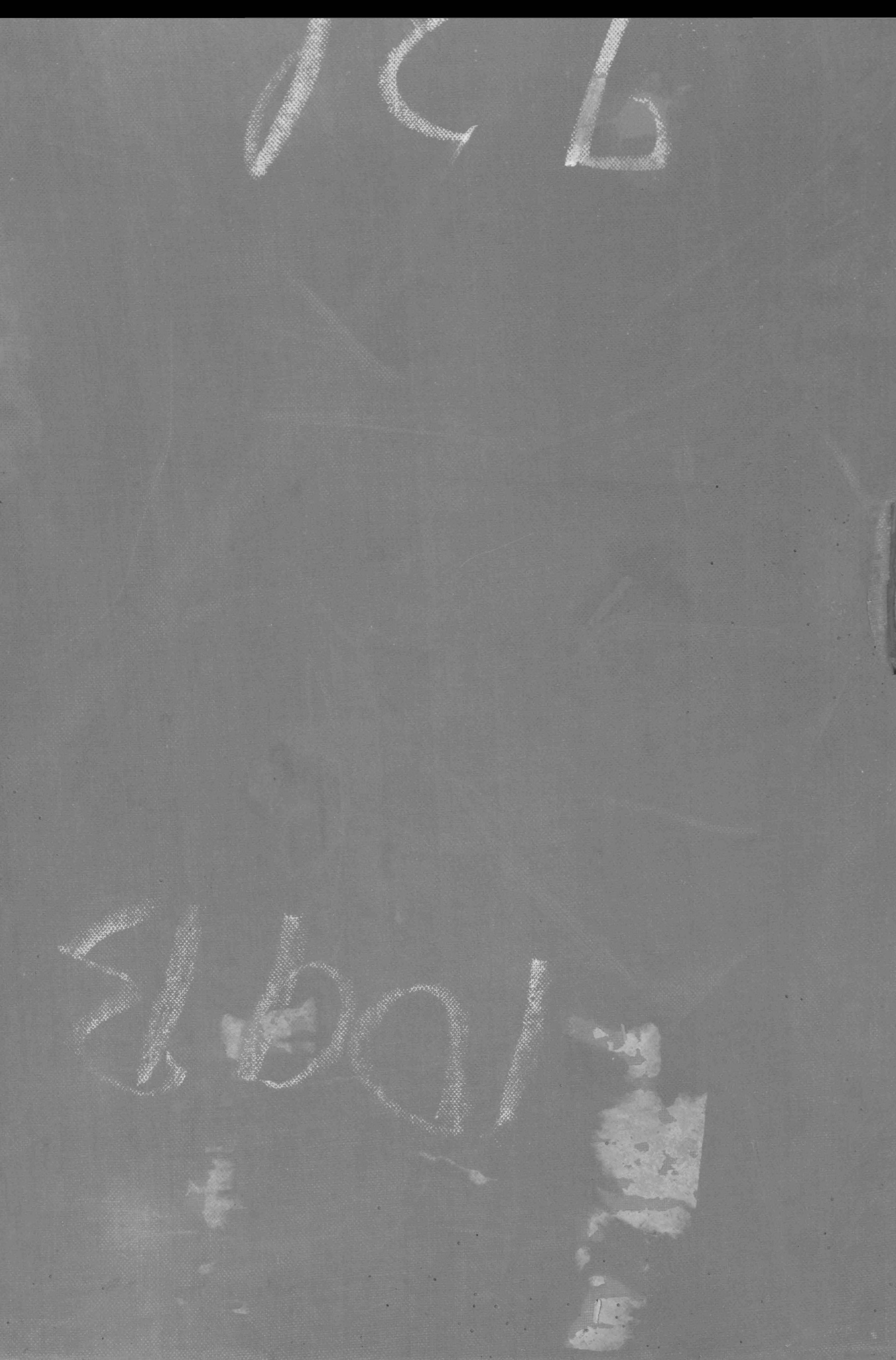

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President Governor &c.a Council of

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs -

From the President at Tanjore, on the subject of establishing a Mint for the Coinage of Pagodas

I have been honored with the receipt of your Commands of the 23d Ultimo thro' Mr Secretary Chamier - at my next conference with the Rajah, which I have hopes will take place the 16th or 17 Instant I shall communicate to him your directions on the subject of establishing a Mint at Tanjore in the meantime I beg leave to observe to your Honor &c. respecting the place of coining a new Pagoda at Tanjore there is reason to apprehend that even tho' the intrinsic value and touch of such Pagoda were fully equal to the Star Pagoda it would be impossible to effect a circulation of it beyond our own districts if in them it pass with the Star Pagoda - the Difference of the Stamp the currency & management of the Shroffs would turn to their advantage and make it an Instrument to effect the currency of the new Pagoda -

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29th Pagoda - This is the general opinion here and it seems to be confirmed by the following Fact -

In the Year 1783 some Pagodas were coined at Negapatam under the direction of Mr Sullivan and called New Porto Novo Pagodas and notwithstanding they were proved by several assays made at Tranquebar & Tanjore to be of better touch than the old Porto Novo Pagodas they could only pass at 25 P Cent below the Star Pagodas, or, at that Period, at least 7 P Cent short of the old Porto novo Pagodas

It would seem therefore that the only safe Plan is that of letting the Pagoda to be coined at Tanjore bear the same name, and be in every other respect the same, with the Star Pagoda coined at Madras

I have the honor to be with the utmost respect

Gentlemen Sirs

Your faithful &
Obedient Servant
(Signed) J Huddleston

Tanjore
13th Septr 1785.

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To the 29th
The Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.
President and Governor & the Members of the
Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received your Secretary's
Letter of this days date, desiring me to signify
whether I will accept or decline the offer
of a Majority in the Corps of Cavalry which
you have been pleased to tender to me in
consequence of the 44th Paragraph of the
Letter from the Court of directors, dated the
11th of April 1785.

In reply thereto I wish your Honble
Board to understand that I shall most un-
doubtedly accept of the appointment which
the Court of directors have done me the honor
to confer upon me by the above mentioned
Paragraph and I am with perfect respect

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) Lt Col. Fonyn

John

Coope Captain Fonyn, accepting the Appointment of a Majority to the Corps of Cavalry which the Court of Directors have conferred on him. -

Madras
26th Septemr. 1785.

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John Chamier Esqr

Secretary to the Military & Political Departments

Sir

From Brigadier General Horne. The exchange of the Cully Fanam fixed. Orders his Instructions to Captain Muirhead for reducing the 33d Battalion to Obedience.

I am to request you will be pleased to acquaint the Honble Board that a large quantity of Cully fanams have been received by the Paymaster here from Palamcottah for his Disbursements. The Nabobs manager Sasseer Hanen has closely investigated the Subject of their exchange and together with the Shroffs have fixed at 18 1/4 1/32 Cully fanams. Star Pagodas having found it utterly impracticable to establish a lower rate notwithstanding his Highness the Nabob had written him expressly to that effect I am to observe that I also received a letter from his Highness wherein he urges me to use my endeavour to establish their Currency in this District, at the rate of exchange fixed by Mr. Swain for the Companys payments I communicated this to his Manager who agreed with me in the impossibility of accomplishing that point and who has also informed me the utmost he could effect was to reduce the exchange from 18 3/4 to 18 1/4 1/32 Cully fanams for Star Pagodas as above mentioned

The

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29th The absolute Necessity of making an immediate issue of Pay to the Troops who at the same time have positively refused to receive in Payments any Coin, but at the Bazar exchange & in such manner that they should not be sufferers by any fluctuations has induced the Paymasters to make his disbursements accordingly.

I think it necessary in this place to Acquaint you for the information of the Honble Board that Messrs Hudleston and Irwin had forwarded me a draft of a letter intended for it, relative to this Subject as pointed out in your letter I duly considered the Several Arguments therein stated & finding my Sentiments differ materially on the Chief points I was obliged to decline affixing my Signature to that Letter I therefore addressed one to Messrs Hudleston & Irwin containing my Sentiments at large as well as remarks upon such Parag. of their letter which I requested they would transmit to the Honble Board together with the result of their enquiries which I make no doubt has been received before now.

Be pleased also to acquaint the Honble Board that Captn Muirhead has received instructions from me to take such effectual measures as he may deem necessary to reduce the 3d Battn to obedience he has marched with a Detachment from his own Garrison & has been joined by the 16th Battn as the Situation of the Officers closely shut up in the little Fort of Shevelipatore require immediate relief as their Provisions are nearly exhausted the 1st Regt of Cavalry & Detachment of the 7th Battn

Those

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29th I hope have joined him before this, which will I hope effectually enable him to crush this daring Mutiny.-

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

Head Quarters
of the Southern Forces
Trichinopoly Sept.r the 26th
1785.-

Received the undermentioned Letters (as entered in M.B. Nos 145. 146. 147. 148. 149 150)

From Colonel Ross

From the Chief Engineer dated 27th September enclosing Copy of a Letter to him from Major Banks, requesting Permission to proceed to Bengal for the Reestablishment of his Health- and desiring that Ensign Prescott may be removed from Masulipatam to the Presidency and Ensign Hennings appointed in his Room

From Mr. Brooke

From Mr. Brooke Public Secretary at Bengal, dated 30th August enclosing the receipts of Ensign Turner & Captain John Macintosh for sums advanced them at that Presidency -

From Col. Corby

From the Commandant of Palamcotah, dated 25th September the Nabobs Manager in that district has completed the payment of a

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To a second sixty thousand Pagodas on Gold Valley Tanams —

From Captain Lord William Murray dated 26th Septem.r
From Capt.n Murray enclosing his Account of Gratuity Gross Sept.r
1784 - 6 Septem.r 1785 amounting to Pagodas
170-39-30 which he requests may be dis=
-charged.

From the Commandant at Ongole dated
From Captain Mongomery 27th September states his reasons for recommending
that the 2d Battalion of the Lascars be kept
entire at Ongole —

From Lt Henry Bowles dated 27th requesting the Board's Interposition with the
From Lt. Henry Bowles. Durbar to obtain a Bond for the Payment
of Arrears due him by his Highness the Nabob,
that Government will adopt some Mode for
the Liquidation of Arrears due him by the
Company —

To Lieut Bowles — and to Colonel Ross, as
To Lt. Bowles entered in A B No 157, 152, informing the
To Col. Ross. former that after his Bills shall have been
signed by the Commissary General a Company's
Bond will be granted for the Amounts — and
advising the latter, that Major Banks has
Permission to proceed to Bengal for the
re establishment

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30th Re-establishment of his Health and that the Board consent to the Removal of Ensign Prescott from Masulipatam but direct that the Assistant Engineer at Ellore, be ordered to proceed thither in his Room –

To Col: Monhouse

Sent Letter to the Commissary General of Stores and to the Commander of the Ranger (now) as entered in Mb N°153) directing

To the Commander of the Ranger (now)

the former to ship on the Ranger the Stores to be sent to the West Coast, & the Latter to receive such stores –

At a Consultation Present

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.r
President

Lieut. General Sir John Dalling Bart.

James Daniell Esq.r

Friday 30th Sept.r 1795. –

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Swan.

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.r
President & Governor &c. Council
Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George

I have the honor to send you

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you sundry Papers relative to the Trichinopoly Revenue - No 1 my Account Current with this District from the 28th June to the 20th September for the Disbursements of the balance in hand & of a Sowcar bond, the full of the Arielore Thist for March last as Mr Torin has continued to assist me in the Settlement of the Polygar Accounts lately transmitted to your Honor &ca I have thought it but equitable to give him pay for the Month with Mr Andrews & myself

No 2 is Vincat Loubiah in account Current with the Honble Company for Phasevy 1194 I must observe in respect to this Account that after waiting upwards of two months for the Renters Statement of losses by Customs & of Country & Church Expences incurred by him I have been obliged to have recourse of the Companys average allowance.-

Vincat Loubiah will have no reason to complain on this score as by my experience in the other Districts under my Charge this Allowance is ample for the purposes in question, if attention be paid to its expenditure

The actual Balance for Paselly 1194 Viz

Rupees

From Mr Irwin, enclosing several Accounts, with explanatory observations thereon.- applauding the Behaviour of Mr Andrews, while an Assistant under him.- expressing his Gratitude for the Conduct of Government towards him, in the execution of the Trust reposed in him in the Southern Provinces.- & stating his Claim for Extra Services.-

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Rupees 465,324. 1. 1 is to be collected by the Nabob, except his balance of Rupees 48,167 for Pharelly 1193,- which being promised the Nabobs zemindars on part of their increasing Arrears,- and the balance of a Sunnds for 12,000 P.S. Pagodas - which being accepted by the Renter in favor of the Paymaster of Arrears to the Southern Army - meant to be recovered by the interposition of the Company the balance of Arrears to the Zemindars of 83, whose subsistance was interrupted long before my taking charge of the Exchequer Revenue by the necessities of the publick Service, amounts to the large Sum of 216327/8 Star Pagodas, which I flatter myself will be recommended by your Hons & to his Highness's consideration.

I have before mentioned to the Honble Board, the inconvenience to which the Paymasters have been subjected by the failure of the Sunnds issued by me for the payment of the army arrears - I even alleged me to appropriate the 12,000 Star Pagodas which your Honor &c permitted me to draw from the Resident of Tanjore for the express purpose of liquidating Arrears to the Coast Troops of the Cantonments - Mr Falk having been accommodated

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Accommodated with that Sum to be repaid from the Zemindarie upon Stake. The liberty to Forward a Statement (No 4) of this matter, & of Grain mortgaged by the Renter of adoanee to the Board for your information & redress- and here I must remind the Honble Board that notwithstanding their injunctions and my inclination to redeem the Model of Lerneghan, it still continues in the hands of the Lascar Raiyu for the former use & entertainment of the Lascar taken up by Mr Baum for the Public Service in the year 1781 during my residence at Trichinopoly I could never appropriate a Rupee for this purpose and on that is now left me, I do commend it to your Honr & the Honble Board's application of Raiyu that his Highness the Nabob, may be requested to discharge the mortgage on account of the Company.

I cannot refrain saying a few words in favor of Mr Andrews, who has so long had the charge of this district my connexion with him has been short indeed, if compared to the period of his being in office, but it is a pleasure to me to declare that since acting as my Assistant at Trichinopoly I have the occasion to acknowledge his great attention to the business of the revenue his active Zeal for the

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the interest of the Company.

Your Honor &c. have already given Mr. Andrews a flattering Testimony of your Approbation, which I consider as an earnest of his future good fortune on the voluntary offers of Messrs. Andrews & Foren I have permitted them to remain to the Southward to execute any order that may arrive on the Subject of Tinnevelly Madura & Trichinopoly tho' their allowances have ceased until the pleasure of Government be known.

And now having to the best of my Ability rendered an account of that trust which I have held in the Southern Provinces for upwards of two years & a half I cannot take my leave of the Subjects without acknowledging with the utmost Gratitude my objections to the Honble Board for their candid reception of my Propositions from time to time for the improvement of the Revenue and the liberal Support which my humble endeavours for the public Service have experienced.

These testimonies which I have uniformly received of their approbation in the discharge of my duty will never lose their value in my eyes, and are my Chief consolation at a period when an infirm state of health,

and

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and the advice of the Surgeons will oblige me to solicit leave to return to Europe I shall for this purpose, proceed directly to the Presidency but, in the meantime beg leave to mention a claim, that I conceive myself to possess in the justice of your honor &c. for the execution of trusts totally independant of the Revenue Department — In the month of November 1784 I was ordered to Trichinopoly, expressly to arrange with Mr. Digby the speediest & most effectual mode of paying off the fighting Men, & for making such arrangements as I judged best, for applying all the resources of the assigned Countries South of the Coleroon to the purpose of clearing off the pressing incumbrances — I accordingly proceeded thether and until the surrender of the assignment used every efforts that the means in my hands allowed of, for the satisfaction of the Troops — In march 1785 I was further appointed Commissary on the part of the Madrass Government to negociate for the cession of the dutch Settlements on the Coasts of Tinnevelly & Marawar a Commission that I flatter myself

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myself was conducted to your Satisfaction & finally concluded in the month of July last— I take this Opportunity to put in my claim for such allowances, as have been usually made to Servants acting in such Situations; not doubting on my Arrival at the Presidency to meet with all the consideration from your Hon.rs &.a that the peculiar Circumstances of my Case may appear to merit.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, Honble Sir & Sirs Your most faithful & Obedient Servant

Tanjore 21.st Septem.r 1785.—

/Signed/ Eyles Irwin

Mr Daniell proposes that Mr Irwin be desired to repeat his Opinion on the State of the Southern Provinces.—

Mr Daniell moves that a Letter be immediately addressed to Mr Irwin desiring that he will give the Board every information in his power respecting the state of the Southern Countries since they have been restored to His Highness the Nabob, & report what change of Renters & Farmers [illegible] taken place since that period—

Agreed that a Letter be drafted to

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agreed to that the thanks of the Board be given to Mr. Lowin.-

to Mr. Lowin on the foregoing Subject that the thanks of the Board be delivered to him for his able & disinterested Conduct during the whole Period of his late Charge.-

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Roß.-

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

from Colonel Roß. on the Plan for a Cantonment at Sheveram.

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

I have now the pleasure to lay before your Honble Justices Survey and Plan for the Cantonment near Conjeveram together with the particular Plans & Sections for the Officers Barracks.

For the freer circulation of air I could wish to have a Square in the middle nearly the length of the Center Range of Officers Quarters extending to the width of the first Row of Soldiers Barracks, would the Ground admitted of it. and if on the present arrangement for 5000 Men the Banks & Topes by the ruined Villages could be preserved for the Bazar. and Followers of the Army I imagine it

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it would add considerably to the convenience of the Cantonment.

That permanent Buildings would be the best, I agree with Mr. Guthrie, and would prove in the end the most economical is probable. But his Statement in point of immediate expence, & of the number of People required, greatly exceeding the number of those Classes of People that are to be found in the Country I apprehend put that Plan for the present entirely out of the Question, and shews most strongly then ever the necessity there is for recurring to their original Intention of more Bungalows, constructed with such materials as the Country readily affords, if Supplied in plenty may enable us to add to the weathern Sides Verandas, that may at more Leisure be carried all round.

I would therefore propose that Mr. Guthrie be ordered to return immediately to Chevern and mark out the Cantonment for the Approbation of the Commander in Chief and that I should follow Mr. Guthrie whether in order to be able to point out on the Spot my Ideas to the Commander in Chief and

Accordingly

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ultimately Six with them the Position of the Quarter - after which Mr. Guthrie should be directed to begin the construction of them with the Company's People the Moment the rains are over - & as an encouragement to the Inhabitants to come in another Portions of them may be likewise undertaken by such as can be hired for the purpose of ascertaining the Expence that may attend any exertion in point of dispatches - If Bricks sufficient are to be had I would recommend Wells being sunk in the Barrack yards to save Labour in the Carriage of Water, every considerable Article in and Building what Tyles are to be got may be employed to cover the Kitchens an employment all that can be procured

By this, the Labour of every person offering their Services, will be directed to the prosecution of the general design which the Honble Board shall approve of that part of the Expence - shall be honorable

E. & E.

(Signed) Patrick Ross

Read

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Read a Letter as entered in the Out B. No. 154 from Mr. Hemworthy late Deputy Agent dated 29th Instant, stating

From Mr Hemworthy that there remains due to Mr Johnsmith Pagodas 1473 for the purchase of Slaughter Cattle, which Mr. Hemworthy requests may be discharged

Agreed that the above Demand be discharged in such mode as the Company's affairs admit

Minute thereon

" Alex. Davidson

" J. A. & D. I. Hurry.

" J. Dunlop

"

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5th Agreeably to the Resolution of the Board in Council the 26th Ultimo, the following Letter is dispatched to Bengal by Mr. Oakes.—

To the Hon'ble John Macpherson Esqr.

Governor General &c. Council at Fort William

Gentlemen

To Bengal, representing the Mutiny and General Disaffection of the Native Corps to the Southward of the Coleroon, and the alarming consequences to be apprehended, unless speedy measures are taken, to reconcile the Minds of the Troops now worn down by Despondency.— Expatiating on the Conduct of the Rajah of Tanjore, in withholding his Assistance at this critical moment from alleviating the Distresses of Government

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 24th August from your General Department & another of the same date from your Secret Department which did not reach us until the 29th Ultimo.

We had the honor to address you last under date the 20th Ult. in which We repeated the Contents of many of our late Addresses & reported to you the measures We had adopted in order to diminish the heavy burthen which oppresses us, since the date of that letter an event has happened of so serious a nature that We conceive you will no longer (after it shall have been related to you) continue to withhold the Succours We have so urgently requested.

This

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5th

Government. Expressing their Apprehensions that they should be obliged to use coercive Measures with the Rajah, and enclosing their Correspondence with the Resident on the Subject.—

This Event is a Mutiny in three of the Battalions of the native Infantry to the Southward of the Coleroon which this last Post of a very alarming nature has been quelled by the prudent & spirited Conduct of Brigadier General Horne, who has reported to us his proceedings in a Letter Copy of which, We have the honor to enclose—

There is one part of General Horne's Letter which will naturally draw your particular attention & which will exhibit in most striking Colours the indispensible necessity of preventing in time the evil to be apprehended. We mean the general disaffection to the Company's Service which is stated to exist in the native Corps; a Circumstance which if real is so serious as absolutely to endanger the possessions of the Company upon this Coast. & that it is real, We have but too much reason to believe—

Since the receipt of your Letter of the 26th July which has obliged us almost entirely to consider our means of existence as confined to our own Resources We have anxiously revolved in our minds the embarrassing Situation in which we are placed & which particularly demands the

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the utmost exertions of those who defend upon us for protection & support & in this point of View We are authorized to consider the Nabob & the Rajah of Tanjore, but as the former has not only paid the whole of his first Visit before it was due but has already advanced money on account of the second Visit, there does not appear any reasonable Claim upon him for assistance in this Emergency—

With respect to the Rajah of Tanjore, the case is widely different—he is in Considerable Arrear on Account of his Subsidy & has manifested in a letter lately addressed to the President a disinclination to Accede to the decisions of the Company from whom he complains of having received very unjust treatment—he is at this time labouring under the pressure not only of bodily ills, but of mental anxiety on account of the death of his Grandson—these Causes have prevented our Resident from urging in as strong a manner as he otherwise would have done the payment of this Arrears of Subsidy which are at this moment so necessary to us in order to liquidate in part the Claims of the Southern Army—

That you may be acquainted with

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5th with what has passed relative to the Claims for arrears of Subsidy We shall beg leave to enclose Copies of the Correspondence on this Subject — a Review of these Letters will shew you exactly the state of the negociation at present, & the little prospect there is of obtaining any pecuniary assistance from the Rajah by means of persuasive arguments, it remains therefore to determine whether We shall not be justified in having recourse to forcible measures, if another mutiny should bring danger to the Gates of Tanjore, & if We have reason to believe that the Rajah withholds an assistance which it is in his power to afford.

This is an extremity to which We should most reluctantly have recourse, & yet We must confess to you that if this representation of our situation does not procure relief from your Government We foresee that We shall be driven to it — for what alternative remains —

The army must be paid, & the means are wanting — It is reasonable to expect a renewal of the effect, since the cause still exists —

Before We quit the Subject

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1st Subject of our distresses, We shall beg leave to make the following declaration of our Sentiments respecting the Troops serving on this Coast-Vizt. that We have every reason to believe they would not take the Field at this juncture if an emergency required it, while their Arrears continue undis-charged, & when they have not any confidence in the assurances made to them on this Subject from Government- Thus is but critical Situation fully explained to you, & any further Comment of course unnecessary-

If as we believe the Rajah of Tanjore is able to assist the Company's Affairs at this time We conceive he should be obliged to do it nor should any plea be admitted in excuse- the demand which We have upon him for Arrears of Subsidy is not only a just one but is an acknowledged one what remains then but to enforce it at a period when We cannot exist without it- We are aware that he will state his inability to make advances of Cash, & that worn down with illness & domestick misfortunes, he will consider us in the light of oppressors & will probably appeal to your Board to interpose in his behalf- this is a reason which influences us in stating so fully our

Situation

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1st Situation in all its different points of View that we may be armed with your authority to enforce our demands or receive a pecuniary Supply from you which may render coercive measures unnecessary - From the exigency of the Time you should be compelled to direct us to proceed to extremities with the Rajah We think it will be most advisable to push his Country under Charge of a Committee of Revenue, as lately practised with the Nabob until his arrears of Subsidy shall be discharged

We earnestly hope that we shall be enabled to preserve the public Tranquility until We are honored with your Instructions upon the different points referred to you - We wish that we may not be obliged, until the receipt of your Commands to dismount our Cavalry, or to adopt violent measures against the Rajah of Tanjore - but you must be sensible from the above exposition of our Situation that we may be reduced to the necessity of doing this before your orders arrive -

We have thought it necessary to dispatch one of the Company's Servants with this Letter & have chosen Mr. Oakes the private Secretary to our President for this Service - as he has occupied a confidential post he is well able to give such further information as may be necessary upon the Contents of this & your Address of the 20th Ultimo to which We beg leave to send a Duplicate Mr. Oakes is furnished with official Papers relating

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1st relating to the abovementioned Subjects

Mr Burke the Paymaster General of the Kings Forces in India has signified to us his intention of proceeding on the Dublin to your Presidency & has offered his assistance & Cooperation upon such points as are particularly within his Department We have expressed our approbation of his intention, as We think his presence may be necessary at Calcutta should you as we trust you will, adopt some measures relative to the future Payments of the Kings Troops — In justice to Mr Burke We must add that he has conducted the business of his Office very much to our Satisfaction & We doubt not but that you will find him very ready to accommodate himself to any Arrangement which you may make in order to promote the Publick Service in the Line entrusted to his Charge.

We have directed our Secretary in conformity to your instructions to send Quarterly a Copy of our proceedings to this Department

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obed. humble Servants
(Signed) Alexander Davidson
& Council

Fort St. George
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1st Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal, per the Honble Companys Ship Dublin.—

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

To Bengal, stating the Reasons that induced this Board to detain both the Recruits brought out on the Dublin—

Gentlemen

We have the Honor to inform you that, in consequence of a letter addressed to us by the Commander of the Dublin We have judged it expedient to land the Recruits which were on that Ship intended for your Presidency.

We inclose Copy of Capt.n Smiths Letter & of one addressed to our late Right Honble President by the Kings Council at Madura which so strongly describe the Mutinous Spirit prevailing among those Recruits as will We trust sufficiently justify the Step We have taken—

We shall take an early Opportunity of sending the Recruits to Calcutta unless you prefer receiving an

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1.st an equal number from there who may be consigned to their Presidency next season.

We have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

(Signed) Alex.r Davidson

& Council

Fort St George

1.st October 1785.

Received the following Letter from Captain Muirhead.—

To John Chamier Esq.r

Military Secretary

Sir

From Captain Muirhead arrives at Tremingalum on his way to Pondicherry to reduce the Mutineers.—

Be so good as inform the Honble President and Council that I arrived here this morning with part of the 2.d Battalion and the Grenadier Company of the 3.d and was soon after joined by part of the 16.th Batt.n from Vellore I have in all with me about Five hundred men & intended to wait for directions from General Hood but have not heard from him for three days—

my

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Pr. my last accounts from Shevalapore are that the mutiners have surrounded the Fort when they have only a few Sebendys (as I am much affraid the people I before mentioned have not been able to get in) & that in too or three days they will be distressed for provisions this Situation is so allowing on Account of the Officers that I am determined to post on to relieve them and shall be at Shevelapatore the 28th in the morning my force is but small this are good men and I make no doubt will behave as such— nothing but the exigency of the Service and the danger the officers are in of again falling into the hands of the mutinous would have made me act farther without hearing from General Home & hope the Honble President and Council will be sensible that I would not have quited my Command of Madura without their particular orders had it not been in a Case of this kind— I left Captn. Flint in the Command with part of his own Battalion— I have the honor to be &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) D. Muirhead

Tremungalum
24th Septr. 1785
5 o'clock P.M.

Received

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2d Received the following Letter from Br. General Horne.-

The Hon'ble Alexander Davidson Esqr.
President &ca. and Council

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

From Brigadier General Horne advising of the Termination of the Mutiny in the 33d Battn. of Sepoys.

I have the pleasure to transmit to your Honors a copy of a letter this moment received from Captain Muirhead, which you will perceive contains the agreeable information of the Mutiny of the 33d Battalion being quelled by the indefatigable exertions of Captn. Muirhead

I beg leave to recommend to your particular notice Hon'ble Sir & Sirs Captain Muirhead & his Detachment for their Soldier like conduct in this affair

I have the Honor to be

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) Matw. Horne

Head Quarters of the Southern Forces Trichny Septr. 28th 1785.

N.B.

The Letter from Captain Muirhead to Brigadier General Horne, alluded to in the

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2d. The foregoing Letter, was exactly to the same effect, as the following Letter from Captain Muirhead to the Honble President Horsville

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President &c. Council -

Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

from Capt.n Muirhead stating the Steps by which he terminated the Mutiny of the 23d. Battalion.

For the reasons before mentioned to you thro' your Military Secretary Mr. Spencer, I found it absolutely necessary to push on to this place and arrived this morning at day break. We found the Battalion of Mutineers drawn up under Arms ready to receive us - I sent to them & desired that they would lodge their firelocks in their Barracks & having fallen in without them, I would then hear every thing they had to say, & only the guilty, or Ringleaders should be punished they returned for answer that they would have nothing to say to us, except in their proper Situation with their arms in their hands - having in this manner raised every

2. every endeavour from different times they still continued to make the same answers, and said at last, that if ten Battalions were there instead of two they would not ask otherwise and were determined to a man not to give up their arms this last their message all together, and the manner they spoke to the person who carried them was in a Language the most resolved being determined not to hear any thing they had to say while they had their Arms in their hands. Come

& come to the resolution of advancing upon them, to bring them to obedience accordingly we moved forward reserving our fire & upon our approach towards them they retired, they still continued in a body tho' rather irregular we lost no time in pushing up to them but not firing a shot, in hopes that we could have obliged them to lay down their arms without blood shed along the they broke and a great many throwing away their arms ran into the houses of the Village then I cannot say the number ran to the Jungle - however having sent a party after them they brought about fifteen of them back, I make no doubt but a great part of them will be found in the Village as I have sent

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2.d sent Yearly all rounds to prevent their escape
at the same time several People thro' the Village
to signify that any who come and give themselves
up shall not be hurt, until a proper enquiry
is made into their Conduct the greatest part
of those that are already come in are now
Commissioned Officers – on our arrival at this
place, the Black Commissioned Officers came
out to us. and previous to my saying any thing
to the Mutineers Thought it necessary to send
them prisoners into the Fort of Sheriapatore
from which I shall send them Prisoners to
General Home at Trichinopoly that he may
make enquiry into their Conduct as he
judges necessary I cannot say too much for
the Steadiness and attachment to the Service
of the Corps under my Command in this
Business, and hope it will be the cause of
recommending them to the notice of your
Honble Board. I have the honor to be,

Honble Sir & Sirs

Camp at Sheriapatore
26.th September 1785.

With the greatest respect,
Your very obedient &
humble Servant
[Signed] D Shuerbrick

The

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2d. The Board being desirous of expressing their Sense of the Behaviour of those Officers who were instrumental in quelling the late Mutinies in the Native Corps to the Southward of the Coleroon & also that their public Thanks in General Orders should be given them & the Troops in General who were employed on that Service The Board further resolve to embrace the same opportunity of expressing their Assurances to the respective Corps serving under this establishment, that as soon as they have the Power to satisfy their just Demands no exertions shall be wanting to execute the object; & that nothing but the pecuniary distress of the Company should have prevented Government from doing it before.—

Order of the Board the Consequence of the Contents of the foregoing Letter.—

Recorded the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. for the Month of October N.s 1.2.

2.4.5. From Major Eidingtown dated 12.th September—requesting to succeed Colonel Corby in the Command of Palamcottah

From Major Eidingtown

From the Commandant of Permacoil dated 1.st October, requesting a Monthly allowance for a Writer

From Capt.n Olivier

From

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From Mr Reading Surgeon dated 30th
From Mr. Reading September enclosing a Certificate of ill
health, and requesting Permission to go to
Bengal.—

allowed Accordingly

From Colonel Fraser dated 30th September
From Colonel Fraser stating his Services and requesting the
Appointment of Palamcotah on the first
Vacancy.—

From Colonel Corby, dated 29th Septemr.
From Col. Corby shall communicate in person to the Board
his Determination respecting the Command
of the Cavalry—

Received the following Letter & Enclosure
from the Paymaster at Trichinopoly.—

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

From the Paymaster at Trichinopoly States the necessity he is under of paying the Troops the Sum of twenty thousand Pagodas, in Canams, & as an Exchange, the Loss of which must fall entirely on the Company.—

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have now the honor to inform you that Colonel Sir Henry Corby as well as myself having found it impracticable to negociate the remittance of twenty thousand Pagodas or any part thereof, by bills he has been compelled to send me this sum in the Canams

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2d Panams Exchange of Pinnevelly which is about
ten per Cent higher than that fixed by the Mahr
managers here & published by beat of Tom Tom
& lessen the loss which must result from such
a difference, his highness manager was
employed all yesterday with the Loncars &
Proofs of this placard without being able
to effect any alteration therefrom Thus
situated without any reply to my address
of the 17th inst. on this subject or other guide
for my conduct at this critical period than
the alarming representation contained in General
Home's letter to me of yesterday copy of which
I have now the honor to lay before you together
with my knowledge of the distress & temper
the Troops dictate to me an immediate paymen
& an exchange productive of no loss to them
as the General had pledged himself to the Troop
that two Months pay should be issued on the
Arrival of this money on which event he
signified to them that the Payments would
be made as this day, & at the same time inform
me through his Secretary Captain Chase
that no part thereof should be received by them
but at the current exchange - under these circum
= stances

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2d stances, & judging that the appearance of any delay to the performance of General Howe promise or attempt to pay them at a less exchange than that already published might produce most Serious consequences which may due by myself me to avert if possible, to act only for the preservation of the Publick safety & the perfect confidence I have in the justice of your Honor &c intentions leaves me not an instant to hesitate as to the conduct I ought to practice & I am now paying the Drafts at the exchange of this place a particular & authenticated account of the loss which may arise thereby I shall present you with, when the payment is compleated.

I am with much respect

Hon'ble Sir Your

Your most Obed. Servant

(Signed) Tho. Balch

Paym.r

Dorchester July 25th Sept.r 1785.

Sir

I am to acquaint you by desire of Brigadier General Howe that on the Event of the Cartel Transport being arrived it is impossible that the troops can receive them at any rate

but

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2d Cust at the Bazar Exchange paid on by Lasser Lal, the Nabobs Manager

It is Needless for him to enlarge on the alarming Situation of the Native Troops in respect to pay, as you are equally Sensible of their General distress - I therefore Shall only observe that he receives an immediate necessity of the money arrived during my immediate absence, more particularly as he was necessitated to assure the Troops that their wants should be alleviated as early as possible I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

/Signed/ D Shaw Lieut

to Br. General Horne

Thursday
Sept. 24th 1785.

atone Copy
/Signed/ Tho. Parker Paymr.

Dispatched the following Letter -

To Tyler Irwin Esqr.

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 24th Inst. & shall very readily attend to any Claims that you may prefer on account of

To Mr Irwin -
Will attend to any Claims preferred by him on account of Extra Servant & the thanks of the Board given to him for the Conduct during

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2d of the Extra Services which you performed when
during his adminis- Superintendant of Revenues in the Southern Provinces.
tration of the
Southern Revenues

We chearfully embrace the opportunity of expressing our sense of your conduct during the whole of your administration of the Revenues entrusted to your Superintendance, and We desire you will accept our publick thanks for your disinterested & able management of the important Trust reposed in you.

As We are desirous of obtaining every information respecting the Southern Countries We request you will communicate to us your Opinion at large upon their present State detailing what changes have taken place since you resigned the Management of them & what effects are likely to result therefrom.

We are Sir

Your most Obt. Servants

Fort St. George
30th September 1785.

[Signed] Alex. Davidson
Jno. Call
Jno. Cruttenden
Jno. Hollond
Jno. Stratton
Jno. Holland
Jno. Cumming
Jno. Hollond

To the Honble John Creigh Esqr
President & Council at
Fort Marlborough

Gentlemen

We have to acknowledge the

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2d. the receipt of your Letter dated in June last.—

To Bencoolen—enclosing Copy of Lord Macartney's Letter to the Supreme Board declaring his acceptance of the Station of Governor General. stating the appointment of Mr. Morton to be a Surgeon on their Establishment, with the pay & allowances annexed to that Station at this Presidency.

We have the Honor to inform you that the Right Honble Lord Macartney resigned the Government of this Presidency on the 4th June, & proceeded to Calcutta where he declined accepting the Post of Governor General to which he had been appointed by the Court of Directors

His Lordship forwarded to us, previous to his sailing for Europe, a Copy of the Letter which he addressed to the Governor General Council on the Subject of his Appointment & desired that We would transmit a Copy of it to Your Presidency—in conformity to His Lordship's request We now inclose one accordingly

Mr. Crisp having requested that We would accord some Medical assistance to your Presidency, We have appointed Mr. Morton an acting Surgeon on this establishment & proceed thither, & We trust you will be pleased to pay him the same allowances as Lord Marlborough which are granted to Surgeons at this Settlement

We have contracted on the Snow Ranger for such part of the Stores for which you indented as Capt. Council could receive—The remainder shall be sent by the first Opportunity We are with Esteem Gentlemen

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

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2.d Sent Letters / as entered in M.B. N.os 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. /

To the Paymaster at Madura, informing him that as the Sum advanced by the Superintendant of Revenue appears to have been expressly for the Payment of the armed Peons the amount debited the Company on that Account, must be struck off his Books.

To Mr. Johnston

To General Horne directing him to cause the Collectors of Nellore and Bulchar dispatch belonging to Tanjore to restore the Cattle plundered from his Highness the Nabobs Territories & to be careful that similar Depredations be not committed in future.

To General Horne

To the Commandant at Arcot Desiring the necessary orders to the several Garrisons under his authority to give Receipts to the Nabobs Amuldar for the Sums they receive on Account of Batta.

To the Commandant at Arcot

To Colonel Capper informing him of his Appointment as a Member to the Committee of Works & Stores, and that he is to audit the Amounts of all military Disbursements from the 1.st January 1785.

To Commissary General.

To the Committee of Works & Stores informing them of Colonel Capper's appointment.

To the Committee of Works & Stores.

To Mr Brooke Secretary at Fort William representing

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To Mr Brown 2. representing the Situation of three young Men, who came out Accords on the Dutton, and in consequence of their respectable Connections & good Characters, are permitted to proceed to Bengal.

To Captain Hope, on the Palanquin directing him to deliver over to the Nabob Omdatun the Person of Mahapolla Pagenia & Verger Dofs.

To Captn Hope and to join his Corps immediately.

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue, informing them, that orders have been given for delivering up to the Nabob Omdatun, the Persons of Ethapa Mordecan & Thima Dofs Virgie Dofs, and directing them in Consequence to give to the Nabob the Jewels & Effects belonging to the Latter.

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue

To the Secretary at Bencoolen enclosing a List of Stores, embarked on the Pangerbrow for that Presidency.—

To the Secretary at Bencoolen

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To the Chief Council at Vizagapatam—

To Vizagapatam informing them, that Captain Grants Battalion is to do duty in their district, to be stationed at, and have the Command of Cossimcotah, with such of his Battalion as can be spared from the Service of the other parts of the District.

To the Chief Council at Masulipatam, enclosing 4. Certificate for Lord Clives Bounty in favour of Mrs Monteith, to be paid at their Settlement.

To Masulipatam

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4th Received the following Letter from the Committee of Assigned Revenue.-

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

From the Committee of assigned Revenue recommending that the Arrears of Pay due to the Lascarry Corps in the Tinnivelly & Madura Districts may be discharged by the Nabob.-

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs

On advertising to the Arrears of Pay due to the Lascarry Corps lately employed in the Madura and Tinnivelly Districts we find that they amount to about Thirty Thousand Pagodas. as the Nabob has had Balances made over to him from different parts of the assigned Countries to a very large amount we submit to your Honble Board the Claim which we think the Company may reasonably make on him for the discharge of these Arrears.-

We have the honor to be,

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most obed.t humble Servants

Fort St. George
30th Septem.r 1785.-

(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
David Haliburton
Geo Monbray

Ft

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.r

President

Lieut.t General Sir John Dalling Bar.t

Tuesday 4.th Octob.r 1785.- James Daniell Esq.r

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved

Read the following Letter from Mess.rs Hudleston & Lyon with their several enclosures.

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.r

President and Governor & Council of

Fort S.t George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to inclose (No 1) a Letter to your Honor &.c on the Subject of exchange which we Submitted to General Horne in consequence of your Late order addressed jointly to him and us also General Horne's answer No 2 containing his seperate opinions and observations on our said proposed Letter, and lastly (No 3) our reply to him in explanation of several parts of it in which our meaning had not been sufficiently clear to him

From Mess.rs Hudleston & Lyon on the Subject of Exchange to the Southward and suggesting the Modes, in their opinion the most eligible to be adopted.

We

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We have the honor to be with the
greatest respect Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most faithful &
Obedient Servants
(Signed) S Hardiston
Eyles Irwin

Tanjore
24th Septr. 1785.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

In obedience to your Commands expressed
to us in Mr. Secretary Chamiers Letters of the 8th & 9th Instt.
we have turned our attention to the Subject
of the Exchange to the Southward of the Coleroon
and after mature deliberation, we beg leave to
offer the following Opinions as well in regard
to the cause of the Complaint, as to the remedy
that offers itself to our view.

That the outcry against the Company's
Exchange of the Cully Fanam Pr. 16 3/8 Pr. Star
Pagoda is mistaken and ill-founded, as far
as respects the goodness of the Coin, and its
Currency in the Tinnevelly and Madura
Districts, to which it belongs.—

That

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That the best mode of ascertaining the fact is by the exchange of the Cully Fanam taken at an averages of three or more years on those districts - By the enclosed Paper extracted from the Company's Books, and vouch'd officially it will appear that 15¼ ₹ Star Pagodas has been the rate of the Cully Fanam which is consi=derably higher than it has ever been issued to the Southern Army or Cantonments -

That the pretence of the business of the Cully Fanam, pleaded by the Shroffs to Lessen Canon the Nabob manager when he lowered the exchange to 18¾ ₹ Star Pagoda with Support particularly as all Fanams were twice shroffed on the Company's Government, first as they came from the districts by the Company's Shroffs and Secondly by the Paymasters Servants as they were received from the Treasury. -

That for 6 Months, Vz. from January 1785 to June the Cully Fanam was regulated at 16⅔ ₹ Star Pagoda in the Trichenopoly District by virtue of order to the Renter Bazar men ₹ to receive it at that rate and redress was held out by Lon-Lon to those Complainants who proved a Loss to the Superintendant from the intrigues of Shroffs, or Bazar people, as

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can be [illegible] by the Southern Paymaster Mr. Digby, and by the Commandant & Paymaster of Tinchinopoly during that period, by which a saving of 15 P Cent was produced to the Company in the Issues of the only coin that could be brought from Tinnevelly for the payments of the Troops in Cantonment.

That notwithstanding these premises and the Cully Fanam continuing still at 16 3/8 the Pagoda in the Bazar of Tinnevelly & Madura, as during the Company's administration, the System of the Arabbi Government renders it a difficult matter to fix the same exchange in the District of Tinchinopoly, in which the Coin is foreign.

Upon the whole, we think that the Company's established rate of exchange between the Pagoda and the Cully Fanam (which is more favorable to the Troops than the medium for some years back) is not in reality the Grievance, nor would the complaint of the Officer be remedied by merely lowering the Exchange - The Company would suffer materially without any benefit to them, because if the Company were immediately to pay the Troops at 18 3/4 instead of 16 3/8, the exchange would

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would probably fall to 19, or more, and tho' the Sepoy would gain, the Officer would be subject to the same loss in purchasing Pagodas as at present. This has been proved by the experience of every one conversant in these Matters, and particularly by that of the late Paymaster of the Southern Army, who once from under receiving order of allowing to pay off his Majesty's Regiments then under marching orders, informed us, that having then in the Tumbril a large sum of Money in Bully Fanams, he proposed to the Officers to discharge them at such exchange as they should deem equitable; but upon a Mature investigation of the Business of exchange, they wholly refused to fix any rate, as they foresaw, that their situation would be equally the same, whether they received it at 16, or 18 - they were obliged to exchange them for Pagodas

A general reform in the coinage and currency of Fanams throughout the Southward, by calling in the Fanams of different Districts, reducing all to the same value & denomination, and then fixing one medium rate of Exchange throughout the Southern Provinces and vigorously enforcing the observance of it, by the joint authority of the Nabob & the Company

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Company, would preclude in a great measure the iniquitous practices & profits of the Sheroffs; and would prevent the Lapoys and servants Europeans from being sufferers; nor could the Officers be subject to any Loss on the money expended in the places where they were stationed. But the Officers would still have room for dissatisfaction, because the same exchange or value of the Fanam could not be established at Tranquebar, where most of their necessaries are purchased.

We therefore are of opinion, that a permanent, and effectual remedy can only be found in a coinage of Star Pagodas as we understand has been lately recommended to your Honor & by the Resident of Tanjore, who having communicated to us your sentiments on the subject, with what he has submitted to your consideration on answer we beg leave to offer our concurrent opinions; that unless the Pagoda to be coined, be of the same stamp, touch and name with the Star Pagoda coined at Madras, there would still be an opening for abuse, in fixing the relative & fluctuating value of Pons to Nave, or them Pagodas.

But some time must elapse

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elapse before the convoy can be carried on to effect;
and in the mean while it is necessary that measures
be taken to satisfy the troops, we therefore
recommend that a medium be struck between
the Fanam and Pagoda by Exchange, as it
may stand when your order shall arrive on this
Subject, so that the Company may lose only
on the issue of Gully Fanams brought from
Tinnevelly, which the dispersion of the troops
will render less frequent than before. But
we must again observe, that no gold can be
expected from such a measure, unless the
Exchange be established on the Basis of the
Districts & Cantonments, and the observance
of it enforced by the exertions of the united
authority of the Company & the Nabob.

We have the honor to be with great
respect

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your Most Obedient
humble Servants
[Signed] J Hudleston
Eyles Irwin

Tanjore
19th Sept. 1785.

To John Hudleston & Eyles Irwin Esqrs.

Gentlemen

I was yesterday honored
with

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with your Letter & enclosures with one entitled
To the Honble the President and Council,
containing the result of your enquiries into the
Subject of the exchange of Gully Pagodas, but
as my Sentiments do not altogether coincide
with yours, I shall beg leave to make such
observations, as my means of information have
afforded in the form of remarks on the
several Paragraphs of that Letter, wherein
to state a few plain and simple facts relative
to the loss sustained by individuals in
consequence of Issues made in that Coin
which I request the favor of you to transmit
to the Honble Board together with your
Letter, which I have now the honor to return

I beg leave however first to premise
that I am apprehensive this mode of investiga-
tion will not thoroughly answer the design
of the Honble the President and Council, as
unless the Gentlemen named for it would
assemble, and call the Shroffs to ascertain
the actual value of these Pagodas, together
with such officers or Men as may be thought
necessary to establish invariably the Rate of
the Coin when the Issues were made, the premises stated
in our respective Letters may seem to want

Sufficient

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Sufficient Security

I am to mark upon the 2d & 3d Paragraph of your Letter, that you do not observe that has little reference from a portion that has little or no connection with the General question the great body of Troops in the Trichinopoly district have been the Sufferers and from them no debt Just Payment or representation have been made of the injustice they conceive done them, by the exchange as fixed for Pagodas from the Paymasters The Currency of those Zemans in the Jaghire & Madura districts has never / with the exception of one recent instance / as far as I know of been called in question but is matter of small importance to an officer, or private man in Trichinopoly that 45 Cully Zemins & Star Pagoda is the rate in those Countries when ever since I have had the honor to Command the Southern Troops 17½ 17¾ & 18¾ has been the rate in that district.

On the 4th Para: of your Letter, with respect to the Insolvency of the Borough of the Cully Zemins, I shall only beg leave to Subjoin a Statement given me by the Principal Sheroffs in this Place, by which it will appear that the degree of alloy is considerable & that 19 ⅙ p Cent

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Port L. Dorqu 4th October 1725.—

Read in Council the Letter of the 5th June
Inclosing that Memorial of

Comparison of Gully Seamens Pagodas
73/8 Pagodas weight of Pure Gold — 95 3/16 Do Wt.
15 Do Do — Silver — 2 15/16 Do
16 1/8 Do — Do — Copper 2/16 Do

195 Pagodas Weight of Mixt composition
for the use of 150 Gully Seamens which
at 16 1/8 Pagodas Pagoda is 119 1/16 Star Pagodas

103 Star Pagodas
19/16 gained
119/16

On the 5th June regarding the order to Contain
Bazar Merchants directing them to conform to the
exchange fixed for them from the Company
formerly but in vain every endeavour was used
both unanimously to enforce them, & evade
were the unsurmountable objections to the
admission of those Seamens on general Bazar ency
at that rate of exchange That the Merchants finding
by a Paragraph from their Letter an Encouragement
as often as it was attempted to carry them under
Contribution as their Bazar ones Shroffs or
Merchants of any Kind do well known, were
Regulated by those orders, Did equally as that
Affair & Boundary Lost by their common disbursements
in the Service of our nation in general
about 9 or 10 Lacks since more 96 Thousand
who had occasion to make remittances by
Purchasing Pagodas from 12 to 15 P Cent
Commission of any kind that been made for
those heavy Losses — That the Company may
have

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have saved 15 ℘ Cent in issuing that money I rea-
dily believe, but I apprehend if that gain or
saving rose from the losses of Troops then combating
the distresses of long Arrears & irregular payments,
that it was as unwarrantable, as it has proved to
be impolitic.

I am sorry to differ so widely from
Gentlemen of your information and extensive
knowledge on the 7th Paragh of your letter
With respect to the exchange being now more
favorable to the Troops than the medium for
some years back, I confess I do not clearly
understand for the troops in the Trichinopoly
Country were never paid in Cully fanams
anterior to the Companys Government, & it was
I imagine very seldom that even those in
Madura and Palamcottah received any other
Coin than Porto novo Pagodas.

It is matter of much surprise
to me your observation that lowering the
Exchange would not effect the remedy desired,
& that it is probable if the troops were paid at
18 3/4 instead of 16 3/7 the exchange might fall
to 19 or more — I am unlearned in these matters
& unequal to the task of investigating the
various & fluctuating causes that operate on
exchange,

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exchange, but to my mind it appears that if the exchange between a Foreign Coin and the Currency of any Country is brought nearly on a par to the intrinsic and real value of such foreign and current money, the variation can never proportionate against the holders of the former, in the manner you suppose for Ex. Gr. if the exchange of Cully Fanams was lowered to 18¾ it would nearly be the actual value of the money allowing for the expence of Coinage so that an alteration must take place in the value of Bullion before it could well fall lower. The instance you mention of his Majestys Troops refusing the Cully Fanams is a Thing inapplicable and inconclusive.—

I most heartily concur with you on the utility of a reform in the Coinage of Fanams and Pagodas, as pointed out on the concluding part of your letter, and am decidedly of opinion that it is the only effectual remedy that can be applied, and earnestly hope Government will adopt it.

Regarding however the temporary expedient until that coinage could

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could be effected of fixing a medium of exchange between Tinnevelly & Trichinopoly I conceive it would be found inefficacious; and further that until Pag.s are issued to the Troops I do candidly gave it as my Opinion, that in whatever coin they are paid it ought to be issued at the exchange of the day, which exchange should not be suffered to vary for the Month, at least to the disad=vantage of the Troops.—

I have the honor to be.—

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) Mat.w Horne

Trichinopoly
September 22d 1785.—

To Brigadier General Horne
Commanding the Southern Forces
Trichinopoly

Sir,

We have been honored with your Letter of the 22d containing Observations on our proposed address to the Honble the President and Council on the Subject of Exchange; which observations agreeably to your desire shall accompany that address—as we apprehend however that our meaning in one as two places has been misunder=stood

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stood by you, perhaps for want of perspicuity on our part, we beg leave to add the following explanations for the Information of the Honble Board; and that they have before them our respective opinions in one view we shall contrast what has occurred to us with some of your observations in opposite Columns.

General Hornes Letter.

I beg leave however first to premise that I am apprehensive this mode of Investigation will not thoroughly answer the designs of the Honble the President & Council as unless the Gentlemen named for it could assemble and call the Troops to ascertain the actual value of these Lascars, together with such Officers, or others, as may be thought necessary to establish viva voce the real Loss the Troops have sustained the premises stated in mine respective Letter may seem to want sufficient support

We also regret that public Business is not to be delayed at this Period prevents on our side a Meeting with you at Trichy for the enquiry decided, but we do not think that the present Object would be essentially if at all promoted by such an examination as you recommend, because we are too well acquainted with the practices of Thieves to lay any great stress on their evidence in a matter so intimately connected with the Success of those Practices - because with respect to the Officers, we admit & have since formly admitted that they have always sustained a Loss on as many Colly Lascars as they have

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have used in the purchase of Pagodas Because respecting the Troops in general we admit that they do at present sustain a Loss and every Heavy one indeed by receiving the Colly Fanams at 16 3/8 as the Nabobs Menager has lately lowered the exchange to the rate of 18 3/4 P Star Pagoda lastly, because with respect to the remaining and only Essential Question in this part of the enquiry whether or not the troops in general last by the former rate of exchange /16 3/8/ before the reestablishment of the Nabobs Government and the consequent alteration of the exchange we have had sufficient information to our Apprehension in the viva voce evidence of Mr. Digby Mr. Anderson & Mr. Foss, which concurs in establishing the following important fact— That when the Colly Fanam was first introduced at Tanjore & the exchange fixed at 16 3/8 P Star Pagodas it was

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was published by beat of Tom Tom
that any Sepoy, or individual,
receiving from the Company Six
Pay at 16 3/8 Pagoda, and that
in carrying it to the Bazar, did
not obtain the full value of a Rup.
in any Commodity, or in Exchange
Pandms or Cash he should apply
to Mr. Andrews or Mr Lowis for
redress who would immediately
oblige the renter to make good any
Loss, or deficiency except what might
arise on the purchase of Pagodas.

In addition to the above
we are informed by Mr. Andrews
who has been employed at Trichinopoly
in the assigned Revenue for these four
years past that he never
judged it proper to examine
particularly on this ground that the
order above quoted was enforced
observed & that he never knew, or
heard of any complaint brought
forward by Sepoys or Privates
Europeans on the Subject of exchange
except in one or two Instances
when the persons who objected to
receive the Fanams at the established
rate of 16 3/8 Pagoda & who he
believes to have been Shroffs were
punished.

We

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In remark upon the 2nd & 3d Paragraphs of your Letter above that you draw an Inference from a position that has little or no connexion with the general question the great body of troops on the Carnatic Coast district have been suffered & from them modest, yet pressing representations have been made of the Injustice they conceive done them by the exchange as fixed for Specie from the Paymaster — the Currency of these Fanams in the Ceded, & Madura districts has never with the exception of mercantile Instance as far as I know of been called in question, but it is matter of small consequence to an Officer as Private man in Pochendoke that 15. Cully Fanams & Star Pagoda is the rate on those coasts when ever once have had the power to command the Specie troops 17½ 17¾ & 18¾ has been the rate on that District.—

On the 4th Paragraph of your Letter with respect to the position of the Causes of the Cully Fanam I shall only beg leave to subjoin a Statement given me by the principal Sheroffs in this place by which it will appear that the degree of alloy is considerable & that 29/16 Pond is gained in Assays of the Charge of coining

We can only refer to what is said above for an answer to this Paragraph.—

We are perfectly sensible that were we disposed to rely implicitly on the testimony of Sheroffs the point would soon be decided but on a question of such magnitude & which so nearly concerns the Interest of the Company we must submit to other evidence than that of Persons who are interested

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coining that money Vizt.

Composition of Cully Sanams

		Pr. Cost
7 3/8	Pagoda weight of pure Gold	95 7/8 S. Pag.a
45	Do. . . . Silver	3 15/16
76 7/8	Do. . . . Copper	3/16
195	Pag.s weight of this Composition	100 Str. Pag.s
	Produces 1950 Cully Sanams	19 1/16 gained
	which at 16 1/8 Star Pagoda is	119 1/16
119 1/16	Star Pagodas	

interested in misleading us It is notorious that the Shroffs are interested in the depreciation of any foreign coin, and to the Statement here set forth of the real value of the Cully Sanam we might venture to oppose the Single fact of its having been current in the Tinevelly & Madura districts where there are also Shroffs (for Several years on a medium at the rate of 15 1/4 Star Pagoda that is at upwards of 20 P Cent more than the value here given by the Shroffs of Trichinopoly, but even admitting 18 3/4 Cully Sanams P Star Pagoda to be nearly as you Suppose their present value including mint charges this could by no means be a conclusive argument as the price of the Billion of which the Cully Sanams is composed varies every and tho' to day at 28 Sanams P Cullinge may tomorrow be at 32, of which the opposed Statement is an irrepagable proof Vizt.

Composition of Cully Sanams — Prime Cost

7 3/8 weight of pure Gold is by the district — Star Pag.s

price in the month of April

14 1/2 Pag. P 10 Pag. wt. . . . 106 12/16

45 Pag. wt. of Silver on 31 1/2 Cullinge at 2 1/8 Star Pag.s P Cullinge — 4 1/16 1/2

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76 3/5 Do. of Copper ---- 3/16 1/2

195 Star Pag.a 110 5/16 1/2

27/16 deduct wastage in melting &c.

Net 192 3/16 The weights of Comporium

produces 1925 Cully fanam which is

16 3/5 for 1 Star Pag.a ---- 117 9/16

deduct the Company's Custom at 5

per 100 ---- 9/16 1/2

Ditto Charges of Cooly &c. 1/2 1/2 1/4

115 13/16

Star Pagodas 110 5/16 1/2

5 7/16 1/2 Q.

The experience of years on the neighbouring districk ought to bear down the present instance at Tricheinopoly to make us suspect that it is the result of an interested combination among the Merchts. particularly as we understand that the Trichy Fanam has not fallen in proportion for the exchange of the Trichy & Cully fanam—settled by the Merchts which explains their relative value to each other & recorded in the Cutchery of Trichy, states that of the Cully fanam be 16 3/5 the Trichy should be 29 1/2 Star Pag.a—If then the Cully fanam is now lowered to 8 3/4 by the interference of the Circar should not the Trichy fanam by the same rule be lowered to 33 1/4 as there abouts, its relative value? but the fact is, the Trichy fanam now stands at 30 Star Pagoda—Is not the disposition of the Merchts therefore evidently

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In the 5 Paragraph regarding the Order to render Bayeerman &c directing them to conform to the Company, I firmly believe every endeavr was used but unavailingly to enforce them, & such were the unsurmountable objections to the Admission of those Canams in General Currency at that rate of exchange that the Sherriffs repeatedly ca man fled from their homes in Lochy as often as it was attempted to be carried into execution neither Bayeerman Sherriffs or merchants of any kind it is well known ever acquiesced in those orders & it is equally so that officers & privates lost by their common disbursements in the period you mention, in general about and sometimes more p Cent & those who had occasion to make remittances by the purchasing Pagodas from 12 to 15 & that no compensation of any kind has been made for these heavy losses that evidently directed against the Cully Canam at any rate and does not call for the interposition of Government to maintain the Sovereignty in the Trichy district, as long as it shall be necessary to pay the troops on that score.

We have implicitly allowed the heavy loss sustained by the Officers who were obliged to purchase Pagodas to any amount they have suggested the only remedy that made appear can be effectual for them & without Orders from the Presidency the Cully Canams could not be issued by the Superintendant to the Paymaster at a different exchange from what they were brought to account on the Company's books Viz - 16/6 for the time specified & it never came to his knowledge that the exchange varied from that rate in the Trichy District, while the assignment lasted the purchase of Pagodas always excepted or that the Sherriffs deserted their homes except on the various attempts made by the Sherriffs to lessen the exchange of the Canam and mine instance that the Renter by mistake opposed them by issuing an order deviating from actually to find Pagodas for the Officers at the exchange fixed for the purchase of commod Brisonthe Sholr - M.G. Craven recollects that Sir Henry Corby then Commandant mentioned circumstances the Dissatisfaction of the Garrison at the exchange but never attempted to bring forward any Loss that the Officers

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that the Company may have saved 15 P Cent in saving that money I readily believe, but I apprehend if that Gain or saving arose from the Loss of Troops then combatting the disturbers of long arrear, & irregular payments that it was as unwarrantable as it has proved to be impolitic.

Officers, or Sepoys, had sustained in the Bazars of the Districts for which the Renter was held responsible as was known to them, and to the Honble Board.

We are very ready to allow with you that again, or saving to the Company of 15 P Cent arising from the Loss of the Troops, or made at their expence would be unwarrantable but we are concerned to observe by the concluding words of this Paragraph as it has proved to be impolitic that you seem to take new this fact for granted & to have considered the word saving in the following Sentence of our Letter a saving of 15 P Cent was produced to the Company as synonymous with Gain whereas we conceive there is an obvious distinction between them & that is will clearly appear from the whole Paragraph of which you have quoted a part. That by fixing the exchange at 16 3/8 P Star Pagoda the Company only saved what they would have lost had the exchange been left to be settled by the Sherroffs - nor can the deduction from or reconciled to our words in that Paragraph that this saving was made at the expence of the troops on the contrary it states that for 6 Months the 3/8 from January to June the Cully Fanam was regulated at 16 3/8 P Star Pay.a in the Coromandel district by Virtue of Orders to the renters Bayarmen &c.

to

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to recover it at that rate and redress was held out by Law to the Complainants who proved also to the Superintendants from the intrigues of Sheriffs or Bazar People, as can be satisfied by the Late Town Mayor Mr. Digby & by the Commandant & Renter of Trichinopoly during that period, by which a saving of 15 P Cent was produced to the Company on the Issues of the only Corn that could be brought from Carnatic for the payment of the Troops in Carnatic.

We have been the more particular on this Point as any Idea of the Company's having derived Gain from the Losses & distresses of the Troops cannot be too cautiously guarded against it not, if it has already taken place let us consider such an Idea would be equally injurious to the credit, and intentions of Government, and to those of the Gentlemen

Lately

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lately intrusted with the
management, & issues of the
Revenue.-

Sir Matter of much importance
to me your observation that
lowering the exchange would not effect the remedy desired,
and that it is probable if the
Troops were paid at 15/ instead
of 16 2/3 the exchange might
fall to 19 or more - I am
unlearned in these Matters, and
unequal to the task of investi-
gating the various &
fluctuating causes that spear-
from exchange but to my mind
it appears that if the exchange
between a foreign Coin & the
Currency of any country is brought
nearly as near to the intrinsic &
Ideal value of such foreign &
borrowed money the more or can
never prejudice the Creditor
holder of the former or therefore
you suppose Sir. Sir. if the
exchange of Gold Pardoes were
lowered to 18 3/4 it would nearly
be the actual value of the Money
at Bombay

Our observation which is
Secure to you, respecting
the efficacy of lowering the
exchange to remedy the
evil was meant only to
apply to the purchase of
Pagodas -

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Before your Honor &c the terms upon which we have informed Mr. Fowkes an exchange between the present possessors of the Lands on this Side, and another piece of Ground can be admitted by us, are there mentioned in a former letter from hence, and to which you are pleased to signify your assent thro the Channel of your Secretary on this Letter Dated 17th June — under date the 25th Ultimo. we did the honor of transmitting you Copy of the Letter from Mr Fowkes Complaining of the interruption given to the Trade of the Inhabitants by one of our Gunvendars and urging a right on the part of the French Chiefs to give Dustucks for passing Goods belonging to subjects of their Nation thro any part of the Countries belonging to the Company, we at the same time transmitted you a Copy of the Reply which we had made them until we could receive your directions on the Subject but as by that on this Letter Copy of which is now enclosed, urged us further on the same Subject, & quoted our former answer as unsatisfactory We thought it necessary to Reply to them more explicitly, which reply will Suggest to your Honor &c what are our Opinions on the Points upon which

which

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which his Claims relative to the Currency of French Pardoes may be rejected, and what we understand to be the extent of the meaning of the late Treaty when it mentions their Rights to a free and Independant Trade.-

We have just received another Letter from Mr Lorestier Copy of which we herewith enclose for your information Nº. and as he therein informs us of his intention of making a reference to the Government at Pondicherry relative to what we have observed regarding the rights of his Nation, we think it necessary to add to what we have already written that the French here Trading in the Districts of the Zemindars meet with no interruption nor are any duties demanded of them dis a Custom with the Zemindars not to tax the Manufactured Goods but the persons employed in fabricating them, so that nothing is demanded of the Purchasers but in the instance which has occasioned Mr Lorestiers present application, the Goods were purchased in the District depending on Pulicole, and the Zemindars of Mugulatore refused to give them passage thro' his Districts without

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without paying the usual duties collected on such occasions; and altho' if the duties were to be relinquished in instances of this sort which do not often happen the revenue of these Districts could suffer but little yet we do not know what effect such a Claim if established might have on the Bengal or other possessions belonging to the Company, and are therefore more guarded not to give up any point which could be alledged as a precedent hereafter.

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

Your most Obed.t humble servants

(Signed) Anthony Sadlier

James Hodges

W.m Bolton

Masulipatam
23d September 1785

W.m Sadlier
Chief & the Gentlemen of Council
at Masulipatam

Gentlemen

I have the honor to advise you of my just having been authorized by the French Government to settle with you relative

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relative to the Establishment which belongs to the French in the Port of Mauelipatam with that of which you caused a Plan to be delivered me by Captain Beresford, on the conditions prescribed in your Letter of the 25th June last, to which I add two others - first that the Line E D on Explanation Beresfords Plan shall be parallel to the Line of the Fortifications - the second that you allow 30 Feet more in breadth to the Spot of Ground which you give me exchange which augmentation will be taken on the side of the Line A C.

As by the Letter with which you honored me the 19th of last month I did not well comprehend what you meant by the Phrase following of which I have gave you I believe the translation. —

"The proceeding of the Rajah
"of Mangalore in no shape invades any
"Privileges heretofore enjoyed by your
"nation & that you possess the freedom
"of Commerce in the same degree with
"British Subjects who are equally liable
"to pay the Duties in question demanded
"of those of your Nation. =

I do say I did not well
comprehend

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comprehend the Immunity which this Phirmaund of Peticular British Subjects and the French nation Enjoyed Gentlemen you will explain to me what you mean by this comparison for you do not surely design to infer by it that as British Subjects carrying on Commerce in Part of India pay duties to the English Company, the French are subject to the same imposition

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen

Your most humble &

most Obedient Servant

(Signed) Le Forestier

Masulipatam
16th Sept. 1785.

Translation

(Signed) Alex. Leith
Secy

To B. A. Le Forestier Esqr.
Chief of the French Factory.
at Masulipatam

Sir,

We have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of your letter
of

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of the 16th Instant advising us of your being authorized to settle with us relative to an exchange between the Spot of Ground which at present serves for the French Factory & another which we formerly proposed for that purpose - This exchange may according by take place whenever you think proper on the Terms mentioned in your Letter of the 25th June to which we must adhere, without any new conditions, & as they are the same with those proposed in your Letter to us of the 20th May we trust they will be acceptable to you - our engineer will be directed to mark out the Ground proposed as above mentioned to be given in exchange for the present French Factory, and we shall be ready to assign it to you in whatever time you may apprehend.

In order to Reply to your observation respecting a paragraph in our last Letter to you we must refer to that which you wrote us under date the 18th Ultimo to which that part of ours quoted by you was in answer, in which you urged what you are pleased to consider as the Rights of your Nation relative to the Currency of

French

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French Dastuchs throughout the neighbouring
Districts a privilege which your nation
was not possessed of in the year 1778 when
the late War broke out not at any former
period Subsequent to the resettlement of your
Factories in the year 1765, and of course an
innovation of Custom not to be by us
admitted the districts of the Zemindars
constitute distinct Governments in which we
policy or ourselves Management we never
interfere so long as their Tribute is regularly
discharged the Zemindars are directed by us
to conform with respect to the Commerce of
your nation to the Custom heretofore Practiced
in their Countries Von no Account to
deviate from it or cause impediments
to your free trade with their People We
were induced to answer your as we did in
order to denote the equity & fairness of our
intentions with respect to the Commerce
of your nation in these Districts to the
extent as we believe of all you can reasonably
Claim - We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obd. humble Servants

[Signed] Anthy Sadleir
&c Council

Masulipatam
29th Septemr. 1785

A true Copy
Sir & Lord Cornwallis

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To Mr Ladlier
Chief & the Gentlemen of Council at
Masulipatam

Gentlemen

I flattered myself that you would have acquiesced in the demand which I had the honor to make of you in my letter of the 16th Instant & I now mention the Grounds on which my hopes are founded.—

In demanding of you to add 30 Sol more to the Southward of the Spot on which I have upon this augmentation my Demand could not be prejudicial to you What made me desire to have a Passage in this manner on the South side, is because it may come to pass at a time when you and Gentlemen are no longer here that they may dispute for reasons which we cannot now foresee the passage upon the Parallel N.E. of the plan delivered me by Mr Prescott which can never happen the Street being taken upon the extent of the establishment—

Gentlemen, I do not doubt you will render me the justice which is due to me

that

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That very far in all my conduct from causing difficulties I have as much as it has been in my power, and provided it did not relate to the rights of my nation removed those which might have prevented themselves at the Interests of your masters strong and the demand which I have the honor to make I have flatter myself you will pay attention to it.

I am going to transmit to the French Government what you have done me the honor to observe relative to the Rights of my Nation in this part of India. I have the honor to be with the most distinguished consideration.

Gentlemen

Your most humble and most Obed.t Servant

(Signed) Le Fevre

Masulipatam
27.th Sept.r 1735.

Franc.s Adv.e Scott Esq.r

The Board concede in the Opinions given by the Chief Council respecting the Grounds upon which M.r Le Fevre Claim relative to the Currency of French Pieces may be rejected, & approve the

The Opinions of the Chief Council inclosed in the foregoing approved by the Board.

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The Despatches which they have given to his Letter

Read the following Letter from Mr Lowin.

Lowin.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Mr Lowin enclosing Demand for extra services and a Certificate of ill health.

I have just been honored with your letter of the 30th Ultimo. In consequence of the attention you have been pleased to pay to my claims for extra-services I have now the honor to enclose a demand for that purpose, which I flatter myself from the nature & consequence of the services in question will not be deemed unreasonable by your Honble Board & by my own professional

When the approbation of our Superiors is the result of successful service it cannot but be flattering to and its effect lasting on a susceptible mind. To attribute my good fortune rather to the coincidence of accidents than to any particular merit I may possess & to give more credit to the indulgence of the Honble Board than to my own professional

is

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That very far am ill my conduct from causing difficulties I have at much as it has been in my power, and provided it did not relate to the rights of my nation removed those which might have prevented themselves as the interests of your masters & theirs and the demand which I have the honor to make I have flatter myself you will pay attention to it.

I am going to transmit to the French Government what you have done on the reason to observe relative to the Rights of my Nation in this part of India. I have the honor to be with the most distinguished consideration.

Gentlemen

Your most humble and

Masulipatam
27th Sept 1785.

Most Obed. Servant
(Signed) Le Fevre

Franc. Ant. Le Fevre Esq

The Board concede in the Opinions given by the Chief Council respecting the Grounds upon which M. Le Fevre's Claim relative to the Currency of Canada Duetoches may be rejected, & approve

The Opinions of the Chief & Council expressed in the foregoing appear'd by the Board.

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The Reply which they have given to his Letter

Read the following Letter from Mr Irwin.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Mr Irwin enclosing Demand for Extra Services and a Certificate of his Health.

I have just been honored with your letter of the 30th Ultimo.

In consequence of the attention you have been pleased to pay to my claims for extra-services I have now the honor to enclose a Demand for that purpose, which I flatter myself from the nature & consequence of the Services in question will not be deemed unreasonable by you. When the approbation of our Superiors is the result of successful Service it cannot be flattering to me and its effect lasting on a susceptible mind. To attribute my good Fortune rather to the concurrence of accidents than to any particular merit I may possess, & to give more credit to the indulgence of the Honble Board than to my own professional

is

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is the least that is due from one on this occasion
to none of my fellow Servants will I yield
in Zeal or good intention but to claim more
in Spite of the grateful distinction I have
experienced would be Loss to their deserved
than my own.

The detail which your Honor &c have
required of the Southern Country shall be
furnished with as much minuteness &
dispatch as my present Situation will
admit of allowances however will be made
for the defects it may possess, on account
of the Season at which the matter is assumed
and the circumstances under which it is
committed to Paper.

The inclosed Certificate of the
Surgeons of Palamcotah & Madura, will
inform you that I am under the necessity of
return directly to europe. I therefore solicit
Permission of your Honor &c to embark
on a Danish Ship that is soon to sail
not doubting after the repeated Testimonies
I have received of your favorable Sentiments
of my Conduct, to be favored with your
recommendation of the Court of Directors
to permit me to return with my
wife and when my health will permit of

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I have the Honor to be with great respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt &
most humble Servant
Eyles Irwin

Fort St. George
30th Septemr. 1785

[Signed]

We William Gordon and Adam Blackaden Surgeons of Palamcotah and Madura, do hereby declare on oath that we are of opinion it is absolutely necessary that Eyles Irwin Esqr. should leave this Country & go to Europe for the recovery of his health, occasioned by frequent & severe attacks of disease incident to the Climate, but more particularly on account of a Nervous Complaint, appearing in the form of a periodical Headach

[Signed] William Gordon
Surgeon Palamcottah

Do A Blackaden
Surgeon

Sworn before me at
Palamcotah the 25th
day of Septemr. 1785
R. M. Horsley
Colonel Commandt

D. Macrae Captn
Commt.

I Agree that Mr. Irwins
Exam

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Claim being 3658 Pags to be liquidated by a Company's Bond for Pags 2000 & by such other modes as the State of the Company's Affairs will admit

Mr Lowndes Demand to be liquidated

Resolved that a Letter be drafted to the Court of Directors, & that Mr Lowndes claim be therein recommended to the Company in order that he may be enabled to return to this Coast or soon as his health shall be reestablished

Mr Lowndes to be recommended to the Court of Directors

Read the following Letter from Dr Anderson & Mr Lucas.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the two Senior Surgeons in Presidency the Reference the Contents of a Letter from Mr Norman Surgeon of the 73d Regiment recommending two Gentlemen to be appointed Assistant Surgeons

We have just been favored with your orders of the 2d Instant desiring a Statement of our opinion on the Contents of a letter from Mr Norman Surgeon of His Majesty's 73d Regiment and have the Honor to refer you to a Minute of the Select Committee November 24th 1783. as follows

"As it appears upon a Calculation
"that the great expence of Cotts, Quilts and
"Cloathing for the Sicks ordered by Mr
Parker

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"Parley regulation are to be found by the
"Company, would entirely frustrate the
"business expected from that regulation it
"is resolved that the Sicks of the Kings Troops
"whose Cases are dangerous or so severe as to
"consine the patient to his Cott be sent to the
"Company's General Hospital & their number
"deducted from the strength of each Regement
"and that the Sick whose cases are less
"emportant remain with the Surgeon of the
"Regement and be drawn for accordingly
"to Mr Parley's regulation.

Whether we are to believe the
Calculation of the Select Committee or Mr
Horneman need not be a question especially
as that gentleman confesses his ignorance of
the expence of Cotts Bedding and Cloathing
and are sorry to remark he does no difficulty
but in cases of actual Service as such
men can be moved in the latter Stages
of a Disease with as little danger as in the
beginning.

We beg leave to recommend Mr.
Andrew Berry and Mr. Leopard to be
Appointed Assistant Surgeons both promising
young men the first having prosecuted his
Profession so far as to obtain the Degree
of Doctor of Physic from the university of

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of Edinburgh and the latter a Diploma from Surgeons Hall London Several Assistants being necessary to compleat the establishment of Government agreed last year and now remaining here at the Presidency for immediate Duty.—

We have the honor to be with all due respect.—

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t &

very humble Servants

(Signed) Jas Anderson

Surgeon Genl.

Cooley Lucas

Surgeon Engr.

Fort St. George
25th Sept.r 1785.—

Agreed that the Accountant be directed to draw out a Statement from Mr. Hermans Letter entered in Consultation the 4th from the Book of Regulations, where the Hospital Allowances are established that the Board may be able to decide whether the Company would be benefited by a change in the System at present in practice without prejudice to the Sick by change of System.—

Mr. Lights House at Palamcotah purchased by the Company for 1500 Pagodas

The Board taking into Consideration the Letter from the Paymaster at Palamcotah entered in Consultation the 20th that the offer made by Mr. Light's Executors of

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of selling his house to the Company for the Paymaster to be accepted and that 1500 Pags. be paid to the Executors for the purchase

Mr Edward Garrow is now appointed Surveyor of the Roads.

Mr Edward Garrow appointed Surveyor of the Roads

appointed Surveyor of the Company's Grounds in the room of Mr Farrand lately nominated to the Paymastership of Vellore.

Read the following Letter entered in the M B No 1

From Mr Rose Agent to the administrators & heirs of late Mr D. A. Baines Estate dated the 4th September offering the house at Tanjore occupied by the Residents upon the terms mentioned in Mr Hudlestons Letter of the 11th August.

From Mr Rose agent to the Heirs of the late Mr Baine

Agreed that a Company's Bond for Pagodas 4500 be granted to the Executors of the late Mr Baine, in consideration of their giving up their Claim against Government for house Rent and repairs & their assigning over the Pagoda Bond as the property of the Company.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Mr William Ros. —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I was to my astonishment met last night

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From Mr William Ross on the Subject of the Board's Prohibition to his having Intercourse with the Rajah of Tanjore.

I might on my Arrival at this Place by a Gentleman from Mr Hudleston with a Note requesting that I would call upon him immediately & learning in consequence of the most positive orders from your Honor &c. that I would hold no intercourse with the Palace, and the same injunction has been repeated to me by Mr Hudleston this Morning.—

What increases my astonishment is that no intimation has been given to me directly of this prohibition that no reason for it has been assigned to me. That the prohibition circulated but not enforced at Madras respecting intercourse with the Durbar did not to the best of my recollection extend to any other place and that I should be influenced by insinuations, in my absence when I am out of the way to vindicate myself which never appeared or was hinted at before.—

Permit me to ask, in Justice to myself upon what grounds are your orders to Mr Hudleston so pointedly directed at me? have I been thought guilty of disobedience or inattention to the Board? or have in the few days of my absence after having served the Company for upwards of fifteen years, without reproach upon my public or private Character been supposed capable of intention prejudicial to my Honble Masters? or does the influence of a Party, whose views against

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against Langford as long & intimately his own
so prevail over the Honble Board, or any Member
of the Board as to render them unaccountable
local knowledge of this Country & his unmixed
make Litigation should be carried home to
England, for the benefit of the Honble Company
When I left Madras I understood that
I was to have a recommendation from your
Honor &c. to the Court of Directors so that I might
return to India without prejudice to my
rank. I have heard of no exception or claim
against me nor is there any record or proof
upon which such exception could be founded.
how alarming therefore must my situation
appear if I am subject to insinuation in my
Absence upon Suspicion only, & from you
Gentlemen, who no doubt thought it an act
of Justice to recommend me.—

If disobedience or want of attention
in my unsupported Offence permit me to state
that I took an round by Vellore & by the
upper road so as to meet the Ships in which
I go Passenger to Europe at Trangambar with
what I presume will be considered a
laudable intention to encrease my Stock of
information respecting the Country.— I
communicated my intention to the Honble
President & to Mr. Daniel, separately & it
must have occurred to them, that by the route
I took

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I took Tanjore necessarily became one of my Stages to Trangnebar, yet neither of them made any Objection; & thought it no more necessary to intimate my design of calling at that Stage that at Trincomalee Vizagapatam or Pulicat only all of which I have done -

I beg to suggest likewise that my resignation of the Company's Service having been accepted, I consider myself released for the present from any obligation of obedience to the Honble Board, & trust it will not be considered a proof of disobedience or inattention that I asked the permission of the Members of the Board when I was no longer subject to their Authority and when I believe no regulation or order exists upon which they could prevent my proceeding upon my Journey in the manner I have done -

Nor is it possible for me to pass over in silence, the distinction you have been pleased to make in your Conduct towards me & those who are in the Company's Service, the Company's orders are positive against their Servants going to the Dutch, yet this universally known that people of all descriptions, have gone there & Mr Benfield in particular who is prohibited by name yet no punishment has been inflicted - The Company to the best of my recollection gave no

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no orders prohibiting intercourse with the Rajah, yet you have prohibited one from seeing him, I desire that your orders be inforced—

In my Situation here as I consider myself from your Control, Supposing it was the Rajahs wish to Communicate with me, by what means was your Resident to inforce your order? was he to place guards over the Rajahs Palace, or even me to prevent my seeing him? I did the new Suspicions incultcated to you in my absence vindicate either of these extremities—

However this may be Honble Sir I dare however independant I am of your orders & the influence of party my regard for the Honble Company is such that as you are pleased to signify to me that my Representatives shall not place myself in Opposition to the orders you have given to the Resident whatever Opinion I may entertain of their Justice, & shall in consequence give in a peaceable Resident as he will inform you—

If it will afford you any additional Satisfaction I beg to inform you, that my stay here must necessarily be short as I was long since engaged to meet the Ships at Tranquebar about the 25th Instant— I have the honor to be

Honble Sir &c &c

Your most Obd. Humble Servt.

William Ross

Agreed

Sir Hudlestons

Garden near

Tanjore 20th Sept. 1785— / Signed /

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Agreed that Copy of this Letter be transmitted
Mr. Bosi Conduct to the Court of Directors with an Account of the
deem'd reprehensible; Board's proceedings Respecting Mr Bosi, whose
a Copy of this Letter
to be sent to England. Letter is exceedingly exceptionable & falls very
short of a vendication of his Conduct.

The President informs the Board
that Mr. Garrow has made application for
President proposes that 6000 Pagodas be paid to Mr. Garrow by Bills on the Subordinacies.— an advance of Cash on liquidation of the large Balance due to him, in consequence of which the President proposes that Pagodas 6000 be paid to him on the following Warrants

A List of Bills on Masulipatam Pag.s 1000
Do. Vizagapatam 2000
Do. Ganjam 3000

Ordered accordingly. Ordered Accordingly

Read the following Letters and Extracts
in the MB No 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 2
From Capt.n George Smith Extracts from Capt.n George Smith's answer to the Charges exhibited against him by Mr Sadama, of having destroyed his House & appropriated the materials to his own Benefit.

The Board consider Capt.n Smith's
Minute thereon Letter sufficient Justification of his Conduct, & it is therefore Agreed that a Copy be sent to Mr. Beggle the Agent of

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Read Mr. Ladama's
Letter from Mr. Spalding dated 27th Instant
Letter from Mr. Spalding claiming on the part of Sir George Ramsay
a Remboursement for the Loss of some
Bullocks employed by the Company,
which were captured by the Enemy.—
Agreed that the Agent be furnished
Minute thereon with a Copy of the foregoing, that he be
desired to report upon it.

Read Letter from Captain Mos dated 3d Instant
Letter from Capt.n Mos.— transmitting Copy of a Note of Hand granted
to him by the late Resident at Tanjore in
consideration of money advanced by him
for the publick Service—
Agreed that Capt.n Mos be
Minute thereon informed that the Principal & Premium
of the note will be discharged by a Company's
Bond, & that the Interest due will be paid
in ready Money conformably to usage in
parallel Cases.

Read Mr. Scott late Surgeon of
Letter from Mr. Scott, the 98th Regt. requesting allowances in
Surgeon of the consideration of his remaining in India
98th Regiment to adjust Accounts & desiring to know
if he is to be allowed a passage to Bengal.
Agreed that Mr. Scott be informed
Minute thereon that the Board do not consider him as
having

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having any Claim upon this Government for further expences, or Passage Money.—

From Mr. Lascelles

From Mr. Lascelles late Comptr dated 1st Instant stating the Balance of his Account to be Pags. 2677, which he urgently requests may be discharged—

Minute thereon

Agrd that a Bond be granted for one half being Pags. 1338½. & that the remainder be discharged on equal devisions by Bills on Ganjam & Masulipatam

From Mr. Scottney

From Mr. Scottney dated 19th Sept. stating his distress for money on account of the Expences incurred by his Employ & requesting Relief.

Minute thereon

Agrd that a Bill on Masulipatam be granted in favor of Mr. Scottney for Pags. 1000

From the Surgeon General & From Dr. Lucas

From Mr. Anderson Surgeon General & from Mr. Surgeon Major Lucas dated 2d Instant stating that the D. of M. Pay-master has objected to his drawing 150 Pags. p Month, which he has expressed to be contrary to the Regulations, and requesting the orders of the Board to be given in support of their Draw—

Minute thereon

Agrd that Mr. Anderson & Mr. Lucas be informed that the Regulations in the General order of the 4th October last

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last are to be strictly adhered to, & that they must be debited for such sums as they may have drawn for contrary to them.-

From Captain MacLeod dated 21.st Ultimo stating that his Accounts have been audited by Mr. Commissioner Jackson, and requesting a liquidation of the Balance due to him in Cash, or on Bills on England or Bengal

From Capt.n Don: Macleod.

Agreed that Capt.n MacLeod be informed that the Board have not at this time any authority to draw upon the Court of Directors or upon the Bengal Government & that they are unable to discharge at present the Balance due to him by any mode excepting Company's Bonds-

Minute thereon

Read a letter from his Highness the Nabob, dated 1.st October, enclosed an Intercepted Country Correspondence N.o 100, stating the Political Views of the Marattas & Nizam and Doolah towards Tippoo Sultaun, an Invasion of whose Territories they have in Contemplation & recommending Government to enter into alliance with those States, by which future Security will be ensured to the Company's Possessions; a Balance of Power among the native Powers equalized, & the Superiority of the Mysoreans reduced

Substance of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob

to

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To Moderation.—

Read the following Letters as entered in MB Nos 27. 28. 29.

From Mr. Hosford

From Mr. Hosford Resident at Cuddalore dated the 16th Sept. stating that the Quantity of Rice in Store is almost exhausted, & that he should be under the Necessity of issuing out Paddy to the Troops

Agreed that Mr. Hosford be informed, that the Board cannot supply him with Rice from the Presidency, & that therefore he must use his endeavours to provide Rice & Paddy for the Stock & Consumption of his Garrison—

Minute thereon

From Mr. G: Stuart, late acting Surgeon 78th Regiment

From Mr. George Stuart, late acting Surgeon of the 78th Regiment dated 20th Sept. stating that he had a Certificate in his Possession made out agreeably to the Orders of Government for his Arrear of Pay, which he requests may be discharged as he is under the necessity of proceeding immediately to Europe, on Account of ill health—

Minute Thereon

Agreed that Mr. Stuart be informed that the Board are ready to grant a Bond for the Amount of the Certificate in his Possession.—

From Mr. Hosford

From Mr. Hosford Resident at Cuddalore

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Cuddalore dated 30th September representing that the Horse said by Captain Stevenson to be stolen from the Company and now in his the Residents Possession, was purchased by him of a French Gentleman at Pondicherry for 30 Pagodas but immediately returned on his knowing it to be the Company's Property, and recommending that he be empowered to Claim the Horse of the French Government

Resolved, that Mr. Hayland be directed to apply to Captain Stevenson for the Particulars necessary to establish the Claim for the Horse lately stolen from the Company and then to make the proper application to the French Government

Memo to thereon

Alex. Davidson

J. A. Dallas

J. Daniell

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4th

Received the undermentioned Letters
Entered on M B Nos 30, 31, 32, 33.-

From Captain Simeon Stewart of the Engineers representing that his Person is absolutely necessary on Calcutta for the Arrangement of his Brothers Affairs; & requesting to be allowed to proceed thither Accordingly—

From Capt.n S. Stewart

Granted

From the Surgeon General stating that a Mr Corbett who styles himself Assistant Surgeon is totally unacquainted with his Profession & recommending that he be not employed.—

From the Surgeon General.

From Captain Muirhead dated P. 8th. stating that he was at the expence of fifty Pagodas for Hircarrahs during the late Mutiny of the 33d Battalion and requesting a Remittance of the same and to be permitted to come to the Presidency.—

From Captain Muirhead

Granted Accordingly

From Lieutenant Colonel Kelly requesting to be appointed a full Colonel to the Command of Palamcotah—Vice Colonel Corby, appointed to the Command of the Cavalry.—

From Lt. Col: Kelly

Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in

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4. in MB. No. 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43.

To Captain Donald Macleod – The Balance due to him cannot be discharged, but by a Company's Bond. – Colonel Fullarton had no authority to give him the appointment he enjoyed under him, and therefore Government are alleged to agree with Mr Cannington Lachlan on that Head. – His Claim for Interest on the Balance due him, deemed inadmissible.

To Capt. Donald Macleod

To Capt.n John Morse – The Principal & Pensions of the Late given to him by the late Resident at Sangore will be discharged by a Company's Bond – The Interest to be paid him in ready Money –

To Capt.n John Morse

To Mr. Beggle Attorney to the late Chief at Patical enclosing Copy of Captain George Lamb's Letter suspending the Complaint preferred against him which is judged by the Board to be sufficiently satisfactory

To Mr. Beggle

To Captain Lieutenant Agnew informing him that the Court Permission to proceed to Europe with the Governor General's Dispatches –

To Capt.n Lieut.n Agnew

To Mr. Scott Surgeon of the 98.th Regt. – can have no claim upon this Government for his Passage from Bengal, should apply to the Governor General & Council on that Subject

To Mr. Scott

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4 To Mr Irwin.- His Bills for Extra Charges will be liquidated by such Modes as the Company's Affairs may admit.- A Packet to the Court of Directors to be entrusted to his Charge, and to be recommended to the Board of Directors

To Mr Irwin

To Mr Edwd Garrow appointing him the Company's Surveyor of the Road Vice Mr Loriano appointed to the Paymastership of Vellore.-

To Mr Edwd Garrow

To Mr Surgeon Major Lucas,- informing him that his Allowances must be conformably to the Medical Regulations established the 17th Oct.r 1785 - and that should he have deviated from them, he must refund the Sums which he has received beyond -

To Mr Surgeon Major Lucas

To Mr George Stuart, late a Surgeon of the 73d Regiment a Company's Bond to be granted him for the Amount of the Certificate in his Possession -

To Mr G. Stuart

To Mr Hosford - to procure Rice for Paddy for the Consumption of this Garrison by every means in his power - To apply to Captain Stevenson for the necessary Particulars, respecting the Stores taken from the Company, & then to demand it of the French Government -

To Mr Hosford.-

Received the following Letter from the President at Tanjore. -

To

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5th

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

Honble Sir, & Sirs,

From the Resident at Tanjore stating that he is on Expedition for recovering shortly your Honours Letter from the Rajah Secretary Chamier in his Letter of the 24th Instant - Lacks of Pagodas -

I have had the honor to receive at this I have not yet been able to obtain an Interview with the Rajah since his late misfortune, I beg leave to assure you that I have done every thing in my power to remedy that inconvenience by daily and almost hourly applications and remonstrances to the minister, and I can at long I venture to foresee your Honor & that you may rely on my obtaining from the Rajah the immediate or speedy advance of a considerable sum in part of the Balance - to what amount I am as yet uncertain but I have hopes it will not be less than a Lack of Pagodas I shall exert my utmost faculties to obtain

More

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5th more— I am to see the Rajah on Monday evening the 3d October, and shall lose no time in acquainting your Honor &c. of the result—

I have the Honor to be with the greatest respect

Honble Sir, Your

Tanjore
30th September 1785.

Joes faithfull and
Obedient Servant
(Signed) P Hudleston

Dispatched the following Letter.—

To Dr. James Anderson
Surgeon General.

To Dr. Anderson Surgeon General, informing him that his allowances are to be regulated by the General Orders of the 17th October, & that no deviation from them will be allowed— The Dep.y Military Paymaster will debit him for the Amount of all sums received by him contrary thereto.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble President & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 2d Instant and to inform you that the allowances to the Establishment of Surgeons being fixed by the General Orders of the 17th October last, the Board can make no alteration in them

The orders positively declare that Surgeons

on

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5th in Charge of Contract Hospital shall remain as before, which being your case you cannot be permitted to draw any allowances which you did not enjoy previous to the publication of the above Orders. - The Salary of Pagodas 150 P Month enjoyed by the late M. Surgeon General Bailey has not been continued to you by the Court of Directors to whom a Reference was made in your favor, until their orders are received on the Subject, the above Salary cannot be granted -

I am desired further to signify to you that Government will at all times be well pleased to shew you any indulgence to which you have a Claim from your long Service & Professional abilities - they at the same time think it necessary to declare that they approve the conduct of the Dy Mr. Paymaster who does no more than his Duty in objecting to certain charges on which his Claims cannot be considered - the Board have in consequence directed him to debit you for the Amount

I am &c &c &c
Signed John Shannon
Secry

Fort St George
4th October 1785. -

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5th

To John Hudleston Esqr.

Resident at Tanjore.

Sir.

To the Resident at Tanjore The Board approve the Expediency & establishing a Mint for the Coinage of Star Pagodas at Tanjore— The late Mr. Baines House to be purchased for the Company, by a Company's Bond

In reply to the Letter addressed by you & Mr. Swaine of the 24th Ultimo enclosing one from Brigadier General Hum with observations I am directed to inform you that the Board are convinced of the expediency of establishing a Mint for the Coinage of Star Pagodas at Tanjore & therefore desire you will urge the Rajah as much as possible on the subject that no time may be lost in carrying the Plan into Execution—

In the mean time the Board will endeavour in Conjunction with his Highness the Nabob to fix a medium Rate of exchange on the manner recommended in your Letter of the 19th Instant—

In answer to that Part of your Letter of the 11th August which relates to the House occupied by you at Tanjore I am directed to inform you that the Board consent to grant a Company's Bond for 4500 Pag.s to the Executors of Mr. Baines in Consideration of the Claim against Government

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4th 5th Government for House Rent being given
up, & the Rajahs Bond being assigned
over as the Property of the Company—
London the Rajahs Bond—Sam

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4th October 1785.—

Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) J Chamier
Secretary

To Lieut. Col. Ross.
W. Edward Garrow
& Mr. William Brown
Gentlemen

To Lieut. Colonel
Ross. Mr. Edward
Garrow & Mr. Willm.
Brown desiring
them to effect the
Removal of some
Huts lately erected
on the Environs of
Madras—all Hedges
around the Presidency
must be cut down
to the Level of four
Feet for the purpose
of preserving the
Salubrity of the
Air.

Much inconvenience having
arisen to the Publick from the number of Huts
lately built upon & now by Stair & on the
Environs of Fort St. George the Board have
resolved that they shall be removed & direct
you to carry their order into Execution
With the view also of preserving the
Salubrity of the air around the Presidency
it is judged necessary that the Hedges bounding
the Roads Gardens be cut down to a Level of

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6th of your last; to which the Board desire you will wait upon the respective Proprietors and express the wishes of Government, in which it is conceived they will readily acquiesce in order to promote the publick Good.

Having reconciled the Inhabitants to this necessary measure you are to enable them to carry it into immediate Execution & to make as soon as possible a report to the Board of your having removed all the Huts & buildings erected without permission, by which means the Environs will be restored to a state of cleanliness necessary to the health of Individuals.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) J Chamier
Secretary

Fort St. George
6th October 1785.

Sent Letters as entered in Mss Nos 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53,

To Masulipatam approving the Reply is made by the Chief Council to Mr. Le Fevre's Letters

To Masulipatam

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To the agent

6th To the Agent, enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr. Spalding Attorney to Sir George Ramsay and desiring him to report upon the Claim therein contained respecting the Bullock Masters belonging to the late Bengal Detachment

To Mr. Lascelles late Cooper — Acompanys

To Mr. Lascelles Bond to be granted him for half of his present Claim, and Bills on Masulipatam & Ganjam for the Remainder.

To Mr. Lind, a Company's Bond to be

To Mr Lind Granted him for the Amount of his Demand, on account of his Mission to Venkatagherry

To Mr Bryan Lodney — a Bill on

To Mr. B. Lodney Masulipatam granted to him in further Liquidation of his Claim upon Government

To the Commandant at Permacoil — His

To Capt. Olivier Request for a Monthly Allowance for a Widow in addmeasible —

To Mr Ruding Surgeon, with permission to go to Bengal —

To the Resident at Cuddalore — Informing

To Mr. Shepard him, that Mr. Lloyd is appointed Dan Invalid Conductor of Stores at Cuddalore.

To Mr. John Anderson at Calcutta the

To Mr. John anderson same Indulgences given to him as have been Granted to Mr. Taylor, in settling the Rice

Accounts

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To 6th Accounts of the Bengal Detachment by remitting the Amount of the Lumsden Copy. ent Consignments of Rice to this Presidency.— which he must send further with all expedition.—

To Mr. Geo: Lyler

To Mr. George Lyler late Paymaster of the Bengal Detachment informing him that the Cargoes of Rice he undertook to send to this Presidency are much wanted. and directing him to lose not further time in sending them hither—

At a Consultation Present

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.

President

Lieut. General Sir John Dalling Knt.

Saturday 8th Oct. 1785.—

James Daniell Esq.

The Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved.—

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

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.

President & Governor &c. Council.—

Honble Sir & Sirs.— Fort St. George

Agreeably to your Commands of

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From the Committee of Assigned Revenue requesting to be allowed to pay themselves their Salaries for the last Quarter from the Cash Chest of the assigned Revenue

of the 29.th June communicated to us by Mr. Secretary Chamier we have continued to meet as a Committee in order to adjust the Accounts of the late Assignment - as the Trust committed to our charge was extensive and the Accounts relative thereto very voluminous - We have been occupied since the Surrender of the Assignment in taking and closely them - Nothing now remains for us as a Committee of assigned Revenue but to finalize these Accounts which we hope will be done on the Course of a Month when we shall deliver in our Books and Proceedings complete, with such observations as occur to us thereon In the meantime we beg leave to request that as our attention has been thus wholly employed on the Accounts of the Assigned Revenue, that you will be pleased to grant us a Gratuity for the last quarter drawn our Salary for which is just expired and for such there is nearly sufficient Cash remaining in the assigned Revenue Chest to answer. —

We have the honor to be

Fort S.t George
8.th October 1785.

Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedient Servants
(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
Sylas Droz
David Haliburton
Geo: Mowbray
agreed

2764 Fort S.t George 8.th October 1785.

Agreed that the Commander of Assigned Revenue be directed to pay into the Treasury the Balance of Cash in their hands, & that in consideration of the trouble they have had in closing their Accounts they be permitted to draw the last quarters allowances for which it is resolved that Bonds be granted.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from General Horne.

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.r

President &.c Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

From B. G. Horne on Mess.rs Hudleston & Irwins Observations upon his Letter to them relative to the Subject of Exchange endorsing a G. O. upon that Head, which he had intended to have issued, but have been prohibited from issuing it for the Approbation of the Board.

I have the honor now to address you in consequence of Mess.rs Hudleston & Irwin favoring me with a Copy of their observations upon my Letter, which they have laid before your Honble Board together with their former Address upon which that Letter was grounded on the Subject of Exchange &.c.

As their observations which now call for a reply, are on a subject, neither blended with the obscure speculations of exchange

exchange of the unwarrantable & nefarious
practices of Renters & Shroffs, but on a
matter of plain and obvious fact, with
respect to the Loses sustained by the Troops
in receiving their Pay at 16⅔ Gully Fanams
p Star Pagoda, & by disbursing it again on
the Bazar, and as these observations seem to
militate strongly against certain Points
of my Letter on that head I considered
myself pledged to establish what I had
therein advanced and had actually
for that purpose drawn out the orders
I have the honor to annex. But having
duly weighed the consequence of those orders
in that it might give rise to a Supposition
amongst the Troops that their Loses were
to be endeavoured, I therefore have postponed
issuing it until I shall have the sanction
of your Honble Board.

I think it necessary here to assure
your Honble Bd that the Loss previous
to the interference of the Nabob's managers
which the officers & private men sustained
in the purchase of commodities in the
Bazar can be indubitably & unequivocally
ascertained whenever the Honble Board shall
authorize me so to do and in order that it

may

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may have some Idea of its proportion I am warranted by Capt.n Macleod commanding the 6th Batt.n to state that which his Corps has suffered from the first issue of that money at 5000 Pagodas comprehending Lt. Imagine his European officers as well as the natives.-

It may be fit here to observe on the subject of bazar purchases that on the knowledge of the exactions to establish the currency of these Fanams as issued from the Paymaster, experiments were made to ascertain their efficacy, by which it was demonstrated that two persons going to purchase articles, the one with a Star Pagodas and the other with its represent-ative 16 1/2 Cully Fanams that the former received to the value of 2 Doichy Fanams 21 Cash more than the latter, a clear and unfragible proof of how little avail the orders were.- I have the honor to be

Head Quarters of the Southern Forces Doichy 27th Sept.r 1785.-

Hon.ble Sir & Sir
Your most Obedient Servant.
Mat.w Horne

[Signed]

Head Quarters Doichy 27th Sept.r 1785.-

G.O.

A Board of Officers consisting of a President and

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and 4 Members to assemble to morrow morning at 9 o'Clock at the President's Quarters.

This Board will immediately proceed to the examination of such Evidences either Pay-master Officers european or native privates, Shroffs, and such other people, as it may deem necessary to ascertain with precision the actual less sustained by the Troops in consequence of receiving their pay at 16 3/8 Cully fanams for Star Pagodas and by disbursing it again in the Bazars of Trichinopoly Warriore & Seringham in the purchase of common necessaries. The late Superintendant of Assigned Revenue, supported by the assertions of Mr. Andrews late assistant in this District "That "the orders fixing the Value of Cully fanams "at the above rate were enforced and observed "in the Different Bazars and that he never "knew or heard of any losses the troops sustained "by a Depreciation of their Current Value in "the purchase of common necessaries except in one or two instances, when the aggressors were punished, seeming inclined to believe in a correspondence now laid before the Government that the Troops (excepting since the Nabobs manager lowered their Value) never lost in the expenditure of their pay on any occasion except by making remittances or in the purchase of Pagodas renders the utmost attention and close investigation necessary

on

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On the Part of the Board

Officers Commanding Corps are directed to give every Assistance to the Board in this enquiry; and they will also be pleased to make out exact estimates in writing of the Losses their Several Corps has sustained from the first issue of three fanams at 16⅔ Star Pagodas regularly Specifying their deprecation on the Bazar which they are to deliver to the Commanding Officer.—

Read the following Letter from Dr. James Anderson

To the Honble Alex.r Davidson Esq.r
President and Governor &c.a Council.

From the Surgeon General—expressing his Hope that Government will not discontinue the allowances he has hitherto enjoyed as Surgeon General.

Madras

I have been favored with your Letter of the 4th Instant & am obliged by leave to trouble you with copys of the Letter with which I was honored by the Board dated 28th November 1780 & 17th October 1781.

James Anderson Esq.r
Surgeon Major

Sir I am directed by the Hon.ble

2769 Fort St. George 2d. October 1785.

Honble the President & Select Committee to acquaint you that they have been pleased to confer on you the appointment of Surgeon Major of this Presidency with an allowance of one hundred Pagodas per Month.

I am &c &c &c

(Signed) S. Sullivan
Secretary

Fort St. George
28th November 1785

To Mr. James Anderson
Surgeon General

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to inform you that they have been pleased to appoint you Surgeon General on the Room of Mr. Gilbert Parley deceased.

I am &c &c &c

(Signed) S. Huddleston
Secretary

Fort St. George
Octr. 17th 1781.

I have been thus explicit for the information of the Honble Board & beg leave further to remark, that although I had enjoyed the Office of Surgeon Major, and Surgeon General at the Presidency without restriction by Appointment of the President & Select Committee yet I was acquainted

on

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on October 28th 1792 by letter from the Right Honble the President and Council that in compliance with a Paragraph from the Honble the Court of directors they had resolved the Surgeons in future should receive the allowances only which were made to them previous to the appointment of Mr. Gilbert Pasley to be Surgeon General but no mention of the Fund - I should undoubtedly have considered this resolution as a total exclusion to my receiving any Gallery for the Officers Lad on the same Board somewhat afterwards recommended one on the strongest terms to a favorable Judgement of the Court of directors & by that means dviated every difficulty to a belief of their support

You may be therefore well assured consi-dering every Charge I have made against the Paymasters has been countersigned by the Surgeon General and the Commissary General at that time a Member of the Board I should be somewhat surprized to learn that I am to be debited for the Amount

The order of the 17th Oct. 1786 do not expressly one word respecting the allowances granted to the Surgeon General & I trust on your candour & generosity that although the order of the Honble the Court of directors have not yet appeared for me, they may not be brought so much to my detriment against me instead of ordering me to

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I do Send you will be pleased to continue this allowances so necessary to my Support & the Arrangement of the Service in this Department

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Surgeon General

Fort St. George
6th Oct. 1785.

Do lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following Letter from Commodore Hughes.

Fort St. George 7th Oct. 1785.

Sir & Gentlemen

Mr. Alexander Stuart the Surgeon of his Majesty's Naval Hospital having represented to me by his Letter of this date that the enclosed list contains the names of Six Men who are in such a bad state of health as rendered impossible for them to be embarked on board the Ships of this Majesty's Squadron,—

I am therefore to request you will give Directions for their being received into the Company's General Hospital and to be Accommodated in the best manner possible. — I have

From Commodore Hughes requesting that Six Men who are too much indisposed to be embarked on his Majesty's Squadron may be ordered to be received into the General Hospital.—

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I have the Honor to be
Sir and Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Chas. Hughes

Alex.r Davidson Esq.r
Gov.r & the Gentlemen
of the Council
Fort St. George

Agreed that the Surgeons on
Minute thereon Charge of the General Hospital be directed to
receive the men mentioned in the Commodore's
Letter & that he be advised of this Resolution
Read the following Letter entered
in the M B P.r 24. 55.

From Mr Bowden D.y Paymaster
General of the Kings Forces in India
From Mr Bowden dated 6th October making requisition
for 10 Shillings P diem Subsistence money
to be paid to Lieutenant Mason Appointed
Major of Brigade to His Majesty's Troops

Ordered that the Military Paymaster
Minute thereon General be directed to pay the above allow-
-ance.-

From L.t Gordon From L.t Gordon of the 4.th Regiment
Claiming

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claiming the payment of a Demand for Shot delivered at Chittore to the Commissary General of Stores, & of which the receipt is acknowledged by the Seller

Ordered that a Bond for the

Minute thereon. Amount being Pags. 108 be granted.—

Read the following Letter from

Mr. Commissioner Jackson.—

To John Shannon Esqr.

Secretary to the Military & Political Department

at Fort St. George.

Sir,

From Mr. Commissioner Jackson stating that the Charge made by Mr. Surgeon Major Davis for the Hospital at St. Thome ought to be allowed

I have received your letter dated the 27th Ultimo with a Copy of one addressed to the Honble Board, by Mr. Surgeon Major Davis, on the Subject of a Claim, concerning his disbursements in the field Hospital at St. Thome.— I am happy on this occasion in assuring you, that I signified my Sentiments to Mr. Davis upon the Nature of his Charges for the Native Doctr, & the Nature of those cases would not warrant them to follow the Army on Service, I were very moderate, That I am further of opinion Mr. Davis Charges should be allowed.

Sam. Jno. Jackson

Warriore
2d. October 1785.—

Signed W. Jackson
Commr. of Accounts

Read

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Read also a Letter entered in Mil. Con. 56/

From Mr. Surgeon Major Davis

From Mr. Surgeon Major Davis, enclosing the abstract of his Account being Pagodas 3690 for the Hospital at St. Thome

Minute thereon

As Mr. Jackson has expressed his Opinion that the Charge ought to be allowed, It is Agreed to comply with the request of Mr. Davis, & that a Company's Bond be granted for the amount.

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob.

Read a Letter from his Highness the Nabob dated 27th August, entered in Country Correspondence No. 101, stating the Authority exercised heretofore over the Rajahs of Tanjore by the Soubahdars of the Carnatic & requesting that the Rajahs Balance of Peishcush together with the remainder of the Crop belonging to his Highness, may be discharged without delay.

The Board now take into Consideration the Commander in Chiefs Minute entered in the Consultation of the 27th August on the Subject of Granting Permission to the Supernumerary officers to proceed to Europe for three years, on half pay resolved in Consequence that a certain Number of Officers of each Rank, be allowed to quit the Coast & proceed to Europe or elsewhere, but to return within

Leave Granted to a certain Number of Officers to return to Europe for three Years on half Pay

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within that Period, or be struck off the List of the army, and considered as having resigned the Service — Resolved also, that those who are desirous of taking Advantage of this Indulgence shall make their Application to the Board, through the Adjutant General, on or before the first of January next; and not after. —

Alex. Davidson

John Dallin

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9th Received the following Letter.

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

Hble Sir and Sirs

From Bengal enclosing a Plan of the Governor General for the Liquidation of the Company's Bonded Debt in India; upon which they request the Sentiments of this Board

The Subject to which we now desire to draw your Attention has received the Consideration that we could give to it at times when the occurrences of this Government forbore any Decision did not necessarily engage our immediate Notice The Subject we allude to is of the first magnitude since it includes a Plan for the liquidation of the Company's Bonded Debt in India Which was delivered to us by the Governor General on the 9th April last & has been transmitted to the Honble Court of Directors we conceive it to merit the adoption of the Company as being well calculated for the relief of their Distresses; but desirous that our Superiors in England should be possessed of every Light & Information that can influence their Judgement in an arrangement of such importance & that they should be acquainted with the Sentiments of their Presidencies in India thereupon we have transmitted a Copy of the Plan to Bombay

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9th Bombay as we have now the honor to do to you and we request that you will be pleased to communicate your Opinions on it to the Court of directors by the earliest Opportunity that offers, we should also be obliged by your favoring us with a Copy of those Opinions for our Information

We have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

John Macpherson

Rd Sloper

John Stables

Chas. Stuart

Fort William

Secret Dept of Inspecn

1st August 1785

(Signed)

Ordered that as the plan has been transmitted to the Court of directors by the Governor General Council, ~~that~~ it be not entered in the Records of this Presidency, but lodged with Care in the Office.

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President and Council at Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

The third article of the Preliminary Treaty

From Bengal requesting to be furnished with a Statement of the Advances made for the maintenance of Dutch Prisoners during the late War.

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9th Treaty which was concluded on the 2nd Sept.
1783 between his Britannic Majesty and
the states General of the united Provinces
having stipulated that each power shall
"discharge the advances which shall have
"been made for the Subsistence and
"Maintenance of their Prisoners by the
"Sovereign of the Country whose they shall
"have been detained according to the receipts
"attested accounts and other authentic Vouchers
"which shall be furnished on each side"
we request that you will favour us as soon
as convenient with a Statement of the said
Advances to the Dutch Prisoners who have
been subsisted & maintained at any places
under your authority during the late
War with Holland and that you will
furnish us also with authenticated Vouchers
relative thereto We have the honor to be

Hon'ble Sir & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servants.
John Macpherson
R. Roper
John Stables
Chas. Stuart

Fort William
Foreign Dept.
8th Sept. 1785.

/ Signed /

To

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9th

To the Hönble Alexander Davidson Esq.
President & Governor &c. Council at
Fort S. George

Hönble Sir and Gentlemen

From Bombay acknowledging the receipt of Packet from thence, dated the 2nd July.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter under the 2d Instant and shall transmit the Packets for Hönble the Court of directors it gave cover to, as soon as ever the season will permit

We have the honor to be
Hönble Sir & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
R. H. Boddam
J. Nixon
Rob.t Sparke
Rich.d Church

Bombay Castle
Pol.t and Secret
Department
23d Augst. 1785.

Sent Letters as entered in M.B. N.o 57.
58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64.

To the President at Tanjore — To pay to
M.r Lowis or order the sum of 1248. 36. 5 when
the state of the Tanjore Treasury will admit

To the President at Tanjore

To Messrs Anderson, & Lucas, enclosing
a List of Men discharged from his Majesty's
Naval

To Messrs. Anderson & Lucas

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9th Naval Hospital to be received into the General Hospital.

To Lt Col: Reynault — To the Commandant of Artillery at the Mount, and to the Military Paymaster General

To the Military Paymr General — informing the former, of the order sent to the Latter, for supplying, on his Indent, good Teak Rattan Cots for the use of the artillery Regimental Hospital at the mount

To Mr Richard Dighton, Superintendant

To Mr R: Dighton — of the Company's Yachts, directing him to give every possible assistance to the Quarter Master General in forming the Cantonment at Sheveram

To the Military Paymaster General.— to

To the Military Paymr General — discharge the Bills drawn upon him by the Quarter Master General on account of the Cantonment of Sheveram, that shall be countersigned by the Commander in Chief

10th To Ensign Nagle with permission to

To Ensign Nagle — proceed to Europe on half pay, but to return to his duty within three years

11th To the Committee of Assigned Revenue— a

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue — Bond to be granted them for the Amount of their Salaries for the last three Months to pay into the Company's Treasury the Balance of Cash on their Hands.—

Dispatched

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11th Dispatched the following Letter. —

To the Honble Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.

President & Council at
on their Secret & Political Department Bombay

Gentlemen,

To Bombay enclosing Copy of a Letter from Lord Macartney to the Governor General Council, declining his acceptance of the appointment of Governor General

The departure of His Majesty's Squadron for Bombay affords us the opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of your Letter of the 27th August, and of informing you that the Right Honble Lord Macartney resigned the Government of this Presidency on the 4th June, & proceeded to Calcutta, where he declined accepting the post of Governor General, to which he had been appointed by the Court of directors. — His Lordship forwarded to us, previous to his sailing for Europe, a Copy of the Letter which he addressed the Governor General & Council on the Subject of his Appointment, & desired that we would transmit a Copy of it to your Presidency — In conformity to his Lordships request we now enclose one accordingly —

We are with Esteem, Gentlemen, Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
10th October 1785

(Signed) Alexander Davidson
Wm Cowell

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12th

To Anthony Sadleir Esqr.

Chief & Co. Council Masulipatam

Gentlemen

To Masulipatam with the Sentiments of the Board on their Conduct, & that of Lieut. Macalister, upon the Charges exhibited by them against him.

We have received your letter of the 27th August on the second Paragraph of which you say it gave you an concern to observe on our letter of the 20th Appearance of disapprobation of the conduct of the then Government altho in a former letter we had given our fullest sanction to your proceedings.

The reasons for that disapprobation were fully expressed in that letter, as well as there which induced us to alter our determination on your complaints against Lieutenant Macalister, and to allow him to prove his asserted innocence before a Court Martial— nor have we any cause from the other parts of your letter to alter our opinion of the informality of your Communication to him of the crime laid to his charge, or of the hasty which seemed to prevail in your Settlement at the Commencement of this dispute— Having

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12th Having allowed that justice to Lieut. Macalister for which he applied, we are equally determined to Support the Civil authority in all its force by a perusal of the Court Martial laid before us by the Commander in Chief, it appears that Lieut. Macalister notwithstanding his positive assertions of innocence has been Guilty of disrespect to the acting Member of your then Government & that he more highly deserves our Censure for the indecent terms in which he has even exposed his disrespect to Mr. Hodges upon the Records of that Court. We are further of opinion that his improper interference with Mr. Hodges relative to the confinement of the grasscutter in Subversive of the authority of that Government under which he acted, and contrary to the usage of the Service in similar cases. Wherefore desire you will communicate our Sentiments of his Conduct by a publication of this Paragraph of our letter in the Garrison orders of Masulipatam & we further direct that any Commissioned nor Commissioned Officers or private who shall at any time attempt to interrupt that System of Civil Government which has so long existed for the benefit of individuals

And

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12th and the Convenience of the Inhabitants in General requiring at your Settlement shall be brought to a Court Martial for disobedience of this order, and punished accordingly

We are Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t Servants

Lignd/ A.t Agnew

&.c Council

Fort St. George
19th Octr 1785.

To Lieut. Colonel Ross

Chief Engineer

Sir.

To Colonel Ross informing him that Government have referred every thing relating to the Erection of the Cantonment at Sheveram to the Commander in Chief - To hold himself in readiness to attend to the building of it

I am directed by the Board to signify to you their resolution of referring every thing which relates to the Building of the encondah Cantonment at Sheveram to the Commander in Chief who has directed Lieutenant Colonel Davies to superintend the work now performing & to collect the necessary materials -

You will be pleased to direct Ensign Guthrie to remain at Sheveram under the orders of Lieut. Colonel Davies & to

Hold

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13th Hold yourself in readiness to attend to the building of the Cantonment, as soon as you shall receive directions for that purpose.

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13th Oct.r 1785.—

Sam.l Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant
[Signed] S. Shaw.—
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Send the undermentioned Letters (as entered in M.B. N.os 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75 & 76, 77, 78, 79, 80.—

To Vizagapatam — To the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam with Regulations respecting the artificers on their District.

To the Paymasters of Trichinopoly Vellore, Pondamallee, Ongole, Chinglepat & Nellore with Regulations for the Artificers employed on their Garrisons.—

To the Commandants of Ditto — To the Commandant of the above mentioned Garrisons, enclosing Copies of the Letters to the Paymasters, to check them as mentioned is required

To Lieut.t Griffin — To Lieut.t Griffin, with permission to proceed to England for three years on half pay but to return within that time

To the Commandant at Arcot — 14th To the Commandant at Arcot, to withdraw

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14th To withdraw the Detachment at Chittoor, excepting two Companies, who are to remain until further orders.

To the President at Tanjore enclosing Copy of a Petition to the Court of Dir. from Mrs. Wood, Relict of the late Colonel Wood, with an extract of the Court's letter, and directing him to make the proper applications to the Rajah in Consequence.

To B. G. Home, directing him to withdraw the Detachment stationed at Walconda, & deliver up the Fort to Viban Cavon, upon his giving a Receipt for the same.

15th To Captain Hoddel the Board consent to his being stationed in Charge of the Invalid Depot at Tanjapore, without any additional Expence to the Company.

To Ensign William Dring - with permission to proceed to europe for three years on half Pay.

To the Commandant at Vellore, directing him to co-operate with the amildar in apprehending some Robbers now in the Neighbourhood of Vellore.

Received Letter from Mr. Tollofield Resident at Nagore / as entered in No. 81 / stating that he has, in consequence of

To Mr. Hudleston

To B. G. Home

To Capt. Hoddel

To Ens. Wm. Dring

To Col. Nixon

From Mr. Tollofield

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15th of the lateness of the Season freighted a Vessell to bring up the discharged Men of his Majesty's 78th Regiment from Negapatam.

Petition against Mr. Macalister late Paymaster of the Deputation to Tippoo.

The President having reported to the Members of Council that a Petition had been presented to him by the Maistries and followers of the late Deputation to Tippoo Sultaun, praying for a Redress of Grievances preferred by them against Mr. Keith Macalister, late Paymaster thereof; it was agreed, that the Petition should be sent to Mr. Macalister, with Directions to reply thereto, in a Satisfactory Manner upon which the following Letter was received from him.

To Mr. William Collins Jackson
Deps Secretary to the Military & Political Department

From Mr. Macalister in Consequence thereof

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 13th Instant accompanyed with a Petition preferred to the Honble the Governor and Council Letting forth a Complaint against me, by

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15th by the Mistress and Followers of the late
Deputation for an alledged Detention of
their pay on that Service

As the Petition exhibits circum=
=stances of Injustice against me I will
be unnecessary to take up the attention
of the Honble Board by a reply which
would only be a denial of their alle=
=gations in Justification of myself. I beg
therefore to acquaint you, that I am
ready to agree to the most minute
Investigation of my Conduct towards the
Petitioners by any number of Gentlemen
that the Honble Board may think proper
to nominate, to enquire into it and as
I humbly conceive this to be the best method
by which a true knowledge of Merits
of the Complaint can be obtained I request
you will be pleased to communicate it to
the Honble the President & Council & hope it
will meet with their approbation

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Excellt & most humble servant
Signed Hector Macalister

Madras
14th Octr 1785

Ordered

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15th Ordered that the Commander in Chief be requested to appoint proper Officers to sit as a Court of enquiry upon the Contents of the Petition preferred against Mr. Macaliston.—

Resolution of the Board thereon

At a Consultation Present

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.
President
Lieut. General Sir John Dalling Bart.
James Daniell Esqr.

Tuesday 18th Octr. 1785.—

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore.—

To John Chamier Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Resident at Tanjore with a plan for liquidating the arrears and Claims of the Tanjore Jaghires

Respecting the orders conveyed to me in your Letter of the 25th Ultimo for redeeming the Jaghires after Payment of their arrears the honble Board will have seen by the Account

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Account transmitted to you with my Letter of the same date that those arrears amount to Pagodas 26059. 23. 12. and omitted to mention that there is due to the Lascendies exclusive of that amount, Cloathing for 3 Years or an allowance in money in lieu thereof out of the Stoppages made on their Pay or what is called Seychongs upon receiving the Boards orders on this Subject in your Letter of the 19th of April last Communicated them to Mr. Hepburley the Paymaster, and Committed to him the adjustment of the matter, it being immediately connected with his Departmt. Mr. Hepburley has found some difficulty in the Business from the variety of Claimants to shares in the Seychongs but he tells me he is attending the adjusted to the satisfaction of the Officers and of the Men, and that he will shortly lay before me an Account stating the aggregate amount of the Stoppages with what is due of it to the Officers who have respectively commanded the Lascendies at different periods and to their ones for their Cloathing in order

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orders that Bonds may be granted to the former agreeably to your Intentions, but as to the Sum that will remain due to the men for their Cloathing amounting the Paymas-=ter tells me, to about Pagodas 7,000, it will come in addition to their certificated Arrear and make the whole amount to About Pagodas 23,000 a Sum which lies far beyond my Power to advance at this Juncture on consulting the Paymaster on this Subject & communicating to him the kind Board directions contained in your Letter of the 25th Instant he said that as a great number of the Certificates had been negociated & now lay in the hands of European & Native Merchants, he believed he could secure the entire liquidation of the whole of the Cloathing Arrear, / the Cloathing included / without any immediate advance from the Company's Treasury provided I was authorized to give Bills of Payment from the Treasury here at a distant Period when the Rents are most productive namely at 6 or 7 Months date, without Interest, and as this Proposition seems to

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to involve a saving to the Company I am induced to submit it to the Consideration of the Honble. Board, and am necessarily obliged to defer the reduction of the Subsidies until I shall have been favored with their determination.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obedient,

Humble Servant

(Signed) S. Huddleston

Tanjore
2d Oct. 1785.

Minute thereon

Agreed that the President at Tanjore be informed that the Board approve the Plan proposed for liquidating the Arrears & Claims of the Subsidies, & authorize him to make the reduction Conformably to the Arrangement suggested by the Paymaster which Mr. Huddleston is of Opinion will comprize a saving to the Company.—

Read the following Letter from

General Home.—

The Honble. Alexander Davidson Esq.
President &c. and Council
Fort S. George

From B. G. Home stating Colonel Corbyt

Honble Sir &c.

However much I am bound by

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Corbyn's donation from the established Rules of Military Etiquette in quitting his Station without the knowledge or Sanction of his immediate Commanding Officer

by my duty as an Officer intrusted with an important Situation, to superintend the discipline, to preserve and support regularity and good order amongst the troops under my Command it is with much pain and regret I am compelled to report a deviation from the Principles of Subordination and a want of observance of the established forms of Military etiquette, in an Officer of such high rank and respectable Character as Colonel Sir Henry Lesby. That Officer has specially appointed to the Command of Palamcotah, and enjoying thereby a direct Communication with your Honble Board may perhaps be warranted in having made an immediate application for leave to quit that Garrison without officially notifying that circumstance to me, as his actual commanding Officer; doubtful however as that may be, it will I apprehend be deemed repugnant to Military propriety & pregnant with evil consequences in regard to discipline that after obtaining such permission he should think fit, to leave his Station without observing the accustomed form of signifying it to his immediate Commanding Officer

This Trouble Sir I see has happened

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yet averse from every thing which might leave the appearance of harshness, or a want of that attention and delicacy due to an Officer of rank, and under the idea that he might from inadvertency have committed that omission, I wrote to him upon his arrival at this Station, and requested my intention of representing his conduct, in the hope that his reply would have been satisfactory, and have rendered the present step needless. The reverse however being the case, I am forced to submit the decision of your Honble Board. —

Before I conclude, I beg leave to observe, that the Honble Board hath never been pleased accurately to define the extent of my authority over the Southern Forces; yet however limited they may have thought fit to make it, I apprehend it never was their intention to a Separate command of any part within the limits they have been pleased to include on the Southern comand, to leave it without previously giving me official intimation of his having obtained the Honble Boards permission for so doing; or that an Officer entrusted with so extensive a Charge

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Charge as that of the Command of the Forces south of the Coleroon; should become acquainted with material changes in Garrison, or removed Stations within the above limits only thro' the Channel of a monthly return.—

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

Your most Obedient humble Servant

/Signed/ Mat.w Horne

Head Quarters of the Southern Forces, Trichinopy Oct.r 13th 1785.—

Agreed that a General Order be published directing every Commandant of Garrison who shall apply to leave this the Commander in Chief to quit his post, to notify his application to the Officer Commanding the Southern Forces that he may transmit his objections if he have any, at the same time to the Presidency.—

Minute thereon

Agreed also that when any officer in a Garrison South of the Coleroon shall apply to the Commandant for leave of absence the Commandant shall notify such application to the Officer Commanding the Southern Forces at the same time that he transmits it to the Commander in Chief

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The President informs the Board that his Highness the Nabob has complained that his publick Morgue at Arcot has been converted into an Hospital which prevents his People from frequenting their usual place of Worship—

Substance of a letter from His Highness the Nabob

Agreed that this information be transmitted to Colonel Kenbold, & that he be desired, if it be true, to withdraw his Men from the Morgue, & to make Account whatever demands thereon to interfere with the religious Ceremonies of the natives—

Read the following Letters entered on the Cons. Vols 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87—

From Mr. Porcher dated the 12th 13th & 14th Instant:— stating as Dy Paymaster General of the Kings Troops the impropriety of regulating all Issues of Cash to the Southward of the Coleroon on points of exchange by that of the day when such Issues are made, as he conceives that it is not the wish of Government that the Soldiers should lose any part of his pay, which he must do, if paid in Porto Nova Pagodas at

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From Mr Porcher

at the Company's exchange of 10 Per Cent.- The Letter of the 13th requesting that Mr Jackson, the Agent for the Prize money at Madras, be authorized to make a dividend of some part of the Money in his hands- The Letter of the 14th- transmitting Claims on Account of Capt.n Culpepper, Crawford & Dawes the former for diet & Servt money, when Commandant at Vellore the two latter for a Remburse-ment of what they state to be owing to them for Slaughter Cattle delivered to the Deputy Agent in Camp.

From Mr Porcher

Agreed that Mr Porcher be informed that the intended Plan of conveying Star Pagodas at Long Wall, it is conceived remove the inconveniences of which he complains that Government cannot authorize any dividend of the Madras Prize money until the Company's pleasure be known, to whom the petition is referred- & that a Bond will be granted for Capt.n Culpepper's Claim- with respect to the Claims of Capt.n Crawford & Dawes, it is Agreed that a decision be deferred until the Board be informed in what manner the Gentlemen abovementioned procured the Cattle for which they charge the Company

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From

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From Lieut. Colonel Cathcart dated 8th October - claiming the difference between Major & Lieut. Col.s Gratuity for 123 Days amounting to Pag.s 592.39.45 -

From Lieut. Colonel Cathcart

Agreed that Lt. Colonel Cathcart be informed that as the allowances Lord. Cornwallis have already been paid to Lt. Col. Campbell who commanded the 98th Regt. on the absence of this Senior, the Board are obliged to decline complying with his request.

From Capt.n Lieut. Close dated 6th Instant inclosing his Account as Commissioner to Venkatagherry amounting to Pag.s 2305, together with an extra Charge of Pagodas 127 for Property lost on his return from Cuddepah -

From Captain Lieut. Close

Agreed that a Bond be granted for Pag.s 2305, but that the Extra Charge be not allowed -

Minute thereon

From Mr. Schmidt Surgeon of the Hanoverian Regiment stating his Distresses, & requesting to be permitted to continue the Hospital for some months longer, and that his Arrears be liquidated by ready money or Bills on Marud Statam

From Mr. Schmidt

Agreed that Mr. Schmidt be informed that

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that the Board are at this moment unable to alter their Resolution contained in the Secretary's Letter to him of the 22nd Ultimo but that if he chuses to decline taking Company's Bonds, Government with avail themselves of the first Opportunity that offers of affording him assistance

" Alex Davidson

" J. Dalling

" J. Daniell

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18th Received the following Letter & Enclosure from the Resident at Tanjore —

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.r

President & Governor &c. Council of

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been honored with the receipt of your Commands of the 25th Ultimo through Mr. Secretary Chamier.

I feel myself to conceive or being obliged to inform you that the Troops which I expressed to your Honor &c. on my last Letter were much too sanguine.

On the evening of the 8th Instant I waited upon the Rajah with Mr. Swartz & found him greatly reduced and on a near approach of the utmost dejection after some expressions of Condolance on his late misfortune, I communicated to him your last orders, adverting at the same time to the very critical state of the Company's affairs the discontent of the Troops which had shewn itself in actual mutiny at Chevalgatore & Trichinopoly, & your utter Inability to satisfy

From the Resident at Tanjore stating the substance & Result of further Conferences with the Rajah and his Ministers on the absolute necessity of furnishing supplies to assist Government in reducing the Arrears of the army & of discharging other necessary Incumbrances — on closing an Account of the Revenues of Tanjore for the last year. —

18th satisfy them — That their circumstances involved
his Excellency and the Company in equal
danger and called for their united exertions —
That the Company on their part took them
full share in the burthen that every
Pagoda received into their Treasury was
instantly applied to the liquidation of the
Army Arrears, and even their Trade had
Investment were made to yield to this great
object, but that all their efforts must be fruitless
without his assistance which the Board
had therefore directed me to call upon him
for on the most serious terms & to intimate
their full expectations of his giving it to the
extent which I had now mentioned to him —

The Rajah declined entering into
the Subject, — he said it was his wish to avoid
seeing anyone — that his mind was broken
by the weight of his misfortunes — That he had
however consented to my visit because I had
waited long and had not pressed him on
consideration of his grief and lest he should
be thought wanting in respect for the
Company but that he was unable to enter
into any discussion of business and still
more to say any thing in answer to the
Demand I had now made. — That he wished

me

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18.th me therefore to mention to his minister
every thing that had to commun.te to him. The
Rajah being evidently very ill, I withdrew
with the members & Mr. Swartz to another
apartment where several hours were
spent in urgent solicitations and remon-
strances on my part, but to very
no other effect than declarations equally
urgent and solemn on the part of the
Minister, that the Rajah was unable to
make any advance at this juncture
exclusive of his current payments. I were
unwilling to trouble your Honor &.c with
the detail — the utmost I could obtain
was, that the Rajah would allow the
Balance, and discharge it by degrees as
the state of his Revenues should permit
as to advancing any part of it now, the
Minister persisted to the last to assure
me that the Rajah could not do it without
absolute ruin and that even the sums
for the current payments be procured
with great difficulty

Respecting the arrears of Pesh-
-cash and the prospection for a new
Treaty, the minister said the Rajah
had written fully to the Governor his
final determination. The

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The next morning finding myself unable to conquer my reluctance to send your Noble Board Intelligence so different from that which had given you room to expect, I determined to make yet another effort - accordingly Mr Swartz was again to be the Bearer of a Message to the Ministers which recapitulates the substance of all that I had urged to him the evening before, & every thing added that my mind could suggest as likely to influence him against withholding any assistance that it might really be in the Rajahs Power to render in the present Exigency - I requested of Mr Swartz on the conclusion to advise the Ministers to consider well the Situation of Public Affair and what measures might for the Government to adopt of their requisitions on behalf of the Company were thus rejected - Mr. Swartz had a long conference with the Ministers of which the result was a request from the latter that I would defer dispatching my Letter to the Board until the next day when the Rajah would send me his last answer - The next morning I accordingly received

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Received the answer which was in substance as follows— That he had lost his Children and every relation who had been dear to him that the Company also had not made him happy, but as they had reinstated him he had thrusted himself and would do so still further to assist them— That having intended to allow the Ballance the Company might consider themselves secure of receiving it— That he would pay one Lack of it every year exclusive of the 4 Lacks / until the whole should be discharged but as I had told him the Company were now much straitened and their Affairs in danger, he would not think of his own Situation but would pay them with pleasure and on a Months Notice 60000 Pagodas— That I insisted upon more he would pay them 80000 which added to 120000 already paid would make the Sum of 2 Lacks of the Arrears— that this was his last answer which he could not alter whatever might be the consequence.—

I have been endeavouring these two days to prevail on the Rajah to encrease

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18th encrease the Sum he has offered to pay in one month, from 80,000 Pagodas to a lack, and to let me mention to your Honor &c. some Period for the Payment of the remainder that should at least come near to that which you directed me to propose to him - but he adheres to his answer above stated and I have no hope of obtaining a more favorable one at present.

From the demands which you directed me to make to the Rajah, I fear that all I have been able to effect with regard to an immediate Pecuniary Supply, will fall greatly short of your expectations - I am sensible how inadequate it must prove to the relief of the present exigencies, and I trust that Your Honor &c. will see in the endeavour I have used to forward on the Rajah to make a more considerable, but merely a formal obedience to your orders but an ardent desire to merit, and justify the confidence You have reposed in me - I entreat of your Honor &c. to do me the justice to think me actuated by the same motive in declaring it to you as my own opinion and belief, that it cannot be in the Rajahs Power to pay down so large a Sum as one half of the Amount of the Arrears of Subsidy & that the whole with the Current 4 Lacks, & the Amount of the Rajahs expences, would form a Sum that in the present State of this Country could not be drawn from it on

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18th in the Space of 6 Months by any Means whatsoever - The Inhabitants already oppressed under exactions that have occasioned great, and general discontent and ever since the Peace many have fled to the Neighbouring districts Particularly that of Ramnad whereto they meet with every protection, and encouragement The Accounts of the Revenues of the Tanjore Country for the last year, which I mentioned to your Hon.rs & Sr. in my Letter of the 4th Ultimo accompanies this address The Net amount is Chuckrums 1,966,500, or about Star Pagodas 880,000 - This Account which is much above the general idea here of the actual produce of last year, includes the Revenues of a great number of Villages bestowed on Jaghiers on Favorites of both Sexes - The Sum already received from the Rajah in the last twelve months is 574,000 Pagodas & that now offered will encrease it to 6 Lacks - of the Amount of the Rajahs inheritance I cannot pretend to judge - Whatever it may be it is not to be supposed that any considerable Sum remaining in his Treasury of the last years Revenue / if the enclosed Account be at all accurate / after the 80,000 shall have been paid -

It is not in my power to

Furnish

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18th Furnish immediately the Statements mentioned
in the Secretary's Letter, as no Account Current
has been kept here with the Rajah, & various
and complicated Accounts have been delivered
to me of Grain, Provisions &c. declared to have
been furnished during the War, and even previous
to its commencement, and of which a great part
has never been carried to the Rajah's Credit - for
some of these Supplies there are receipts or Vouchers
and for others none, owing the Inhabitants affirming
the Grain &c. having been taken at different times,
and receipts not given for it - I am endeavouring
to examine these Accounts, comparing them with
the Statements I found here, and discriminating
those that agree with them, and those, for
which there are vouchers, from others of a
contrary description, so that your Honor &c. may
have the whole distinctly before you, together with
a general Account Current with the Rajah from
the period of his restoration to the present time,
which I am now endeavouring to make out,
and on which the Accounts above mentioned
will be seperately referred to.

I have the Honor to be with
the

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18th the utmost respect

Honble Sir and Sirs.

Tanjore
9th October 1785.

Your most faithful &
Obedient Servant
(Signed) S. Hudleston.

An Account of the Collection in the Tanjore Country for the year 1784

From Babanasam district 2,000 Valey ⅞

Lands

Collums

5,000 Valley of Lands produce Paddy - 750,000.

Deduct Inhabitants share 40 ℔ Cent — 300,000

Government Share — 450,000

4 ½ Janams ℔ Collum medium ——— 196,250. —

Addition on Paddy at 10 Janams on 100 Colls. 7,500 — —

Do. Do. 10 Janams Do ——— 500 — —

Small Corps & ready money collected — 15,000. — —

Sundry Puttycadas &c. Collums Rent — 50,000 — —

Collected from the Amildar &c Servants — 15000 —

Deduct Servants Wages &c 29,250. — —

Amildar Shadamildar, Comercoply &c employed
at 12.00 Chuckrams ℔ Month for ⅞ Month
9000

Peons &c at 1500 ℔ month for 10 months 15000

Chauky Pagodas &c at 500 Chuckrams
℔ Month for 6 Months — 3000

Tanks & Water Course repairs — 10,000

Inams & Gifts &c. ℔ — 15,000 52,000 — 23,250 — —

Carried over —

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Brought over - - -

From Combatoream District 15,000 Cadey of Lands

6,000 Cadey of Lands produce Paddy 1400,000

Deduct 9/10 habitants share or deduct

@ 37 p/C. 518,000

882,000

@ 4 Fanams p/Collum - - 352800 —

Addition on Paddy at 15 fanams p/100 Collum 26,000 —

Do — Do at 10 fanams Do - —— 14000 —

Small Corge & ready money collected — 12,000 —

Collected from the Amildar &c Servants 20,000 —

419,800 —

Deduct Servants Wages &c

Amildar Shadowdar Conseply &c

employed as above - - - - 10,000

Peons &c - - - - - - 15,000

Charity Pagodas &c &c - - - 5,000

Tank & Water Courses repairs - 12,000

Inhams, or Gifts &c &c - - 10,000 52,000 — 367800 — "

Maveram District 13500 Cadey of Lands

550 Cadey of Lands Produce Paddy 1350,000

deduct 9/10 habitants share 40 p/Cent - 540,000

Government Shar - - - - 810,000 a

4 fanams p/Collum - - - - - - - - - 324,000 —

Additon on Paddy at 15 fanams on 100 Colums 20,250 —

Do ... Do ... at 10 Do ... Do ... 12,500 —

Small Corges & ready Money collected - - 10,000 —

Collected from the Amildar &c Servants ... 20,000 —

387,750 —

Deduct Servants Wages &c

Carried over —

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Brought over - - -

Aumildar Madomadar Conacopleis &c employed 10,000
Peons &c. &c 15,000
Charity Pagodas &c 8,000
Tank & Water Course repairs . . . 10,000
Inhams, or Gifts &c . . . . . 15,000 58,000 — 32,750 —

Manamcoil District 22,000 Valey of Lands
13,000 Valey of Lands produce Pdsey Collums
Deduct Inhabitants Share 42 p Cent - 920,000
Government Share 12,80,000
@ 4 fanams P Collum . . . . . 552,000 —
Addition on Paddy at 15 fan. on 100 Collums 34,500 —
Do - - Do - at 10 Do . . . Do . . . . 22,000 —
Small Corge Ready Money collected - 17,000 —
Ayearah Palaratom, and varyanatu mayor
& rented . . . . . 20,000 —
Uncultivated Lands rented . . . . 3000 —
Collected from the Aumildar &c. Servants - - 100,000 —
Deduct Servants Wages &c . . . . 74,500 —

Aumildar Madomadar & Conacopleis &c
Employed 12,000
Peons &c &c 20,000
Charity Pagodas &c 12,000
Tank & Water courses repairs . . . 17,000
Inhams or Gifts &c . . . . . 20,000 82,000 — 66,750 —

Steadily District 7,500 Valeys of Lands
1,200 Valey of Lands produce Pdsey Collums
200,000
Deduct Inhabitants share medium
42 p Cent 84,000
Government Share . . . . 116,000 @
4 Fanams P Collum . . . . . 52,200 —
Addition on Paddy @ 15 fan. on 100 Collums — 2,000 —
Do . . Do . . . @ 10 Do . . Do . . . . 2,000 —

Carried over

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Brought over —

Small Corps. and ready Money collected —		7000 —
Collected from the Dumildars &c. Servants —		6000 —
		70200 —
Deduct Servants Wages &c. —		
Dumildars Madomadars Conoopolies &c.	4000	
Peons &c. &c.	6000	
Charity Pagodas &c.	4000	
Inhams or Gifts &c.	5000	19000 —
Pattecotah District 1500 baley of Lands		
1500 baley of lands produce Paddy Collum	350,000	
Deduct Inhabitants Share at different rate	150,000	
Government's Share	200,000 at	
4 Fanams p Collum		80,000 —
Salt &c. produce		15000 —
Uncultivated lands rented at Jotevaar		25,000 —
Additions received from the Inhabitants		6,000 —
Annadayar coil Grants		5,000 —
Collected from the Dumildars &c.		25,000 —
Pullicat &c.		20,000 —
Small Corps rent		10,000 —
		186,000 —
Deduct Servants Wages &c.		
Dumildars Madomadars Conoopolies &c.	20,000	
Peons &c. &c.	5,000	
Charity Pagodas &c.	5,000	
Inhams or Gifts &c.	5,000	45000 — 141,000 —
Balance collected for last year		25,000 —
Collected from the People that served under Hyder Ally		25000 —
Tinnevelly, Tanjore & all other Districts		120,000 —
	Chuckrums —	19,6500 —

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18th Received the following Letter from Bt. G. Home.-

John Chamier Esqr

Secretary to the Military & Political Departments

Takes Measures for preventing the neighbouring Colleries from stealing Grass.- Recovers some Cattle that had been stolen by Polygars, said to have been dependant on Tanjore.-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th Ult.o previous to the receipt of which I had sent out a detachment of Sepoys to recover some Cattle Mahomed Taffun Khan had represented to me had been stolen from by the Colleries for some Villages bordering on the Tanjore Country.-

I also furnished the renter with an additional number of Sepoys to be stationed at Coiladdy and the adjacent Villages to prevent as much as possible the neighbouring Colleries from plundering and stealing Grass at this season of cutting it. a practice much in vogue with them on both sides; and I have reason to believe often encouraged by both the Cutchy & Rajah Hamildars and Renters, to give grounds for making complaints.

The Cattle have been recovered from the Polygars but I do not understand that the Polygars who had plundered these Cattle were dependant on Tanjore but in consequence of complaints

2813 Fort St. George October 1785.

18. Complaints of other Robberies in the Villages on the environs of the Tanjore country by the Inhabitants immediately belonging to the Rajahs Government

In written account of which Mahomed Jaffer Khan furnished me with I addressed Mr. Hudleston covering the above Paper requesting him to apply to the Rajah, that he might give Instructions to prevent any further depredations of the same nature. -

I also observed that the Complaints preferred by Mahomed Jaffer Khan should be enquired into as his Highness the Nabob had officially written to me; That the Tanjore people had committed several irregularities in his Country and desired my interference - this was previous to the receipt of your letter. - Mr. Hudleston in his reply observes that he shall pay particular attention to the Complaints I had advised - altho he doubted its being a regular channel my transmitting any Complaints on Account of the Nabob, but that it would be more regular to come from Government to him -

I am sensible the most trifling complaints made by the Dependants on each Government are frequently greatly aggerated if not encouraged to make them, I shall

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18th. Shall do all in my power to prevent any irregularities being committed but to do it effectually I am afraid we would be unpossible —

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant.

Head Quarters
of the Southern Forces
Trichinopoly Octr.
12th. 1785.—

Received the following Letter & Inclosure from three of his Majesty's Surgeons —

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

From three of his Majesty's Surgeons setting forth certain Claims which they conceive themselves entitled to, and which they are dispossessed of, by the orders of Government of the 18th. August last.

Sir

We whose Names are hereunto subscribed Surgeons of his Majesty's 36th. Regiment of Foot, 73d. Regiment and 24th. Regiment of Light Dragoons, beg leave to lay before you the Grievances done to the Surgeons of his Majesty's Service, doing duty in the East Indies by the General Orders of Government of the 18th. of August last.—

At the same time that we took up to you in a particular manner to protect our rights, we have every Confidence that our

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18th Our present representation will so fully Justify the propriety of our Claims that it will ensure us success from the impartial decision of the Honble Board

With this view we beg leave to take up the Subject from its origin, by stating that equitable Arrangement suggested by Mr. Gilbert Pasley the Honble Company's Head Surgeon of this Presidency in 1780 and again adopted by the Honble the Select Committee on the 9th of July 1782 and sent to all the Officers Commanding his Majestys Regiments then doing duty on this Coast

By that Arrangement it is Supposed that in a Battalion of 800 Men 120 may be on the Hospital at a time which at 4 and 1/2 Pr day for each Man gives 342 Pagodas 36 Fanams P Month by this Standard his Majestys Surgeons were to regulate their Charges drawing at the rate of 342. 36. for 800 Men and so in proportion for a Greater or less Number according to the Strength of the Battalion the Monthly Bills to be accompanied by a Certificate of the number of Men under the Hand of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, the Honble Company were to

Send

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18th and is put under the Care of a Stranger, not
Acquainted with her Constitution or habits
of Body non of the Symptom of his Mind,
whether Building or really ill disposed,
which without the least disparagment
to the ability or attention of the new
Medical Gentleman under whose Care
they are to be placed must always be to the
disadvantage of the Patients
of the Regiments he belongs to.

In the Cause of Economy, we beg leave
to refer you to the accompanying compa-
=rative View of the Sick of the 73d Regt.
for one year by which it appears that the
increase of Sickness to the Honble Company
by the regulation under the general orders
of the 31st of August last, after allowing
for Bedding and Cloathing amounts
to 2127 £. 10. and according to the number
of the 73d Regiment now on the Establishment
to 7525 £. per Annum We therefore beg
leave to remark that the impossibility
of our interfering with the Honble Company's
Service, more strongly marks the Hardship
of denying the Kings Surgeons of the
Care of the Sick of those Regiments to
which they have been so long & are so
particularly attached the right of attending
which

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18th which we conceive as inherent in us as
that of any Captain to Command his
Company and the words of our Commissions
will we hope Justify our Saying so,
When the Sicke of the Several Regiments
under our Care, are in the Hospital and
under the Care of the Surgeons of the Horble
Company we cannot be said "Carefully
and Diligently to discharge our Duty as
Surgeons by doing and performing all
all manner of things thereunto belonging"
which are the express words of our Commis-
sions.- We therefore leave to your Judgment
Sir, if we should not be guilty of a Breach
of duty to the Service Swearing to ourselves
were we to submit to the Regulation of
the 18th of August last without an appeal
this Hon for reconsideration of that order,
and we doubt not when the Honble Board
consider, that in this respect all we do is
to vindicate our Rights we are making an
honest effort to discharge our duty according
to the Tenor of our Commissions the Honble
President & Member of the Council, will
be pleased to indulge us by a Compliance
with our Request - having before us as

Copy

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2820 Fort St. George October 1795.—

18.th Copy of the Letter of Messrs.rs Anderson & Lucas to the Honble Board containing their Opinion on Mr. Hormans Letter to the Honble Colonel Macleanes Commanding his Majesty's 73.d Regiment We beg leave to remark that the Statement did take Notice of Bedding & Clothing, but without particularizing the expence the present Statement however points out, that allowing for the expence incurred by the Honble Company, in supplying those Articles to the 73.d Regiment the increase of expence for that year 1794 would be 2827.. 10.. 10.. those Gentlemen after stating a Minute of the Honble the Select Committee of 26.th Novr. 1793, are pleased to observe as follows "Whether "we are to believe the Calculation of the "Select Committee or Mr. Horman, need "not be a Question with us, we have no Credit in favour of the "Letter; after an Impartial & Comparative view he has made, Further "than what appears on the Face of the Paper, "and cheerfully submits every part of it "to the most scrutinizing investigation" of Messrs.rs Anderson and Lucas, who do not in their Letter even attempt any part of it "Or to their remark where they say "that Mr.

2821 Fort St. George 5th October 1785.—

18th Mr. Norman sees no difference but in
Case of actual Service as of Sick Men
could be moved in Pholatten Stays of a
Disease with has little danger as in the
beginning "The Words of Mr. Normans Letter
=ning worded from them Mr. Norman
therein begs leave to be considered as the
only proper Person to attend and
have the sole Charge of the Sicks where
emergencies from actual Service do not
interfere that is he expects to attend to
the Care of the entire Regiment on all
Occasions except where actual Service
calls him to attend to the Body of the
Regiment on duty, and in such Case
he leaves his Sicks in a proper Hospital
for them, and under the Management
of a Mate who is appointed by a Warrant
from the Colonel of the Regiment to
act as such; this plan was followed
by his Majesty's 73d 78th & 100th Regiments
during the last two years of the late War,
without

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8th Without the least difficulty or inconvenience and perfectly to the Satisfaction of all Commanding Officers We conceive therefore that such expences at the height of the War, and where the Service was arduous active and fatiguing ought to be set aside in favour of a System which is expensive to Government more so too, to the Invalids Soldiers, as well as disadvantageous to the Patriot and subversive of the internal discipline of the Regiments, as well as the Rights of his Majesty's Surgeons serving on that Coast. Mr. Hossman does not make any mention of the loss nothing advanced by Messrs. Anderson and Lucas can weaken the Claim to which we conceive ourselves entitled of having the exclusive Care of the Sick in the several Regiments to which we belong.—

We beg Sir that when you lay this address before the Honble Board, you

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18th You will be pleased to express our Assurance
=ce of the most Sincere, and unaffected
wish to merit their Approbation in the
same degree that we are ambitious to do
our duty to his Majesty, to our respective
Commanding Officer and to our Regi=
=ments; nor have we a doubt but that
on a Candid reconsideration of the
Orders of the 18th and 31st of August and
of the Conduct we have manifested during
our Service in this Country the Honble
Member of Council will be pleased
to join you, in giving us that Redress,
which we shall ever make it our
Serious Study to deserve. —

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obed.t & Humble Servants. —

Alex.r Home Surgeon 36th Regt.

Wm Horsman Surgeon 73d Regt.

La.s Irvine Surgeon 23d Do.

Comparative

Fort S.t George
Oct.r 9.th 1785

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18th Comparative View of the expences attending the Sick of the 73d Regiment shewing exactly what they absolutely cost the Honble Company when Cured in the Regimental Hospitals & what they must have Cost had they been sent into any of the Companys contract Hospitals taking a Sick as they Casually stood the first of every Month throughout the year 1784.

	Strength of the Regiment throughout the Year	Average Number of Sick throughout the Year	What they actually cost the Company		What they must have Cost on Contract Hospitals.		
			P°	F'	P°	F'	C"
5th January	554	138	237	18	649	27	"
5th February	547	141	234	18	663	27	10
5th March	531	93	227	24	437	36	4
5th April	522	108	223	30	508	18	"
5th May	557	136	236	6	640	12	"
5th June	548	99	234	36	466	4	"
5th July	428	122	183	18	574	15	"
5th August	327	81	140	6	381	13	"
5th September	266	56	156	36	263	24	"
5th October	494	47	207	18	221	10	4
5th November	595	78	255	"	267	9	"
5th December	594	46	254	24	216	25	"
			2591	24	5390	34	10
					2591	24	"
					2799	10	10

Total Expences — 2591 — 24

Difference — 2799 — 10 — 10

N.B. It is to be observed that the Surgeons holding contracts Supply Hospital, Bedding and Cloathing

over

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18th over and above what the Kings Surgeons did, in no other respect did they differ, they were equally Supplied with Europe Medicines from the Company's Godown It is also to be observed that the Soldiers of the 73d Regiment never paid into the Regimental Hospital, more than their Kings Subsistence for dieting namely 2.50 per day nor was there any additional Charge whatever made against the Company on that Account & In the Company's Hospital they pay 2.64 by which the Soldier is a loosen of 14 Cash per day

The following is a Statement for a Month of each Mans expences to the Company by which the above Comparative View is regulated

Each Man exclusive of dieting	4	—	—
dieting	2	25	40
	6	25	40
Deduct the Subs. Charged the Soldier & Credited to the Honble Company at 2.64 pr day & its exchange of 42 fans each Pag.a	2	—	—
Neat expence to the Comp.y	4	25	40

The Average Sick in the above View is about 96 Men which at 7 Pag.s for Hospital Bedding & Cloathing makes 672 Ps.

Laving as Above	2799	10	10
Deduct Bedding & Cloathing	672	—	—
Neat Laving	2127	10	10

View

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18th View of the Saving to the Honble Company in the present State of the 73d Regiment under Mr. Parleys Regulations—

Lieut. 250 Expences by the order of the 13th August 1785 ... 1125— "

According to Mr. Parleys Arrangement 990 the present Strength of the 73d gives ... 425—

Saving p. Month without Cattle ... } 700— "

Cattle.

Cattle & Bedding at 7 Pag. each Man will give 1750 P. which deducted by 24 as a Lack of Cash will last two Years at least ... 72. 38 40

627. 3. 40

Neat Saving p Month ... 7525— "

Ditto pr. Year

Fort St. George
9th Octr. 1785.

Alexander Home
Surgeon 36th Regt.

Wm Hartman Surgeon 73d Regt.

Jas. Sinclair Surgeon 2d Dto.

Ordered that Copies of the foregoing be Sent to the two Senior Surgeons and that they be directed to reply thereto

To be referred to the two Senior Surgeons

Received the following Letters from Sinclair—

From the Resident at Tanjore—

To

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18th

To John Chamier Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit

From Mr. Hudleston with Copy of a letter to him from Br. Genl. Horne together with his Reply respecting Complaints preferred by the Nabob against some Poligars dependant on Tanjore Sents 11,000 Porto Novo Pagodas to Mr. Falk. –

you Copy of a Letter from Brigadier General Horne, together with my answer which I request the favor of you to lay before the Honble Board

I have dispatched to Mr. Falk

11,000 Porto Novo Pagodas of which he has

acknowledged the receipt. –

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant

(Signed) S. Hudleston. –

Tanjore

12th Octr. 1785

John Hudleston Esqr.

&c. &c. &c.

Sir, Complaints of some of the Poligars depen-

=dant on Tanjore having subsisted against

them depredations on the Pollygoody district belon-

=ging to the Zorchinopoly Country, having been

made to the Nabob his Highness wrote to me

desiring I would interfere, & prevent such

depredations Mahomed Yassen Cawn, his representative

here

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Mr Lowe has made particular enquiry into the truth of these Complaints and has delivered me the accompanying written Account of them - all I can do in this affair is to transmit it to you, who I doubt not will take the necessary Measures to prevent these causes of Complaint against the Rajahs Subjects - you will know the jealousy that subsists between the two Princes, and how ready each is to complain of the other -

I have daily Complaints from Officers of the Rajahs People stopping their necessaries coming from the Coast, and making unreasonable Charges as well as detaining their Coolies occasioning an additional expence to them indeed some things coming for myself have been stopped and part of my Goods for Custom - I could wish measures were adopted to prevent and do away these irregularities how far it may be necessary for our Government to interfere you Sir are the best Judge -

The Money you were so obliging to intimate you would assist us with is much wanted - the proportion you mention shall be appropriated towards the payment of the discharged Men, but that can be done in the Southern Coun- if we had your Pagodas to issue in lieu to the Troops going to the Northward & consequently who would return Cally Fanams at any rate - part of the Native Troops are now paid

Sir

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18th for April, and may on the money proceed from Pollam-
cottah at the rate of 18/4 8/32 Gully fanams the Star
Pagoda being the lowest exchange Mahomed Jaffeer
could compel the Shroffs to change them at, but the Sum
is not sufficient to pay the whole for three Months -
The Board gives me expectation of further Assistance
from you.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) Mat.w Horne

Head Quarter
Friday 4th Octr. 1785.-
a true Copy
J. Huddleston

To Brigadier General Horne
Commanding the Troops South of the Coleroon

Sir,

I have been honored with the
receipt of your Letter of the 4th Instant
The complaint enclosed in it shall
have my best attention, but I shall if it be
perfectly regular that such applications should
immediately be by you from the Nabob from you
to me - His Highness conceive should make
his Complaints to the Government under which
we both act, and whose orders we should be
furnished with for our respective guidance -
Respecting the grievance of which the
Officer so justly complains namely, their
necessaries being stopped by the Rajahs
People for Custom, I have used my utmost
endeavours to prevail upon his Excellency to

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18th to post a Stop to it, and to give a general permission for all things belonging to Gentlemen to pass free, but hitherto without Success.— any endeavours however shall be continued until I have either accomplished the point, or attained some accommodation that shall prevent the delays now experienced.—

I am,
Gentlemen
Your most Obed.t Servant,
[Signed] J. Sadleir.

Lahore
6th Octr 1785.

A true Copy
J. Sadleir

Despatched the following Letter.

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

To Bengal—The Original Vouchers for the Maintenance of Dutch Prisoners sent to England, as noted the Copies also, by Mistake—

Gentlemen,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 8th Ultimo we answer to which We beg leave to refer you to the following Paragraph and our Letter of the 14th July last addressed to your Predecessors—a. We apprehended much difficulty

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18th difficulty in obtaining payment from the Dutch
" for the expences incurred in the maintenance
" of their prisoners & therefore suggested to your
" Board the expediency of retaining Pulicat
" untill a satisfactory arrangement could be
" made, but as you did not think yourselves
" authorized to give your concurrence, we have
" transmitted the Vouchers to the Court of Directors
" who we trust will be able to procure a reim-
" -bursement in europe"

It is not in our Power to forward to
you Copies of the Vouchers which We sent
to europe, as they were by mistake trans-
-mitted to England with the Original by
our deputy Paymaster General.

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

Fort St. George
19th Octr. 1785.

To Brigadier General Horne
Commanding the Southern Forces

Sir, I am Directed by the Board to

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To B. G. Stone the President of Tanjore has received directions on the subject of establishing a Mint at Tanjore which will in future obviate the difficulties respecting the Exchange.—

18th to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 27th Ultimo — 19th & 13th Instant —

Government having directed the President at Tanjore to request the concurrence of the Rajah in establishing a Mint for the Coinage of Star Pagodas as is conceived that the inconveniences of which you complain respecting the exchange will thereby cease as the Coin will be struck with the Brand in fixing a Medium Rate of Exchange —

The Board being in possession of every requisite information respecting the Exchange, desire you will not publish your proposed General Order for further investigation. —

They approve the steps you have taken to prevent the incursions & depredations of the Polygar Hillmen & are well pleased to find that the Cattle taken have been recovered & restored to Owners. —

The Board have this day issued a General Order which they trust will obviate the inconveniences stated in your letter of the 19th Instant. — I am &c &c

(Signed) John Shore
Secy

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19th Oct. 1785. —

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18th

To John Hudleston Esqr.

Resident at Tanjore

Sir,

To the Resident at Tanjore - The Board rely on his exertions to obtain an addition to the Sum of one Lacke of Pagodas from the Rajah, as well as a punctual Performance of his other engagements. The Plans for liquidating the Tiffen by Arrears approved - & to reduce that Corps.-

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 2d & 9th & 12th Instant

The Board are well assured that no efforts will be wanting on your part to procure from the Rajah that assistance so necessary to the present State of the Company's Affairs, & they therefore rely upon the Continuation of your exertions not only to obtain an Addition to the Sum which he has consented to pay, but a punctual performance of his other engagements.

The Board approve the plan proposed for liquidating the Arrears & Claims of the Sebundies & authorize you immediately to effect the reduction conformably to the Arrangement suggested by the Paymaster & recommended by you as involving a Saving to the Company.- I am &c &c &c

(Signed) John Chamier

Secry

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B^t made upon board, & has explained the natur-
of the Charge in such a satisfactory manner,
that out of regard for his past good Conduct while
he acted as a Renter under the Company's
Authority and out of Compassion for his present
distressed Situation, we are induced to
submit to your Consideration the Indul-
gence which Mr. Irwin thinks him
entitled to, of having the Prayer of his
Petition complied with, if your Honble
Board are pleased to extend your favor
Irwin & Vincent Row on this occasion, we
leave to request that Instructions may
be given to Captn Moorhead whose protection
Mr Irwin solicited in order to screen
him from the oppressive Conduct of the
Naiks & Peons, to accompany him and his
Servants out of the Madura district to
a place of Safety, in case they are willing
to move.— We have the honor to be,

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most Obed.^t humble Servants

Signed Chas. Oakeley.
David Haliburton
Geo. Moorhead
Jun.

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17.th Oct.r 1785.—

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18th In consequence of the foregoing Letter, the following were immediately dispatched.

To Charles Oakeley Esqr.

Ye Committee of Revenue.

Gentlemen

To the Committee of assigned Revenue complying with their Recommendation respecting Vencatasa Row.

I am directed by the Board in reply to your letter of yesterdays date to inform you that they consent to consider Vencatasa Row the late Renter of Madura as absolved from the balance which appeared against him upon the Surrender of the Assignment, for the reasons given by Mr. Irwin in his Letter of the 5th Instno, & in consideration of your recommendation that the prayer of his Petition be complied with.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your most Obed. Servant

Fort St. George
13th Octr. 1785.

Signed/ L'Estanier
Secry

To Captain Maurhead
or Officer Commanding at Madura

To Captn. Maurhead directing him to give safe Conduct to Vencatasa Row out of the

Sir.

I am directed by the Board to

A Statement of Ordnance &c. &c. to be in readiness for the Field in the principal Forts, independant of that necessary for the defence of the Garrisons.

	Brass Guns with Field Carriages and Limbers			Brass Guns with Field Carriages Limbers and Boxes			Brass Howitzers			Brass Mortars			Spare field Carriages for Iron Guns			Spare field Carriages for Brass Guns											
	24 Pounds	18 Pounds	12 Pounds	18 Pounds	12 Pounds	6 Pounds Gallopers	6 Pounders	8 Inch	5½ Inch	12 Inch	10 Inch	8 Inch	5½ Inch	24 Pounds	18 Pounds	12 Pounds	18 Pounds	12 Pounds	6 Pounds Gallopers	6 Pounds	8 Inch	5½ Inch	Ammunition Fuzes	Spare Fuzes	Money Fuzes	Mortar Carts	Small Carts
Fort St. George	8	16	12	4	12	24	2	6	8	4	8	10	16	2	4	3	2	4	6	1	2	4	60	3	3	10	90
Masulipatam	"	8	6	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	4	6	"	2	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	76
Vellore	"	8	6	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	4	6	"	2	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	76
Tanjore	"	6	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	4	6	"	2	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	60
Total	3	38	28	4	12	24	2	6	8	4	8	22	34	2	10	6	2	4	6	1	2	4	60	6	3	10	302

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Read the following Letter from Mr. Brown

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

The duty I owe to my Honble employers,
is of itself a sufficient motive to excite any
endeavours and command my attention to any
point where their interest is in question;
The only use therefore, that I pretend to make
of your Commands, is to shew the World, that
no motives of representations that may tend
urged me to condemn the policy of recent orders from
the Court of directors, & to sow an imputation of
weakness or injustice on the power, to whom
the Carnatic has been restored.—

It is a very matter to detail
what has occurred since the Surrender of the
Assignment but to state what is likely to arise
from a change of Government as a Lesson less
difficult than delicate. facts are unconvertible
and evidence is to be adduced of past transac-
tions. But to wander on the field of conjecture to
deduce Consequences from Grounds of dubious appear-
ance is at best but a dangerous experiment, I can
only

I wrote Mr. Brown stating his opinion of the Situation of the Southern Provinces, lately under his manage-ment:- & of the Impolicy of the recent Orders from the Company for surrendering the Assignment to his Highness the Nabob.—

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the Arracants having fallen to decay and the Lands being but half cultivated, I have good reason to advance, that the Country would have produced nearly its Revenue the next year, and that the deficiency would have been partly made good — by Tenants Lombardy's Bonds now without distressing them — Whatever may be the consequence is not hard to declare if the Payments from Inchempoly cannot be considered I have not heard of any Surrender be considered I have not heard of any of the last years balances being discharged or any considerable advances being made by the Renter on account of the present year, There are Matters of public notoriety and reputation and it gives me Concern to reflect that Tenants Lombardy is the only Renter under any Charge, not recommended by me to the Mahol that I can with safety give up the loss the Revenue may sustain from his Engagements precludes from such a Character The Ryotts of Inchempoly were not in arrears when the Country was delivered over to the Mahol. and as their Purchases is compleatly over all there is no doubt of their being punctual with a little management —

As I am in the neighbourhood of Inchempoly I shall begin with the Zemeendars of Doreline Mannar Pollam the Third in rank and consequence of the Tributaries committed to my

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my case,- Their Peishcush is said originally to have amounted to between 102 Lacks of Pagodas p Annum, for too much Stress is not to be laid on the declarations of the Durbar which are apt to confound the Stipulated Tribute with the Arbitrary Nazors imposed by the Sovereigns but allowing their Peishcush to have amounted to 150,000 Pag.s p Annum great allowances are to be made for the Situation of the Districts & temper of the Polygars at the time the agreement was made with Mr Sullivan. I do not pretend to enter into the Propriety of what has been done by another, & tho' the Circumstances of the War, which ravaged their Country, & the accession of such allies as these Polygars at such a Crisis may of themselves account for the deduction which the Peishcush experienced, it is necessary for me to defend myself from the imputation which his Highness has thrown out, & to remind the Honble Board that the Settlement with the Polygars of Sandoor Warrior Pollam as well as with that of Ramnad & Shevegunga & the Rebeldy of Tanjore was made by Mr. Sullivan their Resident at Tanjore and invested with Powers for that Purpose - & that the only Business I have had with them has been since the Month of February last - when the Assignment was surrendered they had paid their first & second Kists of Pagodas 1194 & a Fanam & had been given to the Paymasters for the

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The 3d Amounting together to 97,000 P. N Pagodas:
why they have not been discharged, can
best be explained by the Polygars having been un
easiness from the Surrender of the Assignments
to the month of September, when they were released
on the Condition of Paying down a Sum
of Money that should have gone to the Troops
and also paid of increasing their Subsidy.
The Subsidy of Carnoor was fixed that
Forward on his Payments— a balance only of
28,000 Rupees was outstanding against him and
against was bringing it to the Pitchen poly
Treasury when the change of Government took
Place— From any great Surprise the money was
Lodged by the Nabobs Dewan on the road
and Appropriated to his Masters use, the in
the hands of the Company's Servants, and untu-
ll Sir the Troops, what he has advanced to
his Highness to preserve the Carnatic gave him
by Mr. Sullivan has not yet come to my
knowledge but there is no doubt of his having
suffered with honesty, to escape disgrace
Hence have proceeded the great increase of
Arrears to the Troops, and the consequent Distur-
bance at Pitchinpoly

In Shevegunga and Ramnad matters wear
a Still more Serious Unpleasant Aspect
Chenna Murda the minister of the former Rajah
who is a Minor has made his peace with the Dewan
and

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And by the force of an handsome douceur has warded off the blow, aimed at him, for the present when the Assignment was surrendered to the Nabob he was something in advance for the Peishcush of Phaselly 1195 and had contributed the payments for the Support of a provincial Corps over and above his Peishcush as has been set forth in my letters to the Presidency.

Much more is to be said in behalf of the Ramnad Rajah; not that their rights are not equally sacred but that his good Conduct and great Character entitle him to particular attention at this Crisis — By his example the treaty for the Extra Lacks of Rupees for the Support of the Provincial Corps was first agreed to by the two houses and finally carried into execution — By his fidelity and the prudence and Ability of his Minister mootoo orla Pillay, the Country begins to recover from the depredations of the public Enemy and the Contention of factious parties during the War, to Oppose which the Company found a Gallant & Steady officer in Colonel Martinz to whom it is actually owing that the Marawas were not subdued & the Revenue whatever it might be with held from the public Service or what is worse, diverted to that of the enemy —

With a considerable Lumen advance for Phaselly 1195, & a Mind penetrated with

Gratitude

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Gratitude for the protection and good faith of the
Company this Polygar was surrendered with the
rest to the Sovereignty of Tippoo Sultaun the Nabob
But scarcely was the Surrender made known to
the Rajah, when he was treated as a Rebel
by the Nabob and accounts demanded of his
conduct during the War.— This
minister was Named an agent for a Merchant of
Madras and Colonel Wanting to whom the Nabob
and the Rajah owe the Sum of Rupees was deprived
of his Command & removed from the Province where
his Services & integrity had gained him the
Confidence of the Inhabitants.— A Cowrier and
Peshkar were dispatched from Madras to make
Enquiries of the Zemindar; and his minister: Our
Intelligence things are likely to remain until
some further opportunity calls the Country or
a Name, and for
I have good Hopes the Lasts of receiving
the Situation of the Tributaries & Renters under
my Charge at the time of the Surrender of the
Assignment and the consequences of that unfortunate
measure— far be it from me to gratify my
Language when I speak of a Subject, so intimately known to my and as belonging to the
public safety from the storm which appears to
Heaven as Settle Clouds Surrounded myself
with

excuseable, for being guarded in the conclusions I am about to draw from such Premises — a Revenue of near 50 Lacks of Rupees p Annum, of which the Company were in the receipt of the districts I have described, cannot fail to the degree already stated without palpable mismanagement

I wish I could add the System reestablished by the Nabob was not of itself the Source of the Losses in question and a clue to the disasters that threaten the revenue, & perhaps, the Tranquility of the Carnatic

What but Disappointment and distress can arise from a System where duplicity is the first feature and the anticipation of the Revenue the first merit in a Renter. The flourishing District of Tinnevelly has Already felt the sad effects of this Narrow Policy her Renters, devided among themselves, and fearfull of the designs of the Durbar, are become tardy in their Payments; and consider the Inhabitants who was so lately their care as the only refuge against their own disgrace; —

In

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In Madura there is yet one to be
decided from the total want of Management
on the part of the Carcan Servants at Dindigul
of Renter, by the promotion of a Black adjei=
tant of Lefroys to the Guardary & the conse=
=quent oppression which the Inhabitant
do occasion daily emigration
to Sheriffs.

The Situation of Inchen obliges me
to adopt a different manner but a different mode
conduct the Revenue; - The consequence of
confirming the late Renter without any precau=
=tions will be attended with many inconve=
=niences, that incapacity and insolence are
likely to produce & I do not think I can too far
caution Government that the loss of half the
Revenues of Inchen depends
of this mistake.

There is still more to be dreaded on
the side of the Pennaiar, than that of Carcar
a Country Powerful - allowing that the
Pensions could be recovered (as we doubt it
ought to be by the Company) what ad=
=vantage will accrue from a Revenue,
that must be annihilated after by the expence
of

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of the enterprize? already have the Polygars seen with Surprize the neutrality of the Company and the Power of the Nabob; already have they looked for relief against the Oppressions of the Durbar, and if relief be not held out despair will follow their hopes of protection under the present change and the Attachment they had began to form for the Company will give way to resentment and disgust. Their habits of insurrection and plunder are still fresh enough in their minds to be resumed without hesitation, and there is no doubt of their taking a decided part in favor of the next invader of the Carnatic if they find themselves disappointed in their dependance on the Company's protection

In a word a Confirmation of the Coules of the Company's Renters in general, would be a desireable object for the Country even at this Season & secure in a considerable degree, the Revenues of the next year; But on the Attachment of the Tributaries on the confirmation of their rights I conceive the Security of our possessions to depend — To the Company's Servant their peishcush has been voluntarily paid since a Settlement was made with them, By the Nabob's Servants I fear scarce a Moiety will be received &

that

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That ready against them would be by another
means. To the Company's Cattle they have been
accustomed to pay a ready obedience, &
have attended on Person at the Catcherry of
the District without disobedience or destruct
to the Mandate of the Magistrate they are
become more backward, than ever, & at this
Juncture at distance the Surrounded with
Troops of one description or another; and the
daily threatened with Punishment themselves
for their disobedience: Let there Complaints
Jacks speak for the merits of either Party;-
that they are not unchanged or distorted
the public Clamor will become more severe
severe- Struck it will never be left to time
to determine the Force of any Persons Ob-
ection, where so much of public
concern was not at stake, I can only desire
no better Test of their Sincerity & Justice-

I have the honor to be with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Faithful & most Obed.
Humble Servant
Sgd / Eyles Irwin

Fort St. George
10th Octr. 1785.

Ordered

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Ordered to lie on the Table

To lie on the Table

Read the following Letter from M. Le Vicomte de Souillac, Commandant General of the French Establishments in India

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.
Governor General & the Gentlemen of
Council at the Presidency of Madras

Fort S. George

Gentlemen,

From Monsieur Le Vicomte de Souillac expatiating on that article of the late Treaty with France, which Guarantees to that nation a free & independent Trade to the East Indies; and stating that the Board of Mauelipatam have thereby its Meaning, in obstructing the free exercise of it, by the Subjects of France —

I have desired Shaw to see the disputes which have arisen between our Agents settled in an amicable manner on the very Spot where they are transpired made me defer communicating to you a pretention set forth by the Gentlemen in Council at Masulipatam, concerning the Manner in which the Liberty of our Commerce of Peace ought to be understood by the Subjects of France. Mr. Forstier Chief of the French Factory at Masulipatam to demand from the Gentlemen in Council at that place a positive explanation of their intention regarding the Liberty of the French Commerce in India, that explanation which has been sent me conforms the pretention already advanced and obliges me to address myself to you Gentlemen, to request you will

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I am really astonished that after having allowed the Gentlemen in Council at Masulipatam time to well consider their said assertion they persist in maintaining it, without apparently giving themselves the trouble to peruse the 13th Article of the Treaty of peace of 1783 – They would have seen that the point was not to recur to our Establishments as they were at the commencement of the War in 1778 or from the Dates of the re-establishments of our factories in 1765 but to conform to the Letter & Spirit of so very clear an article of the treaty by which his Britannick Majesty engages "to take such measures as shall be in his "power for securing to the Subjects of France in "Bengal as well as on the Coasts of Coromandel & Malabar a free & independant "trade such as was carried on by the French "East Indian Company whilst they exercised "it indiscriminately & unrestricted as a Company & not

These Expressions are pointed and not liable to any misconstruction, and it is certainly every extraordinary one to endeavour to afford a mistake as the Gentlemen in Council at Masulipatam attempt to do, the British Subjects who do not belonging to the English East India Company, carry on no Trade in India but by particular permission circumscribed and

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And paying such duties as the Company please to impose on them. Such an abuse of Words would be allowed, no engagements no Guarantee no promise upon which you could rest secure would exist, a Treaty would surely be unnecessary if we were only to be plac'd on the same footing with private Traders who are excluded from the Commerce to the East Indies by the priviledge of a Company, enjoy some particular permissions which are transitory very confined, very much loaded with duties and removeable at the will of the said Company.

I shall not any longer enlarge upon an assertion so strange, which Gentlemen you doubtedly disavow, you will equally disapprove of the attempts of the Gentlemen in Council at Masulipatam, to bring us back to our Situation relative to trade in the East Indies, as it was in 1778 and 1765. such an innovation they say cannot be admitted, that is to say the difference of Liberty that we Claim. But it is the treaty itself, that causes the Innovation, and if there is ever never to be changes in the political Situation and commerce of nations, new treaties & new Conventions would not be necessary.-

I have no doubt Gentlemen you will Agree

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Agreed as the most expeditious & necessary
step to put a stop to all these particular explana-
tions by giving such orders as will prevent
all discussions

That therefore the Dutch may not
and Seven Claim, if it is necessary, on the part
of his most Christian Majesty that you will
communicate to all persons employed and
residing in the Dominions of your Presidency
either Europeans or Indians, that the conclusion
of the 13th Article of the Treaty of Peace concluded
between their Britannick & most Christian
Majesty dated 3d September 1783 the French
shall not pay any duties either for goods
which they procure from the Territories of the
Dependants of the English Company or for
those goods which they shall import - that the
same exemptions shall be allowed upon all
imports & exports at the Maritime Ports of their
Dependancies and in case that the article of the
last aforementioned Treaty shall have its
full and entire effect.

In giving these orders Gentlemen
you will moreover conform to the Instructions
of the Directors of the East India Company
to their Governor which Instructions announce
a desire to avoid all Discussions, we desire
any

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say the directors that you will make such
stipulations as will evince our Servts.
intention to secure to France the full effect
of that 13th Article and to avoid every occasion
of dispute between the two Nations -
That conciliatory Spirit which you
certainly profess Gentlemen, is perfectly aware,
with that Spirit of Union which animates
our Sovereigns and which along continuance
of is equally desirable for both nations -
I have the honor to be with distin-
-guished Consideration,
Gentlemen,
Your very humble & very
Obedient Servant
Signed / Vte de Souillac

Pondicherry
5th Octr. 1785.

True Translation
Finch Secr.

M de Souillac having lately sailed for the
French Islands, the following answer drafted
& approved, is ordered to be addressed to Mr.
de Cossigny the Governor of Pondicherry.

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To M de Cossigny

Colonel in His Most Christian Majesty's Service

Governor of Pondicherry &c &c &c

Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr de Souillac's Letter of the 5th Instant

To M. de Cossigny
in answer to the
foregoing - The Board
observe a different
Construction on
that article
of the late Treaty
with France
alluded to by
Vicomte Souillac
& therefore refer
the Letter to the
Decision of the
Superintending
Power at Bengal.

Government dated the 5th Instant

As We are sincerely disposed to discuss every Subject that may occur & to settle every thing on the most amicable & liberal Footing with the representatives of his most Christian Majesty, We cannot but regret whenever a Claim is made, which is of a Nature that absolutely prevents our acquiescence - of this description Sir, is the Claim preferred by Mr de Souillac in his Letter above mentioned, in which he makes a requisition of exemption in favor of the French from all duties of export & Import on all Factories & Exports belonging to our Nation upon this Coast & on all our Dependencies

As We do not conceive that the 13th Article of the Definitive Treaty between our respective Sovereigns admits of extensive an interpretation We feel ourselves obliged to decline acceding to it, & to declare that We consider the French Nation whether Trading individually

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individually, or as a Company only entitled by the 13th Article abovementioned to such preveledges as were formerly enjoyed by the French East India Company.

In order however to prove to you our wish to pay every attention to the Claims of your Nation, We have transmitted them to the Governor General & Council of Bengal, who possessing a controlling power over this Government may reverse our decision, should they judge the 13th Article of the Definitive Treaty capable of bearing the interpretation which Mr de Louillac has annexed to it.

As soon as We receive answer from Bengal We shall lose no time in communicating it to you. We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient & most humble Servants

(Signed) Alexr. Davidson
&c. Council

Fort St. George
the 25th Octr. 1785.

Read the following Letter from Bengal.

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen We were duly favored by the Receipt

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Receipt of your Letters bearing date the 18th & 30th June & their several enclosures.

From Bengal, with their Sentiments on the late Preliminary Articles between this Government & the Nabob, upon which the dissolution of the Triumvirate of assignment was founded - & the orders of the Court thereupon to be kept steadily in View. Due Consideration to endeavor a Duration thereof. Will give the necessary Information should it be in their Power to afford any additional Suspension to the fifteen Lacs of Rupees already granted for the Service of this Presidency -

Your Letter of the 1st June, to which we replied on the 28th was considered by this Government as a reference to it of those orders of the Court of Directors which directed the Surrender of the Triumvirate of Assignment to the Nabob Walla jaw; you stated to us the Consequences which you imagined would ensue from this measure and the Terms of the Representations which Lord Macartney in Virtue of express Powers from your Government, established over Belief that you had proposed to wait our Instructions for your future Proceedings indeed Mr. Daniell's Memoirs of the 29th June expresses his Wish that the Nabob could be prevailed on to continue the Business of the Assignment on its then Channel until you should be informed of the result of Lord Macartney's Mission to Bengal.

But since you have made an Agreement with the Nabob without waiting for our Instructions which indeed were unnecessary upon the Subject of positive orders from the Court of Directors, we will suppose that no Reference was really intended to us on respect to the immediate execution of those orders.

Your Agreement with the Nabob.

Specifies

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Specifies that "the Security for the 12 lacs on
"the arcot Districts is accepted upon a full Convic-
"-tion that Loucar Security is not valid but
"should the Bengal Government judge that
"soucar Security should be taken in preference
"to it the Nabob agrees to cancel the Security
"he has given & to substitute Loucar Security
"in its Stead."—

Our Confidence in your Judgement
and in the justice of the opinion which you
have formed of the preference that ought to be
given to land, rather than Loucar Security for
the Nabob's Performance of his engagements will
not allow us to propose any alteration of the
Agreement in this Respect but it is our positive
direction that you keep the orders of the
Company strictly in your view, and, that if
the Nabob should fail in the observance of his
agreement, you lose no time in acting up to
the Strict Letter and real Spirit thereof by
realizing the payments that ought to have been
made by his Highness and drawing them from
the Collections of the Countries assigned to you
in such event and for such Purpose.—

We observe in the 12th Article of your
Agreement with the Nabob that it is properly
considered only as preliminary to the general Treaty
which

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which the Court of directors have desired may be carried into execution between the Company the Nabob Walla Jaw and the Rajah of Tanjore for the future Defence and protection of the Carnatic both in time of peace and War on a solid and lasting foundation but we observe also that in the said 12th Article of the preliminary Agreement it is declared that the said general Loyalty embraces some essential points which cannot at present be ascertained. These essential Points which it was necessary to ascertain previous to your Arrangement of the Loyalty meant by that terms have been adjusted. The Company's orders are on your possession and the Sovereignty Point settling the Loyalty which they had in View is settled the greater will be their Satisfaction we shall be happy to compleat as far as rests with us the important Arrangement which at once comprehends the Security & regular political Constitution of the Carnatic The Nabob declares that there is no objection on his part to the Conclusion of the intended Treaty For in his Highness's Letter to your President of the 12th June he observes that "the Spirit of it entirely meets his wishes & that he stands prepared chearfully to

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abide by such Terms as shall be mutually agreed upon between himself the Government of Bengal & your Presidency. "We will not suppose that there can be any objection on the part of the Rajah of Tanjore, or rather that you have not applied for his assent & have not obtained it.

If on the receipt of this Letter, you shall not have prepared or begun to prepare a general treaty between the Company, the Nabob Walla Jau and the Rajah of Tanjore for the future Defence and Protection of the Carnatic both in time of Peace & War, we request that you will forthwith adjust the same agreeably to the orders of the Honble Court of directors expressed and contained in the 30th 32d 33d 34th 35th 36th 37th & 38th Paragraphs of their General Letter to your Presidency bearing date the 9th December 1784 and as the said Treaty will include objects of essential Importance to the British Interests in India we think it proper to desire that you will transmit a Draft thereof for our approval, & wait such approval before the Treaty be executed by the parties concerned in it.

In your letter of the 30th June you propose the expediency of referring to us the Applications from the Kings Paymaster, or in failure of remit

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remembrance that we should allow you a certain monthly Credit on this Government to enable you to comply with the Orders of Cash on account of his Majesty's Regiments. We have already informed you of the Sum amount of the Credit you were to have on this Government for the present year, and we shall acquaint you hereafter of any additional Sum that it may be in our Power to spare to your use. We have every desire to assist you to the utmost Ability of the Credit and Resources of this Government.

We have the honor to be,

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Jno Macpherson

Jno Hopper

John Stables

Chas. Stuart

Fort William

Secret Department

24th August 1785

The following answer being drafted and

Approved is ordered to be dispatched

To

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To the Honble John McPherson Esqr.

Governor General &c. Council at

Fort William

Gentlemen,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 24th August which did not reach us until the 23d Instant We think it necessary to mention this detention in order to account for our not supplying to it until this time.—

We were taking measures for the final arrangement of the Treaty which the Court of directors have ordered to be carried into execution between the Company the Nabob Wallajah & the Rajah of Tanjore when our President received a Packet (directed to the Governor for the time being) from the Secret Committee of the Court of directors Containing express directions not to proceed in this work until the arrival of General Campbell to whom it was intended to give explicit instructions on this & many other Subject previous to his departure for the Government of this Presidency— our

President

To Bengal informing them that this Government were about to execute the orders of the Company respecting his Highness the Nabob & the Rajah of Tanjore when they were directed to postpone it, by Instruction from the Secret Committee of the Court of directors.— referring to them a Point in dispute between this Board & Vicomte Souillac on the Interpre=tation of the 13th Article of the late Treaty with France.—

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President informs us that he has communicated
these despatches to the Governor General -
We have lately received a letter from
M de Souillac Commandant General of the
French Establishments in India, in which
he claims an exemption from all duties of
Import & export, both at our Seaports, & factories
inland in favor of the French Nation -
As we conceive the 13th. Article of
the Definitive Treaty does not admit so
extensive an interpretation we have declined
admitting it, & have informed the French
Government of our Intention to allow every
exemption & privilege to their Nation whether
trading individually or as a Company which
was formerly enjoyed by the French Company
We have however notified to the French
Commandant at Pondicherry that we should
refer M. de Souillac's Letter to you & conform
ourselves to such directions as you might
think proper to send us - We have now, in
consequence, the honor to send you Copies
of the Letter & a Minute of our late Consultation
which have passed tendering to illustrate the
subject, observing only that if the French were
allowed what they claim, they would enjoy
privileges

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priveliges, which would materially affect the Company's Interest

We have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient

humble Servants

(Signed) A. Davidson &c. Council

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List of the Packet to Bengal 25th October 1785.

No 1 General Letter of this date

2 From Masulipatam, with enclosures 4th May Do

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5 To Masulipatam ... 25th Do Do

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7 From Masulipatam with Enclosure 19th June Do

8 From Vicomte Louillac ... 23d July Do

9 To ... Do ... Do ... 1st Augt Do

10 From Masulipatam with Enclosures 26th Do Do

11 To ... Do ... 22d Septr Do

12 From Masulipatam with enclosures 23d Do Do

13 To ... Do ... 5th Octr Do

14 From Vicomte Louillac ... 5th Do Do

15 From Mr De Cossigny ... 25th Do Do

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(Signed) W. C. Jackson D7 Secy

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Committee of Revenue. -

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President and Governor &c. Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

We have the honor to enclose an Account of Grain lodged in the late assigned Countries on account of their Rents, the amount of which must be carried to the Debit of the Superintendant But as receipts for only a small part of this Grain have hitherto been procured, we beg leave to recommend to your Honble Board that directions be sent to the Commanding Officers and Paymasters of such Garrisons to forward particular Returns of the Grain recorded into Store from the Renters of the late assigned Countries stating what quantity has been expended & what now remains on hand. - We have the honor &c. &c.

(Signed) Charles Oakeley
David Haliburton
George Monbray

From the Committee of assigned Revenue recommending that particular Account of the Quantity expended & now on Hand of the Grain received by the Commandants & Paymasters of each Garrison from the Renters of the late assigned Countries be directed to be transmitted to the Presidency - a Statement of the Quantity as delivered by the Renters inclosed &c.

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An Account

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An Account of Grain Lodged in different out Garrisons by the Renters of the late assigned revenue on Account of their Kists which must be carried to the Debit of the Superintendent, tho' for the greater part no receipts have hitherto been produced.—

Baboorow, Renter of Vellour charges as follows Paddy Supplied the following Garrisons between July 1784 and July 1785. Amboor Pd. 1877. 2. 8/16

Chundergherry	662. 7
Chamurgur	112. 8
Gungingur	131. 12. 8/16
Kylasgur	13. 11. 8/16
Mahemundel	4. 13. 12/16
Vellour	4,804. 14. 8/16
	7607. 11. 12/16
Carriage of the above Grain	381. 15. 12/16
Loss on measuring it	701. 12 "
Total Pagd.	8691. 7. 8/16

N.B. of the above Grain Mr. Ogilvie has regularly accounted for the quantity thrown into Vellour, for all the rest there are no receipts.—

Hurry Ramrow, Renter of Trinomalee in his Accounts from Septr. 8th 1783 to 11th July 1784 charges as follows, & produces receipts for all—

Delivered to Lieut. Lunt at Chitpet

22,323½ Seers of rice amounting to Pagd.	575. 5. 14/16	
134¾ Seers of Oil	3. 11. 8/16	
in Cash	201. 12	780. 13. 6/16
To Captn. Muirhead 466 Seers of rice amountg. to		9. 12 "
to Lieut. Hart at Tyagan 7,500 Seers of rice amountg. to		78. 5. 12/16
Carrd. over Pagd.		888. 15. 2/16

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

After my voluminous Correspondence with the Honble the Court of Directors concerning the Office of Commissary General I am reduced to peruse to them the utility of the Office and the insufficiency of my Salary I cannot but flatter myself that their late Orders by the Deptford are only temporary & instructions & they have more leisure to make a new and efficient Arrangement & Establishment. But as on the Score of Business they may not for some time resume the Subject and as my present allowance are but barely sufficient to pay the Pensions Rent & Servants of a Person of the Rank of the Board & Military that I have the Honor to hold on the Service, I take the Liberty to request that you will mention my Situation to the Honble the Court of Directors who by forcing my allowances so low as to expose me to such disagreeable Circumstances as I can never expect to encounter I have in a manner

From Col. Capper, stating the Insufficiency of the Salary granted to him by the Court of Directors, & requesting that it may be favorably represented by Government to the Court of Directors

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manner suited to my Rank I must spend five times my income on the contrary if I attempt to Subsist on my Salary I shall certainly become an object of universal devision to every person in the Country & yet notwithstanding my Oeconomy must in a Short Space of time be ruined past redemption. —

After having sustained a loss of near £15000 from the negligence of the inferior Servants of the Company at the India house & in a Business on which I was employed by the Honble the Court of directors themselves I hope from their well known Justice that they will augment my Salary in such a manner as not only to enable me to Subsist for the present but also in the course of a few years to retrieve those Losses which I have unfortunately suffered in the discharge of my duty —

As Your Honble Board are perfectly acquainted with the particulars herein set forth and also with the trouble & responsibility of the Office which I have the honor to hold permit me to request that you will forward this Address by the earliest opportunity & also Support an Application which I trust will

appear

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appear to you perfectly reasonable.—

I am

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

& faithfull Servant

(Signed) E Casperz

Comm.r Gen.l &c.&c.

Fort St. George
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Agreed that Copy of the foregoing be
transmitted a Number on the next Packet
Alexander Dawson to the Court of directors, agreeably to Colonel
Casperz desire & that his request be recommended
to the favorable attention of the Company.

The Commander in Chief lays before
the Board the following Letter from the Adju-
tant General, containing a plan, which the
General begs leave to recommend to their Consi-
deration.—

The Honble Alexander Dawson Esq.r
President & Governor &c.a Council
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

At this time when the reductions,
& new arrangements in the Troops under the
Orders

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From the adjutant General recommending to the Consideration of the Board a plan for forming the Supernumerary Native Commissioned & Non Commissioned Officers ordered to the Presidency, into a Battalion of Sepoys & requesting to be appointed to the Command thereof, independent of the office of adjutant General which he will be obliged to relinquish on the Arrival of Lieut. Colonel Malcolm.

orders of this Government, are particularly under consideration, & must, I shall be excused for drawing the attention of the Board to my Situation as an individual, as it is particularly at this period that new regulations are taking place that I can hope from the consideration of Government to receive a further mark of their attention.

I have for some time held the honorable appointment of Adjutant General of the Army on the Coast my nomination to which was particularly flattering having been bestowed upon me by the Commander, for Services which they were pleased to consider as worthy of notice & in the hope that I have acquitted myself in that office, to the Satisfaction of the Honble Board and the Commander in Chief, that I presume to solicit a confirmation of their kindness in the adoption of the plan which the Commander in Chief, I have now the honor to lay before them. Having been informed by Colonel Malcolm that he will very shortly return to this Coast, and that he will consider himself as holding the Appointment of Adjutant General a consummation of which he will long from the Court of direction I cannot help looking

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looking forward to the time of his arrival, when I must resign this employ on so particular a Manner conferred upon me, my Situation at that time press forcibly upon my ima-gination, and I cannot but picture to myself the disagreeable Situation I shall be under of returning to my Station of a Captain in the Army from the highest honorary Rank to which the Board were lately pleased to add the Rank of Lieut. Colonel in the Army, as a mark of their approbation, without the smallest disproportionate to alleviate my Feelings on such a change - I trust to the Sentiments of the Board, to whom my Situation will undoubtedly appear in the light it does at present to me, hopeless & unpleasant - I trust also that they would on such an occasion, feel themselves induced to provide for one whom they had so lately thought worthy of their notice & that nothing but want of opportunity would prevent them from rendering my retreat from that disagreeable unpleasant looking Forward Hostile Life to this period less painful that I shall stand exalted in the eyes of the Honble Board if I should at this time take the

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the liberty of pointing out a new mode in which this Situation which on prospect is so comfortless may be rendered more cheerful, & that the good opinion they formerly entertained of me having been preserved without diminution I shall experience the effects of it by their adopting the plan recommended which I shall now beg leave to lay before them.

In consequence of the late Reductions there will be put under my immediate orders about 200 Native Commissioned Officers and 1200 Non Commissioned - these would be proposed to be formed into a Battalion of Grenadiers consisting of 10 Companies to be under my own Command as Capt.n independant of the Appointment of Adjutant General & to be composed as follows -

Strength of a Company	Strength of the Battalion
1 Subidar	1 Captain
1 Jemidars	7 Lieutenants
6 Havildars	3 Serjeants
6 Naiques	1 Commandant
1 Drum	9 Subidars
1 Fife	10 Jemidars
1 Puckally	60 Havildars
63 Sepoys	60 Naiques
	10 Drums
	10 Fifes
	10 Puckallys
	630 Sepoys
Total 80	Total 800

One of the Subalterns to be Adjutant & one of the Subadars to be Commandant

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The Men forming the above Corps will be sent away as requisitions are made from the different Battns. for persons of such description as the formation of this Corps, would employ a certain number of the best of men the different Stations of the Battalions and the remainder of Non Commissioned to act as private in this Corps only

all requisitions from Battalions for Commissioned and non Commissioned Officers to be complyed with as at present, until the number should be reduced to the above strength; and after such reduction every requisition for a non Commissioned Officer from a Commandant of a Battalion to be accompanied by a Sepoy of a particular description who should supply the place of a Non Commissioned officer sent away, by this method the Corps at its first formation would be composed of the best men in the Service and when at any time an Havildar or Naigue was removed to another Battn. his place would be supplied by a good Sepoy thus after a provision being made for all those now Supernumerary in the Service the Corps would be completed & consist of the Flower of the Army. Nor could any Officer conceive this in any degree a hardship, nor would the loss of such Men be felt as they could be gradually and almost imperceptibly drawn from the

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Men not above 26 Years of Age, nor under 5 feet 7 Inches in height, to be either of the Mussulman Rajepoot Mahratta or Carnatic Caste, and of a Prepossessing Character

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The different Battalions on the Establishment
the prevalent ideas of proportion to any
particular District or Country would on this
Corps be entirely removed, it being composed
of Men from every Part of the Country the
local prejudices which have on former
occasions thrown so many impediments on
the way of public Service, could never prevail
in this Battalion The expence to the Company
would not be encreased in any respect whatever,
the Men being at this time on full pay a great
many supernumerary European officers and
Sergeants whose allowances are now the same
as will not be encreased by their appointment
to the Corps.

In the formation of the Batt.n there are
7 Lieut.s & 7 Sergeants the reason I conceive this
to be necessary is, that this Corps being formed
as recommended as light as possible & not considered
as on the Line, but to encamp, or take post
as the exigencies of Service, or Situation may
require, to be ready at all times, at a moments
warning, as a Corps for all sudden movements
which by not being encamped on the Line may
be effected with more secrecy and dispatch
by such a Corps, the inconvenience felt during
the late War, when the Lines were often under
the necessity to move, to close the intervals
occasioned by the detaching of Corps, will be
removed,

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removed and the Incumbrance and fatigueing the Troops be prevented, they would otherwise, be always ready to act with the Cavalry and on many Situations Safely the want of them

On the above Accounts as they would frequently have to act entirely by themselves a greater number of experienced officers & Sepoys appear to be necessary the same reasons must prevail with regard to the Native Commissioned & Non Commissioned with this additional one, that as it would be considered a Corps of whom greater exertions will be expected the fields for promotion should be somewhat enlarged.

The Battalion to be paid by Abstract to be accoutred in as light a manner as possible and to be provided with Cloathing in the same manner as the Regiments of Cavalry are at present

I have now laid before the Board the Plan I have conceived may be carried into execution, the inexpediency of establishing a new Corps at a time when the reduction of old ones is taking place may be objected to it, I shall on this place beg leave to observe that the Men are now on the Service their Pay is still going on, they are old & Valuable Servants of the Company in general and at present are not of that Service as they would be, if formed into a regular Battalion

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no new men, and by this mode taken into the Service, nor will the Corps become any expence whatever to the Company until the whole of the present Battalion of Supernumeraries will be provided for.- The expence then gradually encreasing will not be felt until the formation of the Batt.n from the drafts of the different Corps shall be compleated; at which time the Education of the Company, it is to be hoped will admit of the Corps being continued, or should Government think proper at that period, to reduce it, the Men would be valuable Drafts to be sent to the Regular Battalions

I must now request the Honble Board will excuse my presumption, in having laid before them a plan, which has evidently my own advantage annexed to it.- nor should I have taken the liberty of so doing was I not thoroughly convinced in my own mind that it will at the same time tend greatly to the benefit of the Service in general & particularly render a set of Men useful & of advantage to the Company, who have now only the appearance of being a burthen to them; under this idea I have ventured to submit the above to your consideration Trust should it prove not incompatible with the General ideas of the Service, that I should be so fortunate, as to have the concurrence appro-

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-tation of the Commander in Chief that I may
feel elated myself upon the prospect of being
Appointed to the Command of the Battalion of
Grenadiers formed upon the above plan, Either to
be my constant endeavour, to prove myself
worthy of so flattering a mark of the Boards
good opinion.—

I have the honor to be

Fort S.t George
1.st Oct.r 1785.

Honble Sir &c &c

Your Most Obed.t

humble Servant

(Signed) S.t Richardson.

At the establishment of the Corps recommended in the foregoing Letter will not only be unattended with any considerable expence to the adjutant General to the Company, but will be of advantage to the Service, it is resolved that the Supernumerary Commissioned & non Commissioned Officers, now under the Charge of the Adjutant General be formed into a Battalion of Grenadiers agreeably to the Plan of Col: Richardson, & that the same be published in General Orders.—

Plan adopted by Government

Resolved also, in Consideration of the Merit & Services of Lt. Col: Richardson, & in

Lt. Col. Richardson appointed to the Command of the S. Batt.n

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Bath. of Grenadiers thus formed from the Supernumerary Native Commissioned & non Commissioned Officers.

Order to compensate for the Loss of the post of Adjutant & General which he will be obliged to cede on the arrival of Lt. Col: Malcolm that he be appointed to the Command of the above established Corps of Grenadiers & that it be, accordingly notified in General Order.

Read the following Letter from Dr. & Mr. Surgeon Major Lucas. Anderson,

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favored with your order respecting a letter from the Regimental Surgeons of his Majestys Troops to Sir John Dalling Commander in Chief on the Subject of Hospitals, and having to this same purport as another we had already answered from Mr. Horseman to the Honble Colonel Mackenzie were it not that this seems intended as a reply to that, it would be unnecessary for us to engage further in an endless discussion but for an observance of your Commands.

From the two Senior Surgeons, in Reply to a Letter from three of his Majestys Surgeons, on the Hardships laid upon them by the General Order of Government of the 18th August last.

We cannot help expressing our Surprize at the conduct of the Surgeons of this

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His Majestys 36th and 73d Regiments and light Dragoons on proceeding to compare Mr Parleys Contract as it is called with the Contract of the Surgeons of the Establishment with Government the first says there under no obligation to be at much expence for the sick whereas by the other the sicks are amply provided for on the contract as the printed orders rules & regulations direct in such manner as to enable every officer to be a Steigue on the Surgeons should they be deficient

In the article of expence too on which these Gentlemen imagine they have made such important discoverys, we are free to say these calculations do not comprehend the wear and tear of Hospital Cloathing Bedding &c to gether with Cooley and Dooley hire as Regiments may happen to be ordered on Service which we presume on the authority of Government in these orders of Novemr 24th 1783 has already been found to exceed the sums they have stated but above all the leaving an assistant Surgeon with the sole care of the sicks of a regiment when it marches seems to us inconsistant with the greatest care of them. Should a regiment march a second time another assistant must be left till the Country is covered with Hospitals

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Hospitals the result of which can only serve to
give a Surgeon 342 Pagodas unconditionally &
leave you at an unlimitted expence for the
above articles from the contracting Paymasters
At matters stand at present the
Senior Surgeon only as a reward for long
Service are in charge of Hospital and in
Provincial garrison on the Coast where we are
certain the provision of every article that can be
useful to restore health to the Sick is much
more amply provided than any of his Majestys
Troops on Foreign Service could ever elsewhere
boast of being Lastly'd with
The Gentlemen of whose Letter to the
Commander in Chief you have honored us with
a Copy have no Commission for his Majesty to
hold sick Hospital in their Country, nor do
we suggest how in consistent they are for such
an employment on account of their fluctuating
situation however respectable their professional
abilitys but conceive their presence with the
Regiments to which they belong for, essential
use & for which they receive as we understand
one hundred & twenty Pagodas P Month which
is a much as some Surgeons of upwards of
twenty years Standing on the Coast enjoy.

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The average Strength of the 73d Regiment was only 500 the Surgeons allowance alone amounting to 2541. 4. leaves only 2279 Pagodas to defray the expence of Cots Bedding and Cloathing which these Gentlemen suppose will last two years, now we are certain 96 Men cannot be absented twice a week agreeable to the Contract even in fine weather under three Sheets of Linnen, if one in use, one dirty and one with the washerman, and here the Linnen will not stand many washings, so that on constant use instead of lasting two years as they suppose, they must be replaced every six Months, and the Cots require many rattanings & other repairs without reckoning the Iron Work not even where they are subject to rott or be consumed by ants, all which on Mr. Parleys Contract must fall on the Honble Company.

On the whole we hope it will appear to you we have neither Salaries, nor encadre the Board reproved in ours. We have the honor to be with all due respect

Honble Sirs Sirs

Your most Obed. & very

Humble Servants.

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/ Signed / Jas. Anderson Surgn Genl.
Colley Lucas Surgn Mate

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Read the following Letter from Mr. Commissioner Dalrymple

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.r

President and Governor &.c Council at

Fort S.t George

From Mr. Commissioner Dalrymple stating the observations that occurred to him in the examination of the late Mr. Baine's accounts in Paymaster at Tanjore

Honble Sir & Sirs

In examination of the accounts of the late Mr. Duncan Andrew Baine, formerly Paym.r at Tanjore from the 1.st of May 1780 to the 30.th September 1781 has been long since concluded but it being necessary that I should be furnished with explanations, before I could inform your Honor &.c with the result I have waited for several mon ths past in the hopes that his acting executor Mr. Forrester Rose would be able to clear up some Points to my Satisfaction and for which purpose he referred me to Mr. Henry Taylor, who acted as Paymaster for the late Mr. Baine during his Illness, but I am sorry he has not been able to give me any explanations. I therefore in consequence of the pressing Solicitations of the acting Executor, delay no longer in reporting to

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The Honble Company Dr.

To Interest on Mr. Bannis debumands
from the 1st Decr 1780 to 30th Sept. 1781
Pags — 9448.12.20.

Contra — Cr.

By Interest on the receipts of Cash
from 1st Dec. 1780 to 30th Sept. 1781 Pags 7454.34.46.
By Ballance — Pags 1993.19.64
Pagodas 9448.12.20

Your Honor &c. will be pleased to observe by the above, that the Balance due for Interest is Pagodas 1993.19.64 instead of the Sum charged by the late Mr. Bannis and which being added to the original Sum of Pags. 388452.7.0. make together Pagodas 40839.5.54 which is the nett Balance due to the Estate on the 30th Sept. 1781. without deducting the overcharge a Bullock Driver —

I have the honor to be with the great respect

Honble Sir &c.

Your most Obedt
Humble Servt
(Signed) W Jackson
Comm.r of
Accounts

Warriore
18th Oct. 1785.

Agreed that Mr. Jacksons Audit of the late Mr. Bannis Accounts be confirmed, but that he be informed that the Board admit the Charge of Interest, without alleging the Executors to credit the Company for the Monthly

Minute thereon

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Monthly advances made to Mr. Barnes once
three advances left at the end of every Month.
a Balance due to them —

Read the following Report from the
Committee lately appointed to remove the
Nuisances in the Environs of Fort S.t George. —

At a Committee Present &c. for carrying into
execution the order of Government for removing
the Nuisances in the Environs of Fort S.t George
20.th Oct.r 1785. —

Lieut. Colonel Ross
Edward Garrow
& Joseph Greenhill. —

Read Letter from Mr.
Secretary Chamier under date
the 6.th Instant appointing this
Committee for carrying the
Order of the Board into
execution & shewing a letter
of this Days date informing
of the Appointment of Mr.
Greenhill in the room of
Mr. Brown —

Agreed that the
Committee do inspect the
Environs of Madras as soon
as the Weather will
permit, in order to ascertain
the

Report of the Committee for removing the Nuisances in the Environs of Fort S.t George — Their Resolutions thereupon stated.

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as possible for making good
the deficient Trees on the Avenues
already planted, and for
planting others that may
hereafter be judged necessary.—

" Patrick Ross
" Edwd Garrow
" J. Greenhill.—

Mr Hosford having in his Letter dated
the 6th Instant mentioned in the Diary
to this Consultation reported that the Claims
of Mortos Shelley & others stated in Mr Ross's
Letter under date the 30th Augt. (and transmitted to Mr Hosford the 1st Inst.) are just
& that the abovementioned Persons are not
indebted to the Company, it is Agreed that
Bonds be granted for the Amount of their
respective Claims.—

Bonds to be granted to Mortos Shelly & others for the Amount of their respective Claims on the Company which Shelly's Letter under date the 30th Augt. are just & that the abovementioned Persons are not indebted to the Company, it is Agreed that Bonds be granted for the Amount of their respective Claims.—

The Letter from Dr Anderson dated 6th
Instt. Ventured on Consult. the 8th Instant being
taken into Consideration, it is Agreed that the
recommendation in his favor to the Court of
Directors be remonstrated in our next Dispatches
& that he be informed of the Board's wishes
to grant him the allowance enjoyed by the
late

The Surgeon General's Letter of the 6th taken into Consideration

Resolution thereon

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late Surgeon General which must however be suspended until the order of the Court of Directors be received in answer to the reference made to them.

The President lays before the Board two Letters received from his Highness the Nabob dated the 15th & 21st Instant entered in Cons. Nos. 102-105 / the former stating that many outrages have been committed on his City of Arcot by the European Soldiers sanctioned by the Commanding Officer to the great detriment of the Peace and Happiness of his Subjects and of the Welfare of his Country: & enclosing Papers from his Renter & Peishcar on the Subject - advising of his Removal from the Government of Arcot & Purseram Bhow to pass or repass to the Balaghaut, unless they are in possession of a Passport; desiring that the same may be communicated to the Commanders of Garrisons - The latter representing the Disorders & Misrule prevailing in the Carnatic & requesting the Support of Government in the Prosecution of the Measures he has entered on for reconnoitering the Coast & Harbours at Tuticorin

Letter from the Nabob.

Do — Do

Minute of the Board on the preceding Letter from his Highness the Nabob.

Agreed that the President be desired to acquaint the Nabob that in Conformity to the wishes of his Highness a Letter will be written to the Governor of Columbo and to the Chief of Tuticorin upon the Subject enclosed. —

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written to the Government of Columbo, acquainting that they were about to pursue Measures respecting the Pearl Fishery— By answer to his Highness's Letter of the 28th Octr. it was Resolved that Col Braithwaite be directed to enquire into the Complaints preferred to the Nabob, & that he be desired to take especial Care to prevent the like in future

Read the following Letter from Mr. Digby—

To John Chamier Esqr.
Secretary

Fort St. George

Sir.

I Inform Mr Henchman Digby late Paymr & the Southern army enclosing an account of a deficiency on the Payment, subsisting the clearing off the Native Fighting men of the Southern army to the 31st Decr 1785 published in the Cantonment General Order the 26th July last— The Cause of this deficiency already explained to the Board by Mr Swan's arrangements

Before I transmit my Statement of all Claims preferred against the Company for Arrear or Charges, due the Southern Army previous to the 25th August 1784 that I shall leave the Honor of Sending this you as soon as the late order respecting them can be Settled— I must request you will be pleased to lay before the Governor & Council the following Account of a deficiency on the Payment published in Cantonment G. O. of the 26th July last, to clear the native fighting

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recommends that the Nabob be desired to give order to his Managers on the Trichinopoly District to make restoration of what has been taken in Seizures of Grain or otherwise which he has promised to make good on an order from the Nabob.

Sighting men of the Southern army there pay to the end of December 1783.—

The Superintendant of the assigned Revenue of the Southward informs me, that he has already explained the Cause of the deficiency and my Statement will I presume both the favorable exertions that have been made to appease as far as possible the Troops who grew alarmingly clamorous at their disappointment as his Highness's Managers in this district professed themselves of the means remaining in my hands to effect this Disbursement, when the Nabob's Government was restored, I conceived an application to him, after the necessary arrangements on such a Change had been made, might be attended with Success but he has signified to me, that without a positive order from his Master he can take no measures in this business, yet is ready to make good the Seizures or whatever sum he has proper authority for.

I am therefore induced to urge the Board to obtain such orders as may enable me to make good both public & private engagements that I daily suffer very serious & disagreeable importunities from and those of the latter description are attended with loss of Interest that I trust will be considered,

if

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if longer delayed.

I have the honor to be &c &c &c

/ Signed / Hamilton Duglas

Paymr Gal. Army.

For Chirurgeons
17th Octr 1785.

Balances due to the following Corps to December 1784
to Compleat the Payment to G. O. of the 26th July 1785.

Nabobs Artillery	1808 —
Gun Lascars	1610 —
Southern Poligars	715 —
7 Battalion	3200 —
1st Do	294 —
3d Do	795 —
Lascars	121 —
Light Infantry	343 —
15th Battalion 2100 }	5800 —
9th Do 2700 }	
Money taken from the Certificate Fund being the proportion due on such certificates as were not presented nor the Soldiers claims made at the time of Payment	1236 —
Casteens money borrowed from the Agent for the public Service	3818 —
Borrowed to compleat a former Payment to the Troops stationed at Sangore from the Southern Army	1250 —

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Difference of Exchange on the Colly
Fanams being stated at Porchenopoly
& the Loss upon remittances at the rate
the Paymasters Credited the Superin-
tendant of assigned Revenue for
Colly Fa.s 16 3/4 Star Pag.a & stated
at the established Course Rated
Fs 18 3/4 - - -

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Read the following Letters entered on
the Miscellany Book Nos. 108–109–110–111–112
113–114 –

From Capt. Lieutenant Bowen

From Captain Lowdon and Bowen
at Bombay dated the 19th Instant: stating that
a party of Sepoys & Horse, with a great many
armed Peons had made an Incursion on the
Nabob's Districts & had carried away some
Cattle, in effecting which a Skirmish ensued
in which some of the Boys were killed
wounded, & taken prisoners –

Remarks thereon

Agreed that the President be requested
to write to Lieut. on the foregoing Subject,
desiring he will give positive orders to the
Commandants on the Frontiers to abstain
from such Irregularities, & to restore the
Property plundered –

From Vizagapatam

From the Chief & Council at Vizaga-
patam dated the 28th Ult. enclosing an estimate
of some Repairs, which the Commanding
Officer at Chicacole has represented as
necessary to the Barracks at that place. –

Remarks thereon

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam
be informed that the Board consent to the repairs
being made, provided the Chief & Council are
convinced they are necessary, & caused the
executed upon cheaper terms than those stated
in the Estimate. –

From

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From Captain Wynch dated 22d October enclosing Copy of the Nabob's Bond to him for Arrears of Pay, while in His Highness's Service, requesting to have the Company's Security for the debt.—

From Capt.n Wynch

Agreed that Capt.n Wynch be informed that the Board must decline making the Company answerable for the Nabob's debt to him but that they will refer his Claim to the Committee appointed for the investigation of the Nabob's Debts, in order that it may be recommended to the Court of Directors agreably to the orders in their Letter to this Presidency of the 9th December last

Minute thereon

From Colonel Reinbold dated 13th Instant transmitting a petition from Messrs Boyle & Kennedy for an allowance during their Confinement.—

From Colonel Reinbold

Agreed that Colonel Reinbold be desired to enlarge the above Persons, provided they appear to swear the peace against them, & that the Paymaster be directed to pay them each a Rupee per Diem during the period of their Imprisonment

Minute thereon

From Mr. Cockburn the Agent dated the 20th Instant stating that the Claims of Ragonant Row, & Ramchundra Pundit Masters for Draught Carriage Bullocks lost on the March

From the Agent

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March from Chingleput on the 24th February 1782 are just, & have not been discharged.

Minute thereon

Agreed in consequence of the above Report & because similar Compensation was made to the Coast maistries that the Claims of Raganauth Row & Ramkistna doss be discharged by Company's Bonds.

From Lord William Murray

From Lord William Murray dated 4th Instant requesting his Arrears of Gratuity may be discharged

Minute thereon

Agreed that Lord W. Murray be informed that he is to remain at Arcot & that orders will be given for the payment of his Gratuity & Temporary allowance.

From Mr. Gahagan

From Mr. Gahagan Surgeon, dated 1st Instant stating his Services to the Company, & requesting that his Son Charles Gahagan be appointed a Cadet on the Establishment.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Gahagan's Petition in favor of his Son be transmitted to the Court of Directors, & that it be recommended in our next Dispatches.

" Alex. Davidson

" J. Ch. Dalling

" J. Daniell