polygars, or other occasional Duties in the Province, yet not thought such as ought to be sent out with the Army at the commencement of a Campaign, which might be of long duration, has occasioned them to Deviate from the usual custom of reporting the Carriages,

Sir,

from Genl. Horne with observations on the Proceedings of the Committee of Survey held to examine the Ordnance & Stores at Warriore & Trichinopoly

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fit for field or Garrison only, and added a
Column of such as were deemed fit for the
above Service being of Opinion this Arrangement
would be found useful and may prevent the
Carriages fitted out for the Army being
damaged, by being employed on trifling
occasions.

The Carriages found unfit for Service
the Committee recommends being broke up,
the Iron worth Touch of the Wood as is
found sound, will be useful in carrying on
the repairs of those Carriages who come under
that denomination and will save considerable
expence that must otherways be incurred.

The great number of Carriages that
are in want of Repairs will require for a
time an augmentation of the Establish-
-ment beyond what the heavy Expence of
providing Carriages is considered the Expence
of putting those we have in good repair
which would then put this Garrison
in respect to Guns & Carriages in a
respectable Situation will be found
trifling in comparison, if properly conduct-
-ed.

The monthly expence of the

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few Artificers to repair their Carriages &
prevent their becoming entirely useless I am
persuaded would prove a great saving to the
Publick some Expence must also be incurr'd
in Painting the whole of them / except those
lately sent from Madras / this is absolutely
necessary to preserve them, and I am
sorry they have been so long neglected in
this respect, as it has occasioned the Decay
of several, as there are not Materials in
the Stores to paint the Carriages I must
request instructions may be sent for —
providing them and should your Honor
& Co approve of the Condemn'd Carriages
being broke up and the others repaired —
you will be pleased to send your Instruc-
tions on that head.

Such of the Ammunition was
was found any ways damaged, or not
properly fitted out, I have ordered to be
broke up and remade or repaired as was
found necessary, and I have also directed
that all the Carriages Stores &c. at Vellore
that were not found fit for field service
to be brought into Fort Christoly, there were
to make part of the Compliment of Stores
which I had the honor to transmit the
Board for their approbation to be fitted out and

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and Sheath for the use of the Army should they take the Field,

Accompanying the Warrant Report is a letter from Mr. Lemmon the Deputy Commissary of Stores, representing the present mode of carrying the Gun Powder Ammunition on the Field as very Dangerous, and recommending a method of securing the Barrels which he conceives Preferable. The Committee concur with him in this present mode being defective and have ordered a Barrel to be sent to the Presidency, secured in the manner Mr. Lemmon represents, for the examination of the Committee of Stores,

I have long disapproved of the mode of carrying the Ammunition on the Field on Bullocks, and endeavored to have such Carriages constructed to carry part of the Ammunition, which is far less expensive and more convenient, and to be generally adopted, but hitherto the old System has been continued, which undoubtedly is very dangerous & subject to many Inconveniences,

In fitting out the Stores and Carriage for the Southern Army, I send with

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wish to obtain your Honors Sentiments to
construct a Carriage for Ammunition
to be attached to each Corps and to remain
with the Brigade of Field Pieces belonging
to them— The Arrangement at time of
Action would secure a regular Supply of
Ammunition to each which at times has
been found to be difficult and would lessen
the danger should any accident happen
to the Grand Magazine of Stores and each
Corps would have constantly with them a
Supply of Ammunition, wherever ordered
out of the Line on a Service—

The remaining Ammunition
under the Care of the Commissary may
be stored in Barrels in the manner M.
Simmonds recommends, and carried on
Bullocks at present, if thought proper,
until experience of the Carriages with
the different Corps may be ascertained
whether it would be advisable to carry—
the whole Powder & Ammunition in Carriages
on this Country, as practiced in Europe—

Trichinopoly has always
been esteemed a Place of the greatest Importance
in the Nabobs Dominions and by

its

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the Situation the most convenient for forming
Magazines from whence Supplies of all
sorts may most easily be drawn for
supplying the Troops employed to the
Southward, I may be necessary to lay
before your Honor & some information
of the present State of the Fortification,
for this Purpose I desired Captain
Byres to point out the Repairs he
conceived absolutely necessary, and enclose
I have the Honor to transmit his Letter to
me on that Subject begging leave to observe,
that the Breach he describes on the South
Face should be immediately repaired &
as also the part adjoining to it observed
to be so cracked & ready to fall down as to be in
want of the forth heavy Bastion
Wall of the Rampart on which is pla
must also have some Repairs before the
Monsoon therefore a Breach
will take place.

In Consequence of the foregoing I am to Madura
with the Senior Engineer, Commanding
Officer of Artillery & Deputy Commissary
of Stores to survey the Ordnance & Stores
that Garrison as soon as the Paymaster
is furnished with Money to make a
Payment

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Payment to the Troops on this Cantonment.
Lieut. Colonel Kelly the next Senior Officer
shall have the Command of this Station
during my absence on that Service.-

I have the Honor to be very respect.-
=fully.-

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most faithful
Obed.t humble Servant
Math.w Stone.-

Head Quarters of
the Southern Forces
Lochinshaly
July the 6.th 1785.-

(Signed)

To John Chamier Esq.r
Military & Political Secretary

Sir,

I have this morning received a
Letter from Abdul Rusool, the manager
of the Carore District, complaining of the
Continuance of the depredations of Sam
Naick, a Translation of which I enclose,
as it may be necessary, some measures should
be taken to put a stop to these Proceedings.-
Since the Dooe Mus.rs Orpen &
Dyce went to Myanoor, to investigate
the Complaints preferr'd against this Polegar.
This

Carore

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Sir Eachard, who before remained at Tuticorin, and who accompanied the Gentlemen on that Business, is not returned hither. I have therefore sent Sam Naicker a Letter, enjoining him to oblige his People to refrain from committing such Depredations, and cause the Cattle carried from Poliore, to be immediately returned.

I am sorry of Opinion, that nothing less than stationing an Officer, with a sufficient force at Tanjore, to keep this Polygar in Due Subjection will prevent constant Depredations being committed between his People and those under Tipsoo's Government, but this Sam Naicker will not easily submit to.

I request you to give information of this Complaint, Abdul Rassool has now made to the Honble President & Council.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) Math.w Horne

Head Quarters of the
Southern Forces
Tuticorin 5th July 1785

The President begs leave to lay before the Board a Letter from the Nabob entered in

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Substance of a Letter from the Nabob, on the Conduct of Sam Naick.

Sam Naick the Polligar has been severall times deprived of his Pollam, & has been restored on shewing marks of Contrition that he shall direct his representative to make Sam Naick give a Cowaumah, promising not to attempt any thing hereafter—desiring that a body of Infantry may be furnished at the request of his Wife, that it may attend the Person appointed by the Wife to proceed to the Pollams.—

The Board Conceive it necessary to adopt coercive measures for the arrangement of this business, & it is in consequence agreed that the following Letter be written to General Horne.—

To Brigadier General Horne
Comanding the Southern Forces

Sir

I am directed by the Honble President & Council to acknowledge the receipt of the Letter dated 25.th Ult. from you and M.r Irwin, & to express their approbation of the Conduct of Messrs.rs Orpen & Dyce in

Gen.l Horne, informing him that the Board mean to send Forces against Sam Naick which must direct- ly act. Dyce to command the detachment who must be ordered to settle the Business

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in the investigation of the Complaints against
the Pollygar Sam Nayk. -

satisfactory to Suppose the Recommendations contained in his Letter of the 1st Instant approved and to be executed. -

The Board have communicated to His Highness the Nabob the Particulars of the above Letter, & he has informed them that he will Order his representative at Tinchenopoly to make Sam Nayk give a Cowlenah, engaging that he will not in future raise disturbances, but as the Board have directed an examination into this business, & have pledged themselves to Suppose that justice shall be done, they have resolved that a Force shall be immediately sent against this Pollygar, & that he shall be compelled not only to make such restitutions & give such Satisfaction as his depredations have rendered necessary but also to give Security for his future good Conduct. -

You will be pleased to observe in carrying into execution the above resolutions of the Board, & you will advise the Nabobs representatives of the Order you now receive, that he may accompany the detachment such you may judge expedient to send, & that he may assist you in the Arrangement of this

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This business

The Board recommend it to you to send Mr. Dyce with the Detachment as he is well acquainted with the Subject & will be able to make such demands, as may prove Satisfactory to Sipsoo Sultaun & bear assurance to that Nabob that this Government is disposed to pay due attention to any Complaints from him, which may be justly founded.—

If you cannot by the Appearance of Force, procure the Submission of the Pollygar you are to proceed to extremities, & endeavour to secure his Person—

I am now to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 1st & 5th Instant with their Enclosures—

The Board approve the several Recommendations contained in your Letter of the 1st Instant & desire you will order the breaking up such Gun Carriages as have been reported unfit for Service— they consent to your employing some extra Smiths & Carpenters for the Service you recommend, but they desire you will discharge them as soon as possible, & pay the strictest attention to

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economy in every branch under your Controll and Directions.—

With respect to the Repairs which you and the Engineer represent as absolutely immediately necessary to the Fortifications as mentioned, I am directed to inform you that the Board consent to the execution of such parts as are under the above description for giving this permission the President & Council rely upon your particular attention to the present State of the Company Finances

I am Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) J Shannon
Secry

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Resolved that the President be desired to communicate to His Highness the Nabob the particulars of the orders which the Board have thought necessary to dispatch to Europe.

The President to inform the Nabob of the Resolution of the Board & advise to have Mach.s

Read a Letter from M.r Ogilvie entered in the Miscellany Book D.o 43 requesting to resign the Paymastership of Vellore.— Agreed that M.r Ogilvie be permitted to resign his Employ, & that M.r William

From M.r Ogilvie

Minute thereon

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Mr. W.H. Loriano appd. Paymaster at Vellore.—

William Lorriano be appointed in his Room

The President proposes that Mr.

Oakes be appointed to succeed the late Mr.

Wasey as Paymaster at Palamcotah &

delivers in the following Minute.—

12th July 1785

Presidents recommends Mr. Oakes for the appointment of Paymaster at Palamcottah.—

I move that Mr. Oakes do succeed the late Mr. Wasey as Paymaster at Palamcotah for the following Reasons.—

Presidents Reasons for recommending Mr. Oakes.—

Because, his ready and cheerful acceptance of the Post of Private Secretary to the President, to which neither Salary or Emoluments are annexed, and in which there is Considerable labor, gives him a strong claim upon this Government which he has served with activity and ability.—

Because, in the late negotiation with the Nabob where so much depended, he manifested not only the greatest attention to the true interests of his Employers, but upon every occasion, when I found it necessary to Defend the cause to the Durbar, he displayed talents and Zeal which were very instrumental in bringing the business to a favorable termination.—

Because, the Court of Directors have

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I have recommended him in strong terms to this Government who are thereby bound to provide for him, & the more particularly, as his conduct since his Arrival claims / as I trust it does / their entire Approbation.-

(Signed) Alex.r Davidson

A Letter from Mr. Dobbyn / entered on the M.B. No.44) applying for the Paymas-
-tership of Bolam Estates now read.-

From Mr. Dobbyn

Previous to the Motion being put which is contained in the Proceedings Minutes Sir John Dalling begs leave to record the following Sentiments.

"Speaks against the appoint-
-ment of Mr. Oakes, as contrary to Act of Parliament, & Subversion of the rights & fair expectations of the Civil Servants of the Company.

Sir John Dalling dissents to the Appointment of Mr. Oakes, being contrary to Act of Parliament

Mr. Darnell dissents to the appointment of Mr. Oakes, & delivers in the following Minute.-

Minute in Council 12th July 1785.-

Subject to the Appointment of Mr. Oakes to the Paymastership of Bolam Estate

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Mr. Daniell disports to the Appointment of Mr. Oakes, as being contrary to Act of Parliament

Palamcotah, because in consequence of the application of a Senior Servant I conceive it subversive of the intention of that part of the late Act of Parliament respecting nominations and Appointments, nor is it consonant to the Orders contained in the 29th Paragraph of the General Letter of the 9th December 1784. which directs that Mr. Oakes be appointed to the first vacancy on any Residency or Factory on the Coast of Choromandel that may be consistent with his Rank in the Service and the late Act of Parliament for the better regulation and management of the Company's Affairs - The intent & meaning of this 2d Clause I presume is to prevent Supercession and to direct that all Appointments should take place agreeable to Seniority and without partiality to any Individual - in all except when vacancies are assigned for such Supercession which are to be transmitted to the Court of Directors by the first Opportunity - I admit that Mr. Dalbyat has already an Appointment, and to have most Applicants for employs, but of those Companys Servants only who are without Appointments are permitted to apply for Vacancies, it must soon follow

because

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Because the Junior Servants are most liable to be in that predicament & that the best employs will soon be in the possession of young Servants and the intent and meaning of the 42nd Clause of the late Act wholly subverted.

(Signed) S Daniell

General Clopen Approves the recommendation of Mr. Oakes as proposed by the President for the following Reasons.—

General Clopen Approves the Recommendation of Mr. Oakes and States his Reasons

Because I have a high opinion of Mr. Oakes's ability Assiduity and attention to business and that I firmly believe he will well discharge the Duty of the Office he solicits; because the Court of Directors have expressed their good opinion of him, because from the opinion of the Attorney General, Joined to them the Appointment of Mr. Oakes does not mistake against the Act of Parliament because the only Person applicant has now an eligible Appointment, and my Letter upon goes to Mr. Oakes.—

Mr. Oakes appointed Paymaster of Palamcotah

Resolved therefore that Mr. Oakes be Appointed to succeed Mr. Wary as Paymaster at Palamcotah.

Read the following Letter from

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From Mr. William Webb

To the Honble. Alexander Davidson Esq.

President & Council Fort St. George

From Mr. William Webb soliciting the Employ of Superintendant of the Water Works

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Employ of Superintendants of the Water Works being vacant by the Appointment of Mr. Mannuell to Tanjore, I request it may be added to the Offices I now hold.— I flatter myself your Honor & Co. will not think me unreasonable in this Application considering the long time I have been in the Service & the Recommendation on my Favor from the Honble the Court of Directors in their Letter of March 1784.—

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant.
(Signed) Wm Webb

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Sir John Dalling begs leave to observe that in his Opinion the Appointment solicited by Mr. Webb would be fulfilled with more advantage to the Company.

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Company by the Chief Engineer, Sir John Dalling to view the following observations on the Subject.

The Water brought for the Supply of the Garrison is conducted on Iron Grooves through Iron and Leaden Pipes from the Northwest angle of the Black Town, and be through the Fortification in different Directions crossing the Ditch in three Places.

Sir John Dalling's Observation on the Superintendant of the Water Works, which in his Opinion should be held by the Chief Engineer

The Cisterns that receive it are under the works, or most Properly are a part of the fortification, that may be materially injured by any accident to them, and to suppose that two Miles of Pipes in a Country like this were Water is so corrasive, will long remain perfect is contrary to the Experience of every other Part of the World where it is found necessary that Scientific People be constantly employd to look after them.

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B Over which, at two of the three Places the Pipes are left in view, a certain Direction where an Enemy may cut them off, & an ugly deformity spoiling the Appearance of the Fort one only being properly laid at the Bottom of the Ditch.

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Were an accident likely to happen
it to be supposed that the Company's
Servants taken by Lancaster, and who look
this, like any other Employ, until they
get a better, can possess the requisites either
to judge of the means necessary to guard
against the Evil, or to remedy it, should it
happen, When it is well known its Principles
depend on an intricate Science to acquire
a knowledge of which demands much Study
and Application.

Therefore as retaining the
Water in its original purity is a thing
so Essential to the Health of the Garrison &
the preservation of it so materially connected
with the Fortifications It is to be wished the
management of it was left to the Chief
Engineer whose Credit as an Officer in the
immediate Charge of the Defence of the Place
& as a Professional man will be pledged
for the faithful discharge of the Trust
reposed in him

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Mr. Daniell thinks the
Mr. Daniell in Appointment should be given to Mr Webb
favor of Mr Webb but that the Chief Engineer should be directed
from

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From time to time to examine the State of the Pipes, & make a Report to the Board: if their Interference should be necessary.

General Stuart Coincides in Opinion with Sir John Dalling

General Stuart of Sir John Dalling's Opinion

The President in Opinion with Mr Daniell.

Resolved, therefore, That Mr Webb be appointed, & that a Letter be written to the Chief Engineer agreeably to Mr Dan.ls recommendation.

Mr. Webb appointed Superintendant of the Water Works

Sir John Dalling lays before the Board the following Letter addressed to him by the Deputy Judge Advocate.

To Lieut. General Sir John Dalling Bart.

Sir,

From the Deputy Judge Advocate to Sir John Dalling requesting on the behalf of the Members of the General Court Martial, an Allowance to defray their Expences.

The Members of the General Court Martial beg leave, thro' me to represent to you their President that they have been called to this duty from the several Posts, out of the ordinary Course on a special occasion, and at an heavy expence, they therefore request some allowances may be made to them, to defray the Charges they have thus incurred by this extra duty,

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duty and should Precedent be required. they doubt not many may be found in the vouchers of the Military Pay Office

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) I. Auchmuty
Judge Advocate

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July 7th 1785.

† Agreed that a General Order be published, directing that the same allowances which were granted upon Colonel Wood's Court Martial be given to the Officers employed on the late Court Martial, & to those who may be in future summoned upon similar Services. ×) +

Minute thereon

Read the following Letters entered in the Miscellany Book N° 45. 46. 47. 48.

From Colonel Reinbold dated 6th July enclosing a Letter from D. Coll. Wangenheim advising that having obtained his Discharge from the Service, & therefore requests that the proper allowances may be made to him for that Purpose. Ordered accordingly — From

Letter from Colonel Reinbold

Minute thereon.

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From the Committee of assigned Revenue Dated

From the Comm. of assigned Revenue

5th July, enclosing an application from Mr. Lind the Paymaster at Nellore to be reimbursed the Sum of 310 Pagodas expended by him in conducting the business of the Revenue

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Lind's Charge of Pag. 310 for Servants employed under him on Account of the Revenue be admitted, & that the Committee of assigned Revenue be directed to reimburse Mr. Lind Accordingly

From Colonel Brathwaite dated

From Coll. Brathwaite

24th Ult. enclosing Memorandums attested by the late President at Tanjore, of Sums advanced by the Colonel for the Publick Service.

Ordered to lie on the Table

Letter on the Table

From Mr. Bulman dated 9th July enclosing an Estimate of the probable Expence which will attend the purchase of the Medicines wanting for his Department, & stating that the Amount of Supplies from Europe in 1781 was £4548. & for the last year only £1928 which Accounts for the deficiences in the Medical Storehouse

From Mr. Bulman

Agreed that Mr. Bulman be desired to purchase all such Medicines as are absolutely necessary upon the cheapest terms in his Power—

Minute thereon

Read

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Read the following Letter from Pulicat

(Translation)

To the Honble Alex.r Davidson Esq.r

President & Council at

Fort S.t George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From the Dutch Pulicat Demanding some Books, Papers, & Church Plate.

We have the honor to inform you, that on Consequence of the Restitution to us of Pulicat by your Commissaries, we Demanded of them some Books & Papers belonging to this Factory which were deposited in a Chest, and delivered by Mr. Ladama to Major Stephenson. We have likewise demanded some Church Plate delivered to Captain Smith, and consecrated to the Purpose of administering the holy Sacrament.

Captain Smith hath informed us in reply that those things were sent to Madras, and that a Reference must be made to you; we therefore request your Honor will be pleased to direct their immediate Delivery

We have the honor to be with Esteem,

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedient

humble Servants

(Signed) W.m Blanshamer
P. Ladama
L.t D.l Lyons
Lt. Hoffenberg
&c.

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To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table.—

Bonds granted to Mr Stoney for 8000 Pags.

The President informs the Board that Mr. Edward Garrow has applied to him for two Bonds of 4000 Pags. each in favor of Mr. Philip Stoney in part of the Balances due to Mr. E. Garrow; Which the President recommends may be granted.—

Ordered Accordingly

" Alex. Davidson

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" J. Daniell

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14th Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in
M. B. Nos. 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61

To the Paymasters Palamcotah Madura,
Angle Pennacoil & Vellore, directing them to

The Paymasters at Palamcotah Madura Angle Pennacoil & Vellore

make certain Reductions in their Accounts, as stated in the Letters to them.—

To Mr. William Ross — To furnish His Majesty's 52d Regiment & the 24th & 15th Hanoverians with Provision for their March to Arcot.

To Mr. Thomas Oakes, informing him of his appointment to the Paymastership of Palamcotah

To Mr. Thos. Oakes, & W. Doriano

and to Mr. Doriano of his appointment to the Paymastership of Vellore.—

To Mr. William Webb, informing him of his having been appointed Superintendant of the Company's Water Works, on the Room of Robert Maxwell Esqr.—

To Mr. William Webb

To Lieut. Colonel Ross, informing him of Mr. Webb's appointment and desiring him to inspect from time to time the state of the Pipes and report the same to the Board.

To Lt. Col: Ross

To Mr. Job Bullman, directing him to purchase the necessary Medicines for his Department observing the strictest oconomy.—

To Mr. Job Bullman

To Mr. Robt Barclay, informing him that his Claim to Colonel James's Share of the Profits arising from the Sale of Arrack, must be liquidated by the agent who granted the Certificate

To Mr. Robt Barclay

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14th The Board are willing to allow a Company's Bond for 226.25.40 due to Colonel Lamus for buildings erected by him at the Mount.—

To the Committee of assigned Revenue directing them to reimburse Mr. Lind the sum of 330 Pagodas mentioned by him to have been expended in transacting the Business of the assigned Revenue Department in the Nellore District

To the Committee of assigned Revenue

Received the following Letter & Enclosure from the Accountant.—

To the Honble. Alexander Davidson Esq.re

President and Governor &c.a Council &c.a

Fort S.t George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From the Accountant on the Subject of the Statements which have been required from this Presidency by the Honble the Governor General in Council of Calcutta.—

I did myself the honor to address the Right Honble President and Council under date the 25.th May last, informing them that I had in consequence of their orders communicated to me by Mr. Secretary Lumsden in his Letter of the 14.th of the same month, written to all the Subordinate Collectors and Paymasters for such Accounts and Statements as would enable me to Comply with the requisition made by the Honble Governor General and Council; and assuring them that the moment they were received, no time should

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14th Would be lost in framing the several Estimates, From the novelty of some of the Statements required and in order to state the Accounts Quick Stock agreeable to the orders from Bengal, a particular enquiry is necessary to ascertain what ought to be considered as good Debtors, or Desperate Debts at the several Subordinates, and to close them accordingly. This investigation being a matter of consequence must & will require some time to render it Complete and Satisfactory - But as near two Months have elapsed since the orders were circulated and the Principal Accounts being yet wanting, I consider it my duty, in Compliance with the orders of your Honble Board and in justice to myself to lay before you a List of such as are not received to evince that no unnecessary delay has happened on my Department.

In the mean time I take leave to mention that as any opinion founded on such Accounts as have already been received, that of the present Military Establishment is kept up, and the Half Batta continued as the Cantonments, the Military disbursements [illegible] ding the Subsidence Gratuity £5 to the Kings Troops) from the 5th May last to the 30th April

subordinacies.

Next

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14th Neat will fall little Short of 23 Lacks of Pagodas

In this Estimate of the Military dis-
-bursements for this year, the Arrears due to the
Troops are not included which from the Accounts
received are estimated as follows.

To the Troops and Garrisons of the South
of the Coleroon about — — — — 800,000 — —

To the Troops and Garrisons North of the
Coleroon about — — — — — 350,000 — —

Pags 1,150,000 — —

Your Honor &c. will Judge of any & what
part of these Arrears must necessarily be discharg
by ready Money in the course of the year and
the Amount must be added to the Sum of 23
Lacks at which your Military Charges are
estimated — Besides the above there are Arrears
due to the Bullocks People of the Southern
Army about — — — — — — 231,512 — —

& to the Bullocks People of the
Northern or main Army about — — 467,472 — —

Pags 698,984 — to

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These Sums must be added to the Civil Arrears &
what is due to Employs at the Presidency
which will make the Sum total of Arrears
some thing more than 22 Lacks of Pagodas

The Bond debt & Deposits bearing
Interest amounts to Pags 17,33,098. 13 6 without
reckoning

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14 reckoning the Interest due to this time.

Regard to your expected receipts for this year the Surrender of the Assignment to His Highness the Nabob will occasion a very considerable reduction, of the quantum of which your Honor &c. are best able to judge - In other respects, the receipts will be much the same as stated in the Abstract of last year, excepting the Sayhore Lands, on which there is an increase of 43400 Pags. in Rent for this year, and as the estimated amount Sales of Europe Goods was not included in last years Estimate which for this year will Probably produce about two Lacks of Pagodas, this Sum may I think be reckoned upon, in Addition to the Revenue of the Company's Lands, the Payments from the Nabob, and the Subsidy from Tanjore.

I am aware of the objections that may with Propriety be made to any estimates formed on Accounts that are not strictly official but as none such can at present be completed for the reasons I have given, I thought it might be some Satisfaction to your Honor &c. to be furnished with the above Sketch of your Finances. - I think it necessary to submit to

Your

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14th your Honor &c. The reasons given by the Gentlemen at Masulipatam & Ganjam for the delay in furnishing their Accounts of Luscha Stock —

The Acting Accountant at Masulipatam has answered to my application as well as that no time should be lost in forwarding the several Accounts required & that he had applied to the Chief and Council for their Commands respecting what Debts were to be Classed under the Heads of Good Dubious or Desperate — In a Subsequent Letter he informs me that the Board are charged from the Presidency of Bengal to acquaint me that they had applied to the Chief who at present transacts the Revenue business solely for his Sentiments respecting the Debts which should be deemed good Dubious or Desperate who returned for answer that he could not give his Opinion from Rajahmundry & therefore it would not be attended with any inconvenience he could wish it were deferred till his return — In answer I informed the Accountant that I had been strictly enjoined by the Honble Board to Comply with the requisition from Bengal without delay, and that I could not take upon me to say that the Accounts could be forwarded & presented with — In consequence of this he repeated his Application to the Chief —

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14th and Council and gave me Instructions as to an Account that every thing which depended upon them should be immediately done they have not yet however come to hand

The Accountant of Ganjam in a Letter received the 8th Instant says that he will yet be some time before he can prepare the Accounts Quick and Dead Stock - it being very difficult to ascertain the Real Balance of the several Zemindars Renters owing to the Confusion that has arisen in those Accounts from the Districk having been rented to Balkistnah who contrary to custom was put in possession of the small Crop for the preceding year - that the Chief and Council are now employed in endeavouring to adjust the differences at the same time to ascertain what Debts may be considered good Debtors or Desperate which when completed should be forwarded without delay

preceding

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obed.t and faithfull
humble Servant
(Signed) Geo: Moubray
Accountant

Fort S.t George
13.th July 1785.

List -

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14th

List of Accounts Wanting from the following Subordinacies and Paygts. to enable the Accountant General to Comply with the Requisition from Bengal.

From Masulipatam

1st An Abstract of the Gross Revenue of the Northern Circars under the management of that Factory including the Farmer, Havelly Lands &c. &c. and Peons Customs &c. from 1st May 1782 to 30th April 1785 together with the Balances outstanding on the 1st May 1782 & 30th April 1785.

2d Account Quick and Dead Stock on the 30th April 1785 drawn out on the Form prescribed in my Letter to the Accountant thereof the 19th May.

From Ganjam

All the Accounts and Statements particularized in my Letter to the Accountant thereof the 19th May.

From Nagore

All the Accounts and Statements particularized in my letter to Mr. Fallofield of the 19th may

From Cuddalore

All the Accounts and Statements particularized in my Letter to Mr. Hoyland of the 19th May

From

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14th

From Tanjore

An Accurate Account of all arrears due at that Garrison to 31st. August 1784. The Paymaster informs me he only waits for returns from the Officers to enable him to make out this Account.

From Palamcottah

All the Accounts Particularly Drawn may Refer to the late Paymaster of the 16th May. The death of Mr. Wasey prevented those Accounts being sent the Gentleman now acting has given assurances of their being forwarded with all possible dispatch.

From Tinchenopoly

All the Accounts Particularized in my Letter to the Paymr. of the 16th May— I have reason to think the original of this Letter miscarried, a Duplicate has been sent

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing be sent for Enclosure in the following Letter to Bengal.—

Copy of the foregoing to be sent to Bengal

To the Honble John Macpherson Esqr.

Governor General &c. Council at

Fort William

Gentlemen,

We had the Honor to address You

To Bengal the Definitive Treaty with the States General directed to be carried into execution on this Coast agreable to their Orders from General Meadows

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14 Proceeds to Bengal enclosing copy of a Letter from the Accountant

14 your last under date the 30th June & to enclose a Packet for the Court of Directors. We now beg leave to recommend another to your care with our request that it may be forwarded by the first Opportunity —

Immediately after the receipt of your Letter of the 26th May We gave directions for the Restitutions of all the Dutch Settlements on this Coast, & hope soon to inform you that our orders have been obeyed. —

We apprehended much difficulty in obtaining Payment from the Dutch for the Expences incurred in the maintenance of their Prisoners & therefore suggested to your Board the expediency of retaining Pulicat, until a satisfactory Arrangement could be made, but as you did not think yourselves authorized to give your concurrence We have transmitted the original Vouchers to the Court of Directors who we trust, will be able to procure a Reimbursement in Europe

We have requested General Stopes, who now proceeds to his Station to take Charge of this Letter — as he has, during his short stay at this Presidency obtained much information respecting the State of the Army upon this Coast, & is well acquainted with our Resources We hope his knowledge of our present

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[illegible] present critical situation, & his Zeal for the Service will Support our earnest applications to your Government for Relief.

We have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Fort St. George
July 14th 1785

Signed Alex.r Davidson
Pr Council

P.S.

We beg leave to enclose a Copy of a Letter which we have just received from our Accountant on the Subject of the Statements which you have required from this Presidency.—

The following Observations of the Members of Council express of their respective Sentiments on Governments being furnished with a Copy of the Proceedings of Sir J.n Burgoyne's Trial, are ordered to be entered hereunder.—

Gentlemen of Council.

I am directed by the President to State to you, that, as it is universally known that the Court Martial lately assembled for the trial of Sir J. Burgoyne has deduced its Sentence from certain resolutions which have not been publickly published with the Sentence

Sentiments of the Members of Council with respect to Government's being furnished with a Copy of the proceedings of Sir J.n Burgoyne's Trial.—

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14th Sentence, nor laid before the Board by the Comman-
=der in Chief on India, That as the Govern=
=ment will not have in their Secretary's Office
such as uniformly been the case of the
proceedings of a Court Martial held in this
Garrison – It is his & the President's Opinion
that it would be proper to request the Comman=
=der in Chief in India would direct a Copy
of the Proceedings of the abovementioned Court
Martial Summoned by his Warrant to be deli=
=vered to the Board that it may be lodged in
the Secretary's Office. –

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) John Chamier
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Fort St. George
13th to July 1785.

I presume there can be no impropriety in such
an application. –

J. Daniell

I do not see any impropriety in applying
for a Copy of the Court Martial, the resolutions
from which that Sentence was deduced
has been asked for by Sir John Burgoyne
and

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1st And not granted by the Commander in Chief of India but if the Governor and Council desire those resolutions should be made public, they are requested to signify their desire.—

R. Hooper.

I cannot concur in opinion with the President and Mr. Daniel, as to granting a Copy of the Court Martial, 1. because no precedent can be pleaded, the Court Martial being convened by his Majesty's Special Warrant,—conducted entirely of Officers on his Service & actuable only to his own authority. 2nd as the Law gives the right of copy to the Prisoner, and that, after a certain Lapse of time; as appear by the existing acts now in force— mutiny

3. as the above opinion of the Commander in Chief in India is neither positive nor conclusive, & as he has hitherto withheld from Sir John Burgoyne, as I believe, from motives of delicacy to this Government, the opinions if any on which the sentence was founded I conceive my sentiments sanctioned by those of General Hooper— or

From these reasons I conceive it would be of my Power to order a Copy of the proceedings of the Court Martial, until I receive the explicit directions of the Commander in Chief on

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14th in Londia on this occasion.

I. Dalling

Received the following Letter from Masulipatam

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President and Governor &c. Council of

Fort St. George

Honble Sirs & Sirs

In consequence of the Permission you were pleased to grant us as communicated to us by your Secretary, under date the 28th May, we have purchased the House belonging to Mons. Boucher in this Fort for the sum of 600 Madras Pagodas, which shall immediately be pulled down; and the Materials disposed of agreeable to your orders.—

On the receipt of your Secretary's Letter of the 17th Instm, We acquainted the French Chief with your having consented to allow 500 Pagodas to be paid as an equivalent for the Buildings erected during the War on the Ground of the French Factory, in case the proposed exchange of that Spot for the other, which we had offered should take place, on reply to which he informed us, that it was necessary for him to await orders from the.

from Masulipatam advising of their having purchased Mons. Bouchers House in the Fort for 600 Pags. and of their having directed the Detachment of his Majesty's 73d Regiment to march by Land, in consequence of the non Arrival of the Cygnet.

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14th the Government of Pondicherry to whom he would communicate what we had written — Agreeable to the orders communicated to us in Mr. Secretary Shannon's letter of the 28th & 29th Ultimo we have desired Colonel Braithwaite to order 30 Men of the 73d Regt. to proceed hither, that they may sail on board the Sloop Cygnet, and the rest to proceed over land to join their Corps A Serjeant and Officer Commanding the latter. Division as the Officer Commanding the Detachment has applied for a Surgeon, we have directed Mr. George Anderson who has your permission to visit the Pondicherry to accompany them to Arcot and left it to Colonel Braithwaite to send such a number of Sepoys as he might deem necessary for preventing desertion &c. along with them — as we have very great reason to suppose that the Sloop Cygnet has joined this Port, Mr. Hodges has suggested the expediency there would be should she not arrive before the expiration of three days, in ordering the whole of the Men belonging to the 73d. Regiment to proceed by Land; but as Captain Hamilton who commands the Detachment to march by land, consisting of about 50 Men has applied for one Company of Sepoys, and two Subaltern Officers, to assist him, it is probable

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4 Probable that he would have occasion for a
Larger force of Sepoys, and perhaps more
Battalions were he to march the whole
Detachment to Arcot and because the Cygnet
may still arrive we have not acquainted him
but wait your Commands in what manner
to send down those men or even the whole
not come to this Bank.

We have the honor to be very
respectfully.

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
(Signed) James Hodges
S. C. Barlow
Th.s Barnard

Masulipatam
7th July 1785

To the Hon'ble Alex.r Davidson Esq.re
President and Governor &c.a Council of
Fort St George

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs,

We have received your Commands
communicated in Mr. Secretary Edwards's
Letter of the 1st Instant but having already
submitted our Sentiments on the Subject
to which it relates in our address we do

From Masulipatam
have directed Colonel
Braithwaite to
take no steps towards
ordering a Court
Martial on Lieut.
Macalister till
further orders, as
they expect the
Sentiments of Govern.t
on the Subject

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4th The 29th Ultimo, wherein we strongly pointed
our reasons for declining to prosecute Lieut.
Macalister at a Court Martial; we have
judged it expedient in order to save trouble
and needless expence to the Company to
require of Colonel Brathwaite not to take
any Steps towards ordering this Court
Martial, until he should receive further
Directions for it, which, we trust, will in
consideration of what we had the honor
of laying before you in our Letter above
mentioned meet with your Approbation.

We have the honor to be very
respectfully

Honble Sir &c

Your most Obedient
humble Servants

Masulipatam
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(Signed) James Hodges
J. C. Dorlan
Tho. Barnard

6th

Received from Captain Smith Z. M.
Gideon Smith, Commandant & Paymaster
of Pallicat the Act of Restitution for that
Place / Vide M.B. No. 62 /

Act of Restitution for Pallicah

Receives Letter from the Commandant
of Ongole / as entered in M.B. No. 63 / stating
that the Polligar of Athery Cundel Naig, was

from Capt. Montgomery

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Taken Prisoner by his Order on the Village of Pandanapallee belonging to the District of Ongole, on a Supposition that on the Situation of the Village lies North of the Swamp, to the Westward of the Ongole District.

At a Consultation Present,

The Honble. Alexr. Davidson Esqr. President

Lieut. General Sir John Dalling Bart.

James Daniell Esqr.

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Memoire.

The Commander in Chief of the Forces on the Coast, begs leave to represent to the Honble Board that he accepted the Appointment and came out to this Country in the fixed Purpose of giving all his ability and experience to the Service of the Company; to advancing the discipline of their Troops and retrenching all unordinaries in their military expences. That, acting up to this Principle, it will be his constant aim to acquire every professional information; and with this view,

The Comm.r in Chief's Memoire proposing a Review of the Troops & making a Tour of the Garrisons to enable him to advise a permanent & judicious Arrangement of the Army.

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view, he now submits to the Board the expe-
-diency of his immediately commencing a review
of their troops, and making the tour of their
Garrisons, from whence he hopes much advantage
to his employers will be derived—

He conceives he will from thence,
and the local knowledge he will thereby
acquire, be fully enabled to advise a permanent
and judicious arrangement of the Army, and
point out, at this period of oeconomic necessity
many and great savings, so as soon to meet
the Board with a matured system for the
future military arrangements & establishments.

Should this proposition meet the
concurrence of the Board, the Commander in
Chief entrusts to the candor & friendship of his
Colleagues, that no step will be taken by them in his absence,
more especially, as both from Duty and
inclination, he will constantly communicate
to them his Opinions & observations on the
essential objects of his tour, in which he is
so immediately and professionally interested,
and from time to time consult with them
on his future proceedings

/Signed/ John Dalling

Read the following Letter from Mr Wm Roberts—

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President and Govnor &c. Council of

Fort St. George

From Mr Wm Ross requesting Permission to resign his Employ of Agent & Mahratta Translator, and recommending Mr Josiah Webb as a fit Person to succeed to the Latter.—

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Finding my Health considerably impaired by a residence of fifteen years in this Country and by assiduous application to the duties of my office, I shall accordingly to request the permission of the Board to return to England for the benefit of my constitution; and at present to have more before I can embark to deliver over the numerous Accounts and the business of my office to the person who the Board may be pleased to appoint my Successor, & beg permission to resign my Office of Agent to the Army & Mahratta Translator.—

I shall have the less reluctance in resigning the latter because I know it can be ably filled by Mr Josiah Webb, who I believe is the only one of the Company's Servants who has made a progress in the Mahratta Language.—

Respecting the Office of Mahratta Translator I beg leave to suggest that when the Appointment was regularly conferred on me in the year 1785 the small Salary of

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of £100 P annum only was annexed to th
without any allowance for Office Rent Paper
and other Charges, and for the pay of a Mahra-
-tta Writer; the expence of which I have
invariably paid from my own Purse.—
I am not writing with this Letter desiring to
draw the attention of Government from
the large and important ones I had upon
them as Agent to the Army.—

I have the honor to be with the
greatest respect.—

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Your faithfull & most
Obedient Servant,
(Signed) William Ross.—

Fort S.t George
4.th July 1785.

Agreed that Mr. Ross be permitted
his Employ of Agent & Mahratta
Translator, & that Mr. Josiah Webbe be
appointed to the latter.—

Mr. Ross to resign his Employ of Agent & Mahratta Translator, & that Mr. Josiah Webbe be appointed to the latter.—

Mr. Webbe appointed Mahratta Translator.

Read a Letter from Mr. Cockburn
dated in the M.B. Aug.t 64, applying
for the employ of Agent vacated by the
resignation of Mr. William Ross.—

From Mr. Cockburn

Agreed that Mr Cockburn be
appointed accordingly.—

Mr. Cockburn appointed Agent Victualler to the Army.—

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Paragraphs of the Genl Letter relating to the Claims on the Tanjore Country taken into Consideration.

The Board now take into Consideration those parts of the Company's General Letter of the 9th Decemr which relate to the Claims upon the Tanjore Country, when it was restored to the Rajah in 1776, & direct that the Paragraphs from 69 to 78 be sent to Mr Benfield, for his Information.

Order to be sent to Mr Benfield

It appears necessary that the several Claims of the Nabob's Household on the old, & new Consolidation, Cavalry Loans &c should be ascertained with precision, & agreed that three Company's Servants be concerned on the part of the Nabob to adjust them on the Debts of the Nabob be appointed to meet others on a Committee from the Creditors and Durbar for that Purpose.

a Committee to be appointed to examine into the Claims of the Nabob's Creditors

Mess.rs Garrow Webb Mitford & Mr James London

Resolved that Mr Edy Garrow, Mr Williams Webb Mr John Mitford & Mr James London be appointed for this Service, & that their appointments be published to the Settlement, that the Creditors may nominate a deputation likewise.

a Letter to be written to the Nabob on the Subject

Agreed, also, that a Letter be written to the Nabob informing them of the Steps we have taken to accelerate the Settlement of Accounts, & to desire that he will appoint one or more persons on his part to meet the deputation from this Board, & the Creditors.

" Alex.r Davidson
" J. Dalling
" J. Darnell