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The Board now proceeded ... to take into consideration the foregoing Minutes together with the several Minutes of the President & Commander in Chief entered on the Consultations of the 25th Ultimo, & being convinced of the absolute necessity of making every possible Reduction in every Department & in particular in the Military Establishment

Minute of the Board the two preceding Minutes

Resolved:—

That the Forts of Pollore Chittapet Gingee Lankgur, Chanderaghery Arnee, Condaveer, Carnatick Ghaut, & Polore be destroyed & the Troops withdrawn.—

Small Forts in the Carnatic recommended by the President to be destroyed resolved on

That, agreeably to the Plan of the Commander in Chief, the Establishment of the Sepoy Battalions be new modelled, & shall consist of 24 Batts of about 800 Men, to take place as soon as the necessary previous steps can be taken—

The Establishment to consist of twenty one Sepoy Battalions

That the Army be brigaded & the Army to be Brigaded agreably to the Generals Plan

That the European Regiments be arranged conformably to the Generals Plan—

That in consideration of the amount of the Poundage being paid to the Sepoy Troops, the Amount to be deducted from the Gratuity

Poundage paid to the Sepoys to be deducted from the Gratuity.—

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Gratuity, taking care that the allowances to the Troops be continued equal to those of the Company's Troops.—

The Contract for feeding the Horses of the 23d Regt Light Dragoons to be reduced from 8 to 6½ Pagodas per man p Mo.—

That the Contract of feeding His Majesty's 23d Regiment of Light Dragoons be reduced from 8 Pag.s to 6½ for each Horse.

Lellandies in the district of Masulipatam to be discharged.

That the Lellandies of Masulipatam and its Dependancies be reduced, that the Invalids in those Districts be formed into a Corps under the Command of Lieut. Freeman, that 100 of the Corps shall do duty at Rajahmundry under the

Invalids to be formed into a Corps—one hundred to be stationed at Rajamundry

Command of Ensign Wilcox, who is to be confirmed in the Command of that Garrison.

That the Commander in Chief—

Plan for new modelling the native Artillery & Gun Lascars to be adopted.

Plan of new modelling the native Artillery & Gun Lascars be adopted, whereby a considerable Saving will be made, & that useful Body of men preserved.

That intimation be given to the Rajah of Tanjore of the intended reduction

The Rajah of Tanjore to be informed of the Discharge of the Lellandies, only if he pays the expence of them

of the Lellandies, & that he be informed it will immediately take place unless he shall consent to pay that Corps from his own Resources.—

That

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That a Letter be immediately written by the President to the Rajah stating in the strongest terms our pressing distresses requiring immediate assistance from him by a Payment of his Arrears of Peishcush with all Speed by acquiescence in what has been demanded from him, & declaring that no presentation of his own distresses can be considered at this Board as a reason for a non-Compliance with what is expected from him.—

If the Rajah to be written to, stating the pressing Distresses of Government requiring the immediate Payment of his Arrears of Peishcush.—

That a Letter be also written to the Resident at Tanjore enclosing Copy of the one addressed to the Rajah, & directing him to assure the Rajah that the Situation of the Company's Affairs renders it impossible to dispense with considerable & immediate pecuniary assistance from his Excellency.—

If the Resident to be informed of the same.—

That in order to save the heavy Expence of Batta & to conform to the wishes of the Troops be withdrawn from Arcot as soon as an Arrangement can be made for their disposition.—

If the Troops to be withdrawn as soon as possible from Arcot.—

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute.— The

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Commander in Chief recommending his Secretary Mr. Robert Aberdeen to the appointment of Muster Master to the Forces on the Carnatic.

The Commander in Chief perceiving that the Musters of the Honble Company's as well as of His Majesty's troops, are not conducted with that regularity and attention necessary to the good order of the Service, has ordered to the Honble Board, the Necessity of appointing an Inspector and Muster Master of the Honble Company's forces on the Carnatic, as well as to His Majesty's, and begs leave to recommend Mr. Robert Aberdeen for that Appointment, with whose integrity and ability for such employment, the Commander in Chief trusts that the Honble Board will have reason to be most amply satisfied.

The above Appointment to be subject to the revision & approbation of the Court of Directors.

(Signed) John Dalling

The Board approve the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief, & it is accordingly

Mr. Robert Aberdeen appointed Muster Master between the Kistna & Coleroon.

Agreed that Mr. Robert Aberdeen be appointed Muster Master to the Troops between the Kistna & the Coleroon, agreed also that Mr. Richard Gery be appointed to a similar Employ which appointed Muster Masters is to extend from the Coleroon South to Pallamcotta

Mr. Richard Gery appointed Muster Master to the Troops between the Coleroon

Resolved

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Colonel Pollamcotah.—

Captains Pay & Batta granted to Lieut.s Aberdein & Gray.—

Resolved that an allowance of Captains Pay & Batta be granted to the Master Masters.—

The President delivers in the following Minute.—

In Council 9th August 1785

The Demand of the Bullock owners whose Petitions have been many months before the Board amount to about 4 Lacks of Pagodas— they pray for relief under the distresses they are reduced to for want of Money to satisfy, at least in part, the Demand of the Masters drivers &c.a and to appease the Clamour and importunity of Creditors who have already on many Instances seized on their Goods and every other Property they could lay hold of towards repayment of the large Loans that were due— The Claims of these Bullock owners on the Company's Protection and Indulgence gave additional Strength from the concurrent Testimony of the Army to the good Condition of the Bullocks during the whole of the War and of Government disregard their Petition and gave no Assistance on their Distress

President's Minute postponing the Consideration of the great Distresses of the Bullock Masters, Bonds to the amount of one Lack & half Pagodas be granted to them.—

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Distress the Service must suffer on Failure — Bills for 10,000 Pagodas were granted to them monthly until we were forbidden to draw on Bengal since which time their Demands have in no degree been attended to — We would therefore Therefore that Bonds to the Amount of 1½ Lack of Pagodas which they may negotiate tho' at a considerable Loss, be made out to them in part Payment until their Accounts are audited, and the Amount of their Claims finally adjusted —

(Signed) Alex.r Davidson

The Board being well convinced of the distress of the Bullock Masters resolve to afford them the relief recommended by the President, & it is in Consequence Agreed that Bonds to the Amount of one Lack & a half of Pagodas be Granted Accordingly —

Approved by the Board. —

The Board proceed to take into consideration the Letter from Sir John Burgoyne of the 22d Ult.o respecting his Allowances, together with the Accounts in the Letter on the Subject upon which the Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute. —

Sir John Burgoyne's Letter of 22d. July taken into Consideration —

Commander in Chief's Minute on the allowances claimed by Sir John Burgoyne.

On the Statement of Arrears &c.a due to Major General Sir John Burgoyne, and transmitted to me the 27th Ult.o I have to observe that they fall far short of what in my

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my Ideas on the just Claims, since I consider that Officer to be entitled to all he would have had in case of Succeeding as does comes to Major General Stuart, as Commander in Chief, I had he not been superseded by the Appointment of Colonel Lang to the rank of Lieutenant General.

It is therefore my Opinion that he should receive equal to what has been granted to General Lang, which may be either recovered from his last Gentlemen, or made an extra Charge — In giving my Sentiments so fully on this Subject I feel myself in no degree influenced by personal regard to Sir John Burgoyne, but by a strong sense of his Sufferings, & the justness of his demands & this my Opinion I beg may be entered a Minute on the records —

(Signed) John Dalling

The Majority of the Board approve the Statement furnished by the Accountant of Sir John Burgoyne's Claims & conceive that they are not authorized to pay him the allowances of Commander in Chief, which they consider as the right of Lieutenant General Lang, whose appointment as

The Majority of the Board think themselves not authorized to pay allowances to Sir John Burgoyne as Commander in Chief, and agree to refer his Demand to the Court of directors.

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as Lieutenant General & Commander in Chief has been approved & confirmed by the Company.

Agreed that the Subject be mentioned in the next advices, & that the different Papers relating thereto be transmitted accordingly in the Packet. Particularly referring Sir Johns demand of Gratuity usually Paid to the Commander in Chief to their Determination.

The following Letter being drafted, & approved is ordered to be sent to Sir John Burgoyne.

To Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart.

Sir

To Sir John Burgoyne: informing him the allowances the Board are willing to grant him whilst he was in arrest

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 22d. Instant addressed to them by the Commander in Chief, & to inform you that, having taken the particulars of your Observations upon this Government into consideration they have come to the following Resolutions — Viz.t — That you are entitled to your Pay & Batta as Major General from 14th. Sept.r 1783 to 19th. July 1785 being Pagodas 7381.

That

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That you are entitled to and are
to Camp Secretary from the same Periods
which will amount to Pagodas 4093. 4. 16.
The Board have further resolved That as
you have not inhabited one of the Company's
Houses the Sum of Pagodas 120 monthly
be granted to you which amounts to 2648. –

With respect to the allowance
which you claim as Commander in Chief
from the day of General Meadows dismission
I am directed by the Board to observe to
you, that they do not conceive themselves
authorized to admit this Charge once
the allowances in question are considered
as the right of Lt. General Lang, to whom
they have in part been paid by whom
they will be claimed from this day of his
being appointed Commander in Chief
since confirmed by the Company / until
the Arrival of Lieutenant General Sir
John Dalling – I enclose a Statement
of the allowances, to which the Board acknow-
-ledge your Claim, & I am to inform you
that they will transmit their Proceedings
relative thereto with their Opinion to the
Court

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Court of Directors by the next Dispatch—

The allowances to your Aid de Camp & Secretary are kept distinct, because according to the Custom of the Service those Officers ought themselves to draw their Pay & Batta—if you will please to inform the Board who are the Persons who have filled the above Stations, their Claims will be admitted upon your Countersigning their Bills—

The Board are concerned that the low State of the Company's Treasury at this Presidency does not enable them to discharge your Claims in ready money—they will however pay you £1000 in Cash, & will grant a Bond or Certificate for what they acknowledge to be further due to you from this Government—

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) John Chamier
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Read the following Letter from Mr Sulivan with the Inclosures entered in the M.P.B. No 2.24—

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Masulipatam representing that Captain Hamilton has acted contrary to their positive Directions, by marching the Detachment overland to the Presidency. Enclosing Papers relating to the Subject

Not knowing that the Eygnet had Instructions to touch at Ganjam & Juggernaut from the time of her leaving the Presidency, that she had passed this Port we requested your orders under date the 7th Instant whether the whole Detachment of the 73d Regiment should proceed by land, and again acquainted you Honor &c. in our address of the 13th with the Eygnet having directed Capt. Hamilton with that part of the Detachment under his Command to halt at Chicacollam and we should receive your answer, but confirmed in the Idea that the Eygnet had actually passed, and perhaps gone to Bengal we imagined you would certainly rather wish the Detachment to march over land than be longer detained & Considering it would be more in readiness for that Purpose by being together to which add Captain Hamilton earnest desire to have the whole

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whole sent by land we put the whole under
his command with instructions to remain
at Checacollam till he should receive
our further Orders for these reasons we ordered
the Detachment which was waiting our
the Arrival of the Cygnet to join his a few Days
from the Garrison, but still directing him
not to proceed without further orders and
when your Secretarys Letter of the 13th was
received one was immediately dispatched
desiring him to send back the men who had
gone from hence but we are surprized to find,
by the Accompanying answer from Lieutenant
Corbet for which we have waited three days
that he marched from Checacollam to the
Southward Six days ago that he has took upon
himself to act contrary to our positive directions
Having therefore had no other Explanations of
this Extraordinary Conduct than the accom-
panying Letter furnishes we cannot by transmit
it to your Honor &c.

We take this Opportunity of
transmitting you Copy of a Letter from Captain
Hamilton to our Paymaster, which the latter
has laid before us, as well as Copy of a Minute
which he has delivered us, to explain what

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is therein set forth. We think it necessary
in Justice to Mr. Barnard to inform your
Honor &c. that he had previous to his repre-
-senting the want of Cooles in Store, in
Consequence of which means were taking
to provide them and if there be any one
which would suit the Men of the 73d Regi-
-ment ordered to join Captain Hamilton
was deemed unexceptionable the Officer who
Commanded those men, should surely have
represented it on their being delivered to him
that if possible they might have been made
better, but at any rate nothing could have
on our Operation caused the Language and
mode of Conversation which Captain Hamilton
has thought proper to adopt on Officially
acquainting Mr. Barnard of their bad
Condition

We have the honor to be very
respectfully — Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants

Masulipatam
20th July 1785

(Signed) { James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Flo. Barnard

Ordered

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To lie on the Table
Till Captain
Hamilton's Return.

Ordered to lie on the Table until the
Arrival of Capt.n Hamilton from the Northward

Read the following Letter from the
Accountant

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

an
from the Accountant,
recommending
Measures for
ascertaining an
exact Account
of the Actual
Arrears due to
the 25th August,
also a Head in
the General Book
for the Lack of
Pagodas defended
by the Rajah
of Tanjore in
1777 & 78 & a Mode
to be adopted
with Respect
to the Quarterly
Payments of
Interest & all
Bonds -

Hitherto all attempts to get an
Accurate and just Account of the actual
Arrears due to the 25th August 1784. having
proved unsuccessful, some effectual Measure
should be pursued to gain that necessary
Information, without which, no plan can
hopefully be adopted to put them on a tra
train of Liquidation. - I beg leave therefore to
as submit to your Honr &c. the following a
me Mode the most effectual under that accounts to
complete by which Government can gain a Compleat
Knowledge of those Incumbrances. -

5th - - - - - - - - A positive order must be prohibited
directing all persons whatsoever possessed of
Demands on the Company previous to the
25th of August 1784 to exhibit the same on or
before a given day, after which no one to be

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be attended to, or admitted on any pretence whatsoever

2d. ——— For the sake of Regularity it would be proper that all Chits, Certificates, or other Claims on Account of Pay, Batta Allowances, should be presented to the Paymaster or Person to whom they are directed, or by whom they are signed but by the frequent Removals of the Troops from the Southward to the Northward and the Contrary which have taken place, it ought to be attended with difficulty, if not always with procrastination.— Therefore Resolved that every Paymaster be directed to keep a Register for himself and one for each Paymaster in the Carnatick, on a Form to be sent by the Military Paymaster General that these Registers shall contain a Column for every Rank & Denomination & that every Chit or Certificate shall be numbered and inserted as presented in the Paymasters Register to whom such Chit is directed, or by whom such Certificate is signed,— the name of the person in whose favor the Chit or Certificate is drawn to be wrote at full length, and if the latter is numbered by the person who granted it / as ought to have been

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Even the case / The number to be likewise taken down on the same Line with the Name.—

3d ——— Each Paymaster's Register when the time appointed by Government for Register-ing Demands is expired to be forwarded to them for their examination and if found Right he is to draw out a General Register of the whole Debts Ascertained and Liquidated in his name and forward the same together with the several Registers sent to him for which he is made responsible to the Military Paymaster General.

4th ——— The more to enforce this order it should be published that no payment of Arrears for the aforementioned period either by Bonds or otherwise shall be made until such Settlement has taken place and as soon as it is accomplished. That the Hon.ble Board will take measures and Issue arrangements for the final Settlement of the whole.—

5th ——— All Claims made on account of Pay, Batta, & allowances such as Charges Hospital, Bullock hire, & Victualling the Troops &c Contingent Charges must be presented to the Paymaster or other Person on whom the demand is, or where the Charge

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was encumbered, to be Registered in a Separate Register kept for that Purpose & forwarded to the Military Paymaster General with the other

I beg leave to remind your Honor & That the Sum of one Lack of Pagodas paid by the Rajah of Tanjore in the year 1778 to remain as a Deposite on Account of certain Claims which were referred to the decision of the Honble the Court of Directors / was placed at the Credit of the Rajahs Account Current with the Company - By order lately received I understand that this Deposite is considered to be unappropriated, of course it ought to stand a Separate head on the General Books to effect, which I shall with your approbation debit the Rajah to Deposit received from him or such other head as you may think more proper to be raised for that purpose

Great Inconvenience & interruption to the regular business of my Office arises from the Constant applications made, to Certify Interest due on Bonds outstanding, the number of which are daily encreasing. I beg leave to submit it to your Honor &c. whether it would not tend greatly to regularity if only Quarterly Payments of Interest were made Viz. Interest on all Bonds

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Bonds on which Interest falls due between
1st May and 31st July to be discharged on the
31st July between 1st August & 31st October to
be discharged 31st October between 1st November
& 31st January to be discharged 31st January
& between 1st Febry & 30th April to be discharged
30th April.—

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I have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt &
faithful humble Servant
(Signed) Geo. Moubray
Accountant

The Board Approve the several Recommendations contained in the foregoing
Approved and ordered to be published.— Letter & resolve that they be adopted—
Agree that a Letter to the above Purport
be written to the Accountant & that a
General Order be issued in conformity
thereto.—

Read the following Letter from
Mr. Floyer.

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.
President and Governor &c. Council of
Honble Sir & Sirs Fort St. George
I have received & duly

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From your Secretary dated the 4th instant informing me that you cannot admit the Charges for my late Commission to Pondicherry as entered in the Account I had the honor to transmit to you on the 25th Ultimo because I had drawn Ten Pagodas per diem from the date of the Appointment of myself and the other Commissioners, to the date of a Letter addressed to me singly, after the Second Service upon which I was employed, had been accomplished; and because you conceive the two Services were distinct, and not performed by the same Persons.

Were I conscious that I had made a Charge, to which even a doubt could arise of my being justly entitled, I should feel a Reproach that would greatly distress me. But I trust, that an explanation of the causes which have given rise to those Charges (which shall be the Subject of this address) will evince the equity upon which they have been grounded.

The Right Honble President and Select Committee were pleased on the 17th of March 1784. to grant a Commission, and to give Instructions to myself, Colonel Dalrymple and Mr. Talbot, to carry into execution the Several Articles of the late definitive Treaty

From Mr. Sayer stating the Equity upon which his Claim is represented in his Letter of the 25th July as a Commission to Pondicherry was grounded.

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Treaty, which respected the Restitutions to be reciprocally made between Great Britain and France, in India— And the objects of what you are pleased to term the Second Service upon which I was employed, been accomplished, there can be no doubt but our Commissions would then have been at an End— But, if you will be pleased to recur to the Transactions of that Period it will be found that our Conferences with the French Commissaries were only preparatory, until certain differences which had occurred respecting the Restitution of Pondicherry should be removed—

On my return to this Presidency during that recess, the Right Honble President informed me that the French Commissaries were then desirous of Justifying by a public Letter, their Approbation of our Conduct; both considering the objects of the Commission not yet accomplished, they had deemed it more proper to reserve their Opinion, until that Period should arrive, when, together with a communication of our Name, as the Joint named Commissioners, all matters relative to the execution of the said Treaty in India, as they occurred

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in the interval of my arrival at the Presidency, to my last return to Pondicherry were evident proofs of the existence of the Commission which attached me to that Service — as, during that interval, Mr. Talbot had been appointed to the more permanent office of President at Nagore, and Colonel Dalrymple had resigned his Station at Pondicherry and was proceeding to europe, it became necessary for the Government to grant another Commission for my return to Pondicherry, which I did, to the same purport as the former, to me alone. —

These are the grounds upon which I have considered myself as acting under two Commissions, comprehending the same Objects from the 13th of March 1784, to the date of a letter which the Government did me the honor to write to me on the 2d of March last, to which I beg leave to refer you — and I trust, they are such as will have the honor of your Approbation —

I have the honor to be,
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) Charles Floyer

Ordered

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To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Commander in Chief reports to the Board that there is a great Quantity of Gun Powder at Cuddalore which he thinks ought not, in the present defenceless State of that Garrison, to remain there

The Commander in Chief's Report relative to some Gun powder at Cuddalore.

Agreed that Mr. Hoyland be directed to send to the Presidency the powder at Cuddalore on a decked Covered Vessel if he can procure such conveyance if not by Boats properly secured & Covered over &c. &c. &c.

The Gun Powder to be sent to the Presidency

Read a letter (as entered in the Mil. Br. No. 25) from Major Dugal Campbell Commandant of Native Cavalry requesting that his allowances as such be fixed, & enclosing an Authenticated proofe of the Pay & allowances to Major Fitzgerald, who Commanded a Similar Corps in the year 1768.

From Major Dugal Campbell.

Agreed that Major Campbell's allowances be fixed according to those established for Major Fitzgerald, which after making the necessary deductions on account of some difference between the two Establishments will give to Major Campbell the Pay of Pags 198 Monthly.

Minute thereon

Read

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From Captain Speedman

Read a Letter from Captn. Lieutenant Speedman (as entered on the M. Pr. No. 26) stating the unfortunate Situation of his Brother still detained a Prisoner in Seringapatam Country, & requesting that he may be allowed to draw his Arrear of Pay from the time of his Capture to that of the return of the other Prisoner from the Mysore Country.

Minute thereon

Agreed for the reasons given by Captain Speedman, that he be allowed to draw his Brother's Pay for the above Specified Period.

The President informs the Board that Captain Goudie, under orders to proceed to the Northward has made application to him for a Small Sum to defray his Expences at Masulipatam, & to be accounted for in part of the Arrears due to him.

a Bill on Masulipatam granted to Captn. Goudie for Pagodas 250 - in part of Arrears due to him.

Agreed that a Bill for Pagodas 250 be drawn upon Masulipatam in favor of Captain Goudie.

The President represents to the Board that His Highness the Nabob has requested to be furnished with 800 Infantry & 200 Artillery Coats.

The Sepoy Agent to furnish the Nabob with 800 Infantry & 200 Artillery Coats

Agreed that the Sepoy Agent be directed to comply with the same, & that the Nabob be debited for them in his Account.

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The President lays before the Board a Bill presented by Mr. Hudleston amounting to Pagodas 575.38.50 for the Expence of building an Additional Room to the Secretary's Apartments —

Ordered that Mr. Hudlestons Charge for building the Additional Room to the Military Secretarys Apartments be discharged by Bills on Vizagapatam and that the Accountant be directed to carry the Amount to the Head of Fort St. George Buildings in the General Books —

a Bill on Vizagapatam granted to Mr. Hudleston for Pagodas 575 38. 50 —

Alex. Davidson

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9th Received the following Letter from Mr. Thomas Parkison formerly Secretary to General Joseph Smith.—

To the Honble. Alexander Davidson Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council.—

Hble Sir & Sirs—

From Mr. Parkison, inclosing Copy of his Address to the Court of Directors, respecting the Company's Military Establishment on the Coast.

On the day before I left London to proceed on my voyage to India, I had the honor to deliver to the Court of Directors by whose Commission I am arrived at this place, A Letter respecting the Company's military Establishment on the Coast, a copy of which, I take this opportunity of laying before your Honor &c. in hopes the information it is intended to convey may be of some publick reliability.

I have the honor to be, with the greatest Respect—

Hble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. Servant

Fort St. George
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(Signed) Thomas Parkison

Ordered that Mr. Parkison's Letter to the Court of Directors be deposited on the Office; and that a Copy thereof be sent to the Governor General

Copy to be sent to Bengal.—

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To the Governor General & Council at Calcutta.—

Received the following Letter from General Abbott.—

John Chamier Esqr.

Military Secretary to the Govt. &c. &c.

Sir,

Lord Cornwallis stating that the Nabobs Agent owns Reasons for recommending the Investigation of the Complaint against Sam Rauch—which the General has objected to, as being disagreable to Engagements.—Has detached two Companies of Sepoys to the Frontiers of Sam Rauch's Pollam in order to bring him to Compliance.—

On my communicating to you my sentiments respecting the Polygar Sam Rauch contained in your Letter of the 12th Ultimo to the Nabobs Representative Mahomed Yusoof Cawn, he very earnestly requested I would postpone sending any force against that Polygar for a few days, that he would send for the Vackeel and settle the Business without disturbing the peace of the Country, which, on doing a force immediately towards Ramgherry, would occasion the loss of the Revenues. I acquiesced in this request on assurance that no time should be delay'd in his endeavouring to accomplish this.— But instead of taking measures to oblige Sam Rauch to make good the damage that was proved by the Cawnoo people in the presence of Messrs. Orpen and Dyer, he appears desirous of entering into this Business again, recurring the Question

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4th Counter Charges that Sam Naick has to produce on his part against the Carour People — That I have objected to as Sam certain Seyd Abdulk Rufool, would not agree to recommence any further investigation and would deem such a proposition as an evasion of giving him Satisfaction, that Sam Naick had himself refused to bring his Charge forward when they would have been examined in presence of the opposite Party — and such as were produced against him were Charged against him — and he had now only himself to Blame if he was oblig'd to pay a greater Sum of money than he would have been obliged to have done, having urged the above Subject to Mahomed Issoff Cawn Lodgecied to him the necessity I was under of carrying the orders that I had received into immediate Execution — he still is averse to my sending a Considerable Force at present, but desires two Companys of Sepoys may accompany one of his People to the Barrier at Ramgherry and that a demand shall be made for a Sum of money sufficient to make good the damage demanded, and Security given for his future Conduct — That if Sam Naick refuses Compliance he will then

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9th Then send for 500 of Londonderry Colony — and
put them in Possession of Sam Nauks Pollam,
after we shall have taken it from him —
At the Do not believe Sam Nauks will
Comply with the Demand of immediately
sending down the Money, yet to prevent
any Occasion of Complaint that the Revenue
might Suffer by pursuing measures that
might be settled otherways, I have consented
to try this Measure and postpone sending
the Detachment until this expedient is tryed

I must request you Sir, to inform
the Honble the President and Council of the
above Circumstances and that I hope for
the reasons assign'd I shall stand excused
for postponing carrying the orders into
immediate execution.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient
& humble Servant
(Signed) Math.w Monro

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6th Augt. 1785

Sent Letters / as entered in M.B. Augt 28 29.
30, 31, 32, 33, 34. /
To the Subordinates
& Paymasters at
each Garrisons

To the Subordinates, & to the Paymas-
=ters of each Garrisons, directing them to pay

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9th Attention to any Requisition of the Military Paymaster General relative to the Monthly Accounts of their respective Garrisons; and informing them, that the above Officer has been ordered to reject every unproper Charge.

To the Superintendant of Medical Stores directing him to furnish Mr. Walker, Assistant Surgeon to the Garrison of Pondamalle with such Europe Medicines as he may stand in need of, taking Care that the Indents be agreeable to the Regulations, & countersigned by the Officer of the Corps for whose Service the Medicines are issued —

To the Superintendant of Medical Stores

11th To the Military Paymaster General enclosing Copies of General orders issued the 9th & 11th Instant Extract of a letter from the Accountant, and Copy of circular Letter written to the Paymasters and directing him to pay attention & conform thereto

To the Military Paymaster General

To the Paymaster General of his Majesty's Forces in India, desiring that his next Indent may contain the arrears due to the King's Adjutant General, in order to be discharged — and to include in his future Indents the Pay of the above Officer for the Subsistence money to his Majesty's Troops —

To the King's Paymaster General

To the Accountant — informing him that the Board have adopted his General Recommendations

To the Accountant

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11th Recommendations, and have issued the necessary Orders in Consequence

To Major Dugald Campbell, Commandant of Cavalry, informing him that Government have fixed his allowances upon a Statement of those enjoyed by Major Fitzgerald - but the present Cavalry establishment differing, deductions must be made Accordingly by, which his Net monthly allowance will be Pagodas 198.

To Major Dugald Campbell -

To Captain Speedman Intimating him, in Consequence of the unfortunate Situation of his Brother, to draw the Pay from the Day of his Captivity to the Return of the Mysorean Princes.

To Captain Speedman -

To the Resident at Cuddalore directing him to pay Lieutenant Paris, who now proceeds to Cuddalore under the President's orders, 40 Pagodas P.r Month till further Orders.

To the Resident at Cuddalore

12th Received the following Letter & Enclosure from the Chief of Pulicat

[Translation]

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.r

President & Governor &c.a &c.a Fort St. George

From the Chief of Pulicat enclosing Letter from Columbo, accompanying Copy of

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to enclose two Letters

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12th Letters received from the Governor & Council at
of a Letter to— Bencoolen, the one addressed to your Government,
that Government from the Supreme Vessel then to Bengal—
Council respec- The Arrival of two Ships in these
ting the Roads alleges me to postpone my Visit to
Restitution— Madras— I must for the present therefore,
rest satisfied with assuring you in this
Manner, that I am, with high Esteem,

Hon'ble Sir,

Your most Obedient, &
very humble Servant,

(Signed) W Blaauhamer

Pulicat
11th August 1785.

(Translation)

To the Hon'ble Alexander Davidson Esq.
President & Governor &c. Council at
Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs,

We have had the honor to receive
your Letter of the 29th June, which advised
us of the Resignation of the Right Hon'ble Lord
Macartney, and of the Succession of the Hon'ble
Alexander Davidson Esq.- in Consequence, to the
Post of President & Governor of Fort St. George— to
whom we beg leave to offer our Sentiments of
Congratulation

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13.th Congratulations: We were also informed of the Arrival of Lieutenant General Robert Sloper as Commander in Chief in India, and of Lieut.t General Sir Eyre Coote Bar.t as Commander in Chief on the Coast of Coromandel.

We were at the same time in Expectation of receiving your answer to our Letter of the 17.th May, and the more so as the Supreme Council at Calcutta, by a Letter under date the 26.th May, informed us, that your Honor &.c had received every Assistance from from them for the immediate Execution of the Definitive Treaty with the States General. a Copy of this Letter we have now the Honor to enclose, and you will be pleased to observe, that Permission has been given for hoisting the Dutch Flag at Chinsurah, yet our Commissaries at Bulocat informed us, that by a Letter your Honor &.c addressed to them the 28.th May last you were unable to restore our Possessions, without further Instructions from Bengal.

We have the Honor to inform you that William Blaauhaave Esq.r Barber Appointed by the Supreme Government of Batavia, Superintendant of the Dutch Possessions on the Coasts of Choromandel &.c &.c arrived

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19th Brinjal; And that the authority which was before vested in the first Subscriber to this Letter for receiving back our Possessions, has been since transferred to Mr Blaauwberg, who now acts from the same date as Secretary of the Government of Batavia. —

We have the honor to be, with great Esteem,

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

(Signed) Van Delgraaff

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Columbo
17th July 1785

The Honble U. S. van de Graaff
Governor and Director of the Island of
Ceylon with all its Dependencies. —

&c. &c. &c. Colombo

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to acknowledge our

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I own Receipt of your Letters of the 9th March and 2d Ultimo.

We beg leave to offer our Congratulations to Mr. H. L. Van de Graaff on his Succession to the Government and Directorship of Ceylon and to assure him that we shall have much pleasure in manifesting our Desire of the Disposition he professes to maintain a friendly and neighbourly Correspondence with this Government by a Sincere and faithful observance of the same Conduct towards the Several Representatives of the States General in India.

We are happy to learn from M. de Contenceau at Pondicherry that M. de Se=maramont who commanded the Forts of Trincomalee on Ostenburg had delivered up those places to the Commissaries of Columbo, & we hope that an arrange=ment is already settled or nearly so between your Government & that of Fort St. George, for effecting the mutual Cessions to be made on the part of his Brittannic Majesty, to the Court of Commandeb Pall Madura in order - we have written to the Presidency of Fort St. George on this subject and assure ourselves that no Difficulties will arise on the early accomplishment

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12th of a Business which you, Gentlemen, as
well as ourselves are so desirous to see
completed.

You will have been advised by the Chief
in Council at Cheronmah of the Leave which
we granted to them some time since to
hoist the Dutch Flag at that place
agreable to their Wishes on Representations
to that Effect

We leave the Honor to be with much

Esteem

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs,

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
(Signed) John Macpherson
John Stables

Fort William
Foreign Department
26th May 1785.

Agreed
P. Vansittart
English Clerk

13th Received the undermentioned Letters
entered on M.B. Nos 35. 36. 37. 38.

From the Chief of Pulicat

From the Chief of Pulicat, dated the 4th August stating that seven Sailors have deserted from a Dutch Ship lying at Pulicat, and have been seen on the Road to Madras – Requesting that they may

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13th may be delivered us; and postponing the renewal of a Cartel concerning Deserters as before the late War.—

From the Paymaster at Pallamcotah dated 1st August, has made the Reductions ordered by Government, save retaining 2 Smiths, 2 Tamoreens, & 3 Bullock Boys who are absolutely necessary to keep in repair 5000 Stand of Arms now lying in the Garrison.

From the Paymaster at Palamcotah

From the Commandant of Angolo dated 11th August, enclosing Letters received from the Shilledar of Curnoorum, relating to Selby Condeh Naig, and advising that Tippoo has sent a Guard of Sepoys on the Borders of the Angolo Country to receive the Prisoner, and escort him to Coimbetore

From the Commandant of Angolo

From Lieutenant Keith Macalister enclosing Copies of three Bonds executed by his Highness the Nabob in favor of his late Brother Captain John Macalister, due for his Cavalry Accounts, previous to the date of the new Consolidated Debt—and Partly before the Debt of the Cavalry Loan, and requesting that Government will be pleased to get them included in the Security they granted to the other Captains

From Lieut. Keith Macalister.

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13th Captains of Cavalry for Arrears due on Accounts of a Similar Nature,

14th Sent the undermentioned Letters Sealed viz. M. B. N.os 39, 40, 46, 42, 43, 44, 45,

To the Chief of Pulicat - In consequence of his Request relative to the Seven Deser-
To the Chief of Pulicat =ters, they are now returned to him -
Depend on their being pardoned - agreeable to former Custom - The Master Attendant has been ordered to comply with his Desire respecting the three Boats belonging to Ladras - His Proposition respecting a Cartel accepted by Government -

To Masulipatam - Informing them, That their Letter of the 28th Ultimo will be taken into Consideration on the Arrival of Captain Hamilton - directing them
To Masulipatam to reduce the Subsidies, as far as the number of Invalids on their District will admit - The Invalids to be formed into a Corps, one hundred of whom are to be commanded by Ensign Wilson and Stationed at Rajamundry -

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue
To the Committee of Assigned Revenue To lay before the Board the total Amount of the Sixth Part of the Collections of the Carnatic

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To Mr. Rob.t Latham

To Capt.n D. Hope

To the Commandant of Angole

To the Commandant of Arcot

14th Carnatick and what remains due to the Nabob — To bring forward the Accounts of the Revenue, as fast as possible as they have been applied for by the Nabob

To Mr. Robert Latham at Palvaud, being no longer of Service in that District, the Board direct his return to the Presidency.

To Captain Hope, Commanding at the Palvaud directing him to join his Corps, leaving a Subadars Guard to assist the Amuldar in the Collections. — To Continue Bridge Dafs, the Sowcars &c. or, in Confinement, & to give over the Peons of the old Renter to the authority of the new one.

To the Commandant of Angole — directing him to give Orders for conveying Colley Candel Wang to the Borders of the Angole District, whence he is to be delivered up to Tippoo's Circar.

To the Commandant of Arcot, to place a Subadars Guard, under the Orders of the Amuldar of Trinomallie, to assist in the Collections.

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble. Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President

Tuesday 16th August 1785 Lieut. General Sir John Dalling Bart

James Daniell Esqr.

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute.

In order to ascertain the original Strength of the Battalions and those that should be reduced, The Commander in Chief submits the following Remarks.

The Establishment of Native Battalions in 1776, was Twelve Companies and Six Corps; when an augmentation of Four Companies and Two Corps Battalions took place; the following year were added Five Carnatic Battalions and during the Late War Six Carnatic Battalions more were raised.

When the present Establishment of Thirty-Five Battalions was formed in October

Commander in Chiefs Minute stating his remarks on the arrangement about to take place respecting the Sepoy Battalions; with his plans for bringing the Army.

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October 1784, Government thought fit proposed to Abolish the distinction of Carnatic and Ceded Battalions, and bring the whole to one nomenclature, Viz.t "Madras Battalions"; and it was left to the Commander in Chief to determine where the Ceded Battalions should Rank on the Establishment. Had they been brought in According to Seniority of Service the Six eldest Ceded Battalions should have followed in Succession after the Twelve Carnatic and the Two youngest Ceded, after the 16th Carnatic.

Battalions

But as the Ceded Troops had very little share of the Victories of the late War, and having had no Opportunity of distinguishing themselves, and the reputation gallant and Meritorious behaviour of the 16th 17th 18th 19th 21st & 25th Battalions, for which they received many honorary and pecuniary Rewards from the Supreme Council induced General Lang to recommend, that the Eight Ceded Battalions / instead of placing them According to Seniority of Service / should Rank next below the Twenty one Carnatic Battalions, as the changing the number of these Gallant Corps

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Corps, would be causing those marches
of distinction they had acquired and
destroy the effect they were intended
to produce.

Should the Reduction take
place agreeably to the custom generally
observed Viz. the youngest Battalions
of the Troops on the Circars the 17th Battalions
accepted, and before the army can be
formed to the new Establishment the
Battalions for the northward Division
must be sent thither
The General therefore observes
that the Reduction might take place
from the 17th to the 25th Battalions
inclusive and from the 26th to the 25th
inclusive, and the former Seniority of the
22d 23d 24th and 25th Battalions to the 17th 18th
19th 20th 21st together with the inconvenience of
attending the reduction of the whole of the
Troops to the northward, may justify the
above mode. The Commander in Chief
further observes that the Battalions raised
and disciplined on the Circars have been
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of little, or no use to us, and whilst the Military System continues on the present Footing in the northward and the Local Juriſdictions continues on the Coaſt we never can reſt ſecure from the Deſigns and the inſtances of the Deſertions of two Thirds of the two Coaſt Battalions that were ordered to join Sir Eyre Coote on the Laſt War, and their ſubſequent behaviour at the action of Pollore ſhews the abſurdity nor have we any reaſon to ſuſpect, that there would be leſs difficulty now to bring them from the northward, ſhould the Service require them, than formerly; on the contrary, if 2 Battalions formed, and diſciplined on the Coaſt, and ſouthern Troops will go without heſitation, where ever they may be ordered; as evinced by the embarkation of three Battalions for the expedition to Manilla on the Malabar Coaſt, and to the Guzurat Country againſt the Marattes when they gained ſuperior Reputation to the Troops of the other Eſtabliſhments.

The General, therefore, does not mean to ſuppoſe the above mentioned Mode of Reduction as defenſive, He would

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would wish on this occasion to have the
Sentiments of the Board; and, before any
thing conclusive should be determined
upon, the Commander in Chief requests
their attention to the merits of the Before-
-mentioned (formerly Carnatic) Battalions,
and the Injury the Service may receive
from the loss of the best Corps (as they have
been represented to have) in the army. And
whether we should not consider the Seniority
of the several Battalions on the Establishment
as fixed from that Period when Government
abolished the distinction of Carnatic and
Coast Battalions and gave the Seniority
of Rank to the Twenty one Battalions of the
Carnatic the Commander in Chief is inclined
to the latter, and is of opinion, that whatever
Right of Seniority the Coast Battalions
might have formerly enjoyed was done
away by the order of Government of the 18th
October 1784.

Should the Board, therefore
concur with the latter part of the General
observations and make the Reduction from
the 22d to the 25th Battalion inclusive, he
would propose that the 5th & 11th Battalions
now at Arcot, and the 18th Battalion at
Vellore,

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Nellore / provided it be judged proper to withdraw it / be immediately ordered to the Circars, and as soon as they are compleated to the new Establishment the reduction of the Northward Battalions to take place.

The General recommends that one of the Battalions now in Nellore be brought to Madras to supply the place of the three Reduced Battalions and to be compleated together with the 12th Battalion now on Madras from the Men of those Corps

It will be necessary that some Battalions be drawn from the Southward to the Carnatic, in the room of those ordered to the northward as soon as Two proper places can be fixed on for their Quarters.

The Generality of the Commandants of the Sepoy Battalions have been very old, and faithfull Servants to the Company, and many of them respectable Characters, should it therefore be thought proper to Reduce those posts. The General thinks some attention is due to the people who at present hold them, and instead of their being obliged to serve as Subsidars or retire upon half pay / as mentioned.

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in the former plan he could wish them
being pensioned upon 20 Ps per Month: at
least those of long standing in the appointment
of Commandants

It is well known that the now
Commissioned Officers are composed of the
best and most able Men in a corps it would
therefore be an irreparable loss to the Service
to discharge the Lieutenants and Ensigns
who will become supernumerary by the
Reductions It would, in fact, be throwing
some of our best, and most expert Soldiers
into the hands of the neighbouring Powers
The Commander in Chief accordingly advises
their being retained as he is of opinion that
the consideration of a temporary Expence
should not deprive us of so valuable part
of our army, and the common Casualties
of the Service will provide for them in the
Course of a year

The Commander in Chief
recommends the army being formed into six
Brigades from an Opinion of its being
most conducive to the Establishing of
Regularity and Discipline, for more
conveniently

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convenient by keeping the Troops collected and for the facility of moving them according to the exigencies of the Public Service But should ever Cavalry be distributed to the Brigades, the smallness of each Division would render them of but little use and were the Artillery divided into the Brigades it would, at present impede the Discipline of that Corps. The General therefore recommends the former remaining as at present attached to the Divisions of the Troops on the Carnatic and South of the Coleroon; and the latter being kept as collected as possible, at their Cantonments at St Thomas Mount, exclusive of what may be necessary to attach to the Divisions of the Army to the northward & Southward; and the Infantry only to be formed into five Brigades, for a peace Establishment; and their component parts to be kept in readiness to join on a short notice, in the event of apprehension of hostilities from any of the neighbouring Powers and upon a Supposition only, of our being enabled, at a future period to encrease our Cavalry to three thousand effectives, the Brigades for field service would then consist of

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Stand, with their proportion of Artillery and the Corps complete as follows; which with the Addition of His Majestys Troops would be sufficient Notwithstanding the Reduction that has necessarily been made / a very respectable force

First Brigade.

	Europeans including Comissd. Offrs	Natives including Comissd. Offrs	ordnance Attached
		500	2 twelve Pdrs
Cavalry		216	8 six do
Artillery	125		2 5½ Howitz.
1st Regiment	617		
	742		
1st Bn of Sepoys		820	
3d Do		820	
6th Do		820	
13th Do		820	
		Total Natives	3,996
		Total Europeans	742
Complete Strength including Europeans & Natives			4,738

Second Brigade.

		500	
Cavalry		162	2 twelve Pdrs
Artillery	77		6 six Do
2d Regt	617		4 5½ Howitz
	694		
11th Bn of Sepoys		820	
14th Do		820	
17th Do		820	
		Total natives	3,122
		Total Europeans	694
Complete Strength including Europeans & Natives			3,816

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Third Brigade

	Europeans including Commd. Offrs	Natives including Commd. Offrs	Ordnance Attached
Cavalry		500	2 Tumbrils &c
Artillery	74	163	6 Gun Do
3d Regiment	617		1 Spare Carriage
	691		9
4th Batt.n of Sepoys		820	
12th Do		820	
25th Do		821	
Total Natives		3123	
Total Europeans		691	
Complete Strength including Europeans & Natives		3,814	

Fourth Brigade

Cavalry		500	2 Tumbrils &c
Artillery	75	163	6 Gun Do
4th Regiment	617		1 Spare Carriage
	692		9
7th Batt.n Sepoys		821	
19th Do		820	
21st Do		821	
Total natives		3123	
Total Europeans		692	
Complete Strength including Europeans & Natives		3,815	

Fifth Brigade

Cavalry		500	2 Tumbrils &c
Artillery	74	120	6 Gun Do
2d Batt.n Sepoys		821	1 Spare Carriage
10th Do		820	9
16th Do		820	
18th Do		820	
Total natives		3,981	
Total Europeans		74	
Complete Strength including Europeans & Natives		3,974	

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Sixth Brigade

	Europeans including Comm.d Offrs	Natives including Comm.d offrs	ordnance attached
Cavalry		500	
Artillery	75	120	8 Sixty Pr.rs
5½ Inch Howitz		870	1 / 9 5½ Inch howitz
8" Do		820	
8" Do		820	
9" Do		820	
13" Do			
		Total Natives - 3,900	
		Total Europeans - 75	
Complete Strength including Europeans & Natives			3,975

N.B. The European Officers & Sergeants attached to the native Corps, not included in the above Effective Strength of the Said Brigades including the Supernumerary Cavalry Artillery & ordnance attached.

	Europeans including Comm.d Offrs	Natives including Comm.d offrs	ordnance attached
Cavalry		3,000	8 Twelve Prs
		944	12 Sixty Prs
Artillery	500		7 5½ Inch howitz
&			57
Infantry	2,468	17,220	
	2,968	Natives 21,164	
		Total Europeans 2,968	
Total Europeans & Natives			24,132

The Artillery, and ordnance attached to the Brigades, are judged Sufficient when on the

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the Line; But the eye of the Battering Train, and Parks of artillery necessary for an Army to be employed, either upon offensive, or defensive operations must depend entirely on the nature of the Service and the force of the Enemy they have to oppose. Hence are therefore requisite exclusive of the artillery in the Brigades 502 European Artillery including officers and 784 Native Assistant Gunners which will be sufficient to answer every contingency

Vide Margin

The General requests the Board to take into consideration whether the Captains of the Depoy Battalions, which shall after the Reduction are to be continued in the Command of them or whether the Eldest Captains of those at present performing Depoy Battalions are to be removed to the remaining Twenty or the standing Battalions to be given to the Twenty Senior Captains of Infantry

That hitherto been the practise on the recommendations to succeed to vacant Battalions, for the Commander in Chief to select from the Captains of Infantry, such officers as he judged most

* The forming the four European Battalions into Four Regiments and the Army formed into Six Brigades will make an immediate promotion of one Lt. Col to be Colo two Majors to be Lt. Cols one Captain to be Major should the Board however not deem themselves competent to the promotion of such Officers their be the six Brigades be Commanded by the three Colonels and the three Senior Lieut. Colonels the places of the latter not being filled up but the Majors will continuing as such in their Regiments —

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Most capable of being entrusted with so important a Charge, and as the good of the service, was so materially concerned, Merit only could have dictated his choice. It is therefore, to be observed that in a Service where Promotions are succeeded by Seniority and the rewarding with the Honours of real abilities meet with equal Rewards with respect to Promotion; and by a regular progression rise with the same rapidity towards the Head of their Profession, It may be proper for Government and the Commander in Chief to retain something in their hands, to bestow marks of their approbation, and favor on officers of distinguished Merit, and to inspire them with Zeal & emulation in the Execution of their duty. The General would, therefore, wish to have the Sense of the Board with respect to the future Succession to Warrant Ballts whether the Appointments to the Command of them are to be made by Seniority? Vide A.C. or whether the former Practice is to be continued?

Signed John Dalling

After maturely considering the Contents

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Contents of the above Minute together with the several papers to which it refers, the Board Resolve.

That the Commander in Chief's arrangements respecting the Sepoy Battalions be adopted, & that a Reduction take place from the 22d to the 35th Battalion both inclusive - the men to be incorporated in the remaining 21st Battalions conformably to the Generals' Plan

The Generals' arrangement of the Sepoy Battalions resolved on -

That the Army be brigaded as recommended by the Commander in Chief, & that the proposed promotion of field officers do take place who are to remain upon their present pay & allowances until the pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be known -

The Army to be brigaded in the manner recommended by the General -

The Board's reason for brigading the Army

The Board resolve upon this measure from a conviction of the good effects to the Publick Service which will result from it & because it will not be attended with any immediate expence to the Company

The Battalion of Native Artillery & Gun Lascars reduced -

Resolved also that the Battalion of native artillery & of Gun Lascars be reduced

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reduced, & that the following Corps of Assistant Gunners be attached to each Company of European Artillery, by which Arrangement a Saving will accrue of Pagodas P Annum.—

Pay & Strength of a Corps of Assistant Gunners.—

Corps of Assistant Gunners
To consist of, & to be paid as follows—

	No.	Pay P Month	Stoppages of each P Month	Full Pay of each P Month as fixed by the Company	Ballance with the Field P Day	Total Expence
		P ☉ ℔	P ☉ ℔	P ☉ ℔	P ☉ ℔	P ☉ ℔
1 Subadar	16	" " 1.	" " 17	" " 6	" 17	" "
2 Jemidars	8	" " 2½	" 8 2½	" " 3	" 17	—
6 Havildars	4	" " 1½	4 10 40	" 1 30	25 21	—
6 Naigues	3	" " 1	" 2 7	" " 1 30	19	— "
1 Buckally	2	" "	" 5 40	2 5 40	" 1 32	2 5 40
200 Assistant Gunners	1	36 "	" 6	" 2 "	" 1 30	400 " "

The Commander in Chief enters the following Minute respecting his Majesty's Surgeons.—

Commander in Chief's Minute proposing that the Surgeons of his Majesty's Regiments be in future paid as the Company's Surgeons.—

I propose that the Surgeons of His Majesty's Regiments be hereafter paid in like Manner as those on the Honble Company's Service Viz. 100 Pagodas P Month Pay, and 15 as an Allowance for Servants, the same being in Lieu of Kings Pay, Medicines Money, & all other Emoluments whatsoever

At

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it being understood, that Medicines will be
issued to them on their Lodents, & that the
Soldiers are to be Lubricated by the Surgeons
while on Hospital agreeably to Regimental
Regulations J.O.

His Majesty's Surgeons receive at present
under the Three following Heads.—

1 General allowance for every 800 Men — Pay 342.— 36
or in that Proportion more or less.

2 Pay & Gratuity — for each M.r of 30 — 16. 9 3/4 15. 10 1/2 — 7
M.r of 31 —

2 Medicine Money for each Corps for 6 M.rs or 26 Weeks 2 — 2
Corps Drummers & Fifes 8 — 1 — 7 1/2
Private 8 — 1 — 1 —

4 Hospitages for Lubricating men in Hospital
regulated by the Custom of the Regiment.—

Privates Pay & Gratuity

Month of 28 days	28 days	31 Da
P & G	P & G	P & G
2. 22. 60	2. 22. 70	2. 22 1/2

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Agreed

Agreed that the Generals recom-
=mendation be adopted, & that the foregoing
Resolutions be published in General Order

The Commander in Chief lays
before the Board the following Papers
delivered to him by Mr. Deighton from
Coromandel.

To

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To Lieut. General Sir John Dalling Bart.
Commander in Chief of the Troops on the
Coast of Coromandel.

Sir,

From Mr. Dighton to the Commander in Chief, proposing to erect Quarters for the Cantonment at Chowcaut, with a Calculation of the Expences attendant thereon.

As I understand a Cantonment is intended at Chowcaut, from my Vicinity to that Situation, I beg leave to lay before you as Commander in Chief to lay before the Honble Board my Willingness to undertake the Buildings necessary according to the enclosed Estimate

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obt. humble Servant
(Signed) Rich.d Dighton

Coromandel
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Proposals for a Cantonment.

I Propose to cover the Europeans allowance to each Man a Space of 14 feet by 8 in the clear between the Walls and a Veranda of 9 Feet Depth on the north Side of the Buildings, and on the the Line dimension

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underwritten Materials at 4 Pagodas each

European Mud Wall 2½ feet Thick 8 feet

high above the Foundation to be covered with

Doubam and Bamboos with Thatch 12 Inches

thick.

Each aperture for the Doors in the

Walls, to be filled up with Doors of Mango

Plank Hinges & Bolts complete of 6 feet

by 3½ at 4 Pagodas each Door.

Each Aperture for the Windows in the

Wall to be filled up with Windows of 3 feet

Square of Mango Plank Hinges & Bolts

complete at 2 Pagodas each Window as the

Plan may be proposed.

Proposed to cover each Lapay allowing

2 feet for each Man with the Verandah

at Pags. 1/8 each Lapay Doors & Windows

at the same Rate as above should they be

thought Necessary.

Proposal to make Store Houses Cook

Offices Room and other Officers as may be thought

necessary to appertain to such a Cantonment

with the same Materials at the Rate of

36 Pagodas for each Foot by 8 feet on the

clear between the Walls.

Proposal for Officers quarters allowing

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12 Feet in the Clear between the Walls of
the same Materials with a Verandas on
the North side of the Building 6 feet in
Breadth all 2 Pagodas each Door &
Window for the same of Teak Planks
Doors 7 feet high by 3½ feet Wide all 2
Pagodas each Door Window. 5 feet high
by 2 feet Wide at 5 Pagodas each Window.

N.B. If it should be considered proper to cover
the Building with Tiles I propose to leave
an Advance of half a Pagoda on each
foot in length by 8 feet in Depth. This
will Wonder the Building of many years
duration & of Course to the future advan-
-tage of the Honble Company.

As I have made the above
Proposals at the lowest Price Work can
be done for at this Place where Materials
of the Hardware generally brought for
Sale I expect the assistance of the Lascars
& others who are not employed & belong-
-ing to the Army to transport such
Materials from hence as may be purchased.

If Government should permit any
Materials that are serviceable on this Building
to be cut off their own Lands I propose to allow
for them at a Fair Appraisement.

I Signed Rich.d Boyston

Conferred
14th August 1785

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Calculation of Expences attending the Building Agreeably to the Accompanying Proposals.

St Thatched

Supposing 2000 European Soldiers to cover a Space of 8000 Feet in Length by 48 Feet in Breadth excluding the Walls at 1 Pagoda each Foot in length by 48 Feet in Breadth is 8000.— Pd. Pd.

Supposing 2000 Sepoys to cover a Space of 6000 Feet in Length by 12 in Breadth excluding the Walls at ¼ of a Pagoda for each Foot in length by 12 Feet in Breadth is 3375.— "

Supposing Cash Rooms Store Houses and other Offices necessary for the said Number of Troops to cover a Space of 5000 Feet at 36 Fanams for each Foot in length by 8 Feet in Breadth is 4285.32 "

Pagodas 15660.32 "

Supposing 130 Officers for the said Number of Troops to cover a Space of 3900 Feet in length by 24 Feet in Breadth at 3 Pag.s each Foot in length by 24 Feet in Breadth including the Walls — — — — 11700.— "

Total Pagodas — 27360.32 "

If Tiled an Advance of 75 P.Cent on the Total will be Pagodas — — — — 20520.22½ "

Total Pagodas 47881.10½ "

Ordered

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Ordered to lie on the Table

To lie on the Table

Read the following Report from the Committee of Stores with the Enclosures entered in M.B. No. 46. 47. 48. 49.

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Report of the Committee of Stores 11th August with the Resolutions of the Board thereon.

At a Committee of Stores

Present

Lieut. Colo. Patrick Ross

Bryan Swallney Esqr.

Lieut. Colo. Jos. Moorhause

Lieut. General Sir John Dalling Bart. Absent

Lieut. Colo. Lt. Reignault absent

Read Proceedings of the 2d Inst. with the Remarks of the Honble President & Council

Read Letter from Mil. Secretary enclosing a List of Stores offered to Government by the Commander of His Majestys Squadron, & desiring the Committee would inform it

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it what part are wanted
for the Company's Service
likewise an Indent from
Fort Marlbro' which it is
agreed shall be complied
with, agreable to the
remarks of the Commissary
General of Stores; and
advising of the resignation
of Mr. Lascelles late
Company's Cooper, & the
appointment of Mr.
Christopher Breithaupt
to succeed him in that
employ.-

The Commissary Genl.
of Stores lays before the
Committee a List of
those Articles tendered
for sale & wanted for the
Company's Service, which
it is agreed to transmit
to the Honble President
& Council with the Prices
affixed which have been
usually given by the
Company to Government
& to inform them it has
been customary to grant
Receipts

Sale

The Steward
by the Committee
How to be accounted
for &c. Customary
Fees necessary to be
passed to his Majesty's
Naval Storekeeper
and

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Receipts for the Stores delivered here that the Account may be paid in England.

Read Letters from Chinglepatt, Cuddalore & Vellore agreed that they be complied with when the distribution of Stores take place, agreeable to the remarks of the Commissary General; who lays before the Board Lists of Stores received from the Military Storekeeper in May and June.

and the amount of them to be settled in Europe.—

Approved

The Committee having examined 8 twelve Pdr.rs Garrison Travil Carriages 2 Iron Lock, Mortar Beds, find them made of good materials and well finished & therefore direct them being received on the Company's Books.

Approved

This Settlement being an great Award of Military Stores it is agreed to recommend to the Honble President & Council that such as serve in the Field

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Ships of this Season, for
Bengal be landed here
as the distress at that place
cannot be too great

Approved

" Patrick Ross
" B: Scott
" J Moorhouse

Read the following Letter from Sir
John Burgoyne.-

To the President & Council
of Fort St George
Gentlemen,

From Sir John Burgoyne, enclosing his Accounts with the Company for Gratuity, Horse Account, House Rent, & Allowance on Camp.-

I have the honor to inclose you a Statement of what is due to me on the Several following Accounts Viz.- The Arrears of my Gratuity to the 31st July last.- The name of my Contract for feeding my Troops & monthly allowance of 1½ Pagoda for each effective Horse, to enable me to keep up the Establishments of my Regiment; Lord Macartney paid up this allowance to the 31st of May 1784 as will appear by the Select Committees

Letter

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Letter to me of the 22d May 1784, my Letters
to them on the same Subject of the 7th August
1783 & of the 18th of March 1784 could fully
explain whatever may not be comprehended
by any Member of your Board who were
not present at that time & to these Letters
beg to refer you as they prove the acknowledge
legality of my Demand.

I have also added a Demand
of Fifty Pagodas p.r Month for a House from
the 22d of November 1782 to the 3d of August
1783 the day I took the field; every other General
Officer had a House allowed him except
myself during that Period, & I charge no
more than is given to the Qua.r Master General
& Adjutant General.-

I leave it to you Gentlemen to decide
whether I have not a right to the Table
money allowed by the Company to the
Commander of their Main Army in the
field, as it expressly ordered for the defraying
the Expence of a Table, & as none I suppose
to me had that allowance, I hope you will
not object to the Demand which is only for
Six Weeks.- I conclude you will allow me
the

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The same you do Major Generals Campbell & Gogle since they were struck off the Staff as also a Sufficient Sum to defray the expences of my passage home; - The field officers going from Bengal had 4000 Rupees & 6 Months half Batta.

I beg you will be pleased to direct the pay & allowances of my Secretary Deputy Camp to be paid to Mr. O Leary as the former, & to Lieutenant Armstrong as the latter -

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt. Humble Servt.
(Signed) J. Burgoyne
m. Gl.

Madras
11th August 1785

The Honble Company D.r to Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart.

Year		£	f.	d.	£	f.	d.
	Gratuity						
1784	Army Gratuity for Octr. 25th to Decemr. 24th 1784				166	28	-
1785	To Do. for Decemr. 25th 1784 & Febry 24th 1785				172	6	60
	To Do. for Febry 25th & April 24th				163	34	70
	To Do. for April 25th & June 24th				169	16	10
	To Do. for June 25th & July 24th				93	19	-
	To Do. for July 25th & July 31st 1785				19	18	30
					774	32	10

E.E.
(Signed) J. Burgoyne

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The Honble Company D.to Major
General Sir John Burgoyne Bart.

		P. £	S.	P.
Year 1785	To the Subsistance of 45 Horses &			
	of my Troop for Febry 1785 at 8	360	—	—
	Deduct Cash rec.d for Febry	21	30	—
		338	12	—
	To Do. for 43 Do. for March	344	—	—
	To Do. for 42 Do. for April	336	—	—
	To Do. for 65 Do. for May	520	—	—
	To Do. for 65 Do. for June	520	—	—
	To Do. for 64 Do. for July	512	—	—
				2570 12 —
1784	To Overplus of Accomodations for			
	224 Rank & File Horses for			
	June 1784 at 1/2 p.r each	112	—	—
	To Do. Do. for 226 Do. for July	113	—	—
	To Do. Do. for 223 Do. for August	111	24	—
	To Do. Do. for 221 Do. for Sept.r	110	24	—
	To Do. Do. for 215 Do. for Oct.r	107	24	—
	To Do. Do. for Do. for Novem.r	107	24	—
	To Do. Do. for 214 for Decem.r	107	—	—
1785	To Do. Do. for 215 for Janry	107	24	—
	To Do. Do. for 211 for Febry	105	24	—
	To Do. Do. for Do. for March	105	24	—
	To Do. Do. for 216 for April	108	—	—
	To Do. Do. for 346 for May	173	—	—
	To Do. Do. for 345 for June	172	24	—
	To Do. Do. for 344 for July	172	—	—
				1713 — —
		Do.		4284 12 —

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Signed J. Burgoyne

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The Honble Company Dr.

To Major General Sir J. Burgoyne.

To allowance for House Rent from the 22d Novemr. 1782 to the 5th of August 1783 at 50 Pagodas P Month		P. f. C. 492 — —

(Signed) J Burgoyne.

The Honble Company Dr.

To Major General Sir John Burgoyne.

To allowance for a Table on Account as Commanding the Main Army from the 5th Augt 1783 to the 19th Sept 1783 at	60 Pr Month	900 —
To allowance as a General Officer from the 19th July 1785 the day I was struck off the Staff		
To passage money Home		
	Pagodas	

(Signed) J. Burgoyne

To the President and Council

of Fort St. George

Gentlemen

Yesterdays orders leaving informed me that

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From Sir John Burgoyne, on Consequence of the late Reduction in the Contract for feeding the Horses of the 23d Regiment Light Dragoons—

That the Contract for feeding the horses of my Regiment is reduced to 6 1/2 Pagodas p Month for each horse, I beg leave to trouble you with this in order to have a doubt set right which may perhaps occasion a difference of opinion between me & my Officers— When the Contract was first made with me it was at 8 1/2 Pagodas for each Effective Troop horse & 8 Pagodas for each effective Officers horse— the 4th Par. as you will Observe by your own Regulations being for defraying the Expence of keeping up & repairing the horse Accoutre-ments— when the Government thought proper on the 5th of August 1783 to take the contract from the Colonel & give it to his Captains I wrote a Letter to the Board a Copy of which * N.1 I enclosed & afterwards another Letter + N.2 which after mature deliberation was found to be a just Demand, & accordingly as you will see by N.2, the Select Committee ordered me Payment, & I was paid to the end of April 1784 since that period the Payment has been in Arrear, & is a Demand on my Account— I therefore beg to know whether by the orders of yesterday you mean the Captains of each Troop should receive only 6 Pagodas p month.

* Vide Letter from Sir John Burgoyne to Select Committee 7th August 1783—

+ Vide Letter from Sir John Burgoyne to Select Committee 21st March 1784—

‡ Vide Letter from Select Committee to Sir John Burgoyne 22nd March 1784—

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and the 5 Pagoda be as before an allowance to me for repairs, or whether the whole 6 Pags. are to go to the Captains of the Sattan Cavy should be your pleasure I beg to assure you that without this allowance It is impossible for me to stand the additional Expence of accoutre= =ments which in this Country is more than quadruple from them being worn every day, from having no place of safety to hang them up in, From the Decay of all Leather Appointments in this Country, which is such, that I am now obliged after only one year & a half's ware of them to buy a great part entirely new that in Europe would have lasted Six years at least,- the Horses are so vicious that if not rode every day they become totally ungovernable,- The Com.d Officers of the native Cavalry have this 5 Pagoda which I am persuaded on enquiry you will find not only a fair but absolutely necessary allowance.-

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen
Your most Obed.t humble Serv.t
(Signed) S. Burgoyne
Lt Col. 73d L.t C
The

Madras
12th August 1785.-

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The Board having taken the following into Consideration, Resolve that the following Answer be sent

To Major General Sir John Burgoyne K.B.

Sir

To Sir John Burgoyne in answer to the two preceding Letters.—

I am directed by the President & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 11th & 12th Instant with their several Enclosures & to inform you that the late order respecting the reducing of the Contract for feeding the Horses of your Regiment does not affect the half Pagoda which is allowed for repairing the accoutrements—The allowance remains as before & the Contract for feeding is reduced from 8 Pagodas to 6—the Sum fixed for the Native Cavalry.— The Account transmitted by you of Pagodas 4283.12 for Subsistence & Horses & repairs of Accoutrements being certified by the proper Officers is considered as a just demand, as is also your Account of Arrears of Gratuity amounting to Pagodas 974.32.40— With respect to your Charge of

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of allowance for a Table and Camp Guard
directed to observe to you that this Allowance
during the period Claimed by you, has
already been granted to Major General Stuart
who was Commander in Chief of the Company's
Forces until the 19th September 1783 & as such
entitled to it.

The Board admit your Charge
of Pag 422 for House Rent, & will make
you the same allowance as may be granted
to Major General Campbell, & to Major General
Ogle from the time of their having struck off
the Staff.

With regard to your Demand
of a Sufficient Sum to defray the Expence
of your Passage home, the Board direct
me to inform you that they have resolved
to allow you one Thousand Pagodas on the
Account, but they are obliged to refer
to you their Absolute inability of
Advancing on ready money any thing
more than the 2500 Pagodas mentioned
in my Letter of the 9th Instant.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant
I Legrand Sec.

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Read the following Letter from Mr. Eyles Irwin with Enclosures delivered to the Committee of Assigned Revenue.

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

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to transmit you (No. 1 to 283) Statements of those Accounts (copies of which have been delivered to the Nabob's Dubash) which I request you will lay before the Honble Board.

The large balance on the Tinnevelly Province Viz. Pd. 2,95387. 2. 24 would be a matter of great concern to me had it not been accounted for by my frequent representations to the Right Honble President, of the ill effect, which the want of the Commander of the Assignment had upon the collection and on this ground I supposed the Company were particularly entitled to the balances due

From Mr. Irwin enclosing Accounts stating the exact Balances on the Renters & Poligars of the Tinnevelly Province with his observations thereon - explaining also the Nature of their demands made on that Province & requesting the order of the Board - for paying the Dividends

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due on the day of the Surrender Vizt Ch. 69075.
5. 18. 0 gave the Deputation the notice
expressed in my Letter of the 10th Instant of
my holding them responsible for it The
Account I have now the honor to enclose
(No 4) for the information of the Honble
Presidents of the outstanding demands
against this Treasury may more strongly
induce their confirmation of this notice, as
we have no means whatever to satisfy the
Gibbendars, either on the event of their being
discharged or delivered over to the Nabob
I request the immediate directions of the
Board on this Subject, as soon lastly soli-
-cited by those & the other claimants
mentioned in the Statement, and in case
of the Nabobs Orders to his Deputation to accept
Jumbas on those balances, the Paymaster
might have the whole assigned to him
for the Arrears of those corps, amounting
to 6 Pagodas 30000 The Subsistance of
the garrisons of Madura & Palamcotah

The same mode may be observed
in respect to the Polygar balances Those
for 1193 Ch 8504. 1 - may equally be
claimed by the Company with the balance
for Polygar Genl" arrear Vizt Ch 165432. 2. 24.

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& Funds may be given to the Paymaster for it, in the same manner, for the use of the Garrison. The Honble President &c will observe, that the Peicash of the Polygar for 1194 is in Arrear, and indulgence granted them by the Government on Account of the loss they sustained during the war from internal Commotions as well as from the Company's arms. I would be advisable for the Nabob to continue this for Clearance towards them, while they conducted themselves agreeably to their Cowles.— Some explanation will be necessary of the rise of the other demands against this Treasury.

The Sum of 3891. 21 42 Pagodas for bills drawn by the Paymaster of the So. Arcot Army, & accepted by me as Superintendant, would have been discharged this Month by a Tunka on grain agreeably to the Permission of the Honble Board had the assignment continued, should it be determined to give up the balance to the 28th June, this Sum must be made good for the grain & Bonds in hand.

Lt Hammonds Contract bills were for a troop of Cavalry chiefly mounted by

Polygar

from

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by me from this Country during the war.
as they were an irregular Corps and not
on a footing with the Regiments of Cavalry
Colonel Pollard on decease the Paymaster
of the Southern army to draw on this
Treasury for payment of the Contract.
and the bills with the Colonels & Paymas
ter's signature were regularly honored
here, until the order of the board arrived
to stop all Payments but for the current
service about 4000 Pagodas therefore of the
contract are still due

(N5) States the balance due from
Petrupah Moodaliar Lands for Phazely
1194, held by order of Government, for the
liquidation of his large balance to the
Company for 1191 & 1192. There is a demand
on this balance, Vy Chr. 3529. 6 — from
the Estate of M. Light, for advances to
Libbendy during his Paymastership, which
was ordered to be discharged by the late
Right Honble President. I have to request
to know, who I shall leave an charge for
the Receipt of the Moodeliars Bonds &
the payment of this demand, on my
departure from this place. I am sorry to
say that the change of Government seems to
have

demand

which

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Shall redoubled the insolence & obstinacy
of this man; and while the hopes he entertains of becoming once more Renter of
this Country continue to be fostered at
Madras, no good can be expected from
him- I enclose his Account Current with
with the Company to this day, which his
Estate will help by slow degrees to discharge
There is little doubt of his possessing means
to make use with at he speculated from the
Revenues during his short management
but the fruitless trouble we have had with
him, may possible prevent the Nabob from
accepting of his Person & Estates as security
for his debt to the Company. I shall continue
the Moodaliar in custody of Lt Col Lee
Henry Crosby on my departure.

There is at present but one of the
Company's Renters, who declines to remain
under the Nabob. His Petition goes now
on this Packet, to the prayer of which
I conceive there will be no objection Before
I quit the Subject of the Tinnevelly
Revenues, I beg leave to remark, That the
Balance of the Polygars chiefly arises from
the misconduct of Comby Rauch and Sona
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Chinnama Naig, the Polygar of Laupatore &
Tellamurry they have strong holds in the
Hills, & are the only refractory tributaries
that were under my charge I would recommend
that a force be sent against them to receive
their balances at least, and to support there
with a proper respect of the Companys
Powers under the change of Government.

Before I conclude a letter that,
perhaps, will be the last from me on the
business of the Assignment in I sincerely
hold it my duty to inform the Board, the
order arrived here fifteen day from Estabar
Cawn as Shoudar, to seize all accounts
on that Country for money advanced by the
Renters for the necessities of the publick
Service. I must clothe the complaint in this
strong language, because it was well known,
that the Renters had mortgaged large
quantities of Paddy as may be found for
the Payment of their Assessments & this
& the order was general to seize all
securities whatever Luckily for the Compa-
-nys credit & the Property of Individuals
the Tasseldars declined taking so arbitrary
a Step; & I have satisfied the Farmers
by assuring them that protection would
continued to

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undoubtedly be afforded to all mortgages made under the Company's Cowle, for which they had applied to me at this time. I request the interposition of Government in this matter, as I shall probably do their redress of Consideration order carried into effect, when I come to the business of the Pachenopoly Country.—

I am Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Eyles Irwin

Tinnevelly
25th July 1785

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

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have been favored with your Letter of the 25th Ultimo & agreeably to the directions of the board, shall make up the Accounts of my Superintendance to the 28th Inst. and give Receipts to the Nabob Agents for such Sums, as have been paid into the hands of any assistants or myself

From Mr. Irwin recommending that the Exchange fixed by him on the Districts lately under his Charge be now confirmed by the Durbar, being of great service to the Country, obtains a written Cowle from the Nabob & Polygars agreeing to maintain a Corps for the Defence of the

since that period I shall exert myself

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Maravars respects a Letter from Shevagunga Relative the Detachment of Colonel Martins Corps, in consequence of their heavy Arrears; Encloses a Representation from the Colonel requesting that the Arrears of his Corps may be put on the same footing as those of the Carnatic Troops.—

Herewith the Board's determination respecting the Balances due on the 28th June last, & my Letter of the 25th

I am happy to find, that the universal rise of the Exchange on the Districts lately under my Charge, is already known at the Presidency, and is likely to produce a remedy to the Evil, under which the Revenue and Troops would otherwise materially suffer— after long attempting without effect, to restrain the intrigues of the Carnatic Shroffs whereby benefit by the variation of the Exchange, I was induced to compare the value of the Colly fanam / the currency of Immediately Madura / now of Tinchenopoly / with the Silver fanam & Rupee; and with the Concert of the Renters & Merchants, established the Exchange at 163⅓ for the Star Pagoda— The then Exchange is consequently in favor of the Pagoda at was 15 Pond less than the Shroffs contrived to keep the Company at advance, Year, and therefore could not

escape

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escape the clamors of the Dubashes & money changers, who were used to throw us the Expence of the Corcar & the troops — By this exchange upwards of 5/6 Lack of Pagodas was saved to the Revenue of Fanevally in spite of the Combination of the 5 Army & Garrison — but of course had not been taken at the same time to prevent its rise — the troops must have suffered on the suspension of their Pay — I beg pardon for this long digression, but it is to suggest, that when I advise Silver Coin & the rate of Exchange at which the Troops have been paid to the Southward of the Coleroon, it might be advisable for the Hon'ble President & Council to get that Exchange fixed by the Durbar, as standing and unalterable, or from past experience, I apprehend, that great detriments and inconveniences will arise to the public Service. I have the honor to enclose (No. 53) Copies of Agreements entered into between the Polygars of Ramnad and Shevagunga with Mr. Lalvaine, to maintain a Corps for the defence of the Morawars, over and above their Peircards as the late Regulations

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Hon'ble President interested himself very much in the accomplishment of this measure, & was happy to obtain a written Agreement which is now accompanied by an instrument under the Ramnad Polygars seal to that effect— I am in daily expectation of a similar Paper from the Sheva ganga Polygar, notwithstanding the Change of Government has evidently occasioned his with-holding it— But as both Rajas have agreed several months pay to the Corps on this Arrangement, this Subterfuge will not avail him.

I shall take this Opportunity to mention the singular case of Colonel Martins and the Officers & Garrisons of Ramnad & Tripetore, who are on Arrears from the beginning of 1782 & in a very distressed Situation— The enclosed Letter & Statement of Arrears /No 3/ from Colonel Martin will render needless any further explanation on my part, having no doubt whatever but the Honble President & Council will consider the great merits of the Colonel & his Corps, in the preservation of the Marawars against every superior Force of the Enemy,

and

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— and in the Sacrifice they made at an hour of Distress, in Appropriating the — collections for the use of the Southern Army

Mr. Lubeans Accounts of the Marawar would testify that, of the fact we are not well known; but as the Colonel only now asks to leave the Arrears of his Corps but and nothing on the Score of the Southern Troops. I request the Honble Board will be pleased to favour me with their Sentiments on this occasion or their order to Mr. Jackson to audit the Accounts now in my Hands I also beg leave to observe and then dispassionately under which Colonel Marleay labours, and which the peace of the Country may require to be adopted — By the former Orders of Government he was to make returns to the Commander in Chief to the Southward and by the late Arrangement are to the Maravas Polygars, he still must commander himself amenable to that Officer — The restoration of the Nabob authority has placed the Colonel on an outward Predicament, as being an Officer on his Service; the Apprehend it cannot affect the Spirit or intents of the

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The Settlements in question — an order to Colonel Martyn to make this return to Brigadier General Stone as before, — would ascertain the authority under which he was to act, at Commanding a Corps raised and maintained by a particular Stipulation between the Government of Fort St George and Raja

I remain

Tanjore
31st July 1785

Sir

Your Most Obed. Servant
(Signed) Eyles Irwin

The President informs the Board that he has conferred with His Highness the Nabob upon the Subject of the foregoing Letter & has not been able to procure from him to make any provision for the arrears due to the Settlements Vizt on the day of the Surrender of the Assignment — His Highness has delivered to the President an order to Ven-kur Cawn for the restoration of the Mootya Paddy Vizt — The following Letter being in consequence drafted is ordered to be despatched with the Nabobs Order —

The President's Information to the Board on the two preceding Letters —

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-- To Eyles Irwin Esq.r

Sir

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 25th — 27th & 28th Ultimo with the several Enclosures —

To Mr Irwin — The Lubbendies to be delivered over to the Nabobs Representations, their Arrears to be liquidated as soon as possible — The Recommendation respecting Tetrapa Moodeliar approved. Ithaw Cavoor to surrender the Grain he has taken Possession of, an Order from the Nabob to that Effect enclosed — The Exchange fixed by them will be confirmed by the Board — It is impracticable for us to comply with Colonel Martings Requisition —

The Lubbendies Peons & who were maintained for the purposes of collecting the Revenues in the Assigned Countries are all to be delivered over to the Nabobs Representatives as his Highness Consents to pay them from the day of the Surrender of the Assignment but absolutely refuses to become answerable for the Arrears due to them previous to the 28th June — you are therefore to have their Accounts made out to that Period & to assure the several Claimants that Government will adopt every mode in their power to liquidate their Arrears as soon as possible —

The Board approve your recommendations respecting Tetrapa Moodaliar and will communicate to the Nabob the different parts of your Letter of the 25th Instant

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Instant which relate to the Balances outstanding.—

Enclosed we order with a Translation from the Nabob to Ettaya Canon directing him to surrender the Grain of which he had taken Possession. The Board desire you will give your Certificate that this Grain was really mortgaged on account of the Publick Service as on that condition the Nabob has consented to grant us it.

The Nabob has assured the President that the Exchange fixed by you & reported to Ettaya Canon shall be confirmed on the Coulteen District.

The Board are very desirous of paying every attention to the Claims of Colonel Maxwell and should be well pleased to be enabled to liquidate the Arrears of his Corps to the same period with those of the Southern Troops, but the Balances being given up to the Nabob, it is unfortunately at this moment as you must be aware of impossible to comply with the Colonels Requests an order will be sent to Mr. Lachlan to audit his Accounts the Colonel will be directed to make such Deductions as are to

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To the Presidency & to the Officer Commanding
the Southern Forces.-

Fort S.t George
16.th August 1785

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) John Shaw
Secretary

Substance of a Letter from Gen.l Horne to the Commander in Chief

The Commander in Chief laid before the Board a Letter addressed to him by Brigadier General Horne, stating that he is unable to procure from the Military Storekeeper the Expendable Accoutrements wanted for the Battalions under his Command & representing that they can be made up by the Paymasters to the Southward as cheap as at the Presidency

Agreed that General Horne be informed that the Board consent to the Accoutrements being made up by the Southward, since he informs the Commander in Chief that they can be provided as cheap as at the Presidency from whence the Military Storekeeper cannot furnish them.

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Assigned Revenue.-

To

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

We have received Mr. Secretary
From the Journal
of Assigned Revenues
stating the total
Amount of the
Nabob's Sixth
part of the net
Collections of
the Carnatic,
nothing due
to the Nabob
on that Account
All Accounts
relating to their
Departments are
expeditiing as
fast as possible.

Chuttoor letter of yesterdays date, and beg
leave in consequence to enclose you that
the total Amount of the Nabob's Sixth part
of the net Collections from the Carnatic,
according to the latest Accounts that have
been sent in is Pagodas 7,09,617/- of which
His Highness has received Pagodas 6,12,887/-
We therefore at present beg leave to observe
that the Balances in the Country at the
time the Assignment was surrendered and
such as we see them, are made over and
received by the Nabob will amount to
considerably more than the Balance of
His Highness' sixth part to that period,
so that the Company instead of having any
thing further to pay on this account will
be Creditors to his Highness for what the
Balances of Revenue are likely to produce
over and above his sixth.

We Wajeel Baushy account
of Nellore Balance, Cuzelo, Carpelly and
Salem

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Letters have been finally adjusted and delivered to the Nabob— The Southern Accounts and those of the Ceded Districts are expediting as fast as possible, but cannot be finally settled for some time yet, particularly those of Ceded which are mostly Jaghire Accounts.—

We have the honor to be,
Honble Sir and Sirs,
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants
(Signed) Charles Oakeley
David Haliburton
Geo: Mowbray

Fort St. George
15th August 1785

Agreed that the President be desired to communicate the contents of the foregoing to the Nabob.

The President to communicate the Above to the Nabobs

Mr. John Clerke is now confirmed as master Master in the Masulipatam District / Mr. John Lorow appointed Master in the Chicacole & Ichapore Districts—

Mr. John Clerk confirmed as Master Master in the Masulipatam District—

Mr. John Lorow appointed in the Ichapore & Chicacole Districts—

Read a Letter as entered in the Public Book No. 50 from Capt. Orme dated 13th August stating that a party of Travancore Sepoys from Capt. Olivier

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Sepoys have been stationed at Pangapillai's Choultry on the Nabob's Country, in order to apprehend Deserters from Pondicherry.—

Agreed that the President be desired to write to the Governor of Pondicherry, representing the circumstances stated in Capt.n Olivers Letter, requesting the propriety of the French Sepoys being immediately recalled.

Memo to the Governor

The Letter from Major General Campbell & Ogle of the 14th Instant was now taken into Consideration, and it is agreed that they be allowed Pagodas 150 P Mensem & Pagodas 50 for House Rent from the day they receive Orders off the Staff until the 15th October next, unless they should leave this Coast before that Period, in which case, the above Allowances are to be stopped to the day of their Embarkation.—

Monthly allowances granted to Major General Campbell & Ogle

Agreed also that Major General Sir John Burgoyne be permitted to draw the same Allowances.—

and to Major General Sir John Burgoyne

" Alex.r Davidson

" P.s Dalrymple

" J. Daniell

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17th Sent the undermentioned Letters / as entered on M.B. Nos. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. -

To the Committee for the Investigation of His Highness the Nabobs Debts, enclosing Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Keith Macalister, with three Bonds granted by the Nabob to his late Brother, which they are to examine into, and report the result of their Examination to the Board

To Lieut. Keith Macalister advising of the Above. -

To Surgeon Major Davis; directing him to examine Mr. Mallets House, and report if it be fit as an Hospital of the artillery. -

To Vizagapatam, enclosing a Petition presented to the Board by J. De Rozario, and informing them that in Consequence of his suffering Government have resolved to allow him a Pension of two Pagodas per Mensem during Life, to be paid from the 1st Instant at their Settlement. -

To the Military Paymaster General directing him and future to make up his Accounts of offreckonings to the 30th April yearly, agreeable to a Certificate which the

for.

To Mssrs. Garrow Webb Mitford & Landon

To Lieut. Keith Macalister

To Surgeon Major Davis. -

To Vizagapatam -

To the Military Paymaster General -

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17th the adjutant General will be directed to
Furnish him; and to pay no Sums whatever
on Account of such Recknonings, till an
adjustment of the kind shall have been
finally concluded by him.

To the Adjutant General

To the adjutant General, with a Form
for a Certificate to be furnished yearly by
him, upon a Requisition from the Military
Paymaster General.

Dispatched the following Letters.

To Brigadier General Horne

Commanding the Southern Forces

To General Horne.
The Board consult
the accoutrements
being made up
at Trichinopoly
for the Sepoys.
The Paymaster
will receive
Instructions to
pay attention
to his Requisitions.
To assist the
Rebel in his
Collections. &c.
a Crown has been
directed to deliver
over the Liberties
of the Poonjeet
to the Rightful
Representatives.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your Letters of the 6th & 12th Inst.
The latter addressed to the Commander in
Chief.

The Board consult by your Proposal
of having the Accoutrements wanted for the
Sepoy Battalions made up at Trichinopoly
& Tanjore in consequence of your Situation
that they can be supplied at as cheap a
rate at those places, as at the Presidency
or Port

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17th Orders will in consequence be given to the Paymaster to attend to your requisitions on this Subject

You will be pleased to assist the Nabob managers in the Collections upon their requisitions to you, & you are to give similar Orders to the Officers in Command under you.—

The Board desire me to inform you that they have directed Mr. Irwin to deliver over to the Representatives of His Highness the Nabob all the Gibbendars Peons & who were employed in the collection of the Revenues in the Southern Districts—

I am Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) John Shannon

Secretary

Fort St. George
17th August 1785

To Charles Hughes Esqr.

Commodore, & Commanding His Majesty's Squadron on the East Indies

To Commodore Hughes enclosing a List of Stores wanted for the Company, with their Valuation affixed— The Military Storekeeper will sign

Sir

We have just Received a Report

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17th

Sign the usual Certificates that the Amount may be settled in England.

Report from the Committee of Stores on the reference which We made to them respecting the tenders of Naval Stores for the use of the Company, & We have now the honor to enclose a List of Articles which We request you will be so good to order the delivery to the Military Storekeeper.

We enclose a Statement of the Valuation agreed to which I shall direct the Military Storekeeper to sign the usual Certificates that the amount may be settled in England according to former Custom.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

(Signed) Alex.r Davidson

for Council.

Fort St. George

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18th Received the following Letter from Commodore Hughes.—

To Alexander Davidson Esq.r

&c &c &c

From Commodore Hughes in answer to the preceding Letter.—

Sir, and Gentlemen

Fort St. George

I have been honored with the

Your

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18th your Letter of yesterdays date, enclosing a List of Naval Stores that are wanted by the Company, and a valuation of the same affixed to them.

I have consulted with the Proper Officers of the Squadron, and find, that last year, when Cordage was wanted for the Kings Service the Company charge the Naval Storekeeper Twelve Pagodas p.cwt at the the Current price, at that time was only nine Pagodas, and in Justice to the Government, I think the same price ought to be charged now; upon further enquiry, I find, that you have rated the three Articles much lower than prime Cost — I am therefore of opinion that the Same the Stores cost Government, ought to be paid by the Company, which is only fair and equitable, but if you cannot agree to this Proposal, I will order the Naval Store-keeper to deliver over the Articles you desire on your receipts, and refer the Valuation to the Navy board, and the Court of Directors in England.—

I

2252 Fort St. George August 1785

18th I cannot help remarking the small quantity of Naval Stores you require as it appears by my orders from the Right Honble the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that it had been settled by the Navy board, and the Company, to purchase all that remained after the Squadron were supplied for their homeward bound Passage, which has been very trifling, and your List containing so very small a part of what there still remains.

I have the honor, to be
Sir and Gentlemen
Your most Obedt
Humble Servant
(Signed) Chas. Hughes

Bristol, in Madras Road
18th August 1785

Received the following Letter from the Chief Engineer

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

From the Chief Engineer commanding at the Hospital at the Mount to be built on the Plan of one at Pondamallee.

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,
In Obedience to your Commands directing

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18th directing me to furnish a Plan and Estimate for an Hospital at the Mount, upon the most oeconomical Scale.

I have the honor to lay before you the Plan of the Hospital at Poondamalle, which has been found to answer well, and has cost, excluding Medicine Room Bath, Surgery, Guard Room and Cook Room only Pagodas 3660. 8. 78 Cash.— and can contain upwards 120 Men.

That the Honble Board might be at a certainty as to the Expence, I have addressed myself on the Subject to Mr. Garrow who built it, and who has informed me, he will execute one at the Mount on the same Terms, provided half the amount be paid on accepting his proposal, and the other half between us Cash when the Building is completed This he will engage to perform before the Monsoon of the weather held off so as to enable them to burn Bricks and should it be nyser with to render it more durable by a terraced instead of a tyled Roof, he will undertake the alteration for one Thousand Pagodas—

More—

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18th More - and in either Case, should it be thought adviseable to raise the Works four Steps above the Level of the ground which it is imagined would be of considerable advantage to the Batteries, or to make any other Addition or Alteration the increase of Masonry to be paid for on the terms of the Contract for repairs -

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant
[signed] Patrick Ross

Madras
3d August 1785

Received the undermentioned Letters from the
on M.B. Nos 57 - 58 -

From Mr Blaauhaven Dated 13th August
From the Chief at Pulicat Chief of Pulicat expressing his thanks for the Attention paid by the Boundall to the Requisition for the Delivery to them of seven Deserters -

From the Commandant at Tegan From the Commandant of Tegan, requesting that the Establishment of his Garrison might be placed on the same Footing with those of Madura & Palamcotah, and stating

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18th Stating what Servants are necessary to be
retained for the use of the Garrison.
Sent the undermentioned Letters inclosed
in M.B. Nos 59-60-
To Captain Cudmore at Tiagar, inform-
To the Commandant ing him that his Garrison is to be on the
at Tiagar same footing as that of Arnee -
To the Paymasters at Tanjore & Trichino-
To the Paymasters poly, enclosing Extract of a Letter to General
at Tanjore Horne dated the 17th Instant, respecting the
Trichinopoly 4th making out Accoutrements at those Garri-
-sons for the Sepoys -
19th Dispatched the following Letters -

To Mons.r Le Vicomte de Souillac
Commodore, on the Navy of his Most Christian
To Vicomte Souillac, informing him Majesty, Commandant General of all the
that Pongapullee French Settlements to the East Ward of the
Shoal by being Cape of Good Hope &c &c &c at Pondicherry
an English Mile
from the French
Boundaries, his
inspection to make
it the Station of
French Sepoys &
requesting therefore
that he would
order them to be
withdrawn -

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you
that I have received information from the
Officer Commanding at Pennacook stating
the Arrival at Pongapullee Choultry of a
Guard of French Sepoys, consisting of a Serjeant a

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19th a Havildar, & Naigue, & twelve Sepoys who were ordered by a Lieutenant under whom they had marched to take post there for the purpose of intercepting Deserters from Pondicherry

I beg leave to represent to you that as Rungapullee Choultry is upwards of an English Mile North of the French Boundaries, there is an impropriety on making it the Station of French Troops & I am convinced you will on this Account immediately recall the Sepoys above mentioned. I take this Opportunity of assuring you that this Government will never countenance their Officers in the act of encouraging directly or indirectly Deserters amongst the French Troops, & that the Commandant Officer at Pennacoil has not only received orders to the above Effect, but has been particularly directed not to pursue any English Deserters within the bounds of the French Territories — I have the honor to be with distinguished Consideration

Sir

Your Most Obedient Humble Servant

Signed Alexr. Davidson

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19th

To Colonel Rumbold

Sir.

To Colonel Rumbold stating the necessity of levelling the two Hanoverian Regiments, and permitting the Supernumerary Officers to return to Europe —

The very heavy Expence attending the Support of His Majesty's Troops on this Coast may make it necessary to attend to every Thing we can do there is a possibility of lessening the Charges borne by the Company when it can be done without detriment to the Publick Service —

With this consideration before them it has occured to the Board that there might be a considerable diminution of Expence, if the two Regiment of Hanoverians under your Command were levelled, & if Permission were given to the Officers who would become Supernumeraries to return to Europe — In the present Situation of these Regiments there are three Officers to each Company, & there are also double the Number of Officers requisite which number is constantly kept up, altho the Privates daily decrease without the Prospect of their being recruited —

Regiments

The Board direct me to desire

You

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19th you will take this Subject into consideration & signify to them your opinion & decision upon a Point, from whence a Considerable Expence will be saved, which in the present Situation of the Company's affairs is a Matter of Serious Import—

I have the honor to be,

Sir.

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) John Chamier

Secretary

Fort St George
19th Augst 1785

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To John Huddleston Esqr

Resident at Tanjore

Sir

In the Letter which the Secretary addressed to you on the 2d Instant by order of the Board he stated the line that your were to adopt in your negociations with the Rajah Enclosed for your Guidance Copies of the Company's orders, & of the Letter addressed to the Rajah by the Resident— Thus furnished with materials & Instructions it is presumed you have

Fully

In the Resident at Tanjore, the Board expresses their Sentiments on the orders of the Company with respect to the Rajah and in consequence directs that an immediate Demand be made for the Arrears of Subsidy & Peishcush, should the Rajah refuse his Compliance the Duan who will be

be considered as the Instigator of Resistance to the Requisitions of the Company/ must be sent with a proper Escort to the Presidency- The Jaygeer Settlendies will of Necessity be reduced, unless the Rajah takes upon himself the Payment of them; to send to the Presidency an exact State=ment of Arrears due them, that they may be put on a Train for Liquidation previous to their Reduction-

Excellency. We now proceed to give you our Sentiments and directions on the ensu=ing Subject Committed to your manage=ment, for the Accomplishment of which upon your Zeal Ability & Steady Perse=verance -

In the Letter of the 2d Instant you have been desired to State to the Rajah that he is expected to make provision for the Payment of the Arrears due, & for the punctual discharge of the Annual Subsi=dy to the Company, & Peishcash to the Nabob on these Accounts of Arrears immediate advances of Cash must be inscribed on together with the Arrears of Subsidy due to the Company-

When the Rajah considers the heavy Demands made upon the Nabob, the enormous charges of the late War which have entailed such burthens on His Highness as well as on the Company, he will find with his Loss & Sufferings of a Nature to admit a Comparison with those

place great

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23d Those abovementioned, & whom his Excellency shall be informed that the Nabob has manifested a Shameful acquiescence in what the Situation of the Company's affairs required from him, & is hoped the Rajah will see the necessity of coming forward, of discharging immediately the whole of the Arrears of Subsidy due to the Company & of thus affording a Seasonable Relief to the pecuniary distresses of this Government,

We desire you to make the immediate demand for the Payment of the Arrears of Subsidy and Peiscash, because it is founded on Justice and the Company's Order because we have the strongest reasons to believe (notwithstanding his repeated Assertions to the Contrary) that the Rajah is well able to pay both, and because the present distressed State of the Company's Affairs renders it absolutely necessary to insist upon an acquiescence on the part of the Rajah — This acquiescence you will of course procure by Mild Measures if possible; but should not this succeed you are to declare to the Rajah the orders of Government for detaining the Duan to

mild
thus

Forces

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23d Proceed to the Presidency who the Board must consider as the Instigation of resistance to the requisitions made on the Company's Name and as the Promoter of Measures which will be dishonorable to his Master & ruinous to his Affairs—

We flatter ourselves that your Address will render the above Orders unnecessary but if you are unable to carry the point by persuasion, you are to insist on the Rajahs ordering the Dewan to proceed to the Presidency and you will take the necessary precaution that he may be attended by a proper Escort—

In this time of distress when the Situation of the Company's Affairs on this Coast renders every possible reduction & retrenchment necessary We consider it unjustifiable to maintain the Sarjam Libbendies for the use of the Rajah who has the whole benefit of their Services without paying the Expences of their Establishment, & we have therefore resolved that this Charge shall be discontinued or no longer fall upon the Company— You will be pleased therefore to acquaint the Rajah that if he is desirous of maintaining

This

2262 Fort St. George 28th August 1785.

Sir

This Corps for the Purpose of assisting his Collections he must hereafter take upon himself the Payment of them — if he declines you will be so good to inform us of this so doing that you may receive further instructions respecting them — Previous to their reduction or discharge from the Company's Service, it will be necessary to liquidate the Arrears due to them, & We therefore desire you will send us an exact Statement of the Amount of Arrears due to the Sibbendies together with an Account specifying how much of these Arrears has been discharged by the Certificates in their Possession —

Send

We are Sir

Your Most Obedient Humble Servants.

(Signed) Alexr Davidson
Gr. Council

Fort St. George
28th August 1785

Sent the following Letters as entered in MB Nos. 61, 62, 63.

To the Military Paymaster General informing him that the same Indulgence is to be extended to the Surgeons as to the Officers

To the Military Paymaster General.

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23d Officers Stationed at the Mount, with respect to the Monthly allowance of Ten Pagodas for house Rent

To the Agent to receive from the Garrison Storekeeper and send to Arcot fifty Garce of Rice— The expence of Carriage as before—

To the Agent

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

To the Garrison Storekeeper

At a Consultation Present

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President

Lieut. General Sir John Dalling Bart.

James Daniell Esqr

Tuesday 23d August 1785.—

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.—

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute.—

The heavy burthen the Supernumerary Officers will be to the establishment, induces the Commander in Chief

Commander in Chiefs Minute, relative to Supernumerary officers being permitted to return to England

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an half Pay for three years without Prejudice to their Rank.—

Chuse to recommend the adoption of a plan lately established, on a similar occasion, in Bengal; to allow such Officers as choose it, to be absent, upon half pay either in England or elsewhere for three years; and upon their returning to their duty within the limited time, to be received without prejudice to their Rank.

Signed J. Dalling

Before the Board decide upon the foregoing Proposal of the Commander in Chief, they are desirous of knowing exactly what will be the number of Supernumerary Officers — that the Board will have before them at a future Meeting.

Observation of the Board thereon.

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Memorandum.—

Commander in Chief's Memorandum proposing that an Engineer be sent to Shiveram to take a Plan & Sections of the Ground intended for the Cantonment; that the Nabob be requested to order

It being impossible to move the Troops from Arcot before the Monsoon with safety to the Europeans, the preservation of whose health must be the first Consideration and the Board having resolved on the Site for a Cantonment at Shiveram, the Commander in Chief requests to know the disposition of the Nabob with respect to

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to the evacuating his Capital, moves that
an Engineer may be immediately sent to
Sheverum with Directions to take an accurate
Plan and Sections of the Ground intended
for the Cantonment, That the Design for the
Barracks may be ultimately fixed upon,
and the Ground marked out in readiness for
the Execution, whenever Materials sufficient
to begin with can be collected.

For which purpose the Nabob
should be requested to order the laying down
as soon as possible as great a Quantity of
Palmyras, Bamboos Coomby Sticks and Long
Grass or Straw, as can be collected that a beginning
may be made as soon as the Weather will
admit. And Ensign Engineer Norris
should be directed to proceed immediately
up the Vellore Valley with some of the Nabobs
People to ascertain the Quantity of Materials
we can depend on receiving from that Quarter,
ere before the Monsoon sets in, as that will
be the proper time for floating them down
the River

/Signed/ J. Dalling

order Materials, so that a Beginning might be made and that Ensign Norris be directed proceed up the Vellore Valley to ascertain the Quantity of Materials to be depended on from that Quarter.

The President concurs in the Opinion delivered by the General on the foregoing Minute

President assents to the Commanderin Chiefs Proposal

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Minute by the Governor in consequence of Agreed that the Cantonment be fixed as recommended by the Commander in Chief near Chiv-
-eram, & that an Engineer be ordered to mark out the Ground accordingly.—

Mr. Daniell disapproves the-
Mr. Daniell dissents.— Measure, & will give in his reasons at a future Meeting.—

The President laid before the Board a Letter from His Highness the Nabob (as entered in C. C. B. B.) stating his wishes that Government will recommend one or more British Subjects to undertake the procur-
-ing a Loan of money amounting to 4 Lacks of Pagodas for His Highness that he
Substance of a Letter from his Highness the Nabob.— may be enabled to Satisfy any deficiency
on the Payment of his Stipulated Instal-
-ments enclosing proposed Articles of Agreement between them & Mr. Porcher, whereby his High-
-ness requests may have the Sanction & Sanction of the Board

To lie on the Table Ordered to lie on the Table.—

Read the following Letter from
Sir John Burgoyne.

Gentlemen

I have received your Letter of

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From Sir John Burgoyne, repre-senting his absolute In-ability of gett--ing Cadea without a further advance of Cash than shall the Board have resolved to grant him; and stating the Sum he wants.

of the 16th. in which you are Pleased to signify to me that the Accounts Sent you in on the 11th. Instant have been passed, & all Demands allowed, save only the Sable Money which I thought was my due while I had the Honor to Command the Army in the Field.- His Allowance having been as you tell me already paid to General Stuart, I can have no further Claim thereon. I can assure you it is by no means my wish to add to the Distresses of this Government by persuing for more of what is due to me than is absolutely necessary to pay my Debts in this Country, & carry me home; I am willing to trust to the good faith of the Company at home & will take a Certificate from you to them for what is not in your Power to pay me here, but I must inform you that a Thousand Pounds which is what you Purpose giving me will not by any means enable me to leave India.- I am now in debt nearly that Sum on Account of my Contract for feeding my Troops, & to a person who is going home & must have his Money.- My passage will cost me at least £600 more, & I have

Accounts

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Accounts to settle how to the Amount of £350
I Receive. — I therefore must hope you
will let me have 5000 Pagodas in money,
& accept my Draft for 800 Pagodas on
favor of Mr. Moubray at 2 Months, which
is for House Rent. — will be less than this
I really cannot leave London. I have my
hopes of a Passage from Bombay next
Month, & must very earnestly solicit
your Attention on this head. The remaining
Sum due will be 15, 402 Pagodas for which
I beg your Certificate to the Court of
Directors, I shall hope a Letter will be
wrote by the same which I may deliver to
them, acknowledging the account to be
a Just one, & justly due, & that I have
accepted it in consequence of your
Assurances that it would have been paid
here had the Treasury been sufficiently
rich. —

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Signed S Burgoyne

Major

Madras
August 26th 1785

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Major General Sir John Burgoyne
with the East India Company —

To Balance of Pay & Batta to 31st July 85 & House Rent as pr. Account passd	S. P. I. C.	10,029 — —
To his Aid de Camp Secretary Their Chitts being indorsed & made payable to him	D°	4,093. 4. 16.
To Balance of Contract of Feeding To 31st July 85 as pr. Account passd	D°	4283. 12 — "
To Arrears of Gratuity to D° D°		774. 32. 10.
To House Rent from 19th Octr 1782 to 5th April 83. D°		422 — "
To his Passage money home allowed		1000 — — "
To his allowance since struck off the Staff at 200 Pagodas pr. Month for 3 Months		600 — — "
	Star Pagodas	21,202. 3. 26.

Total — 21202. 3. 26. [Signed] J Burgoyne
Aid. Gl.

Paid on Cash & Bills — 5000. — —

16202. 3. 26

Bill accepted in favor of Mr. Mowbray — 800

15,402 3. 26.

Amount of Mr. Frost's Chitts — 461. 31. 32.

Certificate { 14940 17 74 Same Mark to be paid by the Mily Paymaster

I Sir John Burgoyne represent
his absolute inability of leaving this Country
without

2268 Fort St. George 23. August 1785.-

Accounts to settle here to the Amount of £350
Sterling.- I therefore must hope you
will let me have 5000 Pagodas in money,
& accept my Draft for 800 Pagodas in
favor of Mr. Mowbray at 2 Months, which
is for House Rent.- with less than this
I really cannot leave London, & having
hopes of a Passage from Pondicherry next
Month, I must very earnestly solicit
your attention on this head. The remaining
Sum due will be 15,402 Pagodas for which
I beg your Certificate to the Court of
Directors, I shall hope a Letter will be
wrote Sterling which I may deliver to
them, acknowledging the account to be
a just one, & justly due, & that I have
accepted it in consequence of your
Assurances that it would have been paid
here had the Treasury been sufficiently
rich.-

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt
humble Servant
(Signed) S Burgoyne
Major

Madras
August 26th 1785

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Major General Sir John Burgoyne
with the East India Company —

To Balance of Pay & Batta to 31.st July 85 & House Rent as p.r Account passd } S.a P.s I.s C.s 10,029 —

To his Aid de Camp Secretary &c. their Chitts being in favor of D.o & made payable to him } 4,093. 4. 16.

To Balance of Contract of feeding 4283.12 —
To 31.st July 85 as p.r Account passd
To Arrear of Gratuity to D.o D.o 774.32.10.
To House Rent from 19.th Oct.r 1782 to 5.th April 83 D.o } 422 — .
To his Passage money home allowed 1000 — "
To his allowance since struck off the Staff at 200 Pagodas p.r Month for 3 Months } 600 — "

Star Pagodas 21,202. 3. 26.

Total — 21202. 3. 26. Signed J Burgoyne M.G.l

Paid in Cash & Bills — 5000. — "

16202. 3. 26

Bill accepted in favor of Mr. Mowbray — 800

15,402 3. 26.

Amount of Mr. Troy's Chitts — 461. 31. 32.

Certificate { 14940 — 17 — 74 } Same Mark to be paid by the Mint Paymaster

I Sir John Burgoyne represent his absolute inability of leaving this Country without

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without a greater proportion of ready money
than it was Agreed to allow him in Consulta
Minute thereon -tion the — it is now Resolved to give him
Bills on Masulipatam for 2500 Current Pagod.s
& to accept his Draft for Pagodas 800 Payable
on Three Months.—

The following Letter being Drafted
is ordered to be dispatched.—

To Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart.t

Sir

To Lieu.t Colon.l Burgoyne in answer to the foregoing Letter.

I am directed by the Board to
acknowledge the receipt of your Letter
dated the 21.st Instant; & to inform you
that in Consideration of your being
absolutely unable to adjust your
Affairs without more ready money
than what it had been resolved to allow
you, they have determined to give you
such further assistance as is in their
Power, & I am in consequence to signify
to you that you may have a Bill on
Masulipatam for Pagodas 2500, & that
your Draft upon Government for Pagodas
800 at Three Months sight will be duly
honored.

The President & Council
will

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will give you the Certificate you request,
& are ready to acknowledge that the
State of the Treasury prevents Them
discharging what is due to you out ready
Money —

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

Fort St George
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[Signed] John Chamier
Secretary

Read the following Letter from
the Resident at Tanjore.—

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Resident at Tanjore stating the result of his examination into the Accounts of the Garrison & enjoining agreeably to the directions of Government.

In obedience to your orders I have examined attentively the accounts of this Garrison with a view to effect every possible retrenchment in the public expenditure, and I shall now state to your Honor &c. those which appearing to me indispensably proper, I have ventured to direct, and submit to your consideration

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For 800 men, whole the sicks of the Regiment have been delivered over to the Company's Hospital, and are included by the Surgeons on their contract Bills.— Mr. Parker's regulations supposes 15 Sicks in one hundred men, or 120 in 800, and allows 4 fanams pr. Diem for each sick man, amounting for the whole to 342 Pagodas.— It would seem but just therefore that for every 15 Sicks delivered over to the Company's Surgeons the Kings Surgeon should on making his charge deduct 100 from the strength of the regiment. By a Statement delivered to me by Mr. Whyte the senior Surgeon here I find there have been sicks of the 78th Regiment in the Company's Hospital from august 1783 to February last inclusive— The Bills of the Surgeon of the 78th Regiment for that Period are as yet undischarged and will remain so till I am furnished with your orders but I have lately advanced him 600 Pagodas on Account— The sicks are now under his own Charge, and our Surgeons have no more than the Allowances established by the late medical regulations

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regulations as the Company's Europeans in this Garrison are not sufficient in number to make it necessary to continue the expence of a contract Hospital — with regard to the old Subsistence allowance of 2½ Pagodas ₰ Month, being doubtful of your Intentions I have permitted the Surgeon to draw it for the present apprizing them that they must be prepared to refund whatever they may have received on that account.

Artificers

Exclusive of those charged Monthly under the head of Charges General amounting to £5. 2½. There is under the head of Charges Extraordinary a disbursement of Extra Artificers employed in the Store house usually amounting from 100 to 150 Pagodas In time of War the number of Workmen that will be wanted in so extensive a department as that of the Military Stores cannot be precisely ascertained but it appeared to me that during peace the issue & consumption of Stores must be nearly the same every month, & consequently that the artificers might be limited to a certain number, & the expence in some Measure reduced — on consulting the Store=

=keepers

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Keeper however some time since on this subject he was of Opinion that no estimate could be made to preclude the employment of extra Artificers without involving a greater expence to the Company than they would be subjected to by the present mode, particularly at that juncture when Stores were removing in great abundance from the Sea Coast to the Garrison, & through it to others, & when the large return of equipage from the field, even at that distance of time, required the labor of many hands for reparation beyond a Medium of what might otherwise be estimated as a peace establishment.

Oil for the Barracks &c.

The 73d. Regiment & every other Corps on this Garrison, render separately to the Storekeeper for a quantity of oil the whole amounting on an average to about 140 Pagodas p Month an expence which I should imagine would admit of retrenchment, but as the Military Regulations contain no direction for my guidance respecting this Charge, I can only Submit it to

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your

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your consideration.—

Hircarrahs and Peons

Agreeably to your orders these are reduced to one head and ten common Hircarrahs of whom Four always remain with the Commandant— The Resident's Peons have reduced to one head, Four common Peons— of the Tuppal Peons I have struck off ten— a further reduction was ordered but I find it cannot take place while this part of the Country continues to be infested, as it now is, with Colleries, & Thieves, which makes it necessary to send always two Peons with each Tuppay—

Fortifications

The repairs of the Fortifications having been discontinued in consequence of the General Order of the 4.th May, I have only to remark on this Article that the Engineer charges 55 Pagodas P Month for Servants Wages, & that the expence of the repairs seems to have been blended with the disbursements for the repairs of Quarters, by which it may become difficult hereafter to ascertain the precise amount of either should it be required— This Subject leads me

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...ne to the mention of some Circumstances relating to the House occupied by the Resident, but belonging to the Estate of the late Mr. Andrew Barnes - before I left the Presidency I understood from Mr. Sullivan the late Resident that this House was hired of Mr. Barnes Executors at 50 Pagodas P Month, till after any arrival here, not observing any charge for it in the Accounts I enquired into the cause, I found that a very conside=rable addition had been made to the House, & the expences amounting to nearly 2000 Pagodas charged to the Company under the head of Fortifications - Mr. Hepperley is of opinion that it must have been settled, or understood between the late Resident, and Mr. Barnes Executors, that the monthly rent of Pagodas 50 should merge in the expence of the Addition, & repairs made to the House - supposing this to have been the case the two Accounts would nearly balance, as the late Resident occupied the House from December 1784 to February 1785 It was very necessary for me to state to your Honor, & Them circumstances, as otherwise the rent, which must now be paid for the House would have the appearance of a new charge introduced by me into the

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Accounts, whereas it is no more than the continuance of an expence which was before brought to account under another head — It may also deserve consideration whether it would not be a saving to the Company to purchase the house at 4,000 Pag.s / the price at which I understand Mr. Baines Executors are willing to dispose of it / the Monthly rent amounting to nearly double the Interest on that Sum which is certainly a very moderate price for the House as it now stands —

Among the disbursements I find a Charge of 20 Pag.s P Month for subsisting the family of Timmabrow the agent of the Rana of Mysore who on behalf of his Master made a Treaty with Mr. Sullivan during the late war which was approved & ratified by Government — The twelfth Article of the treaty stipulates, that "should it so happen that "the Company may not be able to subdue "Hyder Nayer, but on the contrary that they "should be obliged to make peace with him, "in that event the Company must take us & all "the people who may join without, under "their protection, & continue the same to us, "& our families forever. & for this they must "engage to pay back whatever Money may "be advanced to them on Account of our Rana

" for

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"for the purposes before mentioned"—

The public faith being thus pledged to the Man, & as he has sacrificed every thing to his hope of subverting the present Mysore Government, & must Starve if not Supported by the Company, I have on these grounds to continued the charge, & only take notice of it here in order to anticipate any objection that may hereafter be made to it— by the Commissioners of Accounts— over the Company's Affairs indeed in a more prosperous situation I should not hesitate to recommend an increase of the Allowance as the Man has no other means of Support for himself his Brother, & the Few of their relations who escaped the Massacre that took place at Seringapatam upon the discovery of the intended revolt in favor of the Rana, & the old Mysore Family.—

Mr Secretary Chamier wrote to me some time since by order of the late Right Honble President that Captain Crawford Commandant of the Tanjore Pettendah was in respect to Emolument to be on the same footing with Captain Burrowes, who formerly commanded that Corps, & as I recollect a resolution of the Select Committee for his being allowed Pagodas

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500 ℔ annum as Officekeepings or to that effect,
I conclude that Captain Crawford is also to enjoy
that allowance.—

Presuming it to be the intentions
of Government that the Tanjore Sibbendy Battalion
which during the War did duty as regular Sepoys
in this Fort, should be paid up to the same period
with the Grenadier Companies of the same Corps
who were in the field, I have enabled the Pay-
master to keep his Payments equal with
Mr. Digby's late Issues to the Grenadiers by
discharging the remaining Months (September
October November & December) of the year
1783— I understand that some of the Sepoys
escaped from the Enemy, or released by the
Peace, returning to their Battalions have been
once regularly paid by Mr. Sullivan, but
recollecting that a little while before I left
the Presidency a reference from the Paymaster
at Trichinopoly on the Subject of Claims of
Sepoys returned from the Enemy for their
Arrears during their Imprisonment, was
before the Board (being ignorant of their
decision respecting it, I have judged it
proper to defer the Issue of a Sum intended
for by the Paymaster for two years arrears
of a Subidar Havildar Naique 200 Sepoys
on that predicament, till the pleasure of the
Honble

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Honble Board is known,

Some Officers of Mogully Horse who were entertained here with their People during the War by Colonel Aleock have been extremely unfortunate without any Fault of their own in not having received their Arrears according to the Pay Rolls which have been signed by the late Resident and the Commanding Officer to Rupees 31,166.4.-

I wrote in consequence to Mr Swan requesting he would inform me on what manner, or at what rate, he settled the Payment of the Arrears due to the Mogully Horse at Madura, & by his answer I find that they receive for each Subidar 54.6 and each private Trooper 9/—

For the Mogully Horse here the pay roll charge for one principal Jemidar 100

Ditto Ditto 80

Jemidars under them from private Troopers (4 to 60 two excepted) 30—

The Principal Officer had before me an Agreement signed by Major Aleock & the draft of another Agreement which is not signed - the former stipulates for the Jemidar Commandant 60 Rupees P Month till he has 25 Horse under him - 70 Rupees till he has 50 Horse 90 Rupees till he has raised 75 Horse, & 100 Rupees when they shall have been encreased to 100 Horse besides 2 Rupees P Month for every Man under

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under his Command.

For the other Lascars are Stipulated

Rupees 80

The 1st ... 60

2d ... 50

3d ... 40

4th ...

The Journals transport from 20 to 30 Rupees according to the value of their Horses, but as I have before mentioned they are all of 2 excepted charged at 20. I request to be furnished with your order respecting the final adjustment of these Accounts.

Several Applications have been made to me for payment of Interest due on Notes issued by the late President for money advanced to them for the Public Service during the late War. These Notes stipulate that they shall be paid on demand "without Interest" at the President and Council shall think proper to regulate for the loans made to their Treasury on the Coast of Choromandel. I therefore to be honored with your Instructions respecting the rate of Interest to be allowed.

At I am sure your Honor will think me acting conformably to the Spirit of your orders in the Suggestion of any measure which may tend to improve the Revenue under my Charge or to promote the purposes of Oeconomy, I will venture, before I conclude to Submit

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Submit the following circumstances to your Consideration.

The Company's Accounts here are kept, & the Rajahs' Subsidy reckoned in Star Pagodas, while the current Coin of this Country, & that on which all the Rajahs' Payments are made, is the Gold Fanam — hence arises every Year a Loss to the Company, & a proportionate gain to the Sircars, and Soucars who by management keep the Settlement of the exchange in their own hands & make it rise or fall, as best suits with their Interest — The disadvantage to the Company is twofold — first by the remittance of Money to the Presidency, on which Account the beginning of the present year the Company have lost 7,644 Pagodas & must of course suffer more considerably as the Treasury at Fort St. George increases, & becomes able to afford aid to the public Exigencies elsewhere which I hope and doubt not will be the case — Secondly by the disburse-ments to the Troops &c. in this Garrison, on which it is necessary I should enter into some explanation — as the Rajahs Payments are always made at the exchange of the day, if the Fanams are issued immediately they are received at the same exchange, or that to which there has seldom

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Seldom been any loss on the Payments to the Company's troops or on the gratuity, and temporary allowance, to those of His Majesty's, but a Custom has obtained of payeng the subsistence to His Majesty's 78th. Regiment in Pagodas and it having become impracticable to procure them Pagodas, Porto-nove Pagodas are substituted for them, & issued to the Hings Paymaster at the medium exchange of 10 Cent. It is somewhat remarkable that this should be strenuously claimed & expected, when the fact is, that the Company who pay the Porto-novo Pagoda, lose and the Soldier who receives, if he does not lose, which I believe is often the case, never gains by it— the Sheroffs are the only gainers, availing themselves forth of my being obliged to purchase the Porto Novo Pagodas with Fanams, & afterwards of the Soldier's being under the necessity of converting them again into fanams which are the only coin that can be useful to him on the Bazar— The loss by exchange on the purchase of Porto Novo Pagodas for the Hings pay's on the last 18 M.s has been Pagodas 1210.33.— month

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The Loss by the exchange on the Payment in Fanams to the Company's Troops including Gratuity, and temporary allowance to His Majesty's & Various other disbursements during the same Period —— 1665. 10 —

Add the Loss on remittances to Madras since Sandy last — 7.644 — "

Total Pagl. 10,520. 1. 20.

Exclusive of the Loss that must have been sustained on the Sums issued by the late Resident in Fanams to the Southern Army — If one Medium rate of exchange could be established throughout the Fanam Country, it would doubtless be of considerable use, as neither the Company nor the Troops would on that case be subject to Loss on Returns by the Payment being made in Fanams, but the Loss to the Company on remittances would still continue — I believe therefore that the only effectual remedy for the evil would be the permitting the Bijah to coin Star Pagodas to at least the Amount of his annual Subsidy, agreably to

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to his own proposition made some time since
to the late Right Honble President, & strongly
recommended by Mr. Sullivan in his Letter
to the Select Committee dated 31st May 1783
the principal reason urged in that Letter
namely, the want of a sufficient Circulation
of Pagodas has since acquired additional
force, for there is at present no such circu-
-lation at all the consequence as far as
relates to the Company's Interest here, I
have already stated to your Hon'rs have
probably heard from Mr. Sowin, or General
Horne, of the Clamours and discontents which
have lately prevailed at Trichinopoly from
the same cause—how far the General want
of Gold Currency to the Southward may
make it eligible not to lessen the Coinage
here by any particular Sum your Hon'rs
Rs. are the best Judges, there may be
objections to it, which I have not sufficient
knowledge of the Subject to foresee, but
it is certain the Company must sustain
great loss, & Inconvenience, while the present
System continues.—

The Consideration which I recollect
principally

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principally weighed with the late Right Honble President, against acceding to the Rajahs proposition two years ago was the danger that the Coin might be debased by such tricks & Collusions practised in the Mint, as would make the remedy worse than the disease— The latter however had not at that time reached its present height and beside I seemly conceive that by proper precautions every bad consequence might be prevented— The Mint might be put under the direction of the President, or it might be stipulated with the Rajah that all the Pagodas coined in it should be assayed under the Presidents Inspection previously to their being issued for which purpose it would be highly necessary that he should be assisted with some Persons skilled in the Business from the Mint at the Presidency—

There is another matter, on which tho not wholly within my province I shall venture to offer a few words as it is connected with the great object of reducing the publick expenditure, which your Hon.ble have so much at heart, & have so earnestly recommended to my attention a considerable part of the expenditure here, & all Sorts seemingly appear to be incurred by the transportation of Stores from Negapatam to these Garrisons— upon a reference to the monthly

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monthly Accounts I believe it will be found that this Article has cost the Company not much less than 10000 Pagodas within the last half year, which is of course exclusive of the charges of conveying the same Stores by Sea from the Presidency to Negapatam — I have been assured that some of the heaviest Articles of Military Stores particularly Powder & Gun Carriages might be made up as cheaply, and as well here & at Trichinopoly as at Madras & Vellore Even though it should be necessary to procure Artificers from those places, to keep them here upon Batta. Sconcave the Additional expence would be fall far short of what is now incurred by conveying the Stores by Sea from Madras to Negapatam & the Transportation of them by Land from Negapatam to the Southern Garrisons — I have the honor to be &c. &c. &c.

/Signed/ S. Hudleston.—

Tanjore
11th. August 1785

To which the following answer being drafted & approved is ordered to be sent.—

To John Hudleston Esq.
Resident at Tanjore —

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 11th. Instant & to inform you that the Board disapprove of the Allowance of Batta to the Troops Paymasters which is no longer to be paid at Tanjore. The

To the Resident at Tanjore stating the Resolution of Government on the accounts of the Garrison of Tanjore

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The G. C. of the 18th August 1785 having regulated every thing respecting the Hon.ble Surgeons nothing remains at present but for you to require from the acting Surgeon of the 73d Regt. a deduction from the late Mr. Parley's regulations agreeable to your plan which is approved by the Board.—

The Board also approve your reduction of the Purchallies of the continuation of the Allowance for subscribing the Family of Trinderoo & of your Arrangement respecting Havaroos & Peons.

With respect to Captain Evans for he is to be considered on the same footing respecting allowances as Captain Burrowes.

The Interest granted by this Government for Money borrowed is 8 P Cent which is to be allowed on the Notes issued by Mr. Sulivan.

The Board would not object to the Rajahs Plan of erecting Pagodas in his Country if a Mint could be established on such a footing as to leave no opening for the debasing of Coin; they are assured good Consequences would result from the Measure, if well conducted, & upon this Ground, they authorize you to confer with the Rajah on the Subject—on this conference you are to acquaint him that the Board would coin to Tanjore Pagoda of equal Value with the Star Pagoda, & only differing by being therein stamped than the latter—that all Pagodas before they can be issued must be assayed under the Boards inspection & every precaution which he should suggest to prevent fraud &

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Collusion.

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collusion, attended to.—

After you shall have arranged the mode of conducting this business upon sure grounds you will be pleased to apprize the Board, who will furnish you with such assistance as may be necessary from the Presidency.—

I shall shortly reply to the other parts of your Letter, and am Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant.

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I Signed John Chamier
Secretary

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Assigned Revenue.—

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

From the Committee of Assigned Revenue relative to securities for the rent of the Ceded Districts

Honble Sir and Sirs,

On the 4th. May last we represented to your Honble Board that the security for the Rent of the Ceded Districts, who is totally disregards the payment of the Peishcush due Yearly to the Raja of Tanjore, declared his inability to pay a Kist of 11,000 Pagodas which fell due on the 25th March—as he has taken no steps since that time to discharge his balance and as a Kist of 5,000 Pagodas became due on the 11th. of last Month

and recommending the Subject to the serious consideration of the Board.—

Month, the Payment of which also he has totally disregarded, we are induced to address you again on the Subject and to request your assistance and Interposition for recovering these Sums as Sumbajee the Security is from the nature of his Office independt of our Controul.—

We have the honor to be,

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17th August 1765

Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants—
(Signed) Charles Oakeley
David Haliburton
George Moubray

Agreed that the President be desired to call upon Sumbajee, & to engage from him, whether he proposes discharging the Balance for which he is Security— should he be unable it is Resolved to address the Rajah of Tanjore on the Subject.—

Read the following Letters, as entered on the M. B. Nos 64. 65. 66.—

From

Minute thereon

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From Lieutenant Home, Commanding at Chundergherry dated 14th Instant enclosing a Letter from Said Mustapha, the Killidar of Tippoo Sultaun at Dillar Gotical complaining of Incursions & Depredations by the neighbouring Polligars.

From Lt. Home

Agreed that Lieutenant Home be directed to enquire into the Cause of Complaint, & see Justice done to the Parties aggrieved.-

Minute thereon

From Surgeon Major Davis dated 22d. Instant reporting the State of Mr. Mallett's House at the Mount, & strongly recommending it as an Hospital-

From Surgeon Major Davis-

proposing also Sundry repairs Alterations if purchased by the Company.-

From Mr. Mallett, Surgeons offering to deduct 500 Pagodas on account of Repairs from his original Proposal of selling the House for Pagodas 4000. for which Sum he is willing to take a Company's Bond.-

From Mr. Mallett

Agreed that the House be purchased on the Terms offered by Mr. Mallett & that order be immediately issued for making the necessary Repairs.-

Minute thereon

The

Surgeon

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The President lays before the Board a Bill presented by Captain Snow of the Wenlerton & countersigned by Colonel Macleod, for Sundry articles supplied the Recruits of His Majesty's 73d Regiment

A Bill on Bengal granted to the Captain of the Wenlerton for £108. 4. 1.-

Ordered, That the above Bill amounting to £108. 4. 1 be discharged by a Draft on Bengal.-

" Alex. Davidson
" P. Auber
" J. Daniell

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Diary

Received the following Letters.-

To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Military and Political Department

From Resident at Tanjore, the Orders of Government of the 2nd Instant shall be carried into Execution as speedily as possible; and his best Endeavours exerted to bring them to a successful Issue.- His attention particularly directed to the ascertaining the State and Revenues of the Tanjore Country

Sir,

I have had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 2nd Instant enclosing a Letter to the Rajah with a Copy of it for my information, and Extracts of the Company's Order dated the 9th December 1784.-

I request the favor of you to assure the Honble the President, and Council that no time shall be lost in commencing the negociation they have been pleased to entrust to me, and that my best endeavours shall be exerted to bring it to a speedy, and successful Issue by obtaining the Rajahs acquiescence in a Treaty to be formed upon the grounds, and considerations stated in the President's Letter but I fear it will be impossible to expedite the negotiation

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24th negotiation as much as could be wished
as beside the delay inseperable from the
practice of Eastern Courts in proceedings
of this Nature the Rajahs Vacil he has for
some time past been so much at a stake
as not to admit of his attending to Business
of any kind. The humble Petition of Lutchmy
was laid before his excellency some days
since and he has appointed the 15th Instant
/tomorrow/ to admit me to a conference
on the subject of its contents.

In ascertaining the present
state of the Tanjore Country and the
amount of its revenues, are objects to which
I have for several months past devoted a
considerable part of my attention but of
the latter the extreme Jealousy of the
Rajah makes it very difficult to obtain
any authentic information with regard
to the Arrears of Peishcash due to the Nabob
I request you will be so good to obtain the
Board's order for my being furnished with
Copies of any Accounts, or Papers that may
assist me in ascertaining the amount
as I am at present ignorant whether any

Payments

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24th Payments have been made by the Rajah on that account since his restoration, the records here affording no Information whatsoever on the Subject,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient,

humble Servant,

(Signed) J. Hudleston.

Tanjore
14th August 1785

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From the Chief Engineer, stating the Situation of the Quarters at Pondamallee

I have visited Pondamalle according to the direction of the Honble Board, where there are within the Fort, exclusive of the Mess Room in the Center of the Building 12 Captains Quarters of one Room each surrounded with a Veranda of ten feet from which is taken off a Godown Eleven feet Eight Inches by nine feet for each. - Two of these Quarters are occupied by the Paymaster for his Dwelling and Office. one by a Captain, the next by Lieutenants two in a Room.

There are Six hundred men of the 36th Regt now in the Soldiers Barracks who have good Room; more would crowd them.

The Detachment of 73d Regiment are in

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24 H. on Limits picketed on the Fausse Bray.- Their officers, three in number, are in Quarters which on their leaving, will be occupied by Officers of the 36th Regiment yet unprovided for.-

In the old Quarters without the Fort of two Rooms each is the Commandant & two Captains.

The New Barracks without the Fort consist of 9 Captains Quarters of 1 Room 24 H. an other 16 by 16 each now occupied by the Hospital and Regimental Surgeons, Town Lascars & five Serjeants.- From which it is evident there can be very little more Room made for Officers.-

The unfurnished Soldiers Barracks without the Fort is in Front 198 feet long, with two Wings 240 feet long each the whole surrounded by a Veranda of 8½ feet outside measure, leaving in the clear 16 feet for the width of the Barracks.-

This Building was begun before the last War with Hyder, & so far advanced as to have part of the Roof put on, before the army fell Back from Conjeveram when with the rest of the Country and the materials for finishing it It was left at the mercy of the Enemy- The Commandant of the Fort availed himself of the Roofing to change the Ditch, the other Materials were taken when the Army was in that neighbourhood by whoever had occasion for them- & the walls have ever since that time remained exposed without protection to the ravages

From

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14th 2d From the effects of which, there can be now remain the Walls of the Front and two Wings of the South Wing standing, so as by taking off four Courses of Bricks from the Top Overlaying them in Chunam to render that part left to receive the Roof, when the Part of the front likewise down are restored. The North Wing has fallen down quite to the Base one Story of the South Wing must be taken down to that Level before it can be rebuilt.

There are not materials of any kind on readiness, neither could I ascertain with any degree of precision when they could be got, few of the People employed on the Provision of them being on the Spot. But from the Information of the Engineer & Paymaster I have reason to believe they can be procured before the ensuing Monsoon.

I understand from Mr. Garrow that he received some years ago Pagodas 4000 on account of Work done to that Building, in consequence of a Certificate from Major Stevelly that the Work done well warranted such an advance. It was afterwards to have been measured & stand for at the Rate of the Hospital Officers Barracks which he erected there.

The Draw bridge of the Fort is irreparable. The Magazine in want of a good Door. The Roof of the Hospital & Soldiers Barracks admit rain in some places - & most of the Godowns want Shelves.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sir

Your most Obed. humble Servant

(Signed) Patrick Ross

Fort St. George
16th August 1785.

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The Honble Alexr Davidson

President and Governor &c. & Council

Fort St. George

Gentlemen

From Lord Macartney enclosing Copy of the Judges reply to the Reference from thence of the 29th November on Lord William Murray's affair of Honor with Mr Waugh.

Enclosed I send you a Copy of the Opinion of the Judges here upon the case of Lord William Murray — I understand that the reference had been made to them by this Government long since, but by some Accident was mislaid, and not recovered till a few days ago — I have the Honor to be with great respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant

(Signed) Macartney.

Calcutta
July 29th 1785

P.S. You will receive the above Paper officially from thence in a day or two, but I have no time in forwarding it to you for your earliest information. —

To the Honble John Macpherson
Governor General, and the Gentlemen of the
Council Honble Sirs

We are of Opinion
that

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24th That Lord William Murray cannot in the
Circumstances Stated to us be tried either
by a Court Martial or by the Court of
Oyer and Terminer at Madras, but we
think that he may be tried under a
Special Commission of Oyer and Terminer
in England, by Virtue of the Statute of
39th Hen: 8, C: 23.

We have the honor to be
Honble Sirs
Your most Obedt Humble Servants
/Signed/ Robert Chambers
John Hyde
Wm Jones.-

Fort William
July 29th 1785

/a true Copy/
/Signed/ W Brown Secry

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

From Colonel Pearse
=hold=ram & other
the State of the
Hanoverian Regi=
ments- If an
alteration is thought
fit the Board
must apply to his
Majesty.-

Fort St. George
Sir and Fort

I had the honor to receive your
Letter of the 19th Instant concerning the officers
of the Hanoverian Regiments & must
inform you that I am not at all of my
Power, to alter in the least, the State of the
Regiments

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24th Regiment, contrary to the agreement made between His Majesty and the Honble E. I. Company. if you send them for consideration necessary, I submit it to your consideration to apply for it to His Majesty.

I have the honor to be

Sir & Lrs

Your most Obedt

Humble Servant

(Signed) C. L. Reimbold

Colonel

Arcot

August 23. 1785

To the Honble Alexr Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &c. Council

Fort St. George

From the Garrison Storekeeper inclosing a Return of Garrison Stores with an Estimate of the Quantity of Stores required for a Garrison of 2000 Europeans & 8000 Natives for Six Months.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to present you with a return of Stores on Garrison, with an estimate of the quantity of different Articles required to complete a Stock of Six Months for a Garrison of two thousand Europeans and eight thousand native troops. I am very respectfully,

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Your very obedt Humble Servant

(Signed) John Turing

Garrison Storekeeper

Madras

12th August 1785

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A Return of Garrison Stores with an Estimate of the Quantity required for a Garrison of 2,000 Europeans and 8,000 Natives for Six Months

	Quantity in Stores Leagers	Gall.	Present State	Quantity Necessary	Wanted to be Provided	Surplus Quantity Leagers	Gall.	Explanation
Arrack for 2000 Europeans	506	100	In good Condition	127 Leagers		379	100	@ 2 Dr. ea man p day
Beef & Pork Do	98 Casks		Do	1125 Casks	1027 Casks			
Wheat for Do				79	79			
Rice for 10,000 Men	255 Garce		Do	562 garce 200 mers	307 garce 200 mer			at 1 meas each man p Day
Peas Do				15	15			
Doll for 8000 Men				45	45			@ 1 meas for 10 men p day
Salt for 10,000 Do				28 cy 50	28 cy 50			Do 20 Do Do
Ghee for Do				562	562			@ 2 Pallams ea man do
Pepper for Do				70 6/4	70 6/4			@ 1/4 Do Do
Chillies for 8000 Do				168 15	168 15			@ 3/4 Do Do
Tamarind for Do				450	450			@ 2 Do Do
Turmarick for Do				28 2 1/2	28 2 1/2			@ 1/2 Do Do
Commenseeds for Do				56 5	56 5			@ 1/4 Do Do
Corrender Seed for Do				28 2 1/2	28 2 1/2			@ 1/8 Do Do
Onions for Do				337 10	337 10			@ 1 1/2 Do Do
Beetle Nut for Do				56 5	56 5			@ 1/4 Do Do
Tobacco for Do				56 5	56 5			@ 1/4 Do Do
Garlick for Do				56 5	56 5			@ 1/4 Do Do
Salt Fish for Do				2250000	2250000			
Chinam for Do				67	67			@ 1/4 Do Do
Vinegar for Do				45 1/2 Hhds	45 1/2 Hhds			

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24th Regiment, contrary to the agreement made between His Majesty and the Honble E.I. Company. if you send Troops for any Station necessary, & submit it to your consideration to apply for it to His Majesty.

I have the honor to be
Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) C. L. Reembold
Colonel

Arcot
August 23d. 1785

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

From the Garrison Storekeeper enclosing a Return of Garrison Stores with an Estimate of the Quantity of Stores required for a Garrison of 2000 Europeans & 3000 Natives for Six Months.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to forward you with a return of Stores on Garrison, with an estimate of the quantity of different Articles required to complete a Stock of Six Months for a Garrison of two thousand Europeans and eight thousand Native Troops. I am very respectfully,

Honble Sir, and Sirs,
Your very obedt. Humble Servant
(Signed) John Fleming
Garrison Storekr.

Madras
12th August 1785.

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Beef & Pork Do	98 Casks		Do	1125 Casks	1027 Casks			
Wheat for Do				79 Garce Mers	79 Garce Mer			
Rice for 10,000 Men	255 Garce		Do	562 200	307 200			at 1 meas each man p Day
Peas Do				15	15			
Doll for 8000 Men				45	45			@ 1 meas for 10 men p day
Salt for 10,000 Do				28 50	28 50			Do 20 Do Do
Ghee for Do				562	562			@ 2 Pallams ea Mand
Pepper for Do				70 6¼	70 6¼			@ ¼ Do Do
Chillies for 8000 Do				168 15	168 15			@ ¾ Do Do
Tamarind for Do				450	450			@ 2 Do Do
Turmarick for Do				28 2½	28 2½			@ ½ Do Do
Commenseeds for Do				56 5	56 5			@ ¼ Do Do
Corrender Seed for Do				28 2½	28 2½			@ ⅛ Do Do
Onions for Do				337 10	337 10			@ 1½ Do Do
Beetle Nut for Do				56 5	56 5			@ ¼ Do Do
Tobacco for Do				56 5	56 5			@ ¼ Do Do
Garlick for Do				56 5	56 5			@ ¼ Do Do
Salt Fish for Do				2250000	2250000			
Chinam for Do				67	67			@ ¼ Do Do
Vinegar for Do				45½ 11 hds	45½ 11 hds			

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	Quantity in Store	Present State	Quantity necessary	Wanted to be Provided	Surplus Quantity	Explanation
Sugar for Men			68	68		
Ginger for Do			15	15		
Gingely Oil for Do			22500 Meal	22500 Meal		
Lamp Oil for Do			18000	18000		
Coconut Oil for Do			4500	4500		
Wax Candle for Do			12 cy 5 md	12 cy 5 md		
Firewood			9000000	9000000		
Pots & Pans	21429	Greatest part Broken	180000	180000		
Baskets			30000	30000		
Well Ropes			30000	30000		
Rice mortars & Beaters	200 Setts		600 Setts	300 Setts		
Loops and Lives			30000	30000		
Matts			30000	30000		
Curry Stone & Roller	50 Setts		75 Setts	25 Setts		
Copper Pots	19 Do		150 Do	131 Do		
Surpaulens	40 Do		75 Do	35 Do		
Straw			45000 Bundles	45000 Bundles		
Bullocks			1000	1000		
Sheep			12000	12000		
Horse Grain			50 Garce	50 Garce		

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Errors Excepted
p John Turing
Garrison Storekr.

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24th Sent the undermentioned Letters
Entered in M.B. Nos 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73,
74, 75, 76, 77, 78.—

To Lieutenant Horne, Commanding
To Lieut. Horne at Chandernagherry directing him to
enquire into the Cause of Complaint
preferred by Seid Mustapha, and to adjust
the Difference.—

To the Commandants at Palamcotah &
To the Commandants at Madura directing them to comply with
Palamcotah & Madura the Requisitions of Mr. Lowen, respecting
the Lebbendars Armed Peons &c.

To the Paymasters, Subordinate to the
Circular Letter to the Paymasters Presidency directing them to send an
exact Certificate of all Artificers paid by
them, specifying by whom, and on what
manner they are employed.—

To Major Generals Campbell & Ogle.
To Major Generals Campbell & Ogle informing them, that the Board have come
to the Resolution of granting them a monthly
allowance of 150 Pagodas together with
50 Pagodas House Rent, till the 15th
October next, unless they embark for
England previous to that Period when
it will cease on the day of their Embarka-
tion.—

25th To Colonel Martin, Commanding at
To Col. Martin Ramnad forwarding them to continue
to make returns to Government & to General
Horne

25th Home

28th To the Commandant at Trichinopoly directing him to release the Nabob Arnaldo and to state the Cause of his Confinement

To Capt. Cadmore

To the Paymaster at Palamcotah

To the Paymaster at Palamcotah directing him to pay to the Executors of the late Mr. Lyttell, the Balance of the 10,000 Chuckrums amounting to 4547 Chuckrums, for which a Receipt will be given from the Estate of Ettiapa Moodelier -

To Mr. Irwin

To Mr. Irwin enclosing Extract of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob desiring that the Original Accounts of the late Renter of the Tinnevelly Province, may be delivered up to the new one - and informing him of the Orders sent to the Paymaster at Palamcotah respecting the Balance of the 10,000 Chuckrums to be paid to the Executors of the late Mr. Lyttell -

29th To the Commandant & to the Paymaster at Arcot, informing them that the latter is directed to place under the orders of Lieutenant Colonel Davis all the Lascars & artificers under his Charge at Arcot -

To the Commandant

&

To the Paymaster at Arcot

To the Paymaster at Vellore

To the Paymaster at Vellore, directing him to furnish Ensign Practitioner Norris, with 1 Lyoung, 2 Tindals and 50 Lascars, with Ropes and other necessaries

to

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29th to effect the Service on which they are to be employed.—

To W.m Brooke, Publick Secretary at
Fort William, enclosing a Return of Records
embarked on the Winterton for that Presidency—

Received the following Letter from Bengal.—

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.re
President & Council of Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Enclosed we transmit you Copy of a Letter which we have received from the Judges in reply to your reference of 29th November last, communicated to them on the receipt of your Letter the date of this Letter will point out to you that the delay has not been owing to us.

We are Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants.

(Signed) John Macpherson
R.o Sloper
John Stables
Cha.s Stuart

Fort William
the 1st August 1785

N.B. The Judges reply is already entered in the Diary of the 24th August.

Recorded

From Bengal—enclosing the Judges Reply to the Reference from Home of the 29th November respecting Lord William Murray's affair of Honor with Mr. Waugh.

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29th Received the undermentioned Letters
entered in A 12 N° 79 80, 81, 82, 83, 84 -

From Captain A. Montgomery — From the Commandant of Ongole dated 19th August - Sends Jelley Vondel Nayr to the Borders of the District, to be delivered up to Tipsoor Guard -

From Vizagapatam — From Vizagapatam dated 16th August enclosing Copy of the Act of Restitution for the Factory at Bimlipatam -

From Ganjam — From Ganjam dated 13th August have given directions to Ensign Peter Reid with the five Companies of the 25th Madras Battalion to proceed into Garrison when it will remain for the present on account of Batta and other Expences attending its being encamped without the Garrison -

From Masulipatam — From Masulipatam enclosing a Return of Troops embarked on the Cygnet for this Presidency -

From the Chief at Pulicat dated 26th August

From Mr. Blaauw-Kamer — with the Expressions of Friendship & regard towards the English -

From Mr. Baltgen — From Mr. Baltgen, dated at Tranquebar the 6th August, enclosing Copies of Letters written to him by the Government of Fort St. George during the late War requesting him to advance Money to the

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20th The English Prisoners at that Place;- and expressing his Satisfaction at having been able to render Services to those Gentlemen, who were there Prisoners on Parole.-

30th Received the following Letter from Bengal.-

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

Gentlemen,

From Bengal advising that 15 Lacs of Current Rupees have been allotted for the Presidency of Fort S.t George, from the 30th April 1785 to the 1st May 1786.-

Having taken into our Consideration in the most Comprehensive view the present Situation of the Company's Affairs in India together with the relative circumstances and Resources of the different Presidencies, according to the Accounts which we have received of their Estimated Receipts & Disbursements, in the Course of the Current year; & having taken the orders of the Honble Company for our guides in apportioning the unappropriated Surplus of the Bengal Revenues to the general Relief of their Several Establishments.- We have resolved to allot for the use of your Presidency, the Sum of Current Rupees Fifteen

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30th Fifteen Lacs, I shall avail ourselves of such Channels of Remittances as may offer — This Sum is to be considered as the Full extent of the Supplies which we can furnish for your use between the 30th of April 1785 — and the 1st May 1786 — All Remittances already made to you since the 30th April 1785, the amount of such Bills as you have drawn upon us; the Amount of Supplies which have been furnished, and such as may hereafter be forwarded to you within the above Period are to be included and to make Part of it —

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
John Macpherson
R Sloper
Chas Stuart

Fort St. George
26th July 1785.

/Signed/

In Consequence of the foregoing Letter the following was dispatched to Bengal —

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

Gentlemen

To Bengal requesting that some proportion of the necessary supply promised us in your Letter which you have promised us in your Letter of the 26th July 1785.

We avail ourselves of the departure of His Majesty's Sloop Eygnet for Calcutta to express our wishes that on her return to this Presidency you will be pleased to send us some proportion of the necessary Supply might be sent on the Eygnet.—

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
[Signed] Alexr. Davidson
&c. Counca

Fort St. George
30th August 1785.—

At a Consultation Present
The Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.
President
Lieut. General Sir John Dalling & Bart.
James Daniell Esqr.

Tuesday 30th August 1785

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.—

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The President lays before the Board the following Certificate delivered to him by Colonel Capper, & requests their Sentiments thereupon —

At a Court of Director held on Thursday the 14th October 1784 —

Colonel Capper's Certificate from the Secretary at the India House of his Appointment to the Office of Commissary General on the Coast of Choromandel —

Resolved that Colonel James Capper be permitted to return to his Office of Commissary General at Fort S. George, agreeably to his original appointment thereto, on one of the Ships of the ensuing Season, that on his Arrival at Madras he be allowed £2800 in consideration of his disappointment & loss of time, & that in case of his decease on the passage the said Sum be paid to his Attorneys at Madras —

At a Court of Directors held on Tuesday the 30th November 1784

Resolved that Colonel James Capper be advanced out of the £2800 voted by the Court on the 14th Ultimo ordered to be paid to him on his Arrival at Madras the Sum of £500 to enable him to fit himself out for

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For his Voyage to India and that the further
Sum of £200 be paid to Mr. Casper
after the Colonels departure.

attested to be true Copies

East India House
the 2d March 1785

[Signed] Thos. Morton
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Agreed that a General Order be
Published, notifying Colonel Casper's Re-
-appointment to his former Post of Comman-
Men'd thereon -in Chief, but that at the same
time a letter be written to him, desiring
him to forbear officiating until his
Appointment is announced to this Govern-
-ment by the Court of Directors -

The Commander in Chief begs leave
to enter the following Minute. -

The Establishment of the Army
having been fixed by this Board, and the Nabob
Commander in Chief's Minute on the Impropriety of throwing a Supply of Lightand Monthly Provision for a Garrison of 10,000 Men
for the ensuing Cantonment determined on the
Commander in Chief deems it necessary to
suggest the expediency of putting into the Port
of

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in Vellore and repairing the Fortifications & Granaries and laying up a Quantity of Grain on Chengleput for the Cantonment at Cheveram.

of Vellore at least, eighteen months Provision for 10,000 Men — Previous to which, it may be right, that the Granaries, for securing it, should be thoroughly examined, and if requisite, repaired — This Fort, as is well known is, and must be the Depot for any Army acting to the westward — and to give it every possible Security, is, therefore, truly Essential — It's unfortunate that it's chief defence should rest on collaterals, and those at present, on no very tenable State — The Commander in Chief submits it to the Board as his opinion that directions should be immediately given for putting the Hill Forts of that place in proper order — correcting their weakenesses, and adding strength to their points of defence — which the Works would be best effected by constructing strong redoubts on the crowns of those Hills, so as to shield them from the eastward, and to erect Batteries on their west side, for enfilading the Valley between them and the principal Fortress — Store Houses and Barracks also should be built — and they should be provided, in every respect, for a defence equal to that the

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The Garrison is expected to make
- Vellore itself requires a few necessary
improvements at least, at present, but one
Magazine for Powder - and that incapable
of containing a quantity sufficient for the use
a Second should be erected - a Banquet at the
foot of the Parapet seems absolutely necessary -
and Bomb Proofs are of especial use in a
place of such importance - the ditch should
be cleared out, and a Glacis and covered way
carried all round the Fort - with these altera
-tions and additions the commander in Chief
is of opinion that it would be as strong as it
can admit of, - and would in the event of a
War, defy the Operations of any Indian asser-
-lant - As the main Cantonment is so
soon to be fixed near Conjeveram, the Comman-
-der in Chief judges it absolutely necessary
that a sufficient quantity of grain for dispo-
-sing of it, should be laid upon Chingleput,
or if the Stores there are not capable of
containing such a quantity that the sur-
-plus age be lodged in some convenient Ghaut
-ries at Conjeveram, and for their guards
stationed there for its protection -

[Signed] S Dalling

Fort St. George
Augt. 30th 1785

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To be executed when the State of Affairs will admit

The Board approve the several Recommendations Contained in the foregoing Minute, & resolve to put them into Execution as soon as the State of the Company's Affairs will admit.

Read the following Reports from the Commissioner of Accounts and Letter from Mr. Ross the late Agent on the Subject of their Contents as far as relates to them with the several Enclosures to which they gave cover, as Lodged in the Office. —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Committee of Accounts reports on the Agent Victuallers Accounts, the Paymasters of Vellore, & those of Vandevash,

We have had the honor of receiving your Secretary's Letter of the 26th June and your directions contained therein which we shall be properly attended to. —

Since we had last the honor of addressing you under date the 9th June we have received the following reports

A Report by Mr. Balfour on the Accounts of the Agent victuallers from the 12th Janry 1782 to the 30th April 1784. —

A Report by Mr. Brooke on the Accounts

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Accounts of Vellore that come into the Superintendants office as far as the 31st December 1784.

A Report by Mr. Wolfe on the accounts of Vandewash that come in the Superintendants office from august 1780 to Janry 1783.

Mr. Wolfe having been furnished with a Copy of Mr. Balfours report and of our remarks thereon we have the honor to enclose a Copy of his Letter and of our Answer

It appears by Mr. Balfours report that for a number of Bullocks received from the northward on Account of the Company two Pagodas per Month the rate for hired Bullocks is charged for the expence of feeding them in their being delivered over to the Maistries Mr. Wolfe asserts that the expence of feeding them in training at the time when fodder was so dear was fully as high as their charge but the rate having never yet been established we take the liberty of submitting to your Honor &c. to determine how far it is proper to charge the full rate of hire while the Bullocks remain at the Companys risk.

Granted

It appears by the Agents Accounts that on the months of May June July & August 1782. 187 Garce of Rice were taken

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Laden on board different Ships & vessels at Madras and upon being reloaded there a deficiency of 24 Garce or Candies 170 18 Bags it stated to have arisen on the quantity Shipped, had there been sufficient vouchers for the lading the Captains or owners of the Vessels should be answerable for this great deficiency and as the loss appears so considerable We conceive we ought not without the approbation of your Honr & Council to allow it.

Mr. Ross accounts he has calculated the Sumans issued on pay to Cooley for the Carriage of Rice to Camp at the exchange of 42 to a Pagoda, this the agent urges is according to the general Practice of the Service, If it had been your intention that it should not have been allowed as the circumstance was already known to you it would have been ordered accordingly we nevertheless think it our duty to represent it to your Honor & Council

Mr. Ross has considered as a perquisite of his Office the Gunny bags he received with Company's Rice which he had occasion to start that being according to the general Practice

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practice of the Service and already represented to you we do not think it liable to objections we however are of opinion no injury will be done to him if instead of 5 Pagodas p.r hundred for Gunny bags and the same proportion for bullock bags he be allowed only 4 Pagodas p.r hundred, and have therefore directed him to carry to the credit of the Honble Company 9.623 Pagodas being one fifth part of the Amount of his charge for Gunnies.

The propriety of the charge made by the Agent for Interest has already been submitted by us to the consideration of your Honor &c.a and however we may consider Mr. Rose entitled to a compensation of this kind for advances of money made on Account of the publick service and for losses sustained on the mode of payment we conceive it more proper for your Honor &c.a to decide upon them for a board of accounts, guided by the Rules that have been prescribed to admit no charges, authorized by the regulations the rate of Interest charged by Mr. Rose is at 12 p.r Cent p.r annum, amounting to the 30.th April 1784 to 18,415 Pag.s From which we have directed him to carry to the credit of the Honble Company 1132.f0 erroneously charged on the Amount

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Amount of Grain sold and Rice delivered to Bullock People

Your Honor &c. will perceive that we have on the strongest manner urged an adjustment of the heads of Accounts in the Agents books, that it may appear on the face of them what part has been applied in Commutation of the military allowances of the Company, what part is yet to be set off against balances due to any Depertment shall to be accounted for by individuals and what written off to profit & Loss as unavoidably lost by deficiency or the like

Notwithstanding all which provisions were delivered this being an object of considerable magnitude we conceive no time should be lost by the Agent in using every means in his power to accomplish so important a Part of the duties of his Office —

a Copy of Mr. Woolf's report on the Vellore Accounts on the 20th ultimo has been furnished Mr. Ogilvie when we receive his answer we shall lay before your Honor &c. our resolves in consequence

In the Accounts of Vandewart it appears that 12,164 Pagodas have been expended

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expended for repairs of the fort during the War
altho it is probable the charge may be right
yet we are unable to determine on it, no
Paymaster having been appointed to the
Garrison the Accounts are unaccompanied
with any vouchers, and it appearing that a
quantity of Grain amounting to 1122 Pags.
has been delivered from august 1782 to Janry
1783 to the troops at this Garrison Unaccounted
for there, we have directed the Superintendant
to debit the Agent victualler for the amount
that may be brought to the Credit of the
Honble Company on the Accounts where the
pay to the Troops is charged for the above-
mentioned Period.-

having received from Mr. Lind
an answer to our Letter on the subject of the
outstanding ballances at Mallore we have the
honor to enclose Copy of the same and of our
Letter to him.-

We have the honor to enclose Copy
of a Letter from Mr. Dobbyn regarding a
Deficiency of 24 18 Pagodas on a Cargo of
Provisions shipped for the use of the army
but returned to the Garrison Northerfier whom
we have acquainted that we do not see the
necessity for a Transfer of this to the Agents
Books

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books, the provisions were issued by the Garrison Storekeeper and received again by them, what adjustment therefore may be necessary should appear in the books of his office.

We have the honor to be with perfect respect

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants

Signed Wm Wynch
Edwd Jno Hollond
J. Balfour
Robert Woolf

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Committee of Accounts, on Mr John Balfour's Report on the Accounts of the Agent Victualler

Since our last address to you Hon'd & Sirs dated the 12th Instant we have received a report from Mr. Balfour on the Accounts of the Agent victuallers from the 1st May 1784 to the 30th April 1785.

It appears that for the Sixth Six Months of the above time from 600 to

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900 Bullocks were kept on the Island at constant hire, this we conceive to be an unnecessary expence, as we presume that on some of peace Bullocks or Carts may be procured at the shortest notice, we therefore take the liberty to recommend to your Honor &c. to order it to be discontinued.

Agreeable to our resolves on the former Part of Mr. Rose's Accounts regarding the charge for Gunnies we have ordered a further deduction of Pagodas 717-35 being one fifth part of the Amount of Mr. Rose's charge for that article during the year

Mr. Rose has charged 12071 Pagodas Interest at 12 Cent P annum on the monthly balances due to him on his Cash Account for the year 1785. The Propriety of a charge of Interest has been already submitted by us to the determination of your Honor &c.

We have the honor to enclose Copy of your Letter to Mr. Rose on the Subject of the abovementioned report.

Having received from Mr. Ogilvie an answer to Mr. Woods report- & our remarks, we have the honor to enclose Copy of the same

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same in which Mr. Ogilvie Leaving referred to orders from Government and to receipts from the deputy Agent, we have desired they may be produced.

We have the honor to be with perfect respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servants

Wm Wynch
Edw. Jno. Holland
J Balfour
Robt. Woods

Fort St. George
22d. August 1785

/Signed/

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr. Wellesley Rep. on the observations of the Commissioners on his Accounts, as mentioned in the two preceding Letters. -

As the Commissioners of Accounts are about to deliver in their Report upon the Accounts of my Department as Agent to the Army I hope you will permit me to address you upon the subject of these Accounts and to make a reference to such Papers as I have laid before the Commissioners explanatory

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explanatory of my conduct and the difficulties
I had to encounter in Office.—

The Commissioners have been candid
in permitting me to peruse the Report given
in by Mr Watson on my Accounts with their
resolutions upon it—They have received my
answer to their first resolution and have made
me acquainted with their final determination
and the references they intended to make to the
Board which furnishes me with this opportunity
of laying my Situation more particularly
before you.—

I would be unjust to myself
at a time when my Character and Interest
are so essentially concerned not to remind you
of the circumstances under which I accepted
of the important trust I have held.— I was
appointed to the Office of Agent on the 20th Janry
1782 at a time when the Company's resources
were far exhausted, when danger threatened
them on all sides and when the exigencies of
Government were such as to make it necessary
for them to desire that I would exert my
private Credit in Support of my public
Station, and tho I was well aware of the hazard
of such an undertaking I did not hesitate to
comply from my confidence in the Support
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of Government which I thought would be extended to me according to my exertions and from my Opinion of their Wisdom and the consequent Success of their Measures.

I need not inform you Gentlemen who are so well acquainted with the love of duty I had to execute that the supplying of all the draught and Carriage Cattle and Carts for the army whether the equipment for marching, and likewise the supplying of all the Rice Arrack, Salt & all Provisions and part of the slaughter Cattle together with the means of conveying these not only to Camp but to other Stations convenient for the army visited with the Agent, or was conducted through him, I had at one time to furnish Rice and Provisions sufficient for a Camp Stock, to serve all the Officers and all the public and private followers of the army with Rice and Grain to load Provisions on board different Vessels - to provide for the feeding of Several Thousand Cattle with Forage on the Island to maintain and support an establishment of from 2000 to 7000 Coolys - and with these Coolys and the Bullocks I could command Separate from those employed on the field to lay up Magazines

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Magazines and provide for the subsistence of
different Garrisons near to the Presidency — from
this view it will appear how extensive and
complicated the nature of my Office was, and
how essential to every Military Preparation.

To prove that I conducted this
arduous office with the entire approbation
of Government I beg to appeal to the Records
and to the Candor of the Honble President who
was a member of the Board during the time
of my exertions, nor would it strike the thought
vanity in me to say that the harmony
Opinion subsisted between the Government and
the Commander in Chief, tho I was appointed
contrary to a System adopted by the latter &
tho' the line of my duty particularly subjected
me to censure from him had I been deficient
yet I believe no complaint will any where
appear against me, nor is there above one or
two instances in the course of Service on
which even an explanation was necessary.

In further testimony that the
Government did me the honor to approve
my conduct I beg to quote their Minute
entered in Consultation 9.th of July 1782 upon
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a Letter from Mr Reporting the exertions Successfully used to throw Provisions into Vellore Fort.s The Committee observe with great "pleasure Mr. Rose's diligence and exertions "by which he justifys their having made choice "of them to fill the employ of Agent at so critical "a period." - and shall have the Satisfaction to say that the award allowed me in the above Para- =graph is confirmed by other parts of the Records and no where contradicted by contrary or disapp- =robation

Considering my office in this view of importance to the Public and considering my Conduct as Trust it will appear to have been exceptionable I must impute the hardships under which I was made to Suffer during the War to no other Cause but the exigencies of Government, and I will still hold a firm belief that had the late Right Honble Pondent who urged me so far to pledge myself in the Public cause remained to pass judgment upon the present Appeal, he would not fail to have done me justice by making such Compensa- =tion for the losses I have sustained as the present Situation of the Company's Affairs will allow: -

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But tho' I had not the honor to ack immediately under your Orders as I did under the order of Lord Macartney's appeal with confidence to your justice and judgement upon the facts before you.

Accompanying I have the honor to inclose the Copy of a Letter addressed by me to Mr. Balfour from whom the examination of my Accounts fell by allotment, dated the 14. March last, explaining to him my arguments for the charge of Interest - the circumstances under which I undertook the office, the advantages I proposed to myself with the reasons which I grounded them - the Payments made to me by Government, the disadvantageous nature of these Payments and the difficulties which I have incurred myself, from which it depends upon Government to extricate me.

From the above Letter it will appear that I received for the Disbursements of the Army employed on Cash Bills £ from 12th January 1782 to 30th April 1784 Pag. 229.384.26.60

Deduct what was paid for special purposes of which I had not the Disbursements - - - - Pag. 68.378.4.29

Balance received in Cash & Bills & disbursed by me within the above period. Pag. 161.006.21.31

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48 Stated a Ballance against the Company within the above Period of — Pag$ 1,09,804.17.4

Ond a computed Ballance from 30th April 1784 down to the 30th April 1785 of the further Sum without Interest of Pag$ — 26000.—

48 Total Ballance stated & computed Pag$ 1,35,804.17.4

Which joined to the Ballance received by me in Cash & Bills amounts as above to — — — — — Pag$ 1,61,006.21.34

31 Wilmake the Total Sum debited by me in my office amount to Pagodas 296,810.35

79 In my Letter to Mr Balfour alluded to, I stated that I had received in Cash and Bills equal to Cash before 30th April 1784 Pag$ 61,006.21.34

31 In Bills upon Bengal previous to Ditto — — Pag$ 100,000.—

In Ditto Subsequent to Ditto 20,000.— 120,000.—

In Bonds Subsequent to Ditto — 35,000.—

And that I should have to Credit Account for Pagodas — — — 8000.—

Total Received previous to the date of the above mentioned Letter — Pagodas 224,006.21.34

I have received since the date of the Letter in Bonds — Ps — — — — — 30,000.—

Total Pagodas — 2,54,006.21.34

I have moderately computed the discount upon Pag$ 120,000 the whole amount of Bengal Bills given to me in payment to be — — — Pagodas 36031.2.32.

The discount upon Pag$ 35000 the amount of Bonds Ditto — — — — — 10,500.—

Total

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Total computed Loss Pagodas to the
14th March 1785 Pags. 46,631. 3. 32

I have in this Statement acknowledged
to have received Bonds to the amount of 30,000
Pagodas since the above date and since
the arrival of the Late order to this Government
the discount of Bonds has fallen from 35 to 50
Pcent at which latter price they are now
actually sold on Madras. - This of course
lessens the value of all the Bonds received
by me amounting to 65000 Pagodas so that
the Account against me will now stand
as follows. -

Loss upon Bengal Bills as above stated
Pagodas - 36,131. 3. 32
Loss upon Bonds 32,500 - -
Total Pagodas - 68,631. 3. 32

Which is nearly one quarter of the whole
Sum received and due. I have stated to
Mr. Balfour that the loss upon Bengall
Bills might in a great measure be obviated
by management and that the returns from
Bengal sometimes ove balanced that loss
but the discount upon Bonds is heavy and
without a palliative - there is no remedy
no resource, the whole is suffering and
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the Suffering must increase in proportion
as Bonds are given in lieu of payment.

Your Honor &c will perceive that with
the account of my loss I have stated
to Mr. Balfour an Account of the real
possible and supposed advantages I might
derive from office the whole of which during
the time I acted as agent amounted to no
more than Pag.s 21.291. 31. 80.
which is deducted from the amount
of my Loss on the 14th March
the date of my Letter being Pag.s 16.631. 3. 32
Left a Ballance against me of Pag.s 25.339. 13. 72
which is conceded by the present
discount on Bonds as above
to Pag.s 47339. 13. 72

From the Statement of Loss I made to
Mr. Balfour and from the Apprehensions
I expressed of a further loss upon the partly
compleated Ballance which was at that
time unaccounted for to me of Pag.s 70.864.
17. 48 in part of which I have since received
Bonds for 30,000 Pagodas as I have above
stated, I had no reason to think that he
would have thought it right or necessary
to propose any reduction of the advanta-
-ges above mentioned which I proved
to be my right upon long established usage and
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the custom of the Service, upon the ground of the peculiarity of Suffering to which I have been exposed and upon the Silence for more than a year of the Right Hon.ble the President and Select Committee upon a report made to them so early as the 4th March 1783 upon my Accounts and some other Accounts of the Army in which my claim to the advantages in question were fully stated.—

Had the Right Hon.ble President and Council objected to these advantages at the time the above report was made it would have been left in my option either to have resigned or to have continued in Office.—at that time as no Bonds were required upon me no heavy loss could have been sustained.—The markets from Bengal had not then ceased to be advantageous to the Merchant and I might have profited by my endeavours but it is fully my opinion and I am warranted in thinking that the Government who saw my exertions had no intention of sanctioning what they considered an equivalent for labor and enterprize and if they hesitated to confirm my claim it was only till they could know from a representation of the whole

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whole how much was due.

That Representation Howell & Sir & Sons now comes before you and to your justice & Equity appeals, that I may not however engage too much of your time I shall confine to the Principal Heads of the determination of the Commissioners of Accounts founded upon Mr. Balfour's Report.

They have charged Gunny Bags according to the usage of the Service at 5 Bags ₹ 100 and they have been pleased to reduce the Price to 4 Pagodas ₹ 100 for Bengal Bags and for Northern Bullocks Gunny Bags from 4 Bags ₹ Pagoda to 5 Bags ₹ Pagoda.

The Commissioners have decided upon this point without any regard to my Original explanation and with so small share of Learning or attention to their own original arguments, Mr. Balfour assigns as reasons for his opinion that Mr. Balfour Mitchell has charged only 4 Pagodas ₹ 100 for Bags supplied by him for the Carriage of Rice sent to Negapatam and he judges from this circumstance from what I have said on the Subject from his own information and from a consideration that a large proportion of the Rice was sent out in Bags

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"Bags containing only 2 Marcalls but reckoned
"as an equal number of Bags of 6 Marcalls
"the Size of those purchased by which there
"must have been a considerable saving of the
"material." — Have explained to the Commissioners
in my Letter of the 9th of July that Bags of 2
Marcalls & 6 Marcalls were the same, that they
were purchased ready made and that there
was no saving of the materials — I reminded
them of the Accounts of Loss I have already
stated to your Honor & the Balance of which
against me ought I was of opinion, to have
stood against any reduction which would
otherwise have been made from my Accounts —
I explained to them that Supposing Gunny
Bags might be purchased at 4 Pagodas
₹100 that they ought to take into consideration
that Company's Bonds which I received
in payment discounted at 45 & 50 ₹ Cent
which in fact would afford nearly Pagodas
4 and 5 Pag.s ₹100 for Gunny Bags; but
these and other Arguments have had no effect,
and the Committee in their Letter to me of the
25th July are pleased to say that "if the
"Purveyors of Gunny Bags delivered to me
"with Bricks allowed that they and of open con-
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Gt. as before and they direct that Sohan Moorjy
to account the sum of upwards of 9000 Pagodas
being one fifth part of the charge upon
Guzzery Bags.

How far this determination agrees
with the Opinion adopted from Mr. Balfour
who examined the Accounts that Lord Cornwallis
entitled to this perquisites in question
whatever they may have amounted to? - I have
the Honble Board to determine. - Mr. Balfour
on the latter part of his report has drawn
a strong distinction between the Opinion
he is alleged to give as an Auditor confined
to rule and what he would give were he to
judge upon principles of equity & founded
upon the consideration of the Losses sustained
by me - his words are as follows -

"Mr. Roy in his Letters to me dated
"the 14th March has compared these Letters
"with his perquisites by the exchange of Jannams
"and by Guzzery Bags & does not appear
"to be any way necessary for me to enter
"into an examination of a Statement of this
"kind of which the matter seems now
"proper for a representation to Government
"than for an investigation by an Auditor
"for Accounts - the former has the Power

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" and it ought not to be doubted that it has
" also the inclination to render compensation
" in some shape or other for loss sustained
" by the mode of payment of debts justly due
" by the Company, But it appears to me that
" the auditor has no latitude on this respect
" and however well he may be convinced of such
" loss that he cannot admit an argument drawn
" from them in support of charges unauthorized
" by custom or the rules prescribed for his audit
" It would however be unjust to Mr Ross
" to pass over in silence any ground on which
" he thinks himself intitled to the beforementioned
" perquisites and after having examined
" strictly and by rule one side of his accounts
" I will not I flatter myself be deemed a
" transgression of the Line of my duty if
" I mention generally my opinion respecting
" the other — It is notorious that the discount on
" Bengal Bills and Company Bonds has been
" exceedingly high perhaps at the rates at
" which Mr Ross states them — Consider any
" loss lost in this way. The responsibility annexed
" to the Office of Agent and the labor & exertion
" which must have been employed in surmounting

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"the difficulties which arose in the conduct
"of the extensive business of this Department
during a period of so much embarrassment
cannot but be of opinion that Mr. Ross
is well entitled to the perquisites in
question, whatever they may have amounted
to."

It was when Mr. Balfour examined
strictly and by rule that he determined upon
the propriety of the above reduction — It was
to avoid injustice to one that he gave it as his
Opinion that he was well entitled to the
perquisites.

As the Commissioners are pleased
however to adopt and tenaciously adhere
to the severe part of Mr. Balfours Opinion
I have ceased to argue with them on the
Subject and have only dwelt on my Letter
of the 6th Instant that they "will in justice
"to me explain to the Board that the above
"reduction is made from a Perquisite on office which you thought
"proper to lessen not from any over Charge
"or irregularity which might make me
"liable to Censure."

The above is the only parish
Decision against me but the Commissioners
have

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have been pleased to make a reference to the Board on the following points viz.t the Interest charged by me upon the advance of Cash for the Public Service.—

The price of 2 Pagodas p.r month charged by me for feeding Company's Bullocks.

And the loss upon lading & relanding the Rice shipped on the Chesterfield General Abatie Fetch Nancy and Snow Intelligence amounting to from 5 p.c to 18 p.c.t—

Respecting that—viz.t the Interest upon advances of money I beg to refer to the first Paragraphs of my Letter to Mr. Balfour dated the 14.th March now before you on which the matter is fully explained.— Mr. Balfour on the 23.d Paragraph of his Report animadverting upon my Arguments on the above Letter says that "it does not appear this "Principle can be controverted on good grounds "and if so the charge of Interest is right "provided the Ballance of the monthly account "was bona fide due for disbursements actually "and necessarily made—so far as this was not "the case the charge must be erroneous"— all objections stated by Mr. Balfour to the Account as it then stood have been removed.— a formal

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Account has been made out debiting and
Crediting the Company for Interest at the end
of every month from the time of my appointm-
ent till the 30th of April 1784 and from
that time to the 30th of April 1785 The Comm-
issioners appear to entertain the same
Sentiments with Mr. Bolton of the justice
of any claim, but not having a power to decide
upon it have referd it to the Hon'ble Board.

Permit me in addition to what I have
said upon this Subject to repeat to your Honor
& what I have urged to the Commissioners
viz. "each of you know Gentlemen the rate
" at which money is borrowd in madras &
" that any Situation must have Subjected
" one to pay the highest rate of legal Interest
" because I embarked my fortune with the
" Company and the chance of payments was
" Subject to the accidents of War — I am
convinced I may appeal to your Honor
& with Confidence upon this Subject
when you call to mind the state of the
Company's Credit — the important purpose
for which money was borrowd or advanced
on my Office, and the Personal Service
I conferd in pledging myself as a medium
for loans of money to be employd for the
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ued of my Honble Masters, which they were unable to furnish from their other exegencies at the time it was wanted.

I beg to suggest as a Circumstance which may have weight with your Honor & in deciding upon the point in question that no advance has been made for the expence of the War excepting by one or two others and myself, considerable departments in the Army are much in Arrear but no person at the head of these Departments have pledged themselves for the Payment of them or have become responsible for the whole as I have done— my case therefore as it is almost singular can be no precedent.

Respecting the second reference Viz.t "the Sum of 2 Pagodas p month charged "by me for feeding Company's Bullocks—" I presume it will only be necessary for me to have recourse to the reasons and explanations I have already given to Mr. Balfour and to the Commissioners of Accounts upon this Subject— the following is an extract of my Letter to Mr. Balfour dated 4th of February last—

"I have attended particularly
"to what you are pleased to remark respecting
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"The Bullocks being charged on Bullocks the
" day they were delivered and your opinions
"that on that Account the Company ought
" not to bear the loss by death or accidents -
" permit me to remark that it is very hard
" to judge of exertions on a publick Service
" long after those exertions have ceased and
" I trust it will appear to you that things
" are accurately or rightly according to the terms
" and exigencies that gave rise to them - to
" convince you of this exigency it may be
" necessary to carry back your recollection
" to circumstances as they occurred -

" The Company began the provision
" of Bullocks a short time before I was appointed
" agent; the Bullocks were brought to Madras
" at a time when the country was over run
" with the enemy's horse and when they
" could not be trusted beyond the Gomroon
" Garden to feed; the Bullocks were brought
" some times when the enemy was near
" some times when it was at a distance
" that a supply might be ready to avail
" it returned - this selection called for
" a new Extraordinary exertion; it was
" not only necessary to feed the Bullocks
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"but to provide drivers for them and to train
"them for Service and all this was to be done
"while they were confined to the Island of
"Madras a barren Spot without any other
"means of Subsistance but the Straw Grass
"& Gram which I was obliged to purchase
"with ready money for their use and it
"may be Subsisted from the danger the
"poor people incured in bringing in
"that Grass &c. how much the value
"of it was enhanced above the usual
"Price; - yet by diligence, management
"and ready money which I advanced
"from my own funds, I was enabled on
"the first Month of my Appointment to
"the office to feed upwards of 3000 Bullocks
"on the Island, to train numbers of them
"and to send them without more than
"common casualties to the field. -

"Nothing perhaps could more
"strongly shew the necessity of this exertion
"on my Part than what happened just
"before my Appointment when a Considera-
"ble number of Cattle under the charge
"of my Predecessor Mr. Benfield were
"allowed to starve or were rendered
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" unnecessarily because she did not take the
" same means which she afterwards employed.

" Another thing is that the Masters
" at the time of my appointment and before
" they knew that they were to be charged at
" the rate of 17 Pagodas p Bullock were
" induced to take the bad Bullocks delivered
" over to me by Mr Mansfield and some that
" on very poor condition which arrived
" from the Northward with the good and
" to make themselves accountable for the
" whole, but when they knew of the price
" that was to be charged to them they rejected
" all that were indifferent and then upon
" Bullocks were returned upon my hands,
" to cure them of the sore backs they had
" got on training and to feed them up
" for service.

" Whenever such exertions were used
" by me to feed Bullocks & them for service
" when the benefit arising from that
" exertion was so apparent as to become
" indispensably necessary and when the
" worst Bullocks and consequently those
" most liable to accident were returned
" upon my hands I shall think it very
" hard indeed to be called upon to pay
for

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"For Casualties while the Bullocks remained
"under my charge as I deemed the
"same benefit from keeping them as the
"Masters do in Camp.—
"The difference between maintaining
"Bullocks here and in Camp consists in
"this—that in Madras, the place being too
"bare to furnish Forage or being surrounded
"by the enemy every thing must be brought
"from a distance and at a considerable
"expence to which the hire was Nothing
"more than adequate—whereas in Camp
"nothing was brought in—no expence was
"incurred—the Bullocks fed under cover of
"an escort near the encampment and the
"Army moved to the most advantageous
"Situations for Forage."

The question when the above Letter was written was not whether the hire of 2 Pagodas P Month was due or not for Bullocks lost whether Government ought not to pay for the Casualties of the Company's Bullocks—Mr Balfour says in his Report that "the Board of Accounts had determined "upon a similar Circumstance stated in "his report upon Mr. Dobbyns Accounts "that the Rent until they were delivered in

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" on property to the Masters remained
" on the Company" The decision removes
the difficulty respecting the Cannabis
by making them to sell where alone they
could sell with property Viz. with the
Company and Mr Falconer adds "that the
" charge of 2 Pagodas p Month was no
" further objectionable than as the expence
" of the Bullocks might be supposed to
" have fallen short of that sum." Your obe-
dient has believe fully answered the above
Extract and beg further to add what
I have said upon the same subject to the
Commissioners of Accounts in my Letter
to them of the 6th Instant Viz.

" With respect to the feeding
" of the Company's Bullocks I shall say to my
" argument upon that subject and to the
" experience of every one who saw how they
" were fed and in what condition they
" were sent to Camp; and the moderation
" of my terms will further appear by a
" Letter from Mr Benfield to the Board
" dated 8th January 1782 in which he
" proposes a plan of conducting the Office
" of Agent with no advantage to himself
" a part of which plan was to supply all

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" all Company's Bullocks with forage and
" equipment at 13 fanams ₱ day reckoning
" the exchange at 42 fanams ₱ Pagoda which
" independent of the advantage on the exchange
" equal to 6 ₱ Cent is 30 fanams ₱ month
" for each Bullocks over and above what is
" charged by me."

This Branch of my Department
was perhaps more arduous and difficult
than any other and was undertaken by
me from the Absolute necessity of such an
exertion - I need not call to the recollection
of your Honor & the high price of every
Article of grain or forage during the War
or how much we were encompassed and
annoyed by the enemy's Straggling Horse
it was necessary to bring the Bullocks to
Madras to be an readiness for the Army
and they must be fed or Starve or be
Captured by the enemy - on this exigency
I had to prevail upon hundreds of famish-
-ing wretches to expose themselves to the
danger of going out for Grass that they
might obtain food to Support a precarious
existence, and in the midst of the
distress occasioned by the Calamity of the
times I had the Satisfaction to think
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That I was instrumental in preserving the
lives of many Individuals by employing
them in a labour tending to public good
and that I was able to effect this at more
than the common rate of Bullocks hire at
all times incurred by the Company.

The Subject of this reference
will I am sure recommend itself and I
shall therefore proceed to the third and
last Vizt the loss upon the landing and
reshipping the rice shipped on the
Chesterfield General Abertee Ketch nancy
and Snow Intelligence amounting to from
17 to 18 p Cent.

Upon this as upon former
Subjects I beg to lay before you my
Correspondence with Mr Balfour and the
Commissioners of Accounts — The following
is an extract of my letter to Mr Balfour
on the Subject of shipping & reshipping
Rice dated 3d April 1785 Vizt —

"This branch of my department
" was more perplexing to me than any
" other and the Company's were Subjects
" to loss from circumstances very different
" from what a private Merchant has to
" encounter

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" encounter and which it was not in my
" Power or the power of any other to controul,
" a private Merchant or either owner of a
" Ship or hires her in either instance he
" Commands the people on board who are
" answerable to him, he can in general
" take his own time and nothing is
" supposed to pass without his knowledge,
" on the Contrary the Ships employed
" in the Public Service were taken up
" by Government according to the pressing
" Calls or exigencies of the time- there Calls
" generally occasioned a Hurry in loding
" the Vessels,- as they were not particularly
" employed under me I had no authority
" over their Commanders who did not fail
" to avail themselves of that circumstance
" and had no resource but by Complaint
" to Government which is at all times a
" disagreeable but particularly so in the
" heat of Service, and I was so anxious
" to avoid it that I considered it a more
" pleasing alternative to expose myself
" to some danger than to involve delay
" & controversy,- the order to me for
" loading Vessels were always verbal, that
" to provide a certain number of Boys
" in a time limited which were to be loaded
by

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" by the Master attendant & prepared them
" upon the Beach accordingly where they have
" -tained remained for several days before
" Boats could be spared to carry them on
" board, and if you will call to recollection
" the number of poor famishing people
" who filled the Fort during the year 1781
" & you will be convinced that no
" precaution could in that Situation
" guard me against loss."

After stating some circum-
-stances which occasioned embarrassment
and difficulty I proceeded "The
" Chesterfield, has intelligence the General
" Abercrombie and the Nancy Dutch Sailed
" from hence to the Southward with
" provisions and Stores for the Army their
" on the March to Cuddalore, but the
" expedition failed and the Ships returned
" the first of these Vessels as I have
" informed you was partly loaded from
" the Farmouth and all of them under
" the circumstances I have described -
" upon their return the Cargoes were
" landed & thrown upon the Beach as
" Boats could be spared & no intimation
" was given to me for several days the

Vessels

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" Vessels were loaded from a heap of Boys -
" & placed on the Beach to be in readiness &
" their Cargoes were thrown into a heap -
" when brought ashore - no person from
" the Ships took charge of the delivery and
" therefore no one at responsible; - the Boat-
" men availed themselves of this Opportunity
" and I detected them in much theft, but
" their Services were so much wanted that
" it was impossible to prosecute them to
" punishment. - under these circumstances
" you will not be surprized that the loss
" was about 17 ℔ Cent. - I stated that loss
" where it happened in my returns to the
" Governor who expressed no Dissatisfaction
" because he knew the circumstances under
" which it was incurred." - after this full
explanation I was surprized to find that the
Commissioners called upon me to know
my reasons for not having called upon
the Captains of the Ships for the loss
which obliged me to enter into a recapa-
tulation & further explanation in my
Letter to them of the 9th. July Vizt.

" Respecting the Deficiencies
" mentioned in the 11th & 12th Paragraphs
of Mr. Balfour's Report I can only have
recourse

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"reference to the Paragraph of my Letter
"to Mr. Balfour dated the 8th of April upon
"that Subject and again to state the
"impossibility of conducting the business
"of embarking Rice at the Ports so as to
"prevent loss or to fix responsibility. - The
"only one Vessel or two but a number
"to load - Cargo was alleged to hold the Rice
"in readiness on the Beach to be shipped
"when the master attendant found it convenient - when the Vessel returned thence
"was reloaded without any intimation
"given to me and this apparent irregularity was at the time so excusable
"from the great Scarcity of Boats, from
"the exigencys of the Navy & the Scarcity
"of Rice in the Settlement which made
"the utmost hurry in landing it necessary
"that no complaint could or would have
"been attended to - I need not call your
"recollection to the distressed State of the
"Settlement in the year 1782 or the embarrassment to which Rice was Subject from
"the poor and Starved people who were
"every where about the Fort wanting
"to catch a morsel of Sustenance, in so
"much that individuals complained they
lost

Rice

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" lost 5 ℔ Cent of their Cargoes between the
" Beach and the Fort only notwithstanding my
" their utmost vigilance and how much
" greater must this loss have been when the
" Rice was allowed to remain there for many
" days before I had intimation to carry
" it away and secure it — or how could I
" call upon any Captain to be responsible
" for loss when the Cargoes of the different
" Ships respectively were thrown into one
" heap so that it was impossible for me to
" ascertain what and how many Bags
" were landed from each Ship? — prior to this
" the calls upon me to supply the various
" wants of the Army for Carriage and
" Provisions and also to supply the out-
" Garrisons, the embarrassments incident
" to the time, and the oeconomy expected from
" me in every Department I trust you will not
" think me deserving of censure
" in the only instance where neglect has
" appeared to you, nor will you connect
" the Ideas and regularity of business
" in time of peace with the hurry and
" exigency incident to War and amidst
" the Calamities to which it gives rise. "

Mr Bayouri Opinion upon

this

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The Subject appears to arise from a Supposition that I was not hurried in the business of shipping Rice whereas there was nothing but hurry, the Settlement was on the utmost want of provisions, the Ships in the road were to be unloaded, the fleet was to be supplied and the Rice to be laden at the same time - the Boats which could be furnished for those different Services were few in number and in addition - quake and the circumstance obliged me on my department to keep the Rice in readiness on the Beach until the Boats could be spared - the Cargoes were again Landed without my knowledge and I appeal to the Board whether this was an Omission in me or in the weather attendant? - when the Rice was Landed it was thrown into a heap and allowed to remain there for several days how therefore could I ascertain the loss from each Ship or call upon the Captains for their proportions of that loss? the thing was impracticable and the Government saw it was so, for I supported the loss to the Right Honble the President at the time it happened but he was not

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of Opinion that I was responsible in case
the knew the circumstances under which
it was incurd.—

Finding the Commissioners
determined to make a reference upon the
above Subject to your Hons & Sir Sagain
addressd them on the 6th of August and
concluded as follows "it has not escaped
"your that the Cargoes were shipped and
"landed in the midst of the Famine and
"5 p Cent is the common allowance on Cargoes
"landed when there is no famine— in
"addition to these considerations which I trust
"would have determined your Opinion, I do
"Solemnly declare, that I had no Interest
"in the transaction— that I do not therefore
"myself guilty even of remissness and
"trust you will represent this matter to
"the Board so as to prevent any severe
"decision upon my unintended reference
"to them."—

I hope they have complied with
the latter part of this request and that
I may expect from the justice of your
Hons &c. that I shall not be made to account
for a loss which I did not occasion and
which I could not prevent.— There

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There is still a further reference to your Honor & Cs respecting the exchange upon Fanams paid to the Coolys which I calculated at 42 Fanams ℔ Pagoda — upon this Subject I shall only beg to refer to what I have already said concerning it in my Letter to Mr Balfour now before you which will shew that the above exchange is customary and according to rule in all calculations of Salaries &c

References

The reduction of the usual Price of Gunney Bags and the above reference will I hope shew how regularly the Commissioners of Accounts had adhered to the opinion given by Mr Balfour in his report that the Subject of any Losses "Could more properly form a "representation to Government than for an "investigation by an auditor of Accounts." "they have in consequence judged as if "I sustained no Loss and have founded their judgment upon rules & regulations established previous to the late War, when Advances of Cash were made for the expenses of all officers and when the nature of the Service differed considerably from what it was during the late War.

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When such numerous difficulties have been
succeeded by such a strict examination I
hope it will appear meritorious to the Board
that no over charge no irregularity has been
discovered nor has the expence incurred in my
Office exceeded that it would have done had
there been no loss on payments or no difficulty
to surmount — the reduction on Gunny bags
has been made from an established perquisite
an unquestionable proof of the regard with
which my Accounts have been judged; & the references
respecting the Imposition Rice the price of
Bullock hire, the Interest of money and the
Exchange upon Jamaica appear to have been
made not because the Commissioners thought
these charges exceptionable, but because they
had not powers to determine upon them

I conceive it to be an error in the
Commissioners of Accounts as they adopted the
severity of Mr Balfour's remarks when he
judged by rules already established because
he thought the Subject of my Office more
proper for a Representation to Government
not to adopt his Candor likewise when he
separated the impartial judge from the
Auditor and gave it as his Opinion "that the
Government has the power and it ought not
to be doubted that it has also the inclination

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"to render compensation in some shape or other
"for losses sustained by the mode of payments
"of debts jointly done by the Company — I
conceive it likewise an omission on Mr Ross not
to declare as he does "that it would be injustice
"to Mr Ross to pass over in silence any ground
"on which he thinks himself entitled to pre-
"-ferrence" as I presume it would not be deemed
a transgression of the Law of Honor by after
having examined strictly and by rule one
side of the Account "to have represented on the
words of Mr Balfour "that if perquisites is
"allowed in any case the whole seems equally
"allowable on this principle that a
"perquisite is given as a recompence for
"service and exertion and because on Mr
"Ross's case the former was not increased but
"in proportion with the latter "that it is
"notorious the discount upon Bengal
"Bills and Company's Bonds has been exceedingly
"high probably at the rates at which Mr Ross
"states them — "that" considering his loss in
"this way, the responsibility annexed to the
"Office of Agent, and the Labours & exertion
"which must have been employed in sur-
"mounting the difficulties which arose in
"the conduct of the extensive business of this
Department

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"Department during a period of so much embarrass-
"ment" they could "not but be of Opinion con-
"that Mr Bose is well entitled to the perquisites
"in question whatever they may have amounted
"to."

I conceive it to be owing to a similar
omission or to their confidence that the Hon'ble
Board would adopt the Sentiments of the report
upon which their decision have no way differed
& the Letter which have accompanied it that
they have made no mention or allusion to the
arguments & explanations which I gave to Mr.
Balfour at large the "the force of which" he is
pleased to say "he would not run the risk
"of lessening by abridgement of them."

When arguing upon the circumstances
under which I have held the office of Agent
I hope I will be permitted to draw an inference
from the small amount of my expences in
Office and the Documents which have been
made upon my Accounts to prove how
equitable and moderate my charges have
invariably been.

This will further appear from the
Opinion of my predecessor Mr Benfield
when he was called upon by Government to
make advances in the Office of Agent as
I have done and upon an occasion when the
Government declared their inability to
comply

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comply with any indent he made for 25,000 Pag.s
in Cash but were expressed in his Letter of the
8.th January 1782 are as follows "the present
emergency would involve an expence nearly
equal to a third of the Army disbursements.
I conceive that no individuals can engage
in an extra Official manner for unconditional
advances without terms or stipulations of
repayment at a time when your Lordship
& Council are pleased to declare your inability to
supply any indent sufficient for the fair
Months expence" from the above it appears
that Mr. Benfield thought 30,000 Pagodas
Month inadequate and the average of my
expences did not exceed 10,000 Pagodas Month
during the height of the War. —

It would appear from the above
that Mr. Benfield thought it necessary
to stipulate for terms of repayment with
Government whereas I engaged from my
confidence in the Assurances given to me
without terms or Stipulation. — It was
indeed mentioned at the Board when I was
called before it previous to my appointment
that one third would be paid home in Cash
one third in Copper and one third in Bills
but it will appear that I have not received
above a fifth in Cash or Bills equivalent to
Cash, that I have received no Copper &c

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that all payments made to me independent of that Fund have been in the highest degree unfavorable to me.—

But the Disappointment on the above Proposal held out to me by the Board is not the only one I have sustained— the Government about the latter end of last year held out a manner of payment to those who had made advances from the Company of a Bill on Europe a Third in Bengal Bill and a Third in Bonds and had the arrears about that time due to me been paid in the above manner I must have received about 30000 Pagodas in cash but my Application were in a great measure fruitless as soon after the Governor General & Council were pleased to shut the Bengal Treasury, the Bills upon Europe were likewise stopt by order of the Board here and nothing remained but the Payment by Bonds which have every day since been decreasing in value & will probably continue to do so as the number of them increase and are brought into circulation.—

Thus circumstanced & labouring under accumulated hardships from my exertions in public office for upwards of three years and a half permit me to Submit my Claims to

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To your Honour &c. &c. It appears to you that my
exertions have been undeviating and Success-
-ful - That they were important from the
nature of them and from the relief afforded
to Government by pledging my Credit for
the public Service - That by making these
advances upon the Payments made to
me a considerable Loss has arisen which (in
excess any advantage I could have derived
from Office - & That after a rigid examination
the charges made by me have been found
moderate & according to rule & can leave
no doubt but your justice will be exerted
in my behalf -

I hope I may rely on your candid-
-ness & likewise when you are pleased to
consider the embarrassments under which
I labour and which are partly described in
the last Paragraphs of my letter to Mr.
Balfour before you - Since the date of that
letter I have been obliged to discount Bonds for
the payment of my private Creditors &
notwithstanding this & the application
of every sum I can command in this Country
a very considerable Ballance still remains
due to my Creditors - The state of my health
from intense Labor & long residence in this
Country

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table

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Country makes it necessary for me to return to Europe which cannot without the assistance of your Honor &c. I shall be oblige to do under circumstances truely distressing to me.—

Reference to the Company's Books will shew you Honble Sir & Sirs that tho' an offer of Copper was held out to me on my appointment to office, that no payments have been made to me on that Article and I have only received 61.000 Pagodas in Cash or on Europe Bills or Bills upon the Circar which I dare equal to Cash & my Statement will shew that this Sum is inferior to the Amount of my Expences.—

I have the honor to be with great respect Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

(Signed) William Ross late Agent

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The Board in taking the above Report of the 12th August into Consideration find it necessary to obtain some Information respecting the Gunny Bags, upon which the following Letter is dispatched to Mr. Ross. &c

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To Mr William Ross

late Agent to the Army -

To Mr Wm Ross
directing him to
inform the Board
whether or not he
ever made two
Charges for the
same Gunny Bags -

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to desire you will inform them whether any Bags issued by you with Rice & charged in Account were returned to you by the Grain Keepers to the Army or Paymasters to the different Garrisons & whether you again charged for these Bags in your Accounts. -

I am Sir
Your most Obt. Servant
(Signed) J. Chamier
Secretary

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To which Mr. Ross returned the following

Answer. -

John Chamier Esqr.
Secretary -

From Mr William
Ross stating that
no Gunny Bags
were ever recharged
by him. -

Sir

In answer to your Letter of this date I have to inform you that no Gunney Bags were recharged on Account by me. - The Gunney Bags I sent with Rice were claimed

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Claimed as perquisite by the Grain keeper to the Army and the different Paymasters and never came back to me unless I purchased them, excepting in one instance that 10000 Bags were returned to me by Mr. Foster and for these I have given Credit on Account with the Company at the rate of 4 Pagodas ₹100.—

There was a Reference upon this Subject to the Board upon occasion of Capt.n Hearsey having charged back the Gunny Bags and to him with Price to the Company at 5 Pags ₹100 — the Government did not Dispute his Claim to the Gunny Bags as a perquisite but they refused to admit his second Charge for the same Bags. — Same with respect

Sir,

Your most Obed.t humble Servant

(Signed) William Ross —

late Agent

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Resolved that Mr. Ross's Charge of two Pagodas ₹ Month for the Expence of feeding Bullocks employed in the Service of the Company be admitted

Resolution of the Board Dec.r 8th Ross Accounts

That 10 ₹ Cent Loss on the Quantity of

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Do — Do of Rice laden on board different Ships as stated on the Report of the Commissioners of Accounts be allowed to Mr. Ross.

That the exchange of 42 fanams to a Pagoda usual on pay to Coolies for the Carriage of Rice to Camp be admitted.

Do — Do That the Charge for Gunney Bags subject to the deduction recommended by the Commissioners be allowed.

Do — Do That Mr. Ross be permitted to charge 8 p Cent Interest on the Sums advanced by him for the Carrying on the Publick Service

Agreed that the Charge for repairs of the Fort of Wandewash as stated on the Report be admitted for the reasons assigned

Resolution of the Board on the Charges for the Repairs of the Fort of Wandewash by the Commissioners

Ordered that a Letter to the foregoing Effect be addressed to the Commissioners of Accounts.

Read the following Letter from the two Senior Surgeons on the Establishment

To The Honble Alexander Davidson Esq
President and Governor &c. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs. Some Sick of his Majesty

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From the two Senior Surgeons on the Establishment requesting the Interference of the Board to prevent the Irregularities committed by the Majestys Surgeons with Regard to Things Stores sent to the General Hospital and recommending that no Medicines be issued from the Stores without their Signatures and that no Indents be sent to Europe without them likewise -

Majestys Troops being sent to this Hospital and thereby coming upon the terms of Contract which although the most expensive to us as well as beneficial to the Sick yet on this Latter Account we presume their continuance will meet your disapprobation we beg leave to observe that the Surgeons of the Regiment without reference to either of us receive and discharge the men so as to render it impracticable for our Servants to keep a proper Account, - we therefore request your interference to prevent such irregularity, believing ourselves injured by this independant conduct of His Majestys Surgeons as will in our Station after a long and extensive Scene of Service, as in our Province properly in being disqualify'd to bring forward our just Accounts, and hope it will appear by you that we are both willing and able to take the best & full care for the welfare of the Sick that may be sent to this Hospital without the interference of any of His Majestys Surgeons who being on the charge of Hospitals must necessarily leave the regiments without a Surgeon when

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when ever it may be necessary for them to
march on any Service, many other evils
must attend the present method should it not be
remedied which we hope it will be unne-
cessary for us to insist upon further than to
observe that the relief of such men who
could not be otherwise accommodated
induced us to allow their being sent home
at a moments warning.

We may not be unsupposed however
to observe that the Hospitals are not
respectively supplyed with Medicines on
which Account we recommend that no
Medicines are Issued from the Stores
without one or other of our Signatures
that there may be as great a saving
as possible and believe it may likewise
be proper the Signature of the Senior
Surgeons should appear to warrant the
Indents made to Europe being able to
assign no other reason for the deficiency of
Sums of this kind this Season - We have
the honor to be with all due respect

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Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obed.t & Humble Servants
/Signed/ Sa.l Anderson Surg.n Genl
Colley Lucas
Surg.n Major

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Agreed that a General order be issued directing that all the Sick of the Kings Regiments doing duty at the Presidency who cannot be cured in their Barracks be sent to the General Hospital & be placed under the absolute Control of the Company's Surgeons in charge of the said Hospital.

Mentioned thereon

Agreed that Messrs. Anderson & Lucas be advised of this Resolution & that they be informed that directions will be given to Mr. Bullman upon the other Points in their Letter.-

Read the following Letter from Mr. Lucas.-

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President and Governor &c. Council

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From Dr. Lucas, soliciting the appointment of Surgeon General to the Kings Troops in India.-

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am a Surgeon of seven years standing in the Honble Company's Service, and have had the honor of holding his Majestys Commission as Surgeon to the Hospital for the use of His Forces, dated in June 1761 when I was ordered to these parts in 1762.- from a knowledge of the Complaints & your Servants

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year

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are Incident to on this Country your
Military in Particulars & the Treatment
thereof the Conducting and Management
of Hospitals in General- I am prompted
Thus to Entreat your Honor and with the
Appointment of Surgeon General to his
Majesty's Forces on this Coast. Superintendants
to the Hospitals, and Surveyor to the same
for which I shall demand or expect no
Pay until his Majesty's and the Court
of Directors Pleasure be known trusting
that, from the Tenor of my Conduct
towards the Sick in General, the Military,
Military Hospitals, in particular I shall
be honored with such mention of me in
your General Letter, as will leave me no
Room to doubt, a Confirmation of the
Appointment for which it shall be
my unwearyed Study to deserve your
Approbation and prove myself worthy
the honor conferred on

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I have the
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble
& Devoted Servant
(Signed) Colley Lucas
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Beg leave to subjoin I make not this application without the knowledge of Mr. Anderson who not only approves hereof, But has permitted me to assure you he most heartily wishes my success.

Agreed that the appointment requested by Mr. Lucas of Surgeon General to His Majesty's Troops be referred to the Commander in Chief by whom the appointment of Surgeon General to His Majesty's Troops can alone be made.—

Read the following Report from the Committee of Stores.—

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At a Committee of Stores

Present

Lieut. Coll. Patrick Ross

Bryan Scadney Esq.

Lieut. Coll. Sr. Moorhouse

Lieut. General Sr. John Dalling Bart. absent

Lieut. Coll. Mr. Rigault — absent

Read Proceedings of the 11th Instant with the remarks of the Honble President & Council thereon

Report of the Committee of Stores dated 27th August on the Quantity of Stores to be received from his Majesty's

We referred to the Commander in Chief

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Thereon

Colonel Ross lays before
the Committee an extract
of a Letter delivered to him by the Governor
from a Letter from the
Court of Directors dated
27th January 1785 directing
their Government to receive
such stores from his Majes-
ty's Ships in India as
may be to dispose of the
Ships proper for the
Company's Service upon
a fair Valuation being
made thereof by such
Officer as it may behove
proper to appoint, & by
whom the Commander
in Chief of His Majesty's
Ships in India shall
send necessary to employ
for that Purpose.

The Military Store-
keeper informs the
Committee that, upon
applying for those
Stores which it was
agreed

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Agreed should be received
from the Naval Storekeeper
at the last meeting, the
following Articles of which
the Company stand in
the greatest need were
deficient, & that he under
=stood from the Latter that
some had been issued & others
were not to be found

10 Coils 4½ Inch Hawsers
10 Do. 4 Do. Do
6 Do. 3½ Do. Rope
6 Do 3 Do. Do.
828 Files of Lots
79 Leather Buckets
3463 lbs Wax
47 Shovels

Agreed that after the
said Garrison shall have
been supplied the remainder
of those Articles which be
long to the Civil Store be
sent there, and that all
the Ordnance & Ammunition
in a seperate List, received
from the Governor & now
laid

be-

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Laid before the Committee by Coll. Ross, & taken into Store.

Approved

The Commissary General of Stores lays before the Committee, List of deficiencies in those stores which were sent to the Southward in Mr Garrow's Vessels, who are of opinion they are very trifling, considering the season of the year and other circumstances; likewise a List of those Articles shipped on board the Company's Ship the Royal Charlotte, & found to be deficient on landing the Stores, The Committee observe that these deficiencies are very considerable and have not yet been accounted for, except the 13 Pdr of the loss of which off a Catamaran in blowing weather, a Certificate has been received.

The Clerk of the Committee of Stores to forward this Remark to Mr Fullerton

The Commissary General

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General of Stores informs the
Committee there have been
received from Mr. Lasselles
Powder Barrels for Magazi
Ser.ce - - - - - - 1600
Do. for packing up Stores
400
Do. for Marqued ammunition 1000
& that 500 of the 60 lb Powder
Barrels with the 2 Copper Hoops
each, have been sent to Vellore
in part of an Indent from
the Paymaster there.-

" Patrick Ross
/Signed/ " B. Scudamore
" L. Moorhouse

Read the following Letter from
Brigadier General Horne, with enclosure
entered in M. B. No 85.-

John Chamier Esq.r
Secretary to the Military and Political
Department &c.a &c.a &c.a.-

From Brig.r General Horne stating that the Nabob Hyder Ally has depopulated the Pass of the Ghaut by order of his Highness

Sir,

I had the honor to receive Your

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Highness: & that Sam Naick has agreed to abide by any decision that may be made on; Enclosing Letter and Estimate from Captain Stevenson for Erecting Quarters for the 1st. Regmt of Cavalry.

your Letter of the 16th. Instant when I was at Tanjore on the Survey of the Ordnance Stores &c. of that Garrison the proceedings of which, and of those of Madura and Palamcotah I shall transmit to the Board as soon as I have made an Arrangement of such Articles as I conceive may be furnished for field Service from each place and what will be required from Madras which will materially differ from the Estimate I before had the Honor of transmitting.—

This Morning Mahomed Lasserkaun the Nabobs Sanzdar delivered me a Letter from his Highness a Translation of which I have the honor to enclose which you'll be pleased to lay before the Board.—The usage observed previous to the last War I understand was for the Key Keepers to carry the Keys of the Garrison Gates as soon as I send in a morning to the Killedar of the Fort with a file of Men, and in the Evening go and receive them in the same manner and bring them to the Main Guard where they were kept during the Night or lodged with the

Commandant

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Commanding officer as he might think
fit. -

I in my last Letter respecting Sam
Naique I informed you that at the particular
application of Mahomed Saffee Khan I had
postponed ordering a Detachment sufficient
to reduce that Poligar to obedience but at his
request should send two Companies of Sepoys
with a Letter from Mahomed Saffee Khan
and another from myself to demand compli-
-ance with the requisition necessary to
make good the losses the Carnatic Inhabi-
-tants had suffered by his Depredations -
The Letters were prepared and sent, but as the
Company of Sepoys would be useless in
enforcing obedience should none been
inclined so I deemed it unnecessary to send
them on which Opinion Mahomed Saffee
Khan concurred

I have received an answer from
the Poligar in which he promises to abide
by any Decision as shall be concluded
on after what he has to bring in Charge
against the Carnatic People has been
investigated he also assigns some
frivolous

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Sowdous Reasons for not admitting his People to bring forward his Charges at the time Mess.rs Orson & Dyce call'd for them, the true reasons was he had heard the Nabob was restored again to the Management of the Country and he hoped by that means to evade being obliged to make any restitution for the Damage he had done.

reason

As he promises to obey Orders

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now sent him and has applyd to some of the other Polygars to mediate an Accommodation with Mahomed Esoff Khauns intentions to proceed to the Coasts of the Carnac Country / if so he should Respect will order the Carnac People to attend to finish the investigation of this Business I have commenced to wait the Event of this overture, the Dr not expect Sir Abdul Rusrol will consent to any further Conference or Investigation but will now insist on the Damage being made good that his People have proved and indeed he was already adopted measures to induce the Nabobs Manager to be anxious to terminate the Business by stopping the Water Course which fertilizes the fine District of Kotilla which Mess.rs Orson

Kaun's

wait

has

&

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& Dyce had induced him to admit of being
Opened - the loss this District will sustain
will be much greater than any Tribute
paid by Lara Nargue as soon as Abdul
Rassoul answer arrives to Mahomed Soffer
Khans Letter and Lace what line he
means to take I will do myself the honor of
addressing you again on the Subject -

Captain Stevenson has just now
delivered the accompanyed Letter respecting
Quarters of his Officers and Men, which
I request of you to lay before the Board
with the estimate amounting to 1050 Pagodas
which if the Government is pleased to admit
he and his Officers will undertake his Build
their own Quarters and Barracks for the
Men. from the Scarcity of Materials of
every Kind for Building and the Extrava-
-gant Price they cost I am convinced
the Officers & Men cannot be covered for less
Money on the contrary every Officer to build
his Quarters in the smallest degree comfortable
must be at an Additional Expence. -

I have had repeated Applications
from the Officers stationed at Permacoil
for an allowance to remburse the expence
they were put to in building their own
Quarters

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Quarters at Secundermalle and Londy and to be reimbursed some Expence they have been at over and above such Assistance as was given them by the Pioneer at their first Arrival to render the Countries they are quartered in Comfortable, at the I gave them to understand on their Arrival that they must not expect to be reimbursed any expence incurred on the Island, unless first authorized at Londy Secundermalle they had no cover but the Bungalows they built themselves but those Countries furnished Materials they at very great hardship they should be at any expence for Quarters, and no House Rent allowed

The little Assistance the country has furnished the respectable apply'd to by me, as well as Mr. Anderson for procuring Cocoa Nut Trees, Bamboos &c for covering the Range of Quarters constructing at Warriore has occasioned great delay and both he and the Native Inspectors now declare the Country can furnish no more Cocoa Nut Trees as many being cut down during the War - the quantity already furnished is about the fourth part of the number required the Walls are now built

And

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And nearly ready for Dorsing and when finished will contain one Field Officer Six Captains and Sixteen Subalterns they were intended for the Hanoverians, now on their March to Arcot.

As there is no prospect of obtaining any more Cocoa Nut Trees - I have decided all the Palmeras that were cut down at Tondy for the Officers Bungalos and Sepoys Sheds to be sent for the Carriage will become expence but less than cutting Timber in the Pollams, and bringing it in which must be done to supply any deficiency that may be wanting hereafter. -

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant
(Signed) Mat.w Horne.

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Head Quarters
of the Southern
Forces
Trichinopoly
August the 26th
1785.

Read the following Letters / entered in the Mn. B. / Nos 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99 100. 101. 102. 103. -

From Captain Stevenson dated

From Capt.n Stevenson 14th July setting forth the particular hardships of Lieut. Crowther & himself in not receiving Company's Bonds for the Arrears of Pay & Batta due to them from the Nabob at the same time

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Received

Mem.d. Thomson

Letters that all other Cavalry Officers on the Maiabar Service received that Indulgence. —

As the Claim of Captain Stevenson appears to be well founded, it is agreed that Company's Bonds be granted to him 2 to Lieut.s Constant agreeably to the Vouchers transmitted to the Board by Capt.n Stevenson in his Letter of the 12th February 1782 on the Salaries & 8 p.Cent from the date of the Bonds granted to the other Officers of his Regiment of Cavalry. —

From Mr. Lind

From Mr. Lind 17th August enclosing an Account of the Pay &c to which he conceives himself entitled, while employed at Vencatagherry —

Resolutions thereon

Resolved that the following allowances be granted to Mr. Lind. —

5 Pag.s p.Diem from the 1.st July 1784 to the 15th August 1784

5 Pag.s p.Month for a Gentoo Longuist during the above Period —

5 Pag.s p.Month for a Writer

The Pay of a Bursky as charged by Mr. Lind

The Pay of 4 Hircarahs Do. Do

50 Pag.s for each of the following Months July Sept.r Nov.r Decem.r 1784 for accounts of Lascar Service —

The Board cannot admit the Charge of 2 Hircarahs employed on occasional Service nor

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nor can they allow the unusual Charge of
Batta to Hircarahs upon any Occasion.—

From Mr. William Dept 5th August

From Mr. William claiming as Executor to the Estates of the late Capt. Patterson & Heirs the liquidation of Sundry Sums due to them from the Company Enclosing the Proper Vouchers in Support of them—

Ref—

Agreed in consequence that Company's Bonds be granted for the amount of the above Claims being Pag. 4657. 36. 60. to be carried to the Head of Military Pay-master General.—

Minute thereon

From Mr. Macintosh dated 25th Instant requesting the Payment of his Salary as Resident at Tanquebar Enclosing sundry Certificates from Officers who were in Command to the Southward in Support of his Claims—

From Mr. Macin-tosh

The Board being well convinced of the Justice of Mr. Macintosh's Claim consent to comply with his request & this accordingly—

Minute thereon

Agreed that Bonds be granted for the Amount being 4760. 22— Pagodas to be carried to the Head of Second Wan with Hyder ali Cawn on the Military Paymasters Books.

From Masulipatam dated 19th

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