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Octr. 26th Dispatched the following Letter to Columbo

To the Honble. N. Van de Graff
Governor & Directors of the Island of Ceylon
& to the Gentlemen of Council at
Columbo.

To Columbo requesting Her Highness the Nabob with respect to the Establishment of a Pearl Fishery at Tuticorin

Gentlemen

We have received a letter from Her Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, informing us of her intentions to re-establish the business of the Pearl Fishery at Tuticorin & enclosing Copies of Letters which Her Highness has addressed to your Government, & to the Chief of the Factory at Tuticorin on the Subject.—

As We are well assured of Her Highness favorable disposition to the interests of your Nation We should be concerned of any thing happened to disturb the cordiality subsisting between them & your Government & We therefore beg leave to express our wishes, that you will give directions to the Chief of Tuticorin to conform himself strictly to the usages established in the business of the Pearl Fishery, in order to prevent any cause of Complaint on the part of Her Highness the

Nabob

2918 Fort St George October 1785.

26th Nabob.

We have the honor to be

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) Alexr Dawdson

Y. Counl

Fort St. George

26th Octr 1785.

Copy to the Nabob

Ordered, that a Copy of the foregoing be

Sent to his Highness the Nabob

Sent the undermentioned Letters inclosed

in M B N°. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119 120. 121 122

123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130. 131, 132.

To the Paymaster at Bangalore

To Mr. Gardiner Paymaster at Bangalore

enclosing a Bill for seven Months House

Rent presented to the Board by Captain

Lieut. Macpherson which he is to discharge

should he not have been provided with

Quarters during that Time.

To Lieut. Home

To Lieut. Home, Commanding at Chandama-

-ghurry directing him to deliver to the

Amuldar the Money & effects which were

found underground, & informing him that

the Paymaster at Arcot has been ordered

to

Fort St. George October 1785

To pay the Lascars, who have been employed in carrying Letters to & from the Presidency, Batta —

To Mr. Welch

To Mr. Welch Paymaster at Arcot — To pay Respect Sent to Mrs. Kennedy & Style from the day of their Confinement to that of their enlargement; temporary allowance & Gratuity of a Kings Captn to Lord William Murray, & Batta to the Lascars employed in carrying Letters between Chandernagore & the Presidency —

To Colo. Reynbold

To Colonel Reynbold Commanding at Arcot directing him to enlarge Mrs. Kennedy & Style who were imprisoned for misbehaviour provided they gave Bail for their future Conduct Enclosing Papers stating some Irregularities committed by the Soldiery upon the Rites & Ceremonies of the Natives — to which he must pay attention — and informing him that Lord William Murray is permitted to reside at Arcot for the present —

To Manelipatam

To Manelipatam — To remove Ensign Practitioner Provost from thence to the Presidency, in whose Room Ensign Lennon now at Ellore is appointed To communicate the same

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26th Nabob.

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Fort St. George
26th Octr 1785.

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(Signed) Alexr Davidson
Sec. Council

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To the Paymaster at Bengale

To M.r Gardiner Paymaster at Bengale
enclosing a Bill for eleven Months House
Rent presented to the Board by Captain
Lieut.r Macpherson which he is to discharge
should he not have been provided with
Quarters during that Time.

To Lieut.t Home

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-gherry directing him to deliver to the
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the Paymaster at Arcot has been ordered

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Fort St. George October 1785

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To Col. Reynbold

To Colonel Reynbold Commanding at Arcot directing him to enlarge Mrs. Kennedy & Style who were imprisoned for misbehaviour provided they gave Bond for their future Conduct enclosing Papers stating some Irregularities committed by the Soldiery upon the Rites & Ceremonies of the Natives — to which he must pay attention — and informing him that Lord William Murray is permitted to reside at Arcot for the present —

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2918 Fort St George October 1785.

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Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

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Fort St. George

26th Octr 1785.

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To Wm. Welch Paymaster at Arcot — To pay Respective rent to Mrs. Kennedy & Hyde from the day of their Confinement to that of their enlargement; temporary allowance & Gratuity of a Pongs each to Lord William Murray; & Batta to the Spys employed in carrying Letters between Chandernagore & the Presidency. —

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To Manuel Pataan — To remove Ensign Practitioner Arcot from thence to the Presidency, in whose Room Ensign Lennon now at Vellore is appointed To communicate the same

To Manuel Pataan

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To

26 Letters to Colonel Braithwaite

To Capt.n Alex.r Wynch

To Capt.n Alexander Wynch - The Board decline complying with the request contained in his Letter of the 22d - a Copy thereof sent to the Committee for the Investigation of the Nabob's Debts, whose report thereon, will be transmitted to the Court of Directors.

To Mr. John Spalding

To Mr John Spalding - Company's Bond to be granted Pagoda and Star Pagoda Rupees 6 for Account of Bullocks belonging to them lost on the March of the army from Chungleput

To Messrs. Lucas Davis, & Bulloman

To Messrs. Lucas Davis, & Bulloman Surgeons directing them to examine Mr. Corbett, how if he be qualified to serve the Company in his Professional Capacity of Assistant Surgeon.

To Vizagapatam

To Vizagapatam The Board consent to the execution of Repairs at Chicacole, agreeably to the Paymaster's Estimate if they cannot be done at a cheaper Rate.

To Mr. Commissioner Dacres

To Mr. Dacres Commissioner of Accounts - The Board approve his Audit of the late Mr. Baird's Accounts & confirm it accordingly The Charge for Interest on his monthly Accounts have been deemed admissible the Executors are therefore not obliged to credit the Company for the Monthly advances made

to

Fort St. George October 1785

26th to home at Paymaster

To Mr. Oakley

27th To Mr. Oakley Superintendant of the Lascars with Copy of a letter from the Commandant at Chingleput, stating a Complaint against the annaldar which he is directed to enquire into -

To the Committee of Stores

To the Committee of Stores enclosing Laundry Bills presented to the Board by the Company's Coopers which they are directed to report upon -

To the Committee for investigating the Debts of the Nabob

To the Committee for investigating the Debts of the Nabob directing them to report upon a Letter enclosed to them addressed to the Board by Captain A. Wynch. -

To Mr. Doriano

To the Paymaster at Vellore - directing him to retain the same Number of Sepoys as were entertained previous to the orders transmitted to them the 13th Oct.r -

29 To Lord William Murray - to return to Madras & remain there till further orders -

To Lord William Murray -

Directions have been given for the Payment to him there of the Temporary allowance of Gratuity as a Troop Captain

To Mr. Haddleton

To the Resident at Tanjore to negotiate a remittance to the Presidency of 50,000 Pagodas out of the 80,000 which the Rajah has promised to pay to the Company -

To Mr. Gahagan

31st To Mr. Terence Gahagan Surgeon his memorial respecting his Son will be transmitted to the Board

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To Mr. Farrant

To the Paymaster at Vellore—directing him to retain the same Number of Sepoys as were entertained previous to the order transmitted to them the 13th Oct.—

29 To Lord William Murray—

To Lord William Murray—To return to Stock Remain there 'till further order—Direction have been given for the Payment to him there of the temporary allowance of Gratuity as a Navy Captain

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2922 Fort St. George October 5th 1785.-

21st Court of direction with a Recommendation from this Government

To Masulipatam To send to Ellore such persons as may be present on the district to be tried by the General Court Martial now sitting. The 24th Batt.n of Sepoys to be relieved & ordered agreeably to the G.O. of the 27th August

Nov.r 1st Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. for the months of November Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4.-

From M.r Porden From the Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops dated 22d & 28th Ultimo applying for Subsistence to a detachment of his Majestys 78.th Regiment from 25th October to 25th Decem=ber 1785 & for 8 Months Arrears of Subsistence to Ensign Russell of the 101st Regiment

Resolution thereon Ordered that the Military Paymaster General be directed to discharge the same

From Captain Burr. From Captain Burr requesting to be allowed to return to his Station at Vizagapatam the Quarter Sessions being over.-

From M.r Schmidt. From the Hanoverian Surgeon, respecting his Request that the Board will early consider his Distresses and afford him some Relief

Dispatched

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P. Dispatches the following Letter to Bengal

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

Gentlemen,

We have to acknowledge the receipt
of two Lacks of Rupees which you sent to us
by His Majesty's Sloop Eygnet, & of which
the Bill of Lading was enclosed.

As the assistance you have given
us by this Consignment is so inadequate to
our pressing demands, We are compelled to
renew our Solicitations for the early Supply
of Cash & beg leave to suggest that the
departure of the Pearces for the Coast which
will take place soon after the receipt of
this Letter will afford an opportunity of
sending us the residue of the 15 Lacks
promised in your Letter of the 26th July.

We are the more earnest in suggesting
this mode of remittance, because We find it
impracticable to procure Cash for Bills on
your Presidency, upon such terms or
disadvantageous as to make the measure
unjustifiable excepting in a case of the last
necessity.

To Bengal requesting that the Pearces may bring down the Residue of the fifteen Lacks, stated for the Service of this Presidency

We

2924 Fort S.t George November 1785.-

1.st We have only to add that We trust our very critical Situation is sufficiently Apparent & that We shall shortly receive efficient Supplies from your Government

We have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

(Signed) Alex.r Davidson

Mr Council

Fort S.t George
1 Novem.r 1785

Sent the following Letter to the Surgeon General.—

To Doctor James Anderson
Surgeon General

Sir.

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters dated 6.th August & 6.th Instant

as the Court of Directors have not yet replied to the recommendation made to them in your favor, the Board are concerned they cannot consent to your drawing the allowance enjoyed by the late Surgeon General until it be granted to you by the Company.

I.r Dr James anderson
the Board cannot
consent to an
exercise of his
allowances - but
will renew the
subject on their
next address to
the Court of directors.
- Mr Corbett will
be examined by a
Committee of
Surgeons.-

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5th Company, who will again be addressed on the Subject

In reply to your Letter of the 6th August I am to inform you that the Board have appointed a Committee of Surgeons to examine Mr Corbett, & that you will be made acquainted with their Report

I am, Sir,
Your most Obed. Servant,
(Signed) J Shannon
Secy

Fort St. George
1st November 1785.

Recd the following Letter from B.G.

Home.

John Shannon Esqr.
Secretary to the Military & Political Departmt.

Sir.

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 13th and 14th Instant.

I am B.G. Home desires to know of you is to furnish the with Troops to Garrison the Fort of Rungpore-Ghurry the officers at Warriore will be put under the orders of the Paymaster. —

As Mustabar Caun is not at Wolconda at present and has no person of consequence there to represent him so to give security for the Fort of Rungpur Ghurry — I am to send his son (who is now at Tinchinopoly) for the orders I shall receive to deliver over

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P.S. That Lord C withdraw the Troops - he appeared much rejoiced at the information but requested I would postpone withdrawing the Troops until he should receive instructions from his father, and as they had neither Boats or Troops at present, when he received that Lord he should be under a Necessity of requesting a few Troops for some little time afterwards I must therefore request the Board will instruct if I am to grant a request of that nature, if made -

The Artificer returned on the Deputy Commissary of Stores department were on the same footing at the Cantonment at Warriore as those at arcot - But for several Months past have been wholly employed on the business of building quarters - I shall give orders for their being put under the direction of the Paymaster C that such as are wanted for the publick Service may be in readiness

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obed. Servant
Legrd Maclaverty

Head Quarters
of the Southern Forces
Friday Octr. 22d. 1785.

P.S. Doctor Irving has just applyed to me to request permission to proceed to the Presidency on some private Business I must trouble

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Pr. Trouble you to lay his application before the Board. —

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.r
Lieut. General Sir John Dalling Bart.
James Daniell Esq.re

Tuesday 1st. Novemr. 1795. — Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Substance of a letter from his Highness the Nabob, requesting that a Box of Jewels belonging to his Lady, which had been lodged in the Fort of Vellore, may be given up to him. —

The President lays before the Board a Letter received from his Highness the Nabob entered in C.C. No. 109 stating that a Box of Jewels belonging to his Lady was in possession of Buddee Ud Deen Hussein Cawn at Vellore & that after his death the Box was taken in charge by Colonel Lang, then Commandant & afterwards deposited in the Company's Treasury. The Nabob in consequence requests that it may be given up to him.

The President's Information to the Board thereupon. —

The President informs the Board that finding on examination of the Box in question the Seals of Colonel Lang Mr Agnew & Capt.n Cuppage affixed, he had desired the two former to attend, in order to give such information as might be required on the subject. The

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General Lang & Mr. Ogilvie being called before the Board, report their knowledge of the Jewels in Question.

The abovementioned Gentlemen being accordingly called in & the Box produced they acknowledge the Seals to be theirs, & further inform the Board that no Claim has ever been made to the Jewels in question which were in the Possession of Budden Hudeen Hussein Saeon none of whose family they believe to be alive and that they conceive according to the Customs of the Country, the Jewels ought to be given up to the Nabob.

The Gentlemen having withdrawn

The Jewels to be returned to his Highness the Nabob

it is Resolved to comply with the request of His Highness the Nabob, & the President is desired to take charge of the Box, & to deliver it to his Highness accordingly.

Read the following Letter from three of the Surgeons belonging to his Majesty's Regiments.

To Lieut. General Sir John Dalling

Commander in Chief on the Coast of Coromandel &c. &c. &c.

From three of his Majesty's Surgeons in Question Support of their arguments against the assertions of the Company's two Senior Surgeons, respecting the Sick of his Majesty's Regiments.

Sir,

It is now with the utmost Sincerity that we assure you how painfull it is for us again to offer you, or the Honble Board any trouble on the Subject of your Sicks, and alths

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at the board as much averse to any further discussion on the matter of our rights as Messrs. Anderson & Lucas can be yet when he observe, that in their letter of the 22d instant instead of invalidating a single argument advanced by us regarding the comparative expenses to the Honble Company they treat positive facts as have a fanciful or mere supposition, we cannot altogether pass it over in Silence.

Notwithstanding their surprize at our conduct they must know and it must appear to every candid and impartial mind that the regulation recommended by the late Mr Pasley, is from the same authority & as much a contract with Government as their own, and at less than half the expence lays as under every obligation to provide for the sick, as amply & sufficiently as their contract Articles of Cloth, Bedding and Cloathing expected & which we shall mention more fully hereafter.

The printed order, rules & regulations they mention as a cheque, we have ever been as subject to as they are although the difference of our System calls less loudly for such cheque upon us whose private interests constantly keeps pace with the most conscientious

discharge

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discharge of our duty -

The discoveries we have made relative to expences are by no means imaginary, as they are pleased to allledge, but founded on the most obvious facts, as well as the experience of near six Years in the course of which time Mr. Norman has been with the 73d. Regiment in every Situation both in Garrison and the field -

I proceed also still further the enclosing relative to cots, bedding & Clothing the Boy leave to enclose a Copy of a letter written by Mr. Norman to Mr. During on Jan. 2nd last February last at Arcot, when we had occasion to look to the necessity of the present discussion and when Mr. Norman could be influenced by no possible view but that of giving his best opinion on the Subject, for the benefit of the Worthy Company. -

With respect to what Mess.rs Anderson & Lucas mean about covering the Country with Hospitals we cannot comprehend; the Surgeons of Kings Regiments never had any allowance for Hosp.l as they had one constantly with the Regiment in the field as well as that at Head Quarters, when the Sick were left under the care of an Assistant Surgeon from each Regiment when on any emergency of actual Service a few each were

Sent

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sent into a Company's Hospital upon the Country.
They were for the time deducted from the Strength
of the Regiment, and not drawn for by us. so that
the same men could never be charged for but
once nor have the Honble Company ever been
put to any expence for wounded altho' the
number has sometimes amounted to considerably
more than a Hundred in the 73d. Regiment for three
of the Sicks, and for which there is no provision
whatever made in our Contract -

At present the Country being at peace
and the Regiments collected, there is no emergency
to warrant a System inconsistent with our rights,
prejudicial to the Honble Company, & with no
possible tendency, but to increase the emolument
of the Honble Company's Hospital Surgeons -

We presume not to dispute the claim of
the Senior Surgeons to the advantage of contract
Hospitals for the Sicks of their own Service, but
the same principle which founds their claim
thereto, should preclude them from any
interference with those of His Majesty's Regiments
who are provided with Surgeons Commissioned
on the Establishment for that purpose -

That Messrs. Anderson and Lucas may
provide every article tending to restore Health,
we never doubted - We deal not in reflections -
We appeal not to relative merits - we state
facts -

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Facts, we prove Sirrings – & we only respectfully
Submit our establishment Rights, Without it considered
as unalienable

It is of no consequence to Us, what
reason why there are so many Sick at present
in the 73d Regiment all we consider necessary
to point out, is, that at the same time we
vindicate our rights we prove that a reestablish-
ment of them, would be a saving to the Honble
Company, Therefore that there is no argument
on the Score of finance to Support any invasion
of those rights.

In regard to stating the Sick Mess.
Anderson and Lucas seem to have forgot two
things the first is, that instead of f.2. 64 Cash
they receive f.3. 28 Cash pr day for victualling
each man; and the other is, that Mr Harman
had his Regimental Hospital at St Thomé
during the greatest part of the Late War, and
particularly during the whole time of the
raging Famine, upon which these Gentlemen
lay so much Stress & whilst they drew
the above Sum, the Sick of the 73d Regiment
were without any "drawback" victualled
at little more than f.2. 50 Cash pr day.

Though 14 Cash pr. day may not

Assistance

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Appear "mighty matter" to Messrs Anderson and Lucas, yet it is certainly a very serious Loss to a Provident Soldier, whose interest is rich to be entirely neglected.

We are now come to the last & only part of their Letter on which we can offer any Observations & last Appearance of Argument; and we trust that you and the Honble Board will on consideration be convinced how much it will be to the interest of the Honble Company to attend to the following circumstances. — In the first place Messrs. Anderson and Lucas mention that they have only ₹2279 Pagodas for the Sicks of 570 Men, to defray the expence of Cots Bedding & Cloathing for one year, which by Mr Torriano's first Statement, plainly appears to be Pagodas 2799. — They mention also that they must be renewed every Six Months in answer to which we beg leave to refer you to the accompanying Letter where it appears that those articles absolutely did last near eighteen months, and would last eight or ten Months longer this we add Supposition as these Gentlemen are pleased to allledge but what dissentery experience has clearly proved by the date

of

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of the investigation.—

In the last Statement given in by us, and which Messrs. Anderson and Lucas have omitted to take notice of the difference that there appeared, was, Exclusive of Cotts, Bedding & Cloathing, a saving of Pagodas 8155 p. Annum However to put the matter still further beyond a doubt we beg leave just to state it again in as few words as possible.—

The present State of the Sick of the 73d. Regiment is 250 which by Messrs. Anderson and Lucas's Contract, annually incurs an expence of Pagodas 13500. The present strength of the 73d. Regiment is 990 Men, which by all Mr. Varley's regulation incurs an expence annually of Pagodas 5091 .. 18 - remains therefore Pags. 8409. 24 .. for which the contracting Hospital Surgeons have nothing to provide but Cotts Bedding & Cloathing

By the last Statement wherein we made a calculation compared to that so long ago given in to Mr Laurie & by which we are now willing to abide subject to the Honble Company's regulations & responsible to our Commanding Officers and the Service at the hazard of our Commissions for the Supply of the above articles in the same manner as Messrs. Anderson & Lucas are bound to do by their Contract; at the rate of Pags. 72. 38 p. Month for the Sick

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Sicca of 1000 Mens, the amount of which in one year would be Pags. 874. 12 Fan. and which taken from Pags. 8409. Clearly leaves a saving of Pags. 7534. 24 to the Honble Company—

We beg leave for to apologize to you and the Honble Board for the trouble which this discussion has occasioned, but were we to have omitted to answer every objection stated to our former address it might appear as if our Assertions were not to be supported and that our Calculations were erroneous; but having established both the one & the other we rest in certain confidence that the Honble Board will be pleased to reinstate us in our former situations, and enable us thereby to discharge our duty according to the Spirit of our Commissions and to the manifest advantage of the Honble Company in point of oeconomy—

We have the honor to be &c— &c— &c—

Fort St. George
6th November 1785.

(Signed) Alexr Home
Surgeon 36th Regt.
Wm Hosman
Surgeon 77th Regt.
Sal Swayne
Surgeon 22d Dragr.

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To John Turing Esq.

Sir

Since my return to arock I have carefully
received the Cots Bedding, and Cloathing - The
Cots are now totally unserviceable for want of
timely repair, the trouble & expence would have
been very trifling, had there been any body here
authorized to attend to them when they first
gave way - The bedding and Cloathing are
still tolerably good, they have been in use I
believe about eighteen months, and from
their present condition may serve eight
or ten Months longer. - If I was to give my
Opinion how long a set of Hospital Cots,
Bedding and Cloathing should last I would
say in the Proportion of Sixteen Cots & Twenty Suits
of Bedding and Cloathing to one Hundred men
of a Regiment that they should with timely repair,
& good management accommodate the sick comfortably
for all above two years - The repairs necessary would
be little if any, were the men in a fixed Situation,
so as to have no occasion to move the Hospital.
Our Number of sick, Six hundred
much of late and has occasioned
want of Cots in particular, I do request that
You would be good as to order them to be repaired
as soon as possible - I am exceedingly sorry to offer
you so much trouble but I am convinced the nature
& urgency of the business will plead my excuse -
I have the honor to be &c &c &c -

Arcot
15th Feby 1786. -

[Signed] Wm Forman
Surgeon
for Hospl

2937 Fort St. George 8th November 1795.

To lie on the Table.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Read the following Letter from the Committee of assigned Revenue.

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

From the Committee of assigned Revenue enclosing an account of expences incurred by Mr. Welsh, while acting on their Department.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

In consequence of your Commands of the 21st Ultimo, communicated to us by Mr. Secretary Chamier we procured from Mr. Welsh an account of the expences he incurred while acting in the assigned Revenue Department a Copy of which we now have the honor to submit for your consideration and to observe that the Charges appear very reasonable.

We have the honor to be,
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
/ Signed / Thos. Oakeley
David Haliburton
Geo. Monbray.

Fort St. George
17th Octr. 1795.

An

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An Account of Expences incurred by acting on the Revenue Department

January 1785.

Interpreter	21	
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Two Peons	12	
Three Harcarahs	6	50
February Ditto		50
March Ditto		50
April Ditto		50
May Ditto		50
From the 1st to the 31st May with a Detachment on Service in Bom Ranjé Pollam		155.

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Arcot
19th Octr. 1785.

Signed J Welch

A true Copy

J Landon
Secry

To be discharged

Agreed that Mr. Welch's Account be discharged & that the Commissioners be advised of this Resolution

Read the following Letter from Mr. Edward John Holland.—

2929 Fort S.t George 5.th November 1785.—

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.r
Pr.t Council Fort S.t George

Honble Sir and Sir

From Mr. Edward John Holland requesting that the Balance due to his Brother, on his Accounts from Hydrabad, may be discharged

Having had no reply to my Letter to the Right Honble the President Council of 15.th January 1784, in regard to the Balance due to my Brother M.r John Holland, on his Accounts from Hydrabad dated in March 1780, on which M.r Jackson made his Report 19.th April 1781.— I must beg to refer to that Letter, hoping the Balance will now be discharged, a Statement of which I have the honor of inclosing.—

To avoid all possibility of misconstruction it may be proper to observe that my Brother acted under the orders of this Presidency & drew no Allowances from Bengal for the period of the Accounts mentioned—

I have made repeated applications on this Subject, prior & subsequent to the date of my Letter to the Honble Board & always understood the distress for money to be the only cause of delaying the payment— I have the honor to be with perfect respect &c.&c.&c.

31.st Oct.r 1785.— I Signed I Edw.d Jn.o Holland

Agreed

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a Company's Bond to be granted for the Amount

Agreed that the Statement enclosed in Mr. Holland's Letter be sent to the Mil.y Paymaster General and that a Company's Bond be granted for the Amount

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

From Mr. Johnston Paymaster at Madura, dated the 26th Ult. stating that the

of from Mr. Johnston Paymr. at Madura

Troops at Mellore are only distant 15 Miles from his Garrison, & that they are 80 distant from Trichinopoly, & requesting on this account that he may be directed to pay them, instead of Mr. Palk, who at present includes them in his Payments.

Agreed that Mr. Johnston's request be complied with, & that Mr. Palk be advised of it, & further informed that the Troops at Mellore are to be included in Mr. Johnston's Department from the 1st January next

Minute thereon

From the Committee for invaliding & pensioning dated 28th Oct.r stating that a great many Native Troopers have come before them, whose Standing on the Company's Servd Accounts but to a few Years & requesting to know whether their Claims to the benefit of the establishment should be admitted.

of from the Committee for invaliding & pensioning

Agreed that the Committee be informed that previous to the Board's determining upon this

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Minute thereon

This Board, they must be furnished with a List specifying the Periods during which the Claimants have respectively served the Nabob & the Company.—

From Mr. Porcher dated the 1st. Instant

From Mr. Porcher

stating that the Cattle charged by Captains Crawford & Davies were captured from the Enemy that they understood from General Stuart that a moderate Charge would be admitted & that of those supplied to the Agent by Capt. Crawford two Hundred were bought by him.

Agreed that Mr. Porcher be informed that the Claims preferred by him on account of Captains Crawford & Davies cannot be admitted but that the Board will reimburse Capt. Crawford for the Cattle bought by him, provided he can prove the Purchase to their Satisfaction.—

Minute thereon

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board two Letters addressed to him (one on the 9th & the other on the 10th Inst.) from Capt. Lieut. Speedman Lieut. Hamy, Lieut. Turing, & Lieut. Beale & Ensign Manors stating that from Capt. Lieut. Hore Capt. Lieut. Leland they respectively received the allowances of their Staff Appointments until June 1783 when the Commissary to the Army was ordered not to Countersign the Chits, & that having never been

Commander in Chief lays before the Board two Letters from the Officers late Brigade Majors, requesting certain allowances.—

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been displaced from their Appointments until January 1784 they conceive they have a Claim to the allowances which they had previous to June 1783 for the intermediate Space between June & January.—

Minute thereon

At the request of the above Officers Appears very reasonable & their Claim is a just one it is Agreed that the allowances which they request, be granted to them.—

Mr Madder appointed a Conductor of Stores by the Recommendation of the Commandant of Artillery.—

The Commander in Chief reads to the Board a Letter from the Commandant of Artillery recommending Mr. Madder a Conductor of Stores to be Appointed a Supernumerary Lieut.s Fire Workers not to receive Pay until a Vacancy happens.—

Ordered Accordingly—

Bonds granted to M.r P. Garrow for 2000 Pagodas

The President informs the Board, that Mr Peter Garrow has made Application to him for Company's Bonds to the amount of Pagodas 2000, in part of the Balance due to him.—

Ordered that Bonds to the above Amount be granted Accordingly.—

" Alex.r Davidson

" John Dalrymple

" J. Darrell

"

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2d Received the following Letter from the Commandant at Amboor.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

I have the pleasure to inform you,
that the Cattle drove off from the Village of Argum-
=pelly, in the Palnaud district by Tippoo Sultans
People, are returned to the Inhabitants, and the
Prisoner on each side released which has settled
that business.

I hear that Tippoo Sultan, has
Marched with his army, to Meerich, on this
side Cuvah, and near to the Kistnah - Meerich
is about twenty days March, from Seringa-
=patam.

I have sent Hurcarahs to Tippoo
Sultans Camp, as soon as they return shall do
myself the honour of communicating, to you,
Honble Sir and Sirs the intelligence they bring.

Tippoo Sultan has two Detachments to
Blockade Onelpelly, and says he will keep
the place Blockaded for two years if they
do not surrender - before which time he
expects they will be put to their Shifts for
Provisions

From the Commandant at Amboor - the Cattle drove off by Tippoo People from the Village of Argumpelly have been returned, and the Prisoners released on either side -

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2d Provision.

I have the honour to be, with the greatest respect Yr. &c.

(Signed) Robt. Sale.

Amboor
30th Oct. 1785.

Received the following Letter from Mr. Ashley, Superintendant of the Saltpetre.

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

Fort St. George.

Hble Sir & Sirs,

I have had the honor to receive your Commands, from Mr. Secretary Thomas of the 27th Instant, directing me to enquire into the Complaint, transmitted thro the Commanding Officer at Changlepet against the Renter of that District relative to the Bryars.—

I have in consequence given the necessary Orders to Mr. Dighton on this Subject and request you will be so good as to desire the Commanding Officer to send the People who have complained, to that Gentleman, I would then considerably relieve your Honble Board from the trouble of similar applications, if those

From Mr Ashley has given directions to Mr. Dighton to enquire into the Complaint preferred against the Renter of Changlepet— Recommends that Matters of this Nature be always determined by him, instead of a Reference to them.—

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2d. Those who may have complaints to urge against any of the Renters or Servants on the Pagoda, were directed to lay them on the first Instance before Mr. Dighton whose Liberation can thereby will in most cases enable him to accommodate such matter in a Satisfactory manner without any reference to the Presidency.—

Have the honor to be &c. &c.—

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3d. Oct. 1785.

Signed— / Charles Oakeley.—

Order that a Copy of the above Letter be transmitted to the Commandant at Chingleput & that he be directed to act Conformably to the Recommendation Thereon

Resolution thereon

Read the undermentioned Letters / entered in
M.B. Nos 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20/.—

To Captain Burr directing him to remain at the Presidency 'till Further Orders.—

To Capt. Burr

To Lieut. Taylor & Ensign Rose Botham, with Permission to proceed to Europe for three years on half Pay.—

To Lieut. Taylor
Ensign Rose Botham

To the Military Paymaster General, directing him to pay Subsistence to a Detachment of His Majesty's 78th Regt. from 25th Oct. to 24th Decem. 1785. 08 Months arrears of Subsistence to Ensign Rose of the 100th Regiment

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr Porcher D. Paymaster to the Bengal Troops, informing him of the above.

To Mr Porcher

To the Paymaster at Madura, informing him that from the 1st. January next, he is to pay whatever Troops may be stationed at Madura, & to comply with all Orders from thence.—

To the Paymaster at Madura

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To the Paymaster at Trichenopoly

2d. To the Paymaster at Trichenopoly enclosing Copy of the preceding Letter, to the Contents of which, he is to pay attention.

To the Hanoverian Surgeon

To the Hanoverian Surgeon. The Board can make no alteration in the General order published by them on the 18th. August last.

To Mr. Porcher

To Mr. Porcher. The Board cannot admit the Claims preferred by him on account of Captains Crawford & Dawes, but as 204 of the Bullocks supplied by Captain Crawford, were bought by the Agent, he will be remunerated for the same, provided he can prove the Purchase to the Satisfaction of Government.

To the Committee for invaliding & Pensioning.

To the Committee for invaliding and pensioning informing them, that the Board cannot determine on the Reference made to them before they have been furnished with a list of the Native Troopers who have come before their Committee, specifying the time they have respectively served the Nabob, & the Company.

To Mr. Edw.d John Holland

To Mr. Edward John Holland informing him that his Brothers Claim will be liquidated by a Company's Bond.

To B.G. Home

To Brigadier General Home directing him to furnish Tirahan Cavan, on his Application with a small party of Sepoys to Garrison Ranjangherry

3. To Mr. James Landon

To Mr. James Landon, late Secretary to the Committee of assigned Revenue, informing him, that Mr. Welsh's Claim, while doing duty on that Department will be liquidated by a Company's Bond.

Received the following Letter from the Commandant at Vellore.

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To
John Shaw Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your
Letter of the 16th Ulto and have to acquaint you
that in obedience to the order therein contained I
immediately sent a small Detachment of Sepoys
which being joined by a few more from Cuddal-
-lonatam & about one hundred of the armed
Peons, they proceeded to Cullamaipulew a Polegar
Village surrounded by a low Mud Wall declared as
I am informed about thirty miles Nord from
Hyders Country & fifty from hence where the Thief
who was sent here Prisoner pointed out certain
houses belonging to that Band of Robbers. From
whence they took Fourteen Men Seven Women Three
Polygars & Three Banyans (who are the receivers of
all Stolen & Plundered goods) brought into that Village
together with about Forty five Women & Children
amongst whom are the wife and daughter of Hussein
Cawn the Principal man of that Band of Robbers
with these Prisoners our Party marched about half
a Mile from the Village when a Body of the Polygars
supposed to be Three hundred made an attack
on our Sepoys who first killed four & Wounded
six of them, one of our Sepoys was shot thro the
leg the Prisoners were nevertheless all brought

Safe

From Colonel Nixon
Cudr in Search of
the Robbers said
to be on the
Neighbourhood
of Vellore Decoits
several of the Band

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3. safe to a Village Called Palavenadoo distant from the place where they were taken by English Troops our people being Apprehensive of some danger in removing them from hence I have ordered a Company of Sepoys to join them, and hope in a few days to be able to give you an Account of their safe arrival here, I am sorry to inform you that no property has as yet been recovered but am of opinion that the Banyans may be made responsible for the whole that has been lost.

I have the Honor to be &c. &c. &c.

Vellore
Novemr. 2. 1785.

(Signed) Eyre Coote

Received the undermentioned Letters & ordered to be entered on Mins Nos 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26.—

4th

From the Paymaster at Chinglepuk

From the Paymaster at Chinglepuk states the irregular Conduct of the Amildar in forbidding the Sale of the Company's Grain.

Resolution thereon

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing be sent to Mr. Oakeley, Superintendant of the Lascars.

From Mr. Soriano

From the Paymaster at Vellore represents that the Grand Magazine is full of Powder & desires to know if it should not be distributed to the Garrison

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4th Garrison.

To be referred to the Commattee of Stores.

Resolution thereon

From Messrs. Davis Lucas & Bullman

From three of the Company's Surgeons

Surgeons stating their Opinion, that Mr. Corbett is qualified to serve the Company as an Assistant Surgeon.

Ordered that the same be notified to the

Resolution thereon.

Surgeon General, and that Mr. Corbett be appointed to do duty at the Mount.

From the Agent

From the Agent, enclosing Letter to him from the Commissary of Stores at Arcot, stating the Quantity of Rice in Store and representing the necessity of embracing the first opportunity of sending a further Supply.

From Mr. Archer

From the Deputy Paymaster of his Majesty's Troops to the Commander in Chief, enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Commandant at Tanjore to the D.y Paymaster of his Majestys Troops South of the Coleroon stating that the Officers & Men of his Majestys 78.th Regiment refuse to accept of the present Months Subsistence at Ten Fanams

Resolution thereon

Ordered that his Majestys 78.th Regiment do receive their Pay for the present, at the Bazar Exchange of the day.

From Mr. Dupuy

From Mr. Dupuy attorney to the Executor to the Estate of the late Lieutenant Colonel Johnson enclosing his Account Current with the Company amounting to Pagodas 3093.17.76 — which he requests may be liquidated.

Sent

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4th Sent the undermentioned Letters entered on Mfo. Nos 27, 28-29 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36.-

To Mr Dupuy

To Mr Dupuy in answer, informing him that he has charged in the Account current the Subsistence to Lt Col. Johnson, as a full Colonel which is erroneous, as he was only a Lt Col at the time of his Death.- That the off Receivings will be accounted for by the Military agents, and that previous to the Claims of the Executor being preferred the Accounts must be presented to the Commissary General

To the Subordinacies

To the Subordinacies inclosing the order of the Commander in Chief which are to be carried into immediate execution on the Reductions notified in the General Order of the 27th August, the Detail of which has been entrusted to him.-

To the Resident at Tanjore. 5th To the Resident at Tanjore the Board have resolved that for the present the Issues made to his Majesty's 73d Regiment, shall be at the Exchange of the day.

To the Officer Commanding at Pallamcottah

6th To the Officer Commanding at Palamcottah, directing him to dispatch immediately ten thousand Pagodas to the Paymaster at Madura

To the Paymaster at Madura

To the Paymr at Madura informing him of the above.-

To the Surgeon General

7th To the Surgeon General - informing him that a Committee of Surgeons have adjudged Mr Corbett to be qualified to serve the Company

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7th as an Assistant Surgeon and that he is in Conse-
-quence to do duty at the Mount.

To the Superintendant of the Lighter-
To Mr. Oakley enclosing Copy of a Complaint against the
Arnoldas of Changlepuet, which he is directed
to enquire into.

To the Accountant enclosing Copy of a Letter
To the Accountant from Morton Chetty & others, stating the Sums due
to them by the Company for money advanced at
Cuddalore for the Public Service, and desiring
him to draw Bills Bonds according to the Last

8th To the Committee of Stores enclosing Copy of a
To the Committee of Stores Letter from the Paymaster at Vellore, respecting
the distribution of Powder and directing them to
point out the Garrisons where it can be sent.

To the Commandant at Changlepuet, directing
him on Failure, to refer all Complaints which
To the Commandant at Changlepuet he may have to make against the Renter of
Changlepuet or others to Mr. Crighton, who is
empowered to enquire into, & settle the same,
without a Reference to the Board.

At a Consultation Present

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President

Thursday Lieut. General Sir John Dalling Bart.
the 8th Nov. 1785.

James Daniell Esqr.

Minutes of last Consultation read
and

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and approved.—

Read the following Letter from Colonel Sir Henry Leeby.—

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President and Governor &c. Council of

Fort St. George

From Colonel Sir Henry Leeby, accepts the Command of the Cavalry; requests to have a Regiment; and to be permitted to rise in the general line of the army.—

Honble Sir and Sirs

I take the earliest opportunity since my arrival at the Presidency to reply to the Letter I was honord with at Palamcottah by your Secretary Mr. Chamier, enclosing the Extract of the Honble the Court of Directors Letter, wherein they have been pleased to decide on my Claim to the Command of the Cavalry, giving me the option of accepting it or not.—

Truely sensible of what I owe to the Honble Court on this occasion, I do not hesitate at once to accept of the Command, as the there is a rumour that your Honble Board have in contemplation to reduce it from the difficulty in keeping up Cavalry during the present Situation of the Honble Company's Affairs.

As I am my Letter to the Honble Board

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Your Letter of the 4th September 1784 claiming my former Situation in the Cavalry, conceived it necessary to mention that however desirous I might be of attaining that Command I could not reconcile with my Feelings as a Military man the Idea of accepting it with any restrictions with respect to my future rise in the Army, and as the Honble the Court of Directors are pleased to say, that having taken my application as referred to them in your General Letter by the June in 1784 into their mature consideration do order that I be appointed to the Command should I otherwise be desirous of obtaining it I flatter myself it will appear to your Honble Board that they have in every respect complied with my request and that there does not a doubt remain more especially as I am now a full Colonel of my right to rise in the general line of the Army.—

Before I close this address I shall beg leave to express my hope, that the Honble Board will deem me entitled to the particular Command of one of the Regiments as it will I trust be thought but reasonable that I should be placed upon an equal footing in this respect with the Senior Officers of the Corps. I am with perfect respect

&c. &c.

Signed H. A. M. Corby

Colonel

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Colonel Corbyn's acceptance to be notified in G. O.—

Colonel Corbyn having accepted the Command of the native Cavalry, Agreed that the same be published in General Orders.—

Sentiments of the Board on Colonel Corbyn's Request to have the Command of a Regiment and to rise in the General Line of the Army.—

As the Court of Directors in their Letter of the 11th April wherein they direct that the Command of the Cavalry be offered to Colonel Sir Henry Gosby have not specified the rank which the Commander of Cavalry is to enjoy, the Board conceive themselves incompetent to fix that Rank, nor can they give assurances to Colonel Corby respecting his future rise in the general Line of the army or how far it will be affected by his being at the Head of the Cavalry Thus Situated in justice to Col. Corby, & to themselves they think it proper to defer giving him a special Commission as Commandant of Cavalry until they receive the ultimate arrangement of the Corps from europe, which they are authorized to expect on the Arrival of General Campbell to whom the Court of Directors are to give their final orders of Arrangement in both Civil & Military affairs.

With respect to Col. Corbyn's application for the Command of a Regiment of Cavalry, the Board are concerned that they cannot acquiesce in receiving that there would be a precedent for representation & complaint if they were to deprive deserving officers of the Rewards given for their Services — In order however to compensate as far as possible to Col. Corby for a non compliance with his request, it is agreed that he continue to receive his Pay of Lieut. Colonel

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of Infantry &c. &c. besides the allowance of Commander of Cavalry, & that he preserve his present Command of Palam Cotah.—

Resolved also that Col. Sir Henry Torby be appointed to the first Vacant Regiment of Cavalry.

Agreed that the Appointment of Major Lovegrove be notified in General orders, & that agreeably to the order of the Court of directors a Commission be given to Major Campbell dated after Major Lovegrove—

Major Lovegrove's appointment to a Majority in the Cavalry to be notified in Gen. O.

In consequence of the Appointment of Colonel Sir Henry Torby to the Command of the Cavalry, the Commander in Chief proposes the following Promotions in the Infantry to take place without any additional Pay or allowances until the Company's pleasure can be known

Promotions in Consequence

Lieut. Colonel Kelly to be a Full Colonel & to command the 4th Brigade vice Colonel Torby—

Major Bridges to be a Lieutenant Colonel, Captain George Smith to be a Major

Lieut. Colonel Keating to command the 5th Brigade vice Colonel Kelly—

Lieut. Col. Kelly appointed a Full Colonel, & to command the Fourth Brigade—

Major Bridges a Lieut. Col. & Capt. Geo. Smith a Major

Lieut. Col. Keating appointed to the Command of the 5th Brigade

Agreed that the above be published in General orders—

The President lays before the Board

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Read two Letters from his Highness the Nabob dated the 3d & 4th Instant entered in Country Correspondence Nos. 112–113– The former stating

Substance of a Letter from his Highness the Nabob

That great inconveniences have arisen from the interference of Dubashes in the Districts of Madura & Tinnevelly who have advanced money to the Ryots at an enormous interest, & have extorted Grounds & Gardens from them, & desiring that positive orders may be given for sending all Dubashes from those parts to Madras– adding that if the Commanding Officers & Paymasters at Madura & Palamcottah have occasion for Dubashes, they should be obliged to enter into an Agreement of which a draft is enclosed–

Agreed that the President be desired to signify to His Highness that the Board do not direct the Commanding Officer at Madura & Palamcotah not to give protection to those Dubashes whom his Highness wishes to remove from his Country & that an order be sent to oblige those who remain to sign an Agreement as proposed by the Nabob–

Minute thereon

The Letter from the Nabob dated the 4th Instant– states the refractory conduct of the Poligars in the Province of Tinnevelly, & relates the necessity under which former Soubahdars of the Carnatick have been to maintain a considerable force to the Southward in order to keep the Poligars in awe & to secure the payment of the Peishcash– representing that his Naib Sultaun Cawn makes constant applications for Troops, & requesting in consequence that

Substance of a Letter from his Highness the Nabob

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That 2 Battalions of Sepoys with 4 Guns be placed under the Command of Colonel Sir Henry Cosby, who in concert with the Bibalan Cavan may be ordered to chastize the refractory Poligars.

The Board are concerned to find

Minute thereon That His Highness the Nabob is already obliged to have recourse to Military Force for the collection of Peishcash, & in order on a business of such consequence to have more information on the Subject than is contained in the foregoing Letter the President proposes His Highness minister should attend the Board at the Company's Garden House tomorrow, when he may relate to the Council the particular objects which the Nabob has in view in requesting the aid of so considerable a force.-

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute, with a Statement

Minute of the Comon: in Chief in Cons: 8th Novemr.

Having hitherto, to the best of my judgement, discharged my duty to my Honble Employers, by sustaining much unnecessary Military expence, I now beg leave to put before the Board a List of other Savings of such magnitude as ought not only to demand its serious attention, but also its immediate determination

Commander in Chief's Minute with a Statement of proposed Reductions.

I shall

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I shall not hesitate to ask of you the few, but necessary Savings to keep in full force the Military system you have been pleased to adopt — persuaded it doth not ever follow, that because ill-judged expences, are to be done away, necessary ones are not to be established Therefore, with the one hand, present you with a List of great retrenchment, and with the other my most earnest request that you will listen to the Petition I now offer in favor of the Lascl.s Navys. —

/ Signed / John Dalling

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Monthly Estimated Expence of Half Batta (the Commandants excepted, who are upon Full Batta) on the Garrisons and Cantonments on the Coast of Choromandel. —

At Arcot

Colonel Majors Captains Lieut.s Ensigns Non Com.d Officers and Pioneers
" " 2 . 27 " 70 " 45 . 1826. artillery & Lascars Inclusive

1 Colonel				P. 90.
2 Majors	at 60 P.			120.
27 Captains	at 24.			648.
70 Lieut.s	at 16.			1120.
45 Ensigns	at 12.		540	674.
Non Com.d Officers & Soldiers 1826.	at 1/30 P.	2119 Pioneers for 30 Days	2790. 4l. 2d.	5 f 6. 4715. 4l. 2d.

South

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South of the Coleroon

	Lt Col.	Majrs	Capts	Lts	Ens	
Cantonl. at Vanniore	2	2	33	49	7	1866 P.
Trichinopoly	"	"	"	3	9	204
Pallamcollah	"	"	1	7	8	232
Madura	"	"	2	5	15	208
Tanjore	"	1	3	16	10	571
						3161 "

North of the Kistna;

	Lt Col.	Capts	Lts	Ens	
Masulipatam District	2	14	21	23	1098.
Vizagapatam Do	"	"	1	1	64.
Ganjam Do	"	"	1	1	64
					1226
					9105 4 20

The Commissy. to the Southward become unnecessary by the Appointment of Musters Master } 96 P.

The agent at Arcot unnecessary 96.

Saving by put. of the Supernumy. Native Officer upon half pay about } 800.

By reducing the Command at Amee, & the Batta of the Comm.g Officer at Cuddalore, it never having been allowed before the War } 300.

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After duely considering the Subject of the foregoing Minute delivered in by the Commander in Chief and after adverting to the present State of the Company's affairs the Board are of opinion that the Temporary allowance at Arcot, which was originally granted on account of the dearness of Provisions on the arrival of the Troops at that Cantonment ought to be abolished

Temporary allowance at Arcot to cease the 31st December next.-

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abolished at this time when the reasons for allowing it, no longer exist—Resolved therefore that the Temporary allowance at present shall cease after the 31st December next, & that this resolution be immediately published in General Orders.

In order also to relieve Government as much as possible from the weight of expence incurred by the Military establishment which at this time of pecuniary distress oppresses them so much it is Agreed that after the 31st December next the respective Paymasters at Warriore, & at all the out Garrisons north and South of the Kistnah where half Batta has been usually allowed, shall give Certificates in lieu of Cash for the Amount of the Temporary allowance now paid, these Certificates to be liquidated as soon as the State of the Company's Treasury may admit.

The Paymasters at all out Garrisons where temporary allowance is granted to issue Certificates instead of Cash after the 31st Decr. on that account

The Board concur in opinion with the Commander in Chief, that the Appointments of Commissary to the Southward Forces & deputy Agents at Arcot are unnecessary & that it is expedient to continue officers of the Rank of Lieut. Colonel in the Garrisons of Cuddalore & Arnee, which entails a considerable expence of Batta.

Appointment of Commissary to the Troops under the Command of B. G. Horn abolished

Deputy agents at Arcot struck off

Lieut. Colonel Berry & Morlin recalled from Cuddalore & Arnee.

Resolved therefore that the Commander in Chief be desired to direct the Detachment of the

The foregoing Resolutions to be carried into execution

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52d. Regiment now at Cuddalore to join the Regiment at Arcot, & that Lieut. Col. Barry & Lt. Colonel Pearse be ordered to return to their respective Corps.

Resolved also that the appointments of Commissary to the Southern Army & Deputy Agent at Arcot be abolished & that these several Resolutions be published in General orders.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following memorial of Lieut. Wemyss, which he recommends to their favorable Consideration

To Lieut. General Sir John Dalling Bart.

Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

The Memorial of Lieut. James Wemyss

Memorial of Lieut. Wemyss stating that he has been appointed to the Superintendance of the General Drill of the army, and praying for an allowance adequate to the expence and trouble attendant on that appointment

Humbly Sheweth

That your memorialist having been appointed to the inspection and Superintendance of the general drill of the army, and that he is thereby exposed to considerable extra duty and expence, he begs leave to lay that circumstance before the Commander in Chief trusting that on consideration of the utility of the appointment as well as your memorialists long Services in a Military Line with the unaccommodating disappointments

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disappointment he has met with on this Country having served two years in India, without a Salary of pay may entitle him to the protection of the Commander in Chief and by his recommendation induce the Honble Board to grant him a pittance of Subsistance adequate in some degree to that appointment, or congenially beneficial for the Service and may enable your memorialist to support his Station as an Officer in this expensive Country

And your memorialist shall ever Pray

28th Octr 1785

James Wemyss.

Agreed in conformity to the Generals Recommendation, and in Consideration of the Labor attending the Service upon which Lieut. Wemyss is employed that he be allowed till further order Lieut. Pay & Batta

Lieut.s Pay & Batta granted to Lieut. Wemyss till further order.

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore.

To John Chamier Esqr.

Military Secretary.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit

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Fort St. George 8th November 1785.

From the Resident at Tanjore enclosing Letter to him from the Reverend Mr. Swartz, on the subject of his Loan to the late Resident

Enclose you a Copy of a Letter which I have just received from the Reverend Mr. Swartz on the subject of his Loan to the late Resident of 2500 Star Pagodas belonging to the Church at Tanjore.—

On account of the Securities circumstances under which that money was lent, and the promise made to Mr. Swartz by Mr. Sullivan, — I hope the honble Board will permit me to allow Interest upon it at the rate of 12 per Cent during the War, and 6 per Cent from the period of the conclusion of the peace, as requested by Mr. Swartz.—

Enclose Mr. Sullivan's Note the Vestry wishing to have it exchanged for a bond bearing date the 14th October 1785 to which day I shall with the approbation of the honble Board discharge the Interest.—

Enclose also a note to be exchanged for a Bond for Star Pagodas 830. 24. 64 Cent to Mr. Sullivan by Mr. Swartz as executor to the Estate of Captain Nodler deceased— The Interest at 8 Cent I shall discharge to the 1st instant.

For a considerable space of time during the late War Mr. Swartz, on Account of the Troubles found it very difficult to draw his pay in consequence of which there are Arrears due to him amounting to nearly 1000 Pagodas, which I entreat you will obtain for me the honble Board's permission to discharge as soon as the State of the Treasury

here

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I here with Submit to it - I can ask this with the greater confidence as it is well known that Mr. Swartz makes no other use of money than to appropriate it to the purposes of Charity, and Benevolence.

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

Tanjore
31st Oct. 1785.

(Signed) J. Huddleston

To John Huddleston Esqr.
Resident at
Tanjore

Sir,

Permit me to lay before you a Case wherein I am concerned, and which has caused some uneasiness in the minds of others -

During the War our Sepoys could not be regularly Paid a Mutiny was dreaded, may in some degree begun.

Seeing the Calamity coming upon this Place offered to procure the orphans Money which was in the Hands of the Vestry at Londonpoly provided the Company would pay the same interest which the Vestry had received hitherto - Viz. 12 Pcent - Mr. Sullivan engaged to use his best endeavours to procure that

Interest

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Interest, and promised to consult the Honble Board after this War was ended on them to give a Bond at 8 P Cent, or to pay off the Capital - but when Application to you, for to be so bond as to pay the Interest, you told me you was not authorized to pay more than 8 P Cent on the 2,500 Porto Nove Pagodas. - I declared to you my apprehension that in that Case the Vestry would not be able to maintain the usual number of Children - as the Vestry lent the Money upon my encouraging Promises made by Mr Sullivan the Members of it are not only disappointed but which is more the Orphans will suffer

Therefore I humbly entreat you to represent this Case to the Honble Board in the best manner, hoping they will consider the necessities of the orphans, and decide in favour of them. - I am respectfully &c &c &c

[Signed] E. Swartz

Tanjore
Octr. 31. 1785.

a true Copy
[Signed] A Hudleston

Agreed that the Notes which accompanied the foregoing Letter be exchanged for Company's Bonds at the usual Interest of 8 P Cent. -

Minute thereon

Agreed also that the Revd. be informed, that as the Money lent by the Revd. Mr Swartz, appears to have been an aid to the Rajah

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Rajah of Tanjore who was unable at that time to pay his Subsidy, Additional Four Cent must be defrayed by his excellency, and the Claim liquidated in Conformity thereto; and that the Arrear due to Mr. Swartz are to be discharged as soon as the State of the Tanjore Treasury will admit.

" Alex. Davidson

" J. R. [illegible]

" J. Dunlop

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President

Lieut. General Sir John Dalling Bart.

James Daniell Esqr.

Wednesday the 9th Novemr. 1785.—

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

The Amer Ul omrah Behauder attends the Board, & the Nabob's requisition for a Military force to be stationed in the province of Tinnevelly to ensure the Collection from the Polygars, discussed.—

Agreeably to the Resolution of the Yesterdays Meeting, His Highness the Nabob Amer Ul omrah, Behauder, attends the Board and repeats the Subject of the Letter from His Highness the Nabob of the Nabob of the Carnatic dated the 4th Instant.—

The President after expatiating upon the bad Consequences and expence which will probably result from the Collection of Peishcush by a military Force, requests that his Highness the Amer will inform the Board whether every possible lenient mode has been tried to procure the Peishcush from the Polygars in the Tinnevelly District The President urges in the strongest manner the advantages which the Nabob will derive by

The President expresses his Sentiments thereon.—

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by an adherence to the System established during the Company's Administration of the Revenues of the Carnatic and States that it is unconstitutibly the best Policy to give a moderate Tribute which would be chearfully paid, than to exact a greater Tribute which would be collected with difficulty, and tend to alienate the Tributance from their allegiance to the Sovereign of the Carnatic.-

His Highness the ameer assures the Board that the Nabob his father has without reluctance made the application for a Military Force, having on his mind the reasons urged by the President, but that having found it impracticable to collect the Peishcash without it, he had desired Government to assist him and had promised one and Officer for the Service in whole moderate and prudent Conduct every dependance could be placed. His Highness concludes with declaring that the Nabob appre-hends he will be enable to pay his Visits, if the Board do not at present assist him with the force he has stated the appearance of which he conceives, will be sufficient to effect the desired purposes.

The Ameer states his Father's Reasons for making the application to the Board.

His

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His Highness the amier having withdrawn, the Board proceed to take the application under Consideration Being aware that if they were to decline complying with the Nabob's request it would be pleaded by him that he was thereby disenabled from performing his Agreements, Agreed that the Force for which the Nabob has applied be granted & that in conformity to His Highness's wishes, it be placed under the Command of Colonel Sir Henry Colby.-

As the Board have the fullest confidence in the above officer who is particularly qualified from his Character & local knowledge, to conduct this Service, they are willing to hope it will be effected without causing a disaffection of the Polegars to the Government of the Nabob which in the case of a future War with any Country Power might be attended with the most serious consequences to the Safety of the Carnatick - Agreed therefore that in the instructions to Colonel Colby, he be particularly directed to abstain if possible from proceeding to extremities, & that he be enjoined to give the support of the Force under his Command to the exaction only of such just & moderate, & thereby prevent the destructive effects which cannot but be apprehended from a different line of Conduct.

The Commander in Chief is requested to consult with Colonel Sir Henry Colby

If the Amier withdraws; The Board resolve on granting the Force required and of placing it under the Command of Colonel Sir Henry Colby.-

The Board resolve on certain Instructions to be given to Sir Henry Colby

Fort St. Georg.e 4.th November 1785

Consulting the Force which may be deemed necessary for the Service in question, after the General shall have determined from the information he may receive, what number of Troops in requisite, it is Agreed that they be ordered into the Field, - & that General Abercrombie be directed to afford all possible assistance.

The Commander in Chief is desired to consult with Sir Henry Coote, on the Force necessary for this Service; and B. G. Abercrombie is to be written to on the Subject.

Mr. Daniell begs leave to enter the following Minute.

Minute in Council
5th November 1785.

With Mr. Irwin's letter of the 19th Ultimo before the Board, and the requisition from the Nabob to furnish a body of Troops for obliging the Polygars to the Southward to enter into his terms, I am placed in the disagreeable and particular predicament of assenting to the application of his Highness, a refusal of which from this Government might subject them to the non performance of his engagements to the Company - The arguments which have been urged this day in Council to the Answer in

Mr. Daniell expresses his sentiments on the foregoing Measure

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will exceed the difference between Mr. Lowrie's
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of Tribute which the Nabob may demand
from them, and may moreover raise up to us
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/ Signed / Jas. Daniell. –

Read the following Letter from the Resident at
Tanjore –

To John Cranmer Esqr.
Military Secretary

From the Resident at Tanjore enclosing Copy of a Letter from him to B. G. Horne on the Subject of a Complaint preferred by the Rajah against the Inhabitants of Vellore, in permitting the Dam of the ancient near that place to go out of Repair – enclosing also Copy of a Note to them from the Rajah expressing his

Tanjore

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to lay before the Honble Board the inclosed Copy of a
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General Horne, and inform them that when at
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Spot the small Anicut or Dam near Vellore
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Renter on my Presence to oblige the Vellore people
immediately

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The Commander in Chief is desired to consult with Sir Henry Colby, on the Force necessary for this Service; and B. G. Harris is to be written to on the Subject.

Mr. Daniell begs leave to enter the following Minute.

Minute on Council
9th. November 1785.

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Fort St George 7th November 1785

Surprize at the order for the Reduction of the Pellendies, & desiring that it may be deferred 'till the Court of Directors shall be made acquainted therewith.

immediately to set about the necessary repairs.

I request you will be so good to obtain for me the Board's directions with regard to the rate of exchange at which I am to issue Fanams Pagodas to the Deputy Paymaster of the Kings Troops, as they still object to receiving them at 10 p Cent, the current exchange being 11½ — The establishment of the mint will I hope put an end to these difficulties, but some time must unavoidably elapse before the necessary arrangement for that purpose can be completed — I shall address the Honble Board further on the subject tomorrow, or next day.

I have been honored with your Letters of the 4th 8th 15th and 19th Instant with their several enclosures.

The Rajah continuing very ill, I am not yet enable to obtain a conference with his excellency on the subject of Mr Wood's claim, but he has promised to appoint a day for that purpose very soon.

Upon my informing his excellency that I was directed to receive the Sum he stands by consented to pay on part of his Balance, he desired to know if the Honble Board had signified their assent to the other part of his proposition, namely to pay one Lack of Pagodas P Annum of the remaining Balance 'till the whole shall be liquidated — which

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subscribe I suppose that the Hastings Board had not instructed me on that point, but that I could take upon me to answer on their behalf that they could not possibly agree to so inadequate a provision for the discharge of his Arrears of Subsidy and that knowing as I did, that his revenues would enable him to effect it in a much shorter period of time it had not been in my power to recommend that part of his proposition to the Board's acceptance— The Minister has sent me word that his excellency will speak to me on this subject at the next conference— in that I apprehend I shall yet further difficulties to encounter before I obtain possession of the Sum offered on part of the Balance.—

My time has lately been so taken up with examining into Complaints reciprocally preferred against each other by the French at Carical and the Inhabitants of the Rajahs districts contiguous to them Adjacent, and also with examining witnesses brought to me by Mr. Stockwell, the person concerned with Capt.n Mullen in the Grain transactions which are the Subject of his memorial, that I have found it impossible to finish the accounts mentioned in my Letter of the 9th instant, but hope to dispatch them to the Hastings Board in a few days.—

I shall endeavour to prevail upon the Rajah to discharge his Bond for 8 Lacs

Pagoda

2974 Fort St George 9th November 1785

Some at the time of the principal Collections which will be in March & April next.

I am under the necessity of again troubling you on behalf of the Megully arrears I have mentioned in my Letter to the Honble Board of the 11th August. They have been discharged upwards of twelve months without receiving any Part of their Arrears, and I am assured that many of them are in great distress. I request you will be so good as to obtain for me the Honble Boards orders in this Subject, and inform me if they would disapprove of my discharging the arrears of the Megully Horse out of the Sum now expected to be received from the Rajah

Agreeably to the directions of the Honble Board communicated in your Letter of the 19th instant I am taking the necessary steps for discharging the Corps of Sillhendies having accordingly ordered in the 1st Battalion from the Country for that Purpose, I judged it proper to make the Rajah acquainted with it that he might entrust them himself, or procure others to supply their place in the protection of the revenue. In consequence of this communication I yesterday received a note from his Excellency of which I enclose a Copy & Translation. I have the honor to be &c &c &c

Tanjore
Octr 30th 1785

/Signed/ John Huddleston

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To Brigadier General Horne
Commanding the Troops
South of the Coleroon

Sir,

Having communicated to the Rajah the Paper of Complaints enclosed to me in your Letter of the 7th Instant, answers to them severally were delivered to me in writing, of which I have the honor to send you Copies of the Translations.

Yesterday I received from his excellency a long, and particular representation of which the principal part is immediately connected with those Complaints.

The substance is as follows that near Radapuellair, to the West of Seringham, there is a Dam or Bank which devides the two Rivers and which by long established Custom the inhabitants are bound to keep in repair, but that notwithstanding this the Rajah has repeated representations it has been neglected for several years, and the Dam is in consequence much weakened. That Lord Macartney wrote two Letters upon the Subject which were sent to the people at Trichinopoly, but produced no effect. That on my arrival the Rajah made applications to me, and that at his request when on an excursion to Trichinopoly visited the Dam or Bank above-mentioned, and having satisfied myself with

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regard to its situation, had represented the same to Mr. Lowin, and requested of him to oblige the Inhabitants by Renter to take the necessary steps for repairing it — That Mr. Lowin accordingly gave the person orders to the Renter but still the dame continued neglected as before That finding it therefore absolutely necessary to repair the Dam himself he had begun to do so by planting with Sugar Cane and other Reeds, and had posted an Guard there to prevent the Cattle from destroying them — but that the Melore people had made this a matter of Complaint to the Dubash at Trichinopoly, and through him to General Stone that after having constantly refused to repair the Dam themselves, they now wanted to let the Cattle feed upon the Grass &c. which he [the Rajah] had planted there, which if permitted must entirely ruin the dame — That in consequence of their Complaint General Stone had sent an Hurcarah to desire that the Guard might be removed and nothing done to the Dram — The Rajah therefore earnestly requested that I would write to you upon the Subject, and obtain your Interposition with the Nabob's Pougdan, or Manager, that the Melore People might be prevented from cutting the long Grass &c. and obliged to keep the dram in repair according to former custom.

Some days since I was reported to

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to me that the aumildars of Cungrepet had sided the Tellendies stationed there against some Polleres at or near Tungoody, and that a skirmish had ensued in which several lives were lost— I judged it proper to inform the Rajah of what had heard, and to request that he would make immediate enquiry into it— his excellency's reply was in the form of a complaint to the following purport that one of his Tributaries Velayuda Mel Roudaan refusing to pay his tribute to the Circar went to the Village of Mel Tuwarakude in the Trichinopoly Country, & stirred up the Polleres there— that on the 4th Instant 200 Polleres with the Headman, and 2 Guards went in the night to his / the Rajahs / Village Pedurkude surrounded it, and carried off 100 Bullocks, and 100 Sheep with other things, and took also 2 Inhabitants and carried them to Mel Tuwarakude, and that the said Polleres afterwards immediately upon hearing this— that he / the Rajah / wrote to the Headman of Tuwarakude— but that he replied that as his / the Rajahs / people had driven away their Cattle, & taken them he had permitted them to plunder his / the Rajahs / Village— that if these things are suffered there will be continual trouble and disputes, and that he wished therefore that orders might be

issued

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Send that no protection should be given to those plunderers on either side.

As I have heard nothing from you of this transaction, I hope the report of it here is exaggerated, but I have strongly urged the Rajah to take effectual steps to prevent any such disturbances in future - from originating on his part.

I shall forward a copy of this Letter to the Board, and in the mean while I doubt not but you will communicate the above particular to the Nabobs Manager, and advise him to that conciliating conduct which is so necessary to the Welfare of both Countries

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

(Signed) S. Hudleston

Tanjore
29th Oct. 1785.

true Copy
S. Hudleston

Tuljah Maha Raj presents his Salam to Mr. John Hudleston

We have heard that the three Battalions of Sibbendies are to be called from their several stations, and to be dismissed - when Lord Pigot by order of the Company reinstated me on this Throne he decided that

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that I should pay to the Company 4 Lacks of Pagodas for the maintenance of the Companys Troops in the Fort, and on the Country and this his determination was written down in the publick agrament— Accordingly 5 of the Battalions of the Company were placed in several Stations thereon, Inhabitants Travalgar, and Polygar, and there standing in awe of us the Revenues of the Country were collected, and the Company got the Stipulated Sums, in this manner all was carried on for 2 Years, after that by the order of Government Sebundies were collected over which Colonel Burrowes was put as Commander by Sir Thomas Rumbold at the time when the Company's Affairs were very well managed but when the Sebundies were employed we sell half of our Misery However by proper Management we keep th us a Year and to this very day have made th out tolerably well. But now if the Sebundies should be dismissed our Inhabitants Travalgar, and Polygar will lose all Fear in that case the Revenues cannot be collected, and from whence shall we pay the 4 Lacks to the Company If the Sebundies who were dispersed in several places thro' the Country are to be dismissed our Inhabitants Travalgar & Polygar will disregard

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our authority, and as the Revenue will not be collected neither will the Company receive the 4 Lacks stipulated by agreement — when I endeavour even beyond my Power to assist the Company, is it just to do such a thing by which all my affairs may be ruined? That the three Battalions of Sibbendies may not be dismissed, but that they may be kept up, I have written to the Governor Mr. Dawdson be you so kind as to write a Letter acquainting them that the Sibbendies were not dismissed 'till I got an answer to my Letter, and that they out of regard to the Welfare of the Country, and the Company's affairs might have patience — This I have written that you might know the sentiments of my mind in this affair — what I have more to write to a friend.

A true Copy of
the Translation
(Signed) J Hudleston

The President read to the Board a Letter

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore on the subject of the recent order for the Reduction of the Sibbendies.—

from the Rajah of Tanjore entered in C C No 111 requesting that for the Support of his Affairs, the Sibbendy Battalions be continued as usual, & that a reference of this Matter, & of all others be made to the Court of directors, — or the meantime desiring that the Chevildar may be

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be directed to continue every thing upon its present footing.

As the Resident of Tanjore agreeably to the order from the Presidency, acquainted to the Rajah as stated by him in his Letter to the Board of the 4th September - the necessity under which Government was to reduce the military establishment, & imparted to his Excellency the intention of reducing the Tanjore Subsidies unless the Rajah would consent to pay them the Board are surprized, that his Excellency should now remonstrate against the act, after having declared to the Resident that he could not pay them - From the above Declaration the Board issued orders for the Reduction, & accepted a proposal for the liquidation of the Arrears due to them -

Memo. upon the foregoing Letter

Agreed therefore that the Resident be directed to carry the orders he has received into execution & that the President be desired to reply to the Rajah's Letter on the Subject.

Resolution of the Board for the Reduction of the Subsidies, adhered to.

The following Letter being drafted to the Resident at Tanjore upon the above as well as upon other Subjects is approved & ordered to be dispatched.

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To John Hudleston Esqr

President at Tanjore

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 30th Ult. & to inform you, that, having taken into consideration the note sent by the Rajah to you, & a Letter addressed to the President by his excellency, they have resolved to adhere to their former resolution communicated to you in my Letter of the 25th Sept.r they therefore desire you will effect without loss of time the reduction of the Sibbendies, and in order to obviate the inconveniencies which the Rajah apprehends from the Reduction the Board have ordered another Battalion of Sepoys to do duty at Tanjore - this additional Force will enable you by requisition to the Commanding Officer to supply small Detachments in assisting the Collections where required by the Rajah - & it is expected that when they are on such Service, his excellency will cause to be paid the extra allowance of Batta on like manner as was done with the Sibbendies so that no additional expence may be incurred by the Company. -

As you have received Instruction

and Directions

To the President at Tanjore directing him immediately to reduce the Sibbendies Sepoys will be employed for the Collections to call upon the Rajah for the promised 30,000 Pagodas and should he delay the Payment to send the Minister to the Presidency - the Rajahs offer of discharging his Arrear of Subsidy at the Rate of one Lack Pagodas p Annum cannot be accepted To make some advance to the discharge Mogully Horse out of the Tanjore Treasury, in part Payment of their Arrears. -

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Instructions respecting the line you are to take in your negociations with the Rajah for an advance of Cash in part payment of his arrear of Subsidy the Board think it unnecessary to say much more on the subject you are to enter upon the immediate advance of the 80,000 Pagodas which the Rajah has promised & upon which the Board depend the ensuing Month for their payments to the Army, & if your experience of procrastination, or delay on the receipt of the Sum above mentioned you are to send the ratification to the Presidency, agreeable to the directions in the Letter addressed to you under date the 23d August

The Board cannot consent to the Rajahs offer of discharging his Arrear of Subsidy at the rate of a Lack of Pagodas p. Annum but you will signify to him at the same time informing him that nothing less than what is stated in my Letter of the 26th Sept. can be accepted -

You will be pleased to inform the Rajah that the President will reply in two or three days to his excellencys Letter of the 25th Ultimo

The Board are very desirous of relieving the distresses of the discharged Mogully Horse & have no objection to your making them some advance on part payment of the Arrears due to them - in doing this you will attend to the State of the Lyons Treasury & remember that

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an additional Battalion ordered to Tanjore will require an extraordinary provision for its payment.—

Sam, Sir,

Your most obed.t
humble Servant,

(Signed) John Shannier
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Fort St. George
9th November 1785.—

Read the undermentioned Letters / entered on the M.B. Nos 37. 38. 39. 40. 41.—

From B. G. Home, dated the 29th Ultimo,

From B. G. Home

stating, that agreeable to the Orders of the Board he had directed Captain Byrne to examine the Fortifications at Tondemopoly, whose observations thereon, the General had concurred in, and was about to transmit them to the Board for their Sanction, when the Nabob's Manager, undertook with his own People, to repair the Works,— that on communicating to the Manager the order he had received from the Presidency, he replied that Her Highness had given express Instructions to permit none of the Company's Engineers, to have the smallest Interference in the repairs of the Works but that should they attempt it, he was to desist.— The General, in consequence, request the order of the Board thereupon.

Agreed that General Home be
directed

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directed, to cause Captain Byres, to survey the Fortifi-
=cations and give an estimate of the expence to be
incurred in repairing them, after which his Highness
the Nabob will be applied to on the Subject.

Minute thereon

From Masulipatam representing, that not-
=withstanding they have constantly supplied the
Paymaster of Ongole with a Monthly Sum for the
Disbursements of his Garrison, they find that the
Troops are three Months in Arrear, that in consequence
it will be necessary the Paymaster should
furnish them with Abstracts of his Arrear dues, of
his Monthly Payments, and of the Balance of
Cash in his Hands, by which means the Deficiency
will be accounted for. — and requesting that Mr.
Gardener may be directed to transmit them
Accordingly. —

From Masulipatam

Agreed that a Letter be written to Mr.
Gardener directing him to furnish the Chief &
Council of Masulipatam with a Copy of his
Accounts of the Garrison of Ongole from the 1st
of May last, and to continue to transmit to them
Duplicates of his Accounts 'till further orders. —

Minute thereon

Resolved also, that the Secretary do
communicate the foregoing to the Chief & Council
at Masulipatam. —

From Lieutenant Colonel Richardson, & from the Lepry Agent

From Lt. Coll. Richardson & from the Lepry Agent. —

From Lieutenant Colonel Richardson, the former requesting to be permitted to have the Indulgence of cloathing the Supernumeraries, that have been lately placed

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placed under his Command; and producing Instances to shew that such a circumstance would be an Innovation on the Rights of the Depy Agent. the latter stating the Impropriety of Colonel Richardson's Claim as a Subversion of the Customs of the Service, and a Precedent in future for similar Applications.

The Board having taken the foregoing Letter into Consideration, Resolve that the Commandant of the Battalion of Grenadiers formed from the Supernumeraries shall be permitted to cloath the Men over & above the Strength of the Battalion, which is to consist of 800 Men the Cloathing of whom, shall be vested in the Agent.—

Minute of the Majority of the Board on the foregoing Letter—

Mr. Daniell dissents to the foregoing Measure, being of Opinion that the Cloathing of the whole, should remain in the hands of the Depy Agent.

Mr. Daniell dissents to the foregoing Resolution of the Board.—

From Mr. George Stuart, late Surgeon of his Majesty's 73d Regiment, enclosing a Certificate of Arrear due to him, which he requests may be discharged.—

From Mr. G. Stuart

Agreed that the Amount of Mr. Stuart's Certificate, amounting to Pagodas 3685. 36. 71. be discharged by a Company's Bond.—

Minute thereon

The Commander in Chief informs the Board that he purposes in a few days hereafter

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Commander in Chief Reports to the Board his Intention of proposing shortly a Plan for the better Regulation of the Hospitals.

before them a Plan for the better regulations & establishment of the Hospitals — In the mean time he proposes that those Men now on the Contract Hospital should remain there until dismissed that Serious Cases should still be sent there, but that the 73d Regiment shall be allowed a Regimental Hospital until that new one which the Commander in Chief has in Contemplation, shall take place.

Proposes that the 73d Regt. on the main shou be allowed a Regimental Hospital, but that all serious Cases be sent to the Contract Hospital.

Opinion of the Board thereon.

The Board are very desirous of seizing without loss of time, a Plan, which may remedy the Causes of Complaint, and become a permanent Arrangement; on the Interim, they are of opinion that the Hospt Surgeons should be allowed free Access to the General Hospital, in order to examine the state and Condition of their Men but without any Medical Interference, concerning that the Plan on Contemplation will probably take place before any Regimental Hospital could be established — & agreed therefore that this Opinion be adopted, & that it be communicated to the Hospt Surgeons.

Resolution in Consequence.

The President informs the Board that Mr. Scottney has made Applica-tion to him for Company's Bonds to the amount of

Bonds granted to Mr. Scottney for Pagl. 4223.

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of Pagodas /4223/ in part of the Balance due to him as Military Storekeeper which the Board do not recommend may be granted.—

Ordered accordingly.—

" Alex. Davidson

" Sth Dt Hay

" J. Daniell

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9th Received the undermentioned Letters, entered in M.B. Nos. 42, 43, 44, 45.-

From the Paymaster at Chingleput, dated 25th October, stating that no Artificers are attached to the Sepoy Corps doing duty there and recommending that a sufficient number be retained for the necessary Duties of the Garrison — Admitted Accordingly Vide M.B. No. 46-

From the Paymaster at Chinglepet

From Dr. Robert Storey, dated 7th October advising of his being in possession of a Bond of his Highness the Nabob, for 18022 Star Pagodas being the Amount of Pay, Batta, & off Reckonings due to the late Major Gillies,- and requesting that the same may be included in the Company's Provision for the Liquidation of his Highness's Debts.-

From Dr. Robert Storey

From Messrs. Sloyer & Call, enclosing a Bond of his Highness the Nabob granted to Colonel Capper for Pagodas 2500 Payable in two years from the date thereof and now the property of Sir Robert Barker & Co. and requesting that it may be included in the Company's Provision for the Liquidation of his Highness's debts

From Messrs. Sloyer & Call

Agreed that Copies of the two preceding Letters be sent to the Committee for investigating the Debts of his Highness the Nabob & that they be directed to include them in the Report they are to make to the Board.- & that Messrs. Storey, Sloyer & Call be advised of the same/ Vide M.B. Nos. 47-48/

Resolution on Consequence

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9th From Captain Montgomery Commanding at Ongole, dated the 2d November, requesting Permission to proceed to Masulipatam for a few days, in order to march down to Ongole the Drafts of the 5th and of his own Battalions—

From Captain Montgomery

Granted accordingly Vide M.B. No. 49.—

To in answer

From Mr. Porcher, dated 7th November, entered in M.B. No. 50—/ per forwarding a Claim of Captain J. Stevenson, for Pagodas 1233-23-64— on part Payment of his Contract for feeding the Horses of his Regiment in June last,— and requesting that the same may be liquidated by a Bill on Vizagapatam

From Mr. Porcher

Ordered Accordingly.—

Ordered

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

To the Paymaster to the Southern Forces directing him to inform the Board, by what authority he pays Temporary allowance to the reduced native officers of the independent Corps, and to the Native troops employed by requisition on Revenue affairs— To discontinue the same.

To Mr. Dalb

To the acting Paymr. at Palamcottah

To the acting Paymaster at Palamcottah, to receive from Mr. Dott at the exchange of the day, 12000 Pagodas, and prefs a Draft for the same upon the Military Paymaster General

9th To send six thousand Pagodas of that Sum to the Paymaster at Madura –

To the Resident at Tanjore, informing him that the notes transmitted by him in his Letter of the 31st Ulto. will be exchanged for Company's Bonds, at the Interest of 8 ₹ Cent. – The additional 4 ₹ Cent on the money lent by Mr. Swartz to the Rajah to enable him to discharge his Subsidy should be defrayed by his excellency and directing him to discharge the arrears due to Mr. Swartz. when the State of the Treasury at Tanjore will admit.

To the Resident at Tanjore

To the Military Paymaster General, directing him to issue to Lieut. Wemyss, Lieutenants Pay & Batta 'till further orders, and informing him of the Decision of the Board respecting the clothing the Supernumeraries placed under the Command of Capt.n John Richardson

To the Military Paymaster General

To Messrs. Digby & Thenworthy, informing the former of the abolition of the Post of Commissary to the Troops under Brigadier General Horne, and the latter of the Post of Deputy agent at Arcot.

To Mr. Digby

To Mr. Johnson Thenworthy –

11th To the Sepoy Agent, informing him of the Decision of the Board with respect to the clothing the native Commissioned & non Commissioned Officers lately plaed under the Command of Capt.n John Richardson

To the Sepoy agent. –

To

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11th To Mr. Bruere, Secretary to the Governor General Council, enclosing a list of French Deserters, embarked on the three Friends, Captain John Robinson, for that Presidency—

To Mr Bruere

To the Paymaster at Ongole— directing him to furnish the Chief Council at Masulipatam with Copy of the Accounts of the Garrison of Ongole from the 1st May last, and continue to transmit them monthly Duplicates of his Accounts till further orders—

To the Paymaster at Ongole.

To Masulipatam, informing them of the preceding order to the Paymaster at Ongole—

To Masulipatam

To Brigadier General Horne, directing him to order Captain Byres to survey the Fortification of Trichinopoly and to report the same to him / the General / with the expence to be incurred in repairing them for the Inspection of Government; after which his Highness the Nabob will be applied to on the Subject.

To B.G. Horne.

12th Dispatched the following Letter to Brigadier General Horne, Commanding the Southern Forces.—

To Brigadier General Horne
Commanding the Southern Forces—

Sir

I am directed by the Honble
President

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To B. G. Horne informing him of the Resolution of the Board with respect to the Detachment to be stationed on the District of Tinnevelly, under the Command of Colonel Sir Henry Leighy.-

12th President & Council to inform you that His Highness the Nabob having made application to Government for the assistance of a Military force to collect the Peiscash from the Polegars in the Tinnevelly District & having expressed his wish that the Force should be commanded by Colonel Sir Henry Leighy the Commandant at Palamcottah, the Board have resolved to comply with His Highness's request in the instances and agreeable to this resolution they have this day published a General Order Copy of which I enclose.

You will be pleased to render every assistance in your Power in forwarding the above-mentioned Service, & to comply with such Requisitions as may be made by Colonel Leighy for the use of the Detachment under his Command.

The Board will give their particular Instructions to the above officers for carrying on the Service entrusted to them, they will of course correspond with them, & with the Commander in Chief-

Colonel Sir Henry Leighy will receive directions to acquaint you with the motions of the Force under his Command.-

I am &c. &c. &c.

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(Signed) John Chamier
Secretary

Received

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12th Received a Letter from Bengal, entered in the Civil Department, of which the following is an Extract.

Extract of a General Letter from Bengal dated 15th September 1785 received 12th Nov.r D.o } entered on the Civil Department.

We have received your Letters of the 9th June 5th 19th and 31st August and one from Mr. Secretary Chamier Dated the 29th Ulto.

We have accepted the Bill drawn in favor of Captain Donaldson Paymaster of the 36th Regiment for the Sum of Sixteen Hundred and Sixty Pagodas hereby Five Fanams and Sixty Four Cash and shall debit your Presidency with the Amount.

We enclose you accompanying an Account Sales of 119 Water Casks which were landed here from the Lord Camden having been put on board that Ship at your Presidency for the use of the Military on board, and we have given you Credit for the Sum of Current Rupees 134. 5. 9 being the amount which they produced.

We have received a Letter from Sir John Burgoyne enclosing a Certificate which you have granted him for Arrear of Pay &c. amounting

Extract of a Letter from Bengal, stating, that they have debited this Presidency for the Amount of the Bill drawn in favor of the Payr. of the 36th Regiment & also for the Certificate granted by this Government for Arrear of Pay due to Major General Sir J. Burgoyne both which they have accepted. & that they have given Credit to this Presidency for the amount of 119 Water Casks Landed from the Lord Camden.

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12th Amounting to Pagodas fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred and forty for which Sum he had drawn a Bill of exchange upon us at the Rate of 400 S.R. Pr. Pagodas - This We have thought proper to accept in Consideration of his particular Situation and the express order of the Court of directors respecting the Payment of his allowances in case he should be acquitted - The amount will be carried to the Debit of your Presidency -

A true Extract
Signed / Chas. White Secy

The Minutes of Consultation of the 9th Instant, having this day been sent in Circulation with the Minute of Mr. Daniell which he desired the Secretary to enter on the Records of that days proceedings the President desires that the following Paper may be entered hereunder)

In Council 12th November 1785

Mr. Daniell not having intimated his Intention at the Board of making any observations on the Consultation of

President's Minute on Mr. Daniell's obtaining Leave to proceed to the Detachment to be placed under the Command of Col. Sir Henry Torby in the Tinnevelly district

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12th of the 9th Instant of the Garden House, but Menabe did not come to my knowledge till this Morning. Sir John Dalling and my=self are on the same predicament with Mr. Darnell in regard to them Absent, and despond to his Highness the Nabobs Requisition. We declined his Application we gave him a plea of withholding his Vote by a Complian=ce we may undispose against us the whole of the Zemindy, Madura, and Mellore 7 Polligars: a Body when collected not less than Twenty Thousand Men. A Rabble indeed, but Fierce, Hardy, and not easy to be Subdued without an european Force 7 The Secretary has faithfully narrated the Conference held with the mention on the Presence of the Board at the Garden House, notwithstanding which Ameer ul omrah Behauder persisted, in the name of his Father, to solicit for a respectable force to be assembled to the Southward on a Central Situation. I understand the Tribute now demanded by the Nabob is Not greater than was paid him by the Polligars

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12th Polegars before the Grand of the Assignment
to Lord Macartney Mr. Lowin with a Wisdom
that does him credit, chose to accept a moderate
certain Tribute without contention, than to
demand the same Peiscush exacted by the
Nabob. But Mr. Lowin could not even
obtain this moderate Revenue from the
Polegars till Colonel Fullarton destroyed
and laid open their principal Barriers -
defeated their most chosen Parties - stormed
their strongest Forts - captured their Guns -
and penetrated into Recesses which had formerly
been considered impregnable: while they are in the
Situation thus described, if a force be absolutely
necessary, in terrorem, this is a proper time Mr.
Duncill observes this measure - "may raise up
" to us an Host of Enemies in the day of trouble.
I should hope from the moderation, Prudence and
Circumspection of Col. Sir Henry Colby, and the
guarded Instructions which will be given him,
that he would be able to conciliate the minds
of the Polegar Chiefs, and Convince their reason
that in the present Posture of the Nabobs affairs
such a Measure was almost unavoidable. When the
Corps is out the Detachment may in Lieu of a March
be with drawn. At all Events I am little apprehensive
of Bloodshed. (Signed) A. Davidson

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12th The Commander in Chief having also sent a Minute in Circulation it is entered hereunder:-

Commander in Chief in Opinion with the President

I most readily adopt the reasoning in the President's Minute of this day and equally sorry with Mr. Daniell on the necessity of the Board's acquiescence on the request of His Highness the Nabob but what's the alternative either the granting it, or subjecting the Public Company with his numerous Jondetors to disappointments loss, may even distress by a refusal which in my Opinion too serious an engine for this Government to put into his Highness's hands. Therefore of two evils, I flatter myself I have chosen the least and I conceive the same idea has been prevalent at the Board.

(Signed) S. D.

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Received Letter from Mr. Hodgson as entered

From Mr. Hodgson in Mss Letters No. 61 & 62 - stating that he has furnished the Garrison with Rice & Paddy agreeable to the Order of the Board; & enclosing a List of Stores wanted for Cuddalore.-

13th Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in Mss. Nos. 62, 63, 64, 65, 66 -

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13th To the Commandant at Arcot, directing
To the Commandant at Arcot. him to examine a Frenchman, who is at that
place with a passport from the French General
at Pondicherry; and if he shall have any Suspicion
of him, to send him to the Presidency.—

14th To Ganjam—stating the Regulations established
To Ganjam by Government with respect to the artificers in
that district; and granting Permission to Mr.
Benny, Surgeon, to proceed to Bengal.—

To the Committee of Stores enclosing a list
To the Committee of Stores. of Stores wanted for the Garrison of Cuddalore.—

To Vizagapatam with Regulations respecting
To Vizagapatam the Artificers in that district

16th The President, by a Note in Circulation
The President requests requests the Sentiments of the respective
the Sentiments of the Members of Council upon the following appli-
Council upon the =cation from his Highness the Nabob.—
following

His Highness the Nabob Wallajah
Behauder presents his Compliments to the
application from Governor and requests to be favored with Copy
his Highness the of Mr. Lowrie's Letter regarding the Nabob's
Nabob for a Copy Country Management in the Southern Provinces,
of Mr. Lowrie's as his Highness wishes to know Mr. Lowrie's
Letter on the observations thereon and if the Governor will be
Southern Zaks so good to let him have it before the Ship sails
assigned Countries for England he will be much obliged to him.

If the Governor will be the Nabobs

to

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16th to make this request in a public Letter the Nabob will do so; but he hopes the Governor will be pleased to let him have the Copy of Mr. Lowrie's Letter in the mean time.—

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Sir, Sir John Dalling leaves it to the Commander in Chief's Determination of the President's Letter & Judgment.

Mr. Daniell wishes that a Copy of the Leaves it to the President

Letter had been sent to the Nabob long ago—

Mr. Daniell in favor of the Nabob's request

The President is of opinion that his Highness should be furnished with a Copy

The President of the same Opinion

of the Letter, as it is public & recorded.—

Ordered, in Consequence that his

Ordered accordingly

Highness be furnished with a Copy thereof.

17th Received the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore.—

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

From the President at Tanjore—stating that the Rajah declines discharging the demand made upon him on account of the Estate of the late Colonel Wood—

Honble Sir & Sirs

That

I have been honored with your Commands of the 29th Ultimo through Mr. Secretary Chamier

A few days after the receipt

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That he hesitates on the Payment of the 80,000 Pagodas till an Agreement be made for the Liquidation of the Company's Claims upon him.—

That he earnestly requests the Libberdy Ballance may not be reduced; and that he recommends the same Mode to be adopted in the Establishment of the Nabob at Tanjore as is practised at the Presidency.—

The President represents that the whole Corps of Libberdies will be discharged in a few days, and that it will be necessary to place Detachments of regular Troops to ensure the Collection of the Revenues.—

17th

receipt of them I had a Conference of Several Hours with the Rajah, and a great part of my time has since been employed in endeavouring to prevail on him to alter the answer which he then gave me on the several Subjects that were discussed between us in particular respecting the Claim of Mr. Wood I entreated him to enable me to communicate to your Honor &c. an answer more suitable to the wishes of the Company, and to his own Character and dignity but these endeavours have proved ineffectual although Mr. Swartz who is one of the Executors of the late Colonel Wood, and perfectly acquainted with the whole transaction was present, and urged his Compliance on the score of gratitude as well as Justice we could obtain no other reply than the following. That it was true Colonel Wood did advance a Sum of money to his Troops — that many other persons also among whom were Several Sonecars advanced money on his Account, or assisted him with Loans but that the treasure out of which he had intended to discharge those debts, and all his other property including his papers & Accounts was taken from him by the Nabob, together with the Fort of Tanjore itself and the latter only had been restored to him upon which occasion Lord Pigot on his representing to his Lordship.—

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17th Lordship his destitute Situation and enormous debts told him, that whatever debts he had contracted before the Capture of Tanjore became void by that event.— Asked his Excellency respectfully if it were just that the Children of his Benefactor should suffer for the Crimes of his Enemies when he had it in his power to relieve them— but it produced no effect— he said only that he could not pay Colonel Wood without paying many others whose demands were equally just.— by all I could observe at the Conference, and have since learnt, the Rajah is jealous of any interference on the part of the Company with respect to his private debts.—

On my repeating to his Excellency the Application I had before made, through the Minister, for the payment of the Sum of 80,000 Pagodas agreably to his late offer, which Sum I told him your Honor &c. supposed to be already in my possession, and in that confidence had sent one order for the remittance of a very considerable part of it to the Presidency, a long discussion ensued, which the Rajah began with saying, that before it would be in his power to procure the Sum he had offered to pay in part of his Balance, it was necessary that he should be acquainted with the Boards determination on the other part of his proposition which related to the discharge of the remainder, because until

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17th That was known no one would lend him any money
or place any confidence on his promises of repay-
ment as they, & he himself would be apprehensive
that the sums which he might wish to appro-
priate to that purpose would also be demanded
by the Company.—

Contrasted his Excellency to consider
the light in which a refusal on his part to
make good what he had so lately offered, would
be regarded by the Honble Board and the
various difficulties, and embarassments it might
occasion— That as to his proportion for paying a
lack of Pagodas only 7 Annams of the Balance
that would remain, his excellency might rest
assured perfectly recollect any having assured him,
more than once that it would not be acceded to—
So that the Rajah replied with great earnestness—
that he Never had refused, and never would,
be sure, to fulfill any promises, or engagements
he had made to the Company, but while the
Board continued silent on his proposition for the
Liquidation of the remainder of the Balance and
until some agreement should be settled for
that purpose he knew not what he had to depend
upon, & was not aware of a moments respite— that
though he should pay 30,000 Pagodas to day the
same sum might be demanded of him to morrow
that knowing, as I did, his distresses, and the

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17th Situation of his Country could it be wished for him to be able to borrow such a Sum to pay the Company under those Circumstances, and what would I advise him to do— I answered that my Sentiments were to advise his Excellency to pay with as little delay as possible the Sum he had offered, namely, 80,000 Pagodas and to propose such an Arrangement for the liquidation of the remainder as he might be led over any Power to recommend to the Acceptance of the Hon'ble Board— I endeavoured to confirm this upon the Rajah's mind by every argument my imagination could frame but without success— he declared that a Lack of Pagodas every year exclusive of the Current Subsidy of 4 Lacks would leave barely sufficient for his own expences, and his private Creditors must wait till the Company's Balance should be entirely discharged— respecting the Sum of 80,000 Pagodas which he had offered he again desired me to assure your Honor &c. that it was his intention to pay it; that he only wished an agreement for it to take place for the liquidation of the remainder of the Balance— Your Honor &c. will perceive from the above that I have no immediate prospect of receiving the Sum in question— whenever it may come into my hands I shall use my utmost endeavours to negotiate a remittance of part of it to the Presidency, but I fear it will not be possible to obtain Bills on Madras to a large an amount as 50,000 Pagodas for several Months to

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17. to come.—

The Rajah requested of me to suspend the execution of your order for the dismission of the Sibbendies, also to entreat on his behalf your consideration of what he had lately represented to the Honble President on that subject and to assure you, that if the Sibbendies should be discharged there would be no Revenue either for the Company, or himself— His excellency urged a great deal on this point of which as he said he had mentioned the whole in his Letter to the Governor, I need not trouble your Honor &c. with a Relation— I told him, that as the Honble Board had repeated their orders for discharging the Sibbendies I could not with propriety suspend the execution of them especially as the distant Stations of many of the Sibbendies had already necessarily occasioned a very considerable delay, most of the Sibbendies being come on from the Country I have enabled the Paymasters to discharge the Arrear of pay and Cloathing due to them by negotiating my acceptances of Bills payable at 6 Months sight agreeably to the proposed Arrangement the whole Corps will be discharged in two, or three days, as very few remain in the Country, and those I am expecting to Arrive here to day or to morrow.—

The Rajah & Sind has not

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17th as yet taken into his Service any of the Silladars now discharged - I think it probable that he awaits the result of his late representation on the Subject, but should he ultimately neglect to engage Silladars for the protection of the Revenues against the numerous Bands of Colleries which infest that Country, I apprehend it will be absolutely necessary to place detachments of regular Sepoys in the several districts, and form a Chain of Posts as was done before the establishment of the Corps of Silladars, which of course would require every considerable increase on the Number of Native Troops attached to this Station.

With regard to the Plan of establishing a Mint at the Town of Porto Novo, his Excellency desired me to request of your Honr. Sr. to cause a set of Stamps exactly like those used in the Madras Mint, and two or three Persons who have been employed in that work to put the Business on foot there; but as the Pagodas are to be assayed under the inspection of the Resident previous to their being issued, it will be essential that your Honr. Sr. should direct the Assay master at the Presidency to send a Person to assist me who is well versed in the Art of assaying and also to furnish me with instructions, and every information on the Subject that may be necessary,

or

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17th or useful for my Guidance, as I understand there are many Particulars of which a knowledge will be highly requisite to enable me to fulfill Your intentions, and which you are but the only Matter is acquainted with.

There was another Subject of discussion at my last Conference with the Rajah which, as it Related to a Complaint of a serious nature from the French Chief at Karical, I shall communicate to you Honr. in a separate address together with the measures which I have taken to ascertain the truth of the facts complained of, and to afford Redress if they should prove to be well founded.

I have the honor to be with the utmost Respect &c. &c. &c.

/Signed/ J. Hudleston

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President and Governor and Council of

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I have herewith the honor of transmitting you Copies of the Papers relating to the dispute mentioned in my separate address of this date-

Viz. /No 1./ Letter from the French acting Commandant at Karical dated the 28th of October (No 2) my answer thereto, and /No 3./ my Letter to the

From the Resident at Tanjore, with Copy of a Letter to him from the Chief at Karical with his answer thereto, and one addressed by him (the Resident) to Mr Talbot, stating the particulars of the Point in dispute between the Inhabitants of

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17th the Resident at Nagore of the same date.—

of the French Magan, & those of the adjacent districts—which he is desired to enquire into, and communicate to him the Result.

I should have committed the investigation of the facts complained of to Mr. Hopkirby the senior assistant now with me, but that he is supposed at present to be busily employed in preparing the several accounts directed in General Orders to be forwarded to the Presidency.—

I hope therefore your Honor &c. will approve of my having requested the assistance of Mr. L'Alloside for this Service who will I doubt not execute it with his usual Zeal

I trust also my answer to the Complaint of the French Commandant will be honored with your approbation.—

I have the Honor to be, with utmost Respect &c. &c. &c.

Tanjour
Novemr. 12th 1785.

/Signed/ S. Hudleston

To S. Hudleston Esqr.

Sir

I received your last address of the 20th Instant I had the honor to inform you of a Circumstance by which the manifest Injustice of the renters of the Customs at Tellicherry seemed to require your particular attention, to

give

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To
If you refer to our Inhabitants, We doubt
Sir you have given the necessary Instructions,
but Delay in an act of Justice demanded, is of the
most material consequence among the Country
People, as they adopt modes of conducting them-
=selves with a degree of assurance which they
would carry to an extreme, and Prevented
at the commencement, the following event will
convince you Sir of the truth of my assertions.

There is at Pontiopatam, a Village in the
Territories of his Excellency the King of Tanjore
a Bank, the expences of keeping which repaired
absolutely belongs to his Excellency, as much
as making over the four Magonams, the neglecting
these Works was not very sensibly felt at the time
of executing their Reflections because there was
another Bank at Carrevalla padaur, where
it was customary to make an Opening for the
Water to run into a river at a little distance
which prevented its over flowing.

Now that we are in possession of the
4 Maganams the repairs of the first Bank
are nevertheless at the expence of the King of
Tanjore but as the damage that may arise
from its over flowing is immaterial to its
Inhabitants and absolutely at the Charge
of ours, not only the renter has not made
the

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17th the necessary repairs to prevent its inundations but notwithstanding the just Representations of our Inhabitants to open the Bank of the Sank of Carouvattoudapoum he constantly refused - and tho he acquiesced in the equity of the demand of our Inhabitants, which he was convinced was Founded upon constant Custom, he replyed positively that he would not open it, till he received orders so to do from the King of Tanjore - drawn for Sequest that the keeping the Bank of that Sank in repair is a public expence in which we pay two fifths - doubtless if any innovation was to take place, orders would be necessary but that not being the Case from whence then arises this Infraction of constant Customs? I fancy the truth will appear very plain from the assertions advanced -

In all Similar Cases the question had to wait for orders of this Nature, you would soon find Sir, the excessive Abuse which would result, these orders would only arrive at his pleasure, it is besides on a Case not Susceptible of delay, which had been foreseen, and besides established Customs, are Laws in India Countries - I fancy you will think Sir, that the only means of maintaining good Harmony between our two Nations, is to pay

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17. Pay a particular attention to support them
in all their Force, and to regulate those which
might deviate from that rule.—

The rapid progress of the Water is well
known since the overflowing of the Bank at
Carouvattandapour the alarmed Inhabitants
have complained to me of the Injustice of the
Renter but must according to their Report, resolve
to employ force, which is the Custom in Case
of a refusal, or sacrifice one hundred Vellys
of Land, the Case in pressing, and there is not
a Moment to lose, the enormous loss that must
ensue, the declaration of every Inhabitants expecting
the constant Custom of opening the Bank, and the
unjust perseverance of the renter, should decide
the alternative of opening it by force— the reflection
nevertheless of the trouble it might occasion and
the good Harmony, that is established induced me
to prefer demanding that the renter be ordered to stand
to the Loss resulting from his negligence and for his
Injustice to repair it. I am certain that the renter
was to make such repairs to the Bank as would
have prevented the overflowing and that if he
failed in that he should at last have made an
Opening to the one that ought to stop it, if he
has done neither, the reparation is then a matter of
right.—

I dont imagine Sir that the
the

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1st. The expence of repairing the Bank of Southampton, is discharged by the King of Tanjore, I have neglected any expences I thought necessary.—

There are other Subjects of Complaint against the Renter which when we shall get more acquainted with — they informed me at the very time of the Loss occasioned by the inundation being 30,000 Gallons and that it would yet considerably increase, if they delayed any longer to take the necessary steps to prevent it, will you therefore Sir give such orders as the Circumstance requires and be assured on my part of the most rigid attention to any infraction and abuse of established Customs.

I have the honor to be with the most perfect Consideration

Sir &c. &c.

/Signed/ Vinay

Karical
28th. Oct. 1785.

Atmo Translation

/Signed/ L. Chase
French Translator

To Mr. Vinay
acting Commandant at Karical.

Sir,

I had the honor some days ago to receive

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17th received your Letter of the 28th ultimo, and should have sooner replied to it, but that the Importance of the Complaint stated therein determined me to communicate it to his excellency in person. - You are to guide Sir, to give implicit belief to the representations of your Inhabitants respecting matters in which their Interests are so much concerned and to consider of the various consequences that might follow the attempting to establish their supposed rights by force to have such a measure for one moment in your contemplation as to its having been the practice to use force in case of an insult to open the Ports the Nature of this Station / made to you, I must suppose, by your Inhabitants / will be obvious on your considering that the Magans, before they are lately ceded to your nation were under the same authority, and Jurisdiction with the rest of the Tanjore Country - his excellency the Rajah of Tanjore possessed, and governed the whole, and you will judge whether it could have been part of his system of Government to suffer his people to decide their own differences by violence and to go to war with each other upon points which invested with them solely to determine. -

On my representing to the Rajah the

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14th the contents of your Letter which I did on the fullest manner, his excellency and the Ministers absolutely denied the positions laid down therein relative both to the Banks of Louttenpatam and the Bank at Coromandapore they asserted on answer that there was no obligation upon the Rajah, either by established Custom or on reason to open the Letter at the desire of the Inhabitants of the 4 Magans - that the Openings is at this time might be advantageous to them but it would be highly prejudical to the Rajahs lands contiguous to the said Bank that in many months since the Bank in question at Coromandapore was reopened, and strengthened by the Rajahs People at the particular desire of your Inhabitants, tho there was no obligation upon his excellency to do it - that it was now their desire to have it opened, and it might be convenient to them a Month or two hence to have it raised and reopened again, and there would be no end to the expence - I expostulated with the Rajah for sometime on the Subject, and urged both his Excellency, and the Ministers to send orders for Opening the Bank of the usually customary to do so, but they persisted in declaring that there was no foundation for such a claim

The Assertions of the Durbar & of your Inhabitants being thus opposed to each other I have requested of Mr. Sullivan the Resident at Nagore

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17th Nagore to proceed to the Bank at Carrawattondapore and endeavour to inform himself fully with regard to the point in dispute by examining the principal Inhabitants on both sides— I hope therefore you will be so good as to let some of the Complainants attend Mr. Falloffield at the Bank, to communicate and explain to him whatsoever they may judge material in support of their Claim, and his Excellency the Rajah will also send some persons on his part to support what he has urged against it.—

I have furnished Mr. Falloffield with a Copy of your Letter, and in order to prevent any further delay of redress to your Inhabitants should they prove to have been in the right, I have invested with the Manneaken that in case Mr. Falloffield should be of opinion that their pretensions are founded in Justice, and established proof upon his signifying the same to his excellency's Amuldar or Minister of the district he shall immediately cause the Bank to be opened.

Mr. Falloffield's station being so near to yours— his having been lately deputed to deliver over the 4 Magans to the French Representative— and my knowledge of his ability & disposition to conduct such an enquiry with Perfect & Impartiality, suggested this to me as a measure which I could not fail to be agreeable to you,

And

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17th and to afford you an unequivocal proof of my determination to leave nothing undone on my part towards preserving the harmony, and good understanding is desirable to be maintained between the Representatives of our respective nations in this Country.—

I have the honor to be

S.r &.c

(Signed) L.n Headleston

Tanjore
8th Novemr 1785

true Copy
L.n Headleston

To Ernst William Fallofield Esqr.
Resident at Nagore

Sir,

For some time past I have been engaged in a Correspondence with the Chief of Karical on consequence of disputes that have arisen between the Inhabitants of the French Manams and the Rajahs Servants in the adjacent districts who have severally preferred Complaints against each other. These disputes I have investigated with all the Deligence I am capable of, and endeavoured to settle them with impartial justice,— In two late Instances, the Complaints from the french Chief appeared to me to be well founded, and they were

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17th were accordingly redressed & believe to this
Satisfaction but a few days ago I received another
from him couched in more severe terms, than
any of the former, and declaring forth facts that
if true must be so materially prejudicial to
the Rights, and Interests of the French, that I
judged it proper to make a personal application
to the Rajah on the Subject, the principal Grievance
stated in the Complaint is a refusal on the part
of the Rajahs manager to open a Bank at a
place called Coroondaloor for the purpose
of carrying off the water, and thereby preventing
Inundation - This refusal the French Chief asserts
to be contrary to established usage and the Rights
of the French Inhabitants, by which the Bank
should be kept in repair by the Rajahs People
the former paying two fifths of the expence
and opened (2) when necessary for the purposes above=
=mentioned; but this positions on my representing
the matter to his excellency were absolutely denied
by him, and his ministers who on the contrary
asserted that there was no obligation upon the
Rajah either by established Custom, or on reason
to open the Banks at the desire of the Inhabitants
of the 4 Magans that the opening it at this time
might be advantageous to them but it would
be highly prejudicial to the Tanjore Country -
That not many months ago the Banks in

question

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17th question was repeated and strongthened by his Subahdars at the particular desire of the French, tho' there was no obligation upon his excellency to do it - That it was now their desire to have it opened, and that if this should be allowed it might be their convenience another day, or two hence, to have it raised, and repaired again, and others of the Rajahs added, was his expectance to end.

I urged the Rajah in the conference, and have since prested the Minister in much stronger terms, to send orders for opening the Bank if it was really customary to do so, and pointed out to them the various consequences which might arise from giving the French any just cause of offence, but they persisted to assert that the French have no rights to claim the Opening of the Bank, adding that if indulged in this, they would advance some other Claim to morrow, and there would be no bounds to their encroachments. The Assertions of this Durbar and of the Chief of Karical as stated in the Complaint being thus opposed to each other, it remains for me to endeavour to ascertain on which side lies the Truth, and as the surest means of accomplishing that Object I have determined to request your Assistance. The proximity of your Station to Karical, and to the place

where

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17th where the Banks in question is Situated upon
having been so lately employed in delivering
over the 4 Magans to the French, and
above all, my knowledge of your Ability,
and Zeal for the Interests of your employers
induce me to ask of you this Favour, and at
the same time persuade me that you will
not decline it— I am confident also that for
the same reasons our Superiors at the Presiden-
-cy will approve of my having applied
to you on this occasion permit me then to
request that you will be so good as to
visit the Bank at Coromandal soon, and
endeavour to inform yourself fully with
regard to the Claims of the French Inhabi-
-tants stated in the enclosed translation
of a Letter from the acting Chief, or Commandant
at Karical, who will doubtless direct the
Complainants to attend you in order to be
examined in Support of their Claims & the Rajah
on his part will immediately send some
Persons to meet you at the Bank to explain,
and prove what his excellency has urged
against them — to prevent any further delay
of redress to the French Inhabitants should
they prove to have been in the right I have
enclosed in the Memoirs that I can give you
should upon the whole be of Opinion that

Your

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17th Their pretensions are founded in Justice, and established usage upon your signifying the same to his excellency's assembled or Managers of the District he shall immediately cause the Bank to be opened — I enclose under a flying Seal for your perusal my Letter on the Subject to the French Commandant and have only to add that the sooner you execute this Service the more acceptable it will prove to our Superiors, and the greater will be the Obligation conferred on

Sir,

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) S. Hudleston

Tanjore
8th Novemr 1785.

A true Copy

(Signd) S. Hudleston

18th Sent Letter to the Officers, late Brigade Majors, (as entered on M.B. No. 67) informing them, that their Requests for certain allowances have been complied with.

To the Officers
late Brigade Majors

At a Consultation Present

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr President

Friday 18th November 1785.

Lieut. Gen. Sir John Dalling Bart.

James Daniell Esqr

Members of last Consultation

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Read and Approved.—

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam, with enclosures, entered in Mis. No. 68.—

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.

President and Governor &c. Council

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir and Sirs.—

From Masulipatam enclosing their Correspondence with the Paymaster thereof, respecting certain charges in his Accounts.—

We have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 19th Instant; and have also received your Secretary's Letter of the 22d & 27th Ult. 4th & 5th Instant; as well as those from your Deputy Secretary dated the 13th & 27th Ultimo & 12th Instant to all of which strict attention shall be paid.—

An earnest desire to retrench every improper & unnecessary expence on this Establishment induced us to point out to the Paymaster in the Circars such as appeared to us exceptionable in his Accounts, and to direct such Charges to be suspended as appeared to us improper. Copies of our remarks with his replies to them, together with Copies of all the Correspondence that has passed on this Subject are herewith enclosed from No. 1 to No. 5—your Honor &c. would perceive by our last Letter to Mr Westcott the unsatisfactory manner with which our Observations had been replied to, and that by refusing to Comply with what

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what we directed, he appears to assert an Independancy of our Controul and Authority from which he appeals to you. We did not mention that if such conduct and example were to be followed by others, it would no longer be in our Power to Check an improper Charge; Your Repeated orders for retrenching our Expences would become nugatory, and we should in such case be ordering more than the Channel of Communication We do not mean to insinuate that a Reference to your Honor &c. is unnecessary upon all occasions, the constant practice of this Board will evince the Contrary, but both from Custom and propriety we think it ought to be left to us to determine When this is proper. In the present instance we are entirely of opinion that the Charges on Mr. Westcotts Account which We have made exceptions to Particularly those for Bullocks, are Improper and that the Company ought not to be at this expence and also that there having been long continuance of Imposition is no reason why they should not be expended. Mr. Westcotts Contract for Bullocks was announced to this Board in a letter from the Resident

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President and Council dated 25th Sept. 1779
during the late War, when it might be necessary
that the Troops in the District should
be able to take the field at a Short
Notice; but as the same reason does not
at present exist, and We have
no doubt that Draft Cattle, when
required, may be procured now with
as little difficulty, as they were
before that Contract took place we
think the expence incurred thereby at present
altogether unnecessary and Recommend
it being discontinued.

When we remarked on Mr.
Westcott's Accounts we had no intention of
reflecting on the Commanding Officer at Bhore
or that he would have thought himself at all
concerned therein, but by a letter which we have
received from Colonel Braithwaite, Copy of which
is also herewith enclosed No. 6 it appears that
he considers this matter otherwise and by reply
to Colonel Braithwaite herewith sent No. 7.
States our reasoning on this Subject, which if
necessary for us to alter on any future occasion,
will furnish you with the information necessary
to obtain in consequence your orders.

We have the honor of transmitting you
the Instrument acknowledging the restitution
of

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of the Factory of Tuticorin Peroam and its Dependencies to the Dutch, together with Copy of Mr. Hamilton's Letter wherein accompanied N° 8 as also our Consultations for the months of May June & July last N° 9.

We have the honor to be very respectfully Sirs Your most obedient humble Servants

Anthony Sadleir
James Hodges
W. Dolbyn

Masulipatam
28th Octr. 1785.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The President informs the Board that he has sent a Reply (entered in C.C. N° 117) to the Rajah of Tanjore's Letter of the 24 Ultimo agreeably to the Resolution at the last meeting, a Copy of which address it is agreed shall be sent to the Resident at Tanjore with the following Letter.

To the President reports to the Board that he has replied to the Rajah of Tanjore's last Letter.

To John Hudleston Esqr.

Resident at Tanjore

Sir

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your two Letters dated the 12th Instant with their several enclosures, & to inform you that they

To the Resident at Tanjore, His Conduct approved with Respect to the Disputes between the French & Tranquebar & the Inhabitants of the adjacent Districts — enclosing Copy

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Copy of a Letter from the Rajah with the President's answer.

They approve your Conduct on the reference made to you by the Commandant of Karical, and your request to Mr. Tallofield in consequence

Inclosed Copy of a Letter lately addressed to the President by the Rajah of Tanjore with the President's answer, which you will be pleased to deliver to his excellency — a Copy of this Letter is also enclosed for your information

You will observe in the Letter now addressed to the Rajah, that his Excellency is referred to you for a communication of the sentiments of the Board upon the several points in agitation, & as my Letter to you of the 9th Instance conveys the determination & directions of Government upon those points, it is unnecessary to repeat what has already been said on the subject —

The Board expect soon to hear that you have received the 80,000 Pagodas upon which they place dependance for ensuing payments to the Troops —

The Board are concerned to find that your application to the Rajah on Jaun of Mr. Ward has been unsuccessful, they are willing to hope you will be able to procure a more satisfactory answer to the Claims of Mr. Mallet

Sam Lr 8. 8. 85.

Fort St. George
the 18th Novr 1785

(Signed) John Chamier
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Read the following Letter from Mr. Commissioner Sackson.—

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President and Governor &c. Council

at Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Mr Commissioner Sackson, stating the Result of his audit of the late Paymasters of Palamcottah Accounts

I have examined the Accounts of the late Mr. Light, formerly Paymaster at Palamcottah from the 6th of May 1780 to the 31st July 1784, at which period I am informed his Accounts with the Superintendant of the Nabobs disbursements terminated, the Balance then stated to be due the Paymaster, being Star Pagodas 53,125. 32. 38. are carried forward to the next Months Accounts.—

The Sums ordered to be refunded as per my Report on the Palamcottah disbursements to the 30th of April 1783, and sent to the Board of Accounts, have not been brought to the Credit of the Honble Company, on the subsequent accounts, which I think proper now to mention to your Honor &c. Council is Pagodas 9739. 23. 47. the Chief part of which, was on Account of an overcharge on the Hire of Bullocks sanctioned in the year 1781

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1781 by Major, then Captain Lidingtown, for the Public Service.—

Under the head of Contract from the 1st of January 1782 to the 30th November 1783, the Paymaster has charged at the Rate of one Star Pagoda per Day to every fifty Carriage Bullocks, and two Drivers for three Draught, which Method of charging, exceeds the Regulations established by Government on the 14th April 1780 & has upon the whole made a Difference of Pagodas 527 24 Ash. which Sum of Right ought to be carried to the Credit of the Company.—

In the month of July 1783— the Sum of Pagodas 888 is Charged for Sapoys Coons employed by the Circar, and stationed between Pallamcottah and Madura from the 1st of August 1782 to the end of this Month.— I understand upon enquiry that during the Part of this time, the Communication was so much interrupted that it was scarce ever attempted to send Letters by them— on a reference to the Vouchers for the above Charge I find they are all drawn out, and signed by Captain Balchelle not one of them however express. by whose authority the Paymaster took upon himself to pay these Sapoy Coons neither should he have done it, without Permission for that purpose being first obtained from

Yours

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your Honor &c. I beg therefore to submit this Charge to the Honble Board for their Decision thereon.

The Military Payments of the Garrison are in general regular, and supported with the necessary Vouchers, excepting on some Instances which I shall beg leave to point out to your Honor &c. They are the Blending Items encurred with the Southern Army with those of the Garrison of Palamcottah, which ought if possible to have been avoided, more particularly as there are some Charges, which I should not have admitted, that they been entered in the Camp Paymasters Accounts Ensign Dogherty has been paid Staff allowances as Quarter Master to the Flank Corps of the Southern Army for the Month of April 1784 amounting to Pagodas 98. 21 and this Appointment is not included in Colonel Fullarton's Orders of Encampment published in Camp the 27th. of September 1782 a true Copy of which I have received from your late Secretary Mr. Hudleston, and by which I have been directed by your Honor &c. to regulate the Payment of Staff allowances, to those officers who are actually entitled to receive them, what therefore has been paid to Ensign Dogherty as a Staff officer I am of Opinion ought not to be admitted. Full Batta is likewise drawn

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drawn by the Officers of the 19th Battalion for the Months of May and June 1784; at that time doing duty with the Southern Army. The General Orders of Government dated the 29th April 1784 directed, "that all field & Staff allowances should cease on the 1st of May ensuing" - These Gentlemen should have expressed on their Bills, the Reasons of drawing Full Batta for three Months, which they have not done, the difference between what has been charged and the Sum which ought only to have been paid agreeably to the order of your Honor &c. being Pagodas 138: 28: - Sum of - Opinion should be suspended - and with due Submission to your Judgement, I think the Camp Paymaster, should be held responsible for these Irregularities, because it was his Duty with the Assistance of the Commissary, to have rejected all irregular Charges before the 19th Battalion left the Southern Army, instead of which, I find all the different Bills belonging to the Officers of this Battalion, are countersigned by the Commissary, as if the Orders of Government had never been published -

I think it proper to inform your Honor &c. that the Late Paymaster Mr. Light has credited for the Amount of Grain &c. furnished him by Messrs. Preston & Swan, agreeably to the

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Warriore
5th Novem.r 1785.-

the accounts which I have received from the
Accountant of the Commettee of assigned Revenue.-
I have the Honor to be with much Respect.

&c.a &c.a &c.a

/ Signed / W.m Jackson.-
Commissioner of Accounts.-

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Jackson be informed,
of the Resolution of the Board some time since
to admit the Charge in Mr. Shenwortheys
Accounts of one maistry to every Sepoy Carriage
Bullocks, and that such Charge should be
in General allowed for the future;

That the Charge in the late Mr.
Lightes Accounts for Sepoy Peons, is admitted
on the Conviction it was necessary to keep
such Peons in readiness to embrace every
favorable Opportunity for conveying Letters;

That the Sum of Pag.a 138. being
the Difference of Batta to the Officers of the
19.th Battalion must be refunded as must
be the Staff allowances to Ensign Dogherty;
but that the Camp Paymaster must be held
responsible for all irregularities committed
by them, it being his Duty to rectify every
Charge of an improper Nature, in the accounts
of Corps, previous to their leaving the
Southern Army.—

Read

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Read the following Letter from Captn.
Lieutenant Oram —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Captn. Lieut. Oram enclosing Receipts given by Mr Digby for Money advanced for the Public Service and applying for a Liquidation of the same by ready Money, or Bills on the Northern Settlements

I have the honor to address you Honble Board, on the Subject of a Loan made by the Southern Paymaster, Hercules Degby Esqr as far back as January 1784 amounting to the Sum of Four Thousand, Three Hundred & Sixty Pons Noon Pagodas, advanced by me at that time, merely to prevent disagreeable consequences among the Troops, as appears by the accompanying Receipt and on belief of the promises made me, by the then Commandant Colonel Fullarton that it should be repaid, from the Cash received for the Army's subsistences. — Since the date of my advancing the Sum, I have repeatedly applyd, to Colonels Fullarton, & Stuart as well as to Messrs. Sowers and Digby, for payment, the language held by these Gentlemen, has ever been, that it should be paid at a certain Period which when arrived, some pressing necessity, has prevented them from fulfilling their promises.

What I have to request of the Honble

3032 Fort S.t George 18.th November 1785.

Honble Board, that they will be pleased to order me, some Convenient mode of Payment either by Cash, or Bills on the Northward, or Southward at a Short date, for the principal only. It never having been my intention, to lend this Sum for any length of time, and when I did it, it was only with a view, to forward, and promote the good of the Service.

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a
Fort S.t George
Nov.r 10.th 1785. (Signed) James Oram

Amount of the Receipts given to Captain Oram
" Camp 4." Sept.r 1784 -

"Borrowed and Received of Capt.n " Samuel
" Oram, between the months of Novem.r 1783, and
" October 1784, the Sum of two Thousand Pork
" Nova Pagodas, for the particular purpose of
" discharging the Bounty to Coast europeans,
" to be repaid from the first Cash received
" into the Army Treasury. -
(Signed) "Kendall Digby "
Pay.r S.a"

This Sum, was repaid me, about the month of December 1784. and again in Janry 1785

3033 Fort St. George 18th November 1785.

1785 Colonel Stuart, and Mr. Digby, prevailed on me to lend the Army all the ready money I then had on the Sumbrid, when the following receipt was granted & which is now due.

"Borrowed of Capt.n James Oram from his Depositt on the Sumbrid, for the urgent necessities of the Service, the Sum of four thousand, three hundred and sixty, Arcot Nawb Pagodas, payable from the first Gold Coin that is received by.

"Signed" Henderson Digby
Dayst. a."

Camp at Carney 28th 1785.

To be discharged by a Bill on Masulipatam

As the Sum lent to the Company by Capt.n Oram was in aid to the Paymaster when much distressed for Cash to carry on the Publick Service, & as Capt.n Oram does not demand Interest, it is Agreed that a Bill on Masulipatam be granted for the Amount.

Read the following Letters Entered in the Miscellany Book N.os 69-70, 71, 72.

From Captain Ralston Paymaster to the 100.th Regiment, enclosing Statement of Arrears of Pay due to the above Regiment, & requesting that the same be discharged.

From Captain Ralston

As the Claim for Arrears due is properly Certified by the Commissary General it is Agreed that a Bill on Bengal be given to Capt.n Ralston, for Pagodas 1890 being the amount

Remarks thereon

3032 Fort S.t George 18.th November 1785.

Honble Board, that they will be pleased to order me, some Convenient mode of Payment either by Cash, or Bills on the Northward, or Southward at a Short date, for the principal only. It never having been my intention, to lend this Sum for any length of time, and when I did it, twas only with a view, to forward, and promote the good of the Service.

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

Fort S.t George
Nov.r 10.th 1785.

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" discharging the Bounty to Coast europeans,
" to be repaid from the first Cash received
" into the Army Treasury. -

(Signed) "Kenelm Digby"
Paym.r Gen.l"

This Sum, was repaid me, about the month of December 1784. and again in Janry 1785

3033 Fort St. George 18th November 1785.

1785 Colonel Stuart, and Mr. Digby, prevailed on me to lend the Army all the ready money I then had on the Sumbrol, when the following receipt was granted & which is now due.

"Borrow'd of Capt.n Lewis Bram from his "Detatch on the Sumbrol, for the urgent necessities "of the Service, the Sum of four Thousand, three "hundred and Sixty, Arcot New Pagodas, payable "from the first Gold Coin that is received by.

"Signed" Henden Digby
Dayst. a."

Camp 6th January 20th 1785.

To be discharged by a Bill on Masulipatam

As the Sum lent to the Company by Capt.n Bram was an aid to the Paymaster when much distressed for Cash to carry on the publick Service, & as Capt.n Bram does not demand Interest, it is Agreed that a Bill on Masulipatam be granted for the Amount.

Read the following Letter Entered in the Miscellany Book N.o 69-70, 71, 72.

From Captain Balston Paymaster to the 100.th Regiment, enclosing Statement of Arrears of Gratuity due to the above Regiment, & requesting that the same be discharged.

From Captain Balston

As the Claim for Arrears due is properly Certified by the Commissary General it is Agreed that a Bill on Bengal be given to Capt.n Balston, for Pagodas 1890 being the amount

Memo to the con

of the above Claim.

From Mr. Surgeon Major Lucas dated the 9th Instant, stating, that on preparing himself to take the field in the year 1780 agreeably to order received, he incurred very considerable expence, & was under the necessity of selling his Plate to provide Funds for the purpose, & enclosing Certificates from Mr. Surgeon General Bailey Colonel Lang, Mr. Agnew, & Mr. Duffin in support of his Application.

From Mr Lucas

Ordered from the above mentioned Papers are certified that Mr Lucas's exertions were made for the good of the Service, & that he actually expended the Sum, of which he requests a recompense but it is Agreed that a Company's Bond be granted for Pagodas 2034 being the principal of the Sum in question; and that it be carried to the Head of the Second War with Hyder Ali.

Minute thereon

From Capt.n Oliver dated 9th November acquainting the Board that a Frenchman was lately brought to Trichinopoly from Tellanoor, who produced a Passport from General de Cossigny to proceed to Arcot, & requesting to know whether he is to detain to Stop Europeans who have such Passports.

From Capt.n Oliver

Agreed that Capt.n Oliver be informed that he is to detain & Stop all European Soldiers who may be found in the Nabobs or Company's Districts.

Minute thereon

From Col. Pinbold dated the 10th Instant

From Col. Pinbold

3035 Fort St. George 18th. November 1785.-

Instant, stating the Claims of Major Sevrey & the Hanoverian Officers lately arrived from the Southward, & requesting that their Arrears be discharged.-

Agreed that Colonel Kemble be informed that Major Sevrey & his Officers must present their Bills to the proper Officers by whom they will be audited Conformably to the rules of the Service - after which the Board will consider on the means of liquidating them.

Minute thereon

The President informs the Board that Mr. Edward Garrow has applied to him for Bills on Ganjam in his favor for Star Pagodas 1500 on part of the Ballance due to him, which the President recommends may be granted.

Bills on Ganjam granted to Mr. Edward Garrow for Pagodas 1500.-

Ordered accordingly.-

" Alex. Davidson

" J. A. Dalrymple

" P. Dannell

"

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18th

Diary

Received the undermentioned Letter as entered in Miscellany Book Nos. 73, 74.

From Colonel Rumbold at Arcot dated 17th November stating that the Frenchman whom Government directed should be examined as a retainer of objectionous Lugnon, and that his only Business to Arcot, is on that Account.—

From Mr. Arthur Jones, late Capt. of Artillery dated 14th November requesting a Revisal of the Court Martial held upon him by which he was dismissed the Service.—

From Mr. Arthur Jones.

Dispatched Letters to the Commandants of Palamcotah and Madura, of which the following is a Copy.—

To Colonel Sir Henry Eosby

Or Officer Commanding at

Palam Cotah

To the Commandant of Palamcotah, and to the Commandant of Madura, enclosing an obligation to be entered into by the Dubashes who are to remain in the Districts, the others to be directed to quit it, agreeably to a Request of His Highness the Nabob.—

Sir,

His Highness the Nabob having represented to the Board that great disorders & Oppressions have been practised by certain Dubashes in the Madura & Tinnevelly Districts who have with them their Families engaged in Money Concerns & interfered in the Business of the Revenue,

&c

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18th He has determined that they shall not longer reside in the above districts, That directed Sahabut Cawn & Shaick Mahommed to oblige them to depart.—

I enclose a List of the Dubashes in question and the Board desire you will direct the writer of the Nabob with his Answer &c. as far as relates to any future Interference with the Revenue or Inventory of the Carnatic, an Evil which the Board are determined to prevent, and to punish the offenders by recalling them to the Presidency, on any future Complaint from his Highness.—

If the Paymaster of Palamcotah or yourself should be desirous of having a Dubash such Dubash must immediately execute an Obligation according to the Draft which I enclose.—

All Accounts which may be outstanding between Dubashes & others with the Rayts & Amildar may be transmitted to the Board who will in that case cause them to be investigated, after which the Nabob will be requested to enforce payment of what is justly due to the Dubashes &c. as abovementioned

I am Sir &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) John Chamier
Secretary

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18th Sent the undermentioned Letters / as entd
in Mlle Nos 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85,
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To the Paymasters at Trichinopoly and
Madura directing them to supply Colonel
Sir Henry Torbe with Tents & Stores, upon
his Indents for that purpose

To the Paymasters
at Trichinopoly &
Madura.

To Captain Roberts & to Surgeon
William Duff Dunbar, with Permission
to proceed to England for three years
on half Pay.

To Capt.n Roberts

To Surgn W. D.
Dunbar

10th To the President at Tanjore with
two Bonds to be presented to the Rev.d Mr.
Swartz & to the Rev.d Mr. Pohle. on account
for a Note of the late Resident's for money
advanced by them for the Public Service

To the President
at Tanjore.

20th To Mr. Arthur Jones late Capt.n of
Artillery informing him that the Board
do not see it in their power to order a Revisal
of his Trial

To Mr. A. Jones

To Mr. Welch To the Paymaster at Arcot directing
him to make Payments to Sundry Officers
for repair of Palankeens at Arnee, and Arcot

To Col. Reinbold To the Commandant at Arcot informing him of the
foregoing

To Mr. Surgeon
Major Lucas

To Mr. Surgeon Major Lucas, informing
him that a Company's Bond will be granted
to him for the amount of his Claim for money
expended

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20th expended by him in preparing to take the Field

To Captain Ralston, Paymaster of the
To Captn. Ralston. 100th Regiment, informing him that Bills on
Bengal will be granted to him for Arrears of
Pay due by the Company to that Regiment

To the Paymaster at Vellore, inclosing a
To the Paymaster Draft upon the Military Paymaster General
at Vellore.- at the Presidency, also an Account of expences
incurred on repairs of Quarters at Amboor, both
of which he is directed to discharge.-

To the Commandant at Permacoil directing
To Captn. Oliver him in future to stop all European Soldiers
who shall be found in the Naboli or Company's
Districts

25th To Mr. Commissioner Lachlan with
To Mr. Commissioner the Observations of the Board on his Audit of
Lachlan.- the late Mr. Light's Accounts, as Paymaster
at Palam Cottah

To Mr Lowe, acting Paymaster
To the Paymaster at Palamcottah directing him, to receive from
at Palamcottah Mr. Dodd 4547 Chuckrums on Account of the
Estate of the late Mr. Light, and give a Bill
upon the Military Paymaster General for the
Amount, at the Exchange of the Day.—

At

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.

President

Tuesday 22d Nov.r 1785.-

Lieut.l General Sir Johm Dalling Bart.

James Daniell Esq.r

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.-

Read the following Letter from Mr. Westcott

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.r

President & Governor &c.a

Fort St. George

From Mr. Westcott for Justification of himself upon the Complaint exhibited against him by the Chief & Council at Masulipatam.-

Honble Sir & Sirs,

On the 29th Instant I addressed the Honble the President, enclosing to him a Copy of a Letter from the Chief & Council of Masulipatam which I had received only the evening preceding begging thro' him the indulgence of a few days, from your Superior Board, to forward an exculpation of the Complaint exhibited against me, by the Chief, & Council before any decision was passed thereon; & I flatter myself you have been pleased to grant the

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the request - I lament the necessity I am under to enter into such an explanation after a Series of twenty one years of unimpeached Services or of engaging you a Moment from Matters of Importance, but when a heavy & Pointed charge of disrespect and disobedience is preferred by a Government against a Servant placed immediately under its Authority, that necessity, & truth will plead a full excuse as the Board of Marine tho' have sent me no Copies of the particular charges against me from their Letter only I can collect them, & defend myself by this, I should even deny expressions - that "I was sorry to disagree with the Board in Opinion" is made the Ground work of the Complaint, & to do away such a Supposition I solemnly assure you the most distant Idea of disrespect was never meant thereby, I used them merely as words that occurred to me, & might have occurred in Conversation the Board surely could not mean my appeal to you, as disrespectfull consideing such an appeal, being an Inherent Right to every Servant, & upon your Perusal of the References to the Correspondence that passed between the Board, & me, I hope you will Acquit me of having any such intention

On the 5th September I received a letter from Mr. Secretary Scott at Masulipatam, enclosing

to

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to the Remarks made by the Chief Accountant on my disbursements for the months of May & June, & returning to me my accounts for those months with every Voucher, that accompanied them ordering me immediately to alter them Conformably to these Remarks and to refund the several Sums objected to the Remarks consisted of fourteen different heads as shortly as I could make from a Misconstruction or a misapprehension of certain Points and as following explanations in such cases necessary and elucidate the case subjoyed to the remarks will set forth my reasons why such Payments were made but received no answer, in the Interim of the Boards sending the first Remarks, & my receiving them I had sent in my accounts for July which the Secretary also returned, with order to Rectify them in the same manner as they had directed those for the months of May & June as I was convinced that Several of my explanations would be admitted, and that three, or four of the heads could only be altered by the Commanding Officer who was then absent; but came to return I waited my Conjectures proved right for in a few days before the Arrival of Colonel Braithwaite on the 7th. October I received another Letter from Mr. Woodley Scott acknowledging a receipt of my explanations and admitting the propriety in eight objected denying the other, to be altered agreeable to the former

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Some or dert Sour of the remaining eight visited with the Commanding Officer On his arrival I waited on him, with the Boards Second Remarks & desired him to tell me what answer I should make, he told me he would address the Government himself & would wait until he heard from the Governor in Council I had then only four heads which remained & the I had explained them, were not admitted and as these effected me nearly I was induced to take the liberty of requesting they might be referred to your determination more especially that Respecting the draft Bullock Contract which had existed six years by your Sanction established and acknowledged by the Board of Masulipatam and had passed every auditors examinations since & Committees on Accounts - The allowance made to me of writers I also requested might be referred, as I was already out of Pocket by the Sum allowed & begging only to be put on the same footing with the Mr. Welsh & Digby Paymasters to the Southern Cantonments - Respecting the Stores at Condapillie the allowance of a Sub Conductor there had been objected to from an Idea I see, or no Stores were in that Garrison this I imagined a reference to the Return of Stores of Condapillie would illucidate and therefore forwarded one immediately hoping thereby to prove the necessity there was for such an

Appointment

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Appointment to Superintend so large a number of Gun Stores &c.

Such have been the motives of my Conduct which I do not apprehend has been any wise derogatory to the Dignity to the Board of Masulipatam I am sensible that obedience should be paid to the superior power in all Situations, nor could I have the arrogance to place myself in Competition with the authority of a Board so long established if from any misapplication or a misapprehension of words, on either side I may appear to be in fault I permit me to request you would attribute it to error not intention tho' for my own part sensible of the motives that actuated me, I do not perceive any error that can have merited the Strong terms of the Masulipatam Boards Letter to me and convinced of my own Rectitude I rely fully on your impartial Judgement.

I have the honor most respectfully to be &c. &c.

/Signed/ Geo. Westcott

Ellore
31st. Octr. 1785

The following Instructions to Colonel Corby being read & approved are ordered to be Copied & delivered to him

To Colonel Sir Henry Corby

Sir

Having in the General Orders of

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Instructions to Colonel Sir Henry Locby, in Consequence of his appointment to the Command of a Detachment to be stationed in the district of Tinnevelly to collect the Nabobs Peishcash from the Poligars.

Sir

Of the 19th Instant, ordered a Detachment to take the Field & to be put under your Command, We now proceed to give you our Instructions respecting your future operations.-

The Force above mentioned is to act conjunctively with the Nabobs Shroudar Sitular Cawn who has received his Highness's directions to collect the Peischash due from some Poligars in the Tinnevelly District, which by his Highness's Letter of date the 3rd Instant appears to be the arrears due for the period of Six Years Management and the Usual Jarubee of 200000 Chuckrums for the present year and to settle their future Peishcash upon a just & Permanent Footing

In the Choice of you for the Command of this expedition we have been influenced not only by the wishes of the Nabob but by our Confidence in your Prudent Conduct on which we place the fullest Dependance for a prevention of the bad effects which may be apprehended, should the Poligars by harsh treatment, become disaffected to the Nabobs Government.-

As You are well acquainted with

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with the natural Strength which these Polygons possess from their Situation you will be sensible of how much Importance it is to the safety of the Carnatick, that they should be form'd in the Interiors of the Works of the Company by which means an exception into the Carnatic from the Southward may be prevented, and a strong Barrier maintained at no expence on that Quarter

The Nabob affirms that the Subsidy established by Mr Swinton, is considerably less than what was paid to the Circars previous to the Assignment of that Kingdom's Revenues in December 1768.— and that as he has engaged to make Larger annual Payments to the Company, it is absolutely necessary that his Subsidy should be reduced proportionably therefore it is presumed Direct Sibaun Rao to enforce his Claim for an Increase of the Subsidy to 200000, and the Nabob assures us, that he is willing to wait a Season of opportunity to receive from them by degrees

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As they may be able to discharge them, the
Arrears which he declares, to be now due to
him from several of the Polygars.

It must be your particular
care to Support Citabar Caun with the
Force under Your Command, on demands
of a just nature only; and you must
endeavour by every possible means to adjust
the Business without Proceeding to acts
of Violence. Thus we hope you will
be able to effect as the Nabob has
assured Sir Jonn belief that the appear-
-ance of a Military Force will be
sufficient to bring the Polygars to a
reasonable Settlement & that every Equit-
-able Demands
which can be proven on the Nabobs
may be obtained from them by wresting on
an person by attacks an equitable Settlem-
-ent as may be amicably determined, we
wish you to communicate our Intentions
and that you will Shew your Couth to
them

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me to attend to the advantages that must necessarily accrue from such an order and such Recommendations may ever be adduce as powerful Assistant to their Support by referring the Worthy Board to the Members of the Commattee of assigned Revenue, where my exertions to furnish Respectfully to restore an almost ruined Country to its antient flourishing State and to recover large Arrears due to Government at the removal of Apto Saunders for them are amply demonstrated as well as the flattering Observation of the Commattee "That my Conduct had been very satisfactory and was much approved of" I may not be considered to remark that my allowances were most inadequate even to my expences; however where in a Public Capacity I argue Public Approbation I shall Submit to private Inconvenience without a Murmur;

For these Sentiments permit me Worthy Sir & Gentlemen to declare that I am ready and shall be happy to execute any office wherein my abilities such as they are can be effectually serviceable to my Worthy Masters but that as I know of no Station at present where they can be particularly useful to me a duty I owe myself and my Family to claim a preference on a Cantonment about to be formed at Seve- -veral presents an Opportunity for doing so, that

Pagoda Saunders

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Paymaster ship is what I am desirous of obtaining, and I am confident the Honble Board will not consider it by any means inconsistent with any Right, or Rank when they reflect upon the Circumstances already mentioned, and on these additional ones, that I have been 10 Years in the Service and never had any other post with a Salary annexed to it than that alluded to, which I only continued three Months and a half from the time of my Appointment to my return to the Presidency, and was I must again affirm a most unprofitable one.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Rob.t Geo. Latham

Fort St. George
20th October 1785.

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table.—

From Ensign Machae

Read a Letter (as entered on the M.
B. No 87.) from Ensign Machae, stating that he is at Madras upon leave on account of ill health, requesting that he may be allowed to draw House Rent.—

Minute thereon

Agreed that Ensign Machae be informed that House Rent cannot be allowed to any Officers at Fort St. George, excepting those belonging to the Garrison, who cannot be provided with Quarters.—

The

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Company's Bond granted to the Military Storekeeper for Pagodas 800

The President informs the Board that Mr. Scotney has applied to him for a Company's Bond in his favor for Star Pagodas 800 on part of the Ballance due to him, which the President recommends may be granted

Ordered Accordingly.—

" Alex. Davidson

" P. Dowell

" J. Dorrill

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23d Read the following Letters

To the Honble. Alexander Dawdson
Governor General,
& the Gentlemen in Council at the Presidency
of Madras at Fort St. George.

From Mr. De Cossigny- Gentlemen

agrees to the I have received the Letter you did
reference made me the honor to write me dated the 25th Ult.o
to Bengal respecting in reply to the Decision of the Board of the
the Dispute 5th of the same month in which he claimed
between the Chief from you- Gentlemen many points relative
Council at to the execution of the 13th Article of the last
Mazulipatam, and Treaty of Peace.
the French Chief I shall wait for the determination
at Yanaon,- should you mention to have referred to the Governor
the Gentlemen at General & the Members of the Supreme Council
Bengal give ith on Bengal, from the affection you owe me to enter-
against his Nation, tain Gentlemen, I am anxious speedily to
he shall forfeit receive their decision, to forfeit if necessary
in the name of the in the name of his most Christian Majesty
King his Master.- and conforming him, agreeably to the order
I have received-

Permit me to add a Gentleman one
single reflection to all Your Letter, very explicit
Letter, that it is utterly impossible that the
French

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23. French nation now carry on in India a safe, free, and independant trade, such as was carried on by the former French East India Company of the 13th Article of the last Treaty of peace admits the interpretation you and the Gentlemen in Council at Mandapatam have given it and which would involve us in incessant Disputes, which it is much to be wished could be respectively avoided

We have the honor to be with the greatest Consideration

Y.r. &c.

Pondicherry
19th November 1785.

(Signed) Cossigny

A true Translation
(Signed) Shaw
French Interp.r

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

From the Commandant at Amboor, - The Garrison of Ouellpilly make a Sally on the Besiegers and oblige them to treat with Considerable Loss.

I have received intelligence, that the Polygars, called, a few nights ago, upon the Detachment, of Sepoys, Sultans, that were left to Blockade Ouellpilly, and that they, routed ends ouellpilly, two hundred, of Sepoys people Heads, and took, about, one hundred Horses

the

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23d. The Detachment, after suffering, as severely, moved to the distance, of nine Miles, from Ovelpilly.—

The Lake having rain'd, has brought down, part of the Walk, on the North face of the lower Fort, of Amboor, and made a Breach of about fourteen paces.— I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Amboor
26th. Novemr. 1785.—

/Signed/ Robt. Sale

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

From the Commandant at Ongole—Meer Cummeer Deen Cawn revolts from the authority of Tippoo Sultaun, subdues the Fort of Nalwar-goor, and declares himself independent—the Poligar Chief who was lately delivered up to Tippoo, by order of Government, has been put to death in the most cruel Manner—

Honble Sir and Sirs,

I have the honor to transmit you such intelligence as I have received from the Cudapah Country.—

Meer Cummeer ul deen Khan the Officer who lately commanded the troops and governed that Country marched westward sometime since with the whole force of the Province, Viz Four Battalions of Sepoys, disciplined cloathed and armed as ever, two regular regiments of Cavalry, also cloathed and armed as ever, formerly in our Nabobs Service

About

23th about four thousand Common horse, and fifteen guns, into the Marattа Country and took the Fort of Nahangood, distant from Cadapah by report two hundred coss where he found great wealth which refusing to part with to Tippoo Sultaun he has thrown off all depen=dance, and set up for himself, pays his troops regularly, and is encreasing his force daily.

There are now about two thousand men at Cudapah, lately arrived from Seringapatam, and a new Governor of that Province named Darrooah, formerly a Brahmin and lately converted, is given out that this force, when joined by more, is to go against the Fort of Owkunda, belonging to a Polygar depen=dant on our Nabob, named Pantuwar, this I think is a vague report that Tippoo as is his neighbourhood of deceit.

There are two or three hundred men at Cudjah, and about the same number of men at Cummum.

An officer of Tippoo Sultaun named Nattu Khan, has burnt, and plundered the Villages of the Canara Country. Moosavar Khan a Patan the Nabob has sent his Vakeel to make his submission at Seringapatam and ask for peace.

The

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23.d The Polegar Chief who by order of Govern-
-ment was lately given up to Tippoo Sultaun's
people, has been put to death in the most
lingering and cruel manner at Ludauk.—

I have the honor to be.—
&c.a &c.a

Ongole
th Novem.r 1785.

Signed J.t Montgomery
Capt.n Comm.g at Ongole

24.th Dispatched the following Letter to Masu-
-lipatam.—

To. Anthony Sadlier Esq.re
Chief &c.a Council at Masulipatam

Masulipatam-
with the Board's
Decision on the
Correspondence
between them and
the Paymaster at
Ongole, respecting
the Accounts of the
Letter.

Gentlemen

I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 28.th ult.o The Board
have taken into consideration the Substance
of the Papers which have passed between you
and the Paymaster on the Circar, and approve
of your reducing every possible expence, on your
district— they of course approve of those you
have recommended to be struck off in your
letter to Mr. Westcott of the 7.th inst.o and from
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24th a perusal of the agreement entered into with him for the provision of bullocks it appears to the Board that he has mistaken the meaning of the Contract which stipulates that fifty bullocks only were to be monthly charged to the Company unless more should be employed when such number were to be charged agreeably to the terms specified in the Military Regulations - Mr. Westcott must therefore refund any money which may be brought to account contrary to this meaning - but as none of the then charges seem to be such as the Board could in justice call on him to refund they admit his reasons for having paid them, and leave it to you to suspend any in future which you think unnecessary under which denomination they place Colonel Braithwaites charge of a Person under the Contract for bullocks must immediately cease

Mr. Westcott has assured that no disrespect has been meant or intended towards you - and as they wish to see harmony established in all departments of the Service they hope your late Correspondence with that Gentleman will not be the cause of any future discord

With respect to your
Correspondence

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24th Correspondence with Colonel Braithwaite the
Board direct me to communicate their perfect
approbation of your answer to him, & to desire
further that you will express their surprize
to him that an Officer of his experience could
entertain an Idea of his being responsible for a
Paymasters Disbursements in the Garrison,
which he commanded / as it is conceived he must
have known / what has been the uniform practice
of the Service, that the Paymasters & his Office
are entirely independent of Military authority.—
I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
/signed/ J. Chamier
Secretary

Fort St. George
24th Nov. 1785 }.—

Sent the undermentioned Letters / as entered
vide MB Nos 88, 89, 90, 91.—/

From Capt. Donald Macleod dated the
19th Instant, requesting that he may be
included in the Payment of the arrear to the
Southern Army.—
Agreed that Capt. Macleod be informed
that on the general Liquidation of the Army
Arrear, he will be included both as to the Amount
& Time of Payment. / Vide MB. No 92 /

From Capt. D: Macleod

To in answer

From the acting Paymr.
at Pollamcottah,

From the acting Paymaster at Pollamcottah,
dated

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24th dated 17th November, stating his receipt of twelve thousand Pagodas from Mr. Dolli, and of his having forwarded half the Sum to the Paymaster at Madura, agreeably to the order of Government

From Mr. Hooper

From the Resident at Cuddalore dated 22d November Pays 80 Pagodas to the French Government for the Horse said to be stolen from the Company, which he delivered over to Capt. Stevenson

From Masulipatam

From Masulipatam dated 15th Instant, enclosing Copy of a Letter written by them to Colonel Braithwaite, relative to the Disposal of the Forces remaining in the District.—

From Mr. Pattle

From the Paymaster at Trichinopoly dated 16th November / entered in M.B. between Nos. 92 & 93 / stating his reasons for having paid Temporary Allowance to the Native Commissioned & Non-commissioned of the late Independant Corps & to Troops employed by requisition on Revenue Business.—

Sent the undermentioned Letters / entered in M.B. Nos. 92. 94. 95. 96. /

To Lieut. John Machae—

To Lieutenant John Machae, his request for House Rent in Fort St. George, cannot be admitted.—

To the Resident at Cuddalore, to pay Monthly Subsistence to such invalid & pensioned Sepoys, as may be stationed at Cuddalore, upon their producing the proper Certificates.—

To the Resident at Cuddalore.—

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To General Horne

25th To General Horne directing him to order a Company of Sepoys, without an European officer to attend the Renters at Mellore, in their Collections.

To Mr. Brevet

27th To the Secretary at Bengal informing them that Government have drawn upon that Presidency, in the Sum of Current Rupees 1095-9- in favor of Captain Snow.

Received the following Letter from Bengal

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From Bengal are sincerely desirous of relieving their Government from the Distresses expressed in their Letter of the 1st Ult. & Authority given to draw for such Sums as may be absolutely necessary for Military Charges a Supply of Treasure will be remitted by the Season. - & Drop the Idea of reducing the Cavalry. -

We have the Honor to acknowledge our receipt of your Letter of the 1st Ultimo accompanied by a duplicate of your address of the 20th September. The original of that Letter has not reached us. -

The Representations which you have laid before us, are of such Importance that we regret the necessity imposed on us by objects which we cannot quit of delaying a particular Reply to them for a few days. We shall then take them into our most serious Consideration, & assure you for the present generally

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94th generally, that the means and efforts of this Government shall be exerted, as far as they can be made to extend for the relief of your present Necessities, and that we shall remit a Supply of Treasure to you by the Company's Ships Francis which will sail on the Course of the present Month. If your distresses should make a Supply of Cash indispensible before the arrival of the Ships at Fort St. George, we give you permission to draw on us for such Amounts as may be absolutely necessary for your military Charges and for such Charges exclusively.

We trust that you want Power not to enter into that extremity which required a Reduction of any part of the Corps of Cavalry; and we earnestly hope that no Consideration or Exigency will induce you to give up so essential and necessary a part of your Military Strength. In Time of Disturbances and on Service of War, we deem the Corps the most useful Corps on your establishment the safety of the Country may be materially assisted by the Services, and we would rather wish Reductions to be made in any other part of your expences.

We have the honor to be,

Fort William
Secret Department
1st Novemr. 1785.

Sir &c. &c.

/ Signed / John Macpherson
R. Sloper
John Stables
Chas. Stuart

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At a Consultation Present

The Hönble Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President

Lieutenant General Sir Johne Dalling Knt.

James Daniell Esqr.

Tuesday 29th Novr. 1785.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

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

As the present circumstances make of making application for Stores to the Presidency occasions an unnecessary delay in the delivery of them and also in the orders transmitted to the Commanding officers Stockkeepers & Officers of the Subordinate Civil Garrisons and Cantonments, for sending in returns and their Accounts of their Departments - I propose, to prevent the like inconveniencies hereafter that all Indents & Applications for Stores be made directly to the President & Committee of Stores,- and all orders received from the Committee respecting the Stores, in future be obeyed in the same manner

Commander in Chief's Minute proposing that all Indents & applications for Stores be made directly to the President & Committee of Stores.-

As

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as if they came directly from the Hon.ble the Presidt & Council & that the Committee pass time to time do report their proceedings to the Board

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Signed / John Dalling

Resolved that the made proposed by the Commander in Chief on the foregoing Minute be adopted, & that a General Order be published in consequence. — Agreed also that a Letter be written to the Committee of Fort, advising them of this Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Commander in Chief expresses to the Board his desire that they will determine upon the Line to be adopted on the disposal of future vacant Sepoy Battalions, as every decision will frequently unfortunate application from

Vacant Sepoy Battns to be given in future to those Captains by Seniority, where Battalions were lately reduced.

The Board are of Opinion accordingly Agree that future Vacancies shall be filled agreeably to Seniority by those Captains whose Battalions were lately reduced.

Read the following Letter from Mr. William Collen Jackson, Deputy Secretary.

To

3065 Fort St. George 29th November 1785.

Military & Political Department

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President & Mr. Council at

Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

I must without Pain that I submit
to your Consideration whether my
any thing to
have the appearance of advantage to myself.
at this Moment of general distress. — But as
I am confident your Honble Board, are ever
attentive to the Representations of Individuals
when founded on proper Grounds, I am the less
apprehensive from that Circumstance, of making
this Appeal.

From the Deputy Secretary to the Military & Political Department, requesting the Reversion of the Deputy Paymastership and an Additional allowance to his present Salary, till that time. —

Previous to, and during the
major Part of Sir Thomas Rumbold's admini-
stration to the office of deputy Secretary to the
Military & Political Department, was
annexed the appointment of Deputy Paymaster,
as an adequate Compensation for the
troublesome duties of this Station, and as an
handsome Provision for his maintenance at
Madras. — But it appears to me, that these
were not the only Considerations that induced
Government to such a Measure: — By granting
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hand sufficient to live on, it prevented his thoughts from being turned to a Commercial View, or to any other, that might cause more Emoluments to be appropriated to your Service, more profitable to himself, than could accrue from the most faithful discharge of his duty as Deputy Secretary.— This Appointment he was divided from the office by Sir Thomas who wished to confer it on another and on being thereof granted to the Deputy Secretary, but seventy Pagodas per Mensem. A poor equivalent indeed!— The two Gentlemen who preceded me in the Appointment I now hold had other views than to remain long in office; those Views were fully answered by the Lake Government who bestowed on them places of the most lucrative Description, while no one doubted of their Title to them, from the confidential Post they had lately quitted.— Having this in contemplation, it became the less necessary for them, for the short Period they remained, to make Application to be placed on a better footing— But with me Hope I may be allowed to say widely different, for I wish not to quit the Line I am at present engaged in, from the Belief that I shall make myself worthy, on some future day, of being placed at its Height.— But that Day

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is far distant — and without something on the Interim to Support myself, it is impossible I can look forward, as to that Prospect alone, with any Consolation — From these Considerations thus humbly submitted to the Hon'ble Board, I beg leave to express my Hope, that they will allow of the Reversion of the Deputy Paymastership to the former Channel, on the first Vacancy; and that they will be pleased till then and no longer, to grant me an Allowance as to their Judgement might appear comparative to the Emoluments arising from that Appointment —

I have the honor to be with the most

perfect Respect, — &c. &c.

(Signed) Will.m Collins Lochson

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The Board having taken the foregoing Letter into Consideration, feel much concern that it is not in their power to meet the wishes of Mr. Lochson for an additional Allowance at the Minute thereon low state of the Company's Finances at this period absolutely prevents Government from manifesting their Approbation of Mr. Lochson's Conduct by granting him an increase of Salary but as they are well convinced that the present Salary

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If yo Pags. Ds. Mensem is very inadequate not only to the Emoluments of the office which was annexed to the Post of Deputy Secretary, but also to the duties of Mr. Jackson's Station, it is Agreed that whenever the Appointment of Paymaster of Sepoys shall be vacated by Mr. Call, it shall revert to the former Channel & be reannexed to the Office of Deputy Secretary to the Military & Political Department — and that the present allowance of 70 Pagodas P Month shall then cease —

The Sepoy Paymastership to revert to the former Channel and to be reannexed to the office of deputy Secretary

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

It has been represented to the Commander in Chief, and he has himself observed the Hardships experienced by the Officers of the Native Battalions, doing duty at Madras, in the article of Quarters, which as there are none fixed, must be hired wherever found, at a much higher rate than the allowance admits the distance also from their Battalions, precludes the possibility of attending their respective parades as regularly as they ought, and the Battalions, must, in consequence, suffer in its discipline —

Commander in Chief's Minute, recommending that Barracks be built for the officers of Sepoy Corps, near to those of their respective Corps. —

For remedying these inconveniences, the Commander in Chief recommends that Barracks be

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be Built for the Officers near to those of their respective Corps— which when completed, the allowance for House rent will of course cease—

(Signed) John Dalling

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The Board perfectly coincide in opinion with the Commander in Chief, & resolve in consequence that, in the future erection of Barracks for Troops, Quarters shall be included for the Officers—

Agreed to

Read the following Letters, as entered in the Mil. B. Nos. 97. 98. 99. 100/

From Colonel Ross dated 28th Instant enclosing a Correspondence between Mr. Balch & Capt.n Boyce at Trichinopoly, & suggesting that Paymasters at each Garrisons should be directed to furnish the Engineers with the Prices of such articles as they may occasionally stand in need of—

From the Chief Engineer

Agreed that Colonel Ross be informed that whenever he shall wish to be acquainted with the Prices of any materials charged in a Paymasters accounts, he may on application to the Military Paymaster General where

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where the Books of all Military Disbursements are lodged, procure the necessary Information

From Mr Schmidt Surgeon of

From Mr. Schmidt — the Hanoverians dated 17th Instant respecting his extreme Distress from the non payment of his Arrear which is amount to about 7000 Pagodas and earnestly requesting a Liquidation by some other mode than Company's Bonds.—

Minute thereon — Agreed that Mr. Schmidt's Arrears be liquidated to the 31st August 1784 by Bills on the Northern Subordinates — on the following Proportion one half of the amount by Bills on Masulipatam a Quarter on Vizagapatam, & a Quarter on Ganjam.

From Brigadier General Horne

From B. G. Horne — dated the 21st Inst: enclosing a Letter from Captain Blackburn Requesting that he may be allowed to consider as his absolute property a House which he has built on the Garrison of Trichinopoly, at a time when he was not provided with Quarters.—

Minute thereon — As Captain Blackburn House is built upon Ground belonging to the Nabob, & was erected without the Knowledge or consent of the Board, his wish to have it considered, as his absolute

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Absolute Property is totally inadmissible.

From Mr Hengscote Agent for Sepoy Clothing dated 29th Instant stating the large Balance due to him on Account of his employ, & requesting a Liquidation of it by Cash, Bills on Bengal, & Bills on the Subordinates

From the Sepoy Agent

Agreed that the Balance due to Mr Hengscote for 1783 amounting to Pagodas 1581, be discharged by a Monthly Installment of 250 Pagodas - That Bills on Bengal be granted to him for 4000 Pagodas, and on the three Northern Subordinate Settlements for 1000 Pagodas each. —

Minute thereon

" Alex. Davidson

" John Dickens

" J. Dalrymple

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Sent the undermentioned Letters as entered in the MB Nos 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108 109, 110, 111, 112/

101 To Brigadier General Home informing him, that Captain Blacker requesting his House at Trichinopoly is totally inadmissible - that the Board will take Captain Conyngham's Representation of Mr Dalbi's refusal to accept the Pay Rolls of his Battalion into Consideration, after he shall have stated the Loss he will sustain upon that Account - and that the Paymaster has received orders to advance two Months pay to the 21st Battalion to enable them to march to the Northward. —

To Brigadier General Home

102 To Mr. Digby enclosing Copy of a Letter from Captain Blacker, upon which he is directed to give an explanation

To Mr. Digby

103 To the Paymaster at Arcot, Palamcotah Trichinopoly Madura Dindigul Chungleput Cuddalore, Vellore & Ongole

To the Paymasters at Arcot Palamcotah Trichinopoly Madura Dindigul Chungleput Cuddalore Vellore & Ongole

To the Paymaster at Arcot, Palamcotah Trichinopoly Madura Dindigul Chungleput Cuddalore, Vellore and Ongole to carry to a separate account under the Head of Nabob's Charges of Collection all Batta issued by them to Officers and Sepoys employed on Revenue Service the Account to commence from the Date of the Assignment. —

104 To Mr. Mowbray

To the Superintendant of the Nabob's Bungalow at Arcot, directing him to deliver over the Orders sent to the abovementioned Paymasters

105 To Mr. Schmidt

To the Surgeon of the Hanoverian Regiments

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30th Regiments has audited accounts to the 31st August 1784 to be discharged by Bills on the northern Subordinate Settlements.

106 To the Paymaster at Vellore enclosing a Petition and Certificates for Rice delivered at Vellore the amount of which he is to pay to the Claimants.

To the Paymaster at Vellore

107 To the Chief Engineer informing him that he may upon application to the Military Paymaster General be made acquainted with the Prices of materials supplied by any Paymaster to an officer of Engineers.

To the Chief Engineer

108 To the Sepoy Agent - Informing him of the mode prescribed by the Board for the Liquidation of a certain Proportion of the Balance due to him by the Company.

To the Sepoy Agent

109 To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly directing him to make no Payments whatever unless he shall be authorized by Government specially communicated to him for the purpose to advance two months Pay to the 24th Battalion, to enable them to march Northward.

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly

110 To the Garrison Storekeeper, to furnish an estimate of the Quantity of Garrison Stores wanted for Six Months, for two thousand Europeans and Eight thousand Native Troops.

To the Garrison Storekeeper

111 To the Committee for invaliding and Pensioning, enclosing a Petition of the Commandant of

To the Committee for Invaliding & Pensioning

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30th of the 12th Battalion praying to be invalided on Full Pay.

To the Sepoy Agent, directing Him to order the Cloathing for the Marksmen of the Duty at Head Quarters to be made out agreeably to a number Established by the Commander in Chief.

December 5th Sent the following Letter to Mr. William Collins Jackson Deputy Secretary to the Military and Political Department.

To Mr. William Collins Jackson.

Sir,

To Mr. W. C. Jackson informing him of the Resolution of the Board upon his Letter of the 22d November.

I am directed by the Honble President and Council, to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 22d Ultimo, and to observe to you in reply, that they feel much Concern at finding it impracticable to meet your Wishes for an additional Allowance to your present Salary as Deputy Secretary. The Board regret that the low State of the Company's Finances at this time, prevents them from manifesting their Approbation of your Conduct by such mode. But as they are well convinced that the Salary fixed on the return of Sir Thomas Rumbold's Government

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5th is very inadequate to the Emoluments of the Depy Paymastership, and to the duties of your Station they have resolved that on Mr Calls Vacating that office it shall revert to its former Channel, and be recommended to the Sec.y if Deputy Secretary to the Military and Political Department, when your present Salary of 70 Pagodas P Mensem is to cease.—

Sam.l &c.a &c.a

Fort St George
1st December 1785.

/Signed/ I Chamier
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Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M.r B.r for the Month of December N.os 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

From Mr Commissioner Sachson, dated 25th Nov.r requesting that the Resident at Tanjore may be directed to furnish him with certain Accounts—

From Mr. Commissioner Sachson

Ordered Accordingly /Vide in M.B. N.o

Minute thereon.

10, 11—

From Captain Lieutenant Macpherson requesting to be permitted to draw the off Recko-ning of the 2d Battalion of Sepoys during the time he Commanded it—

From Captain Lieut.t Macpherson

From the Chief at Pulicat dated 11th & 25th November, the former Stating that Mr Hoffenberg

From the Chief at Pulicat

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Sir, I am very inadequate to the Emoluments of the Deputy Paymastership, and to the duties of your Station they have resolved that on Mr Calls Vacating that office it shall revert to its former Channel, and be reannexed to the Deputy Secretary to the Military and Political Department, when your present Salary of 70 Pagodas P Mensem is to cease.—

I have &c &c

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1st December 1785.

(Signed) J Chamier
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From Captain Lieut. Macpherson

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From the Chief at Pulicat

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5th Collection of his Just Debts and that the Intelligence in the Madras Courier can not be confirmed as authentic.

To Mr Lallofield directing him to assist Mr Goffenberg in the Collection of any Sums justly due to him.

To Mr Lallofield

At a Consultation Present

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.
President.
Lieut Genl Sir John Dalling Bart
James Dansell Esq.
Members of last Consultation

Tuesday the 6th December 1785.

read and Approved.

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore.

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

From the Resident at Tanjore the Rajah consents to the Payment of the 90,000 Pagodas. This Subsidy discharged; the Rajah entertains 600 of them. His Excellency speaks to the Payment of Batta to Troops employed

Honble Sir and Sirs

I have been honored with your commands of the 9th Instant through Mr Secretary Chamier.

I had

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employd in effecting the Collections.- and desires that no European officers may be permitted to go with the Troops into the Districts.-

Had a Conference with the Rajah on the 25th which after a great deal of unpleasant discussion, and recapitulation of Agreements, and circumstances already stated to your Honor & Hon.rs in former Letters ended in his Excellency's consenting to pay the 80,000 Pagodas in question.- He declared at the same time, and earnestly requested I would assure your Honble Board that he must borrow the whole amount, & that if his consenting in this Instance should bring further Demands on him, it would be absolutely out of his Power to comply with them or to do more respecting the payment of the Remaining Balance than what he had already offered.-

Told his Excellency in reply that your Honble Board had directed me to intimate to him the most decided rejection of that offer, and that nothing less than the Payment of the whole of the remaining Balance in Six Months could be accepted.- Also reminded his Excellency of his having at the last Conference asked my Advice on this Point, and that I had given it to him with the utmost sincerity, and repeated that as to liquidating the remaining Balance by the payment of only a Lack P Annum, knowing as I did that his Revenues

Must

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must enable him to pay considerably more exclusive of the Current Subsidy, It was impossible for me to recommend such a proposition to the Rajah for Acceptance; and added that if any one advised him to adhere to it that person, whoever he was could not be his friend— The Rajah persisted in declaring that if he paid more than a Lack of Pagodas besides the Current Subsidy he must leave himself without the means of supporting his family and by the manner in which he spoke I perceived it would be in vain to press him further at that time your Honor &c may rest assured that I shall not relax in my endeavors both by Conferences with the Rajah and pointed remonstrances & advice to the minister to procure an offer of a more suitable Arrangement for the liquidation of the Arrear of Subsidy than that to which his Excellency now so pertinaciously adheres but I can give your Honor &c no hope of my being able to obtain the whole amount since that a period Das six Months.—

Of the 80,000 Pagodas
I have this day received 30,000 "
To morrow I am to receive 10,000 "
The 1st December 20,000 "
and the 9th Do 20,000 "

The

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The Silhendies are all discharged, and
paid off, and the Rajah has entertained about
600 of them.—

On my informing his Excellency
that your Honor &c.a had ordered an Eleven Battalion
of Sepoys to Tanjore to assist the Collectors, &c
&c. he earnestly desired that the European officers might
not be permitted to go with the Sepoys into the
districts, and adverted to the disputes that had
formerly subsisted, and the mischiefs he had
suffered on that Account until the establishment of
the Corps of Silhendies—I hope to be honored with
your orders on this head.—

With respect to the Rajahs making
good the extra allowance of Batta to the Sepoys
when employed in assisting the Collectors, his
Excellency objected to it in the strongest terms
and desired to submit to your Honor &c.a whether
he ought to be charged with any thing over and
above the 4 Lacks of Pagodas which he had
stipulated with Lord Pigot to pay the Company
for their disbursements in the defence and protection
of his Country—he desired me also to enquire
whether formerly, when several Battalions of
Sepoys were employed in collecting his revenues
any Batta was charged to his Account.—
Which would appear from the
Pay.

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Part of the Secretary's Letter that your Honor & Co. Suppose that the Lake Corps of Lieutenants received Batta when employed in the Country which was carried to the Rajahs' Account, beg leave to mention that they received no allowance of any kind besides their pay of 20 Gold fanams p Month— The amount issued Rice to them the amount of which was deducted from their pay, and carried to the Rajahs credit— There are no Accounts here by which I can ascertain whether or not the Serjeants formerly employed in assisting the Collections were allowed Batta, but as Rice and every other article of provisions is always cheaper in the Villages and districts than on Sangor itself, they can, I conceive, have no Claim to such an indulgence in time of peace except what may arise from Custom.—

I have the honor to be with the—

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most respect—

&c &c

(Signed) L. Huddleston

Minute thereon,

The Board are of Opinion that all Charges of Collection should be borne by the Rajah, & that of course he ought to pay Batta to Troops employed on the above Service— as to the Lacks paid annually by his excellency they are

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are intended only to discharge the expences incurred in the defence & protection of the Carnatic Country.

Agreed that the above be communicated to the Nabob by the President, & that the latter be desired to signify the Board's acquiescence in his request of sending European Officers with the Sepoys employed in assisting the Collections.

The Commander in Chief begs leave to offer the following Minute

The Commander in Chief represents to the Board, the great detriment the Service sustains from the Recruits on their being promptly accommodated on their Arrival from England; and for want of places to lodge them in, they are either put under Tents on the Bastions or placed in the Casemates in the outworks of the Fort both Situations equally conspicuous to the health and Constitutions of the Men.

Commander in Chief recommends that the Garrison of Pondamalle be appropriated to the Reception of the Recruits who arrive from Europe

The General is of Opinion, that Madras is the worst place in every respect that a young Soldier can be retained in, where habits of idleness and debauchery are only to be contracted. He therefore recommends to the most serious attention of the Board, the necessity of appropriating some place for their immediate reception on their landing - Pondamalle from its healthy

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healthy Situation, its Vicinity to Madras, and the Accommodations already provided there-
-for, would suit as best calculated for such
Purposes. The General accordingly requests the
acquiescence of the Board in appointing it
for the Recruits — Such being kept in this
Situation, may be brought forward under a gentle
Drill exercise, instead of being exposed to the
Climate, before they are in any degree inured
to it —

(Signed) S. Dalling —

The Board concede in Opinion with
the Commander in Chief, & accordingly agree
that the Garrison of Ponnamalee be as soon as
possible appropriated to the reception of the
Recruits who arrive from Europe, & that Lieut.
Hennessy be stationed there for the purpose of
drilling them &c. — Resolved also, as soon as
the 36th Regiment is removed from Ponnamalee
that Lieut. Hone be appointed to the Command
of that Garrison

agreed to

Lieut. Hennessy to be stationed at Ponnamallee for the Purpose of drilling the Recruits —

Lieut. Hone appointed to the Command of Ponnamallee, on the Removal of the 36th Regiment —

The President begs leave to request
the attendance of the Board to the Statement of
Provisions & Articles necessary for the Garrison
of Fort St. George which Statement was presented
by the Garrison Storekeeper & entered on the
Diary to the Members of Consultation the 30th
Instant —

The President lays before the Board an Estimate of Provisions & Articles necessary for a Garrison of 2000 European & 2000 Natives for six Months

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August — Since then the President has proceed an Estimate, which amounts to Pags. 190172.

Agreed that a Letter be written to the Garrison Storekeeper desiring his Opinion & remark on each the articles mentioned in his Estimate Minute thereon can be most expeditiously procured & with least Expence to the Company, with his Sentiments on a mode of keeping up a Stock necessary for the Garrison —

Read the following Report from the Committee of Stores —

Fort St. George 26th. November 1785.

At a Committee of Stores

Present

Colonel James Capper

Bryan Seaberry Esqr.

Lieut. Colo. Moorhouse

Lieut. General Sir John Dalling } Absent

Lieut. Colo. Patrick Ross } Absent

Lieut. Colonel Le Pigault —

Report of the Committee of Stores inspecting Stores —

Read Proceedings of the 17th September with the remarks of the Honble President & Council thereon —

Read Letter from the Military

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Military Secretary of the
25th of the same month, setting
forth that as the Military
Storekeeper and Commissary
General of Stores could not
agree with the Naval Officers
upon the prices to be given
for Naval Stores received from
His Majesty's Ships the
former should give a
receipt for them, that an
Arrangement might still be
made in England which
he supposes the Committee
has been done. also two
Letters of the 27th & 31st the
former appointing Capt.
Lieut Bedford Commissary
of Stores under the direction
of the Commissary General
& to take Charge in his absence,
& the latter appointed
Colonel Capper a Member
of this Committee, who
takes his Seat accordingly.

approved

Read an their Letter
from the Military Secretary
of the 27th of Sept. covering
one from Brigadier General
Horne which the Committee
Conceive

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concerns contains but two Articles which come under their Cognizance 1st The indent for Ordnance & Stores necessary to their readiness for Field Service at the Cantonments at Vellore & Trichinopoly, and the 2d recommending that Officers should provide & live at the expence of Carriage for their own Tents & that the Company should furnish them for the Invalid Men upon - which Subjects Col. Moorhouse delivers in the following opinions

" He conceives that Estimates of Ordnance & Stores, like in readiness for Field Service should not be made on the Presumption or real State of the Ordnance &c. in such Garrisons and Cantonments, but on the best Judgement that can be obtained of what is absolutely necessary in War, & that such Stores as cannot be supplied from the Garrisons in the District should be sent from Madras.

On

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On the Subject of Tanks,

She says) "In the course of the
"late War, they were made
"at Vyagapatam, Masulipa-
"-tam & Pondicherry, Poly, Tanjore
"& from experience began
"to think the Duties of General
"Harris remarks having fre-
"-quently recurred to Tanks are
"Camp still made of bad
"material and of dimensions
"much less than those fixed
"on by the Committee of Stores
"but as Justice to Mr. Colebrooke
"She observes those made at
"Madras, & known by having
"B.S. marked on every Stone
"were always of the proper
"Dimensions & well made."

As General Harris Plan
respecting the Tanks comes
from so respectable an officer
the Committee think it
requires a Mature deliberation
and therefore wish to defer
giving their Opinions upon
it, until their next
Meeting

a Plan for the future Construction of Tanks being before the Board, the Committee must defer for the present any Decision thereupon

Read Indents from
Vellore

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Vellore Arnboor Trichinopoly
Sheveram the Manuel 73 Regt
Arcot Pondamallee & Native
Grenadier Battalion which
are ordered to be completed
with agreeable to the remarks
of the Commissary General
of Stores.

Approved

Read Letter of the 8th Instant
from Military Secretary
enclosing Copy of one from
the Paymaster at Vellore,
desiring to know if part
of the Powder at that place
may not be sent to some
other of the Nabobs Garrisons,
as the Magazine is quite full.

The Committee are of
Opinion a Letter should
be written to Mr. Lovanno
to Stop the making of Powder
until what is already
manufactured has been
proved by an Artillery
Officer from Arcot & the
Committee have been
informed what quantity
is in readiness, after
which they will be better
able to recommend a place
where it can be lodged.

The Committee are to write a Letter to Mr. Lovanno accordingly.

Read

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Read an Indent from the Commissary of Stores for 1000 Sowden Barrels with 12 Copper Hoops each.

Recommended that they be made up & that 6 Candies of Copper be issued from the Company's Stores for the purpose of making the Hoops. — approved — the Copper will be issued —

Read also one from the Military Storekeeper for 5000 Pieces of Bengal Forge for the use of the Laboratory & 300 Candies of Sulphur for making up Gun Powder the ensuing year which the Committee recommend to be indented for from Bengal. — The Board will write accordingly —

Read Letter from Military Secretary of the 27th Ult. enclosing one from the Company's Cooper with Sundry Bills for Powder Barrels &c.

The Committee are of Opinion it would be for the advantage of the Service & therefore recommend that the Powder & ammunition Barrels be both of them in future

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Future made unpagreable to the usual Muster as those now produced by the Commissary General of Stores. That the Cooper be directed to alter his present Bill, & that the price of Barrels &c. first, each Hund.d 62 Pag.s & hundred. exclusive of allowance, for which additional Charge of 3 Pag.s & hundred Bundles should be allowed as usual.—

If the Cooper's Bill refer to articles already provided the Board think it ought not to be allowed with respect to the arrangement proposed the Board approve of it

Read Letter from the Commissary General of Stores of this date, accompanying a List of Stores &c. to make up the Deficiencies in the ordnance Department.—

Also the Committee have made in almost all their late Proceedings representations of the great want of Stores, the necessity of supplying it immediately by some means or other now becomes so urgent & the material injury the Service is every day liable to sustain from a delay making it a part of their duty they cannot avoid repeating their Recommendations and again seriously

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earnestly to request of Govern-
-ment to take them into the
most serious consideration.

Coll. Moorhouse's Letter & the Board are very
sets forth a deplorable but too desirous of procuring the
true state of the matter in & as absolutely necessary
which Opinions the Committee and will certainly do so
perfectly concede, and as it as soon as the State of the
may induce Government to Treasury will admit
provide some effectual means
for relief, it is agreed to transmit
a Copy of it along with
these Proceedings.—

The Commissary General
of Stores lays before the Committee
Lists of Stores made up by the
Military Storekeeper in the
months of August, September
and October which is agreed
shall be laid before the
Honble President and Council.— Approved

Sd Capper
Sd
Signed / B. Codrington
S. Moorhouse
C.C. Genl of Stores

Read

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Read the following Letters, as entered in the M.B.
Nos 16. 17. 18. 19. 20/

From the Committee for Invaliding and Pensioning dated the 2d Instant enclosing a List of those men of the native Cavalry who have been brought before them, and stating their opinion respecting their Claim, also requesting to know whether any Distinction is to be made between the Pay of Native Cavalry and Infantry who may be put on the Invalid and Pension List.

From the Committee for Invaliding & Pensioning

The Board Concede in opinion with the Committee respecting the Claims of those men of the Native Cavalry, who have been brought before them, and Agreed that no Distinction be made between the Pay of Native Cavalry and Infantry who may be put on the Invalid and Pension List

Minute thereon

From Mr. Menzies dated 1st December enclosing a Bond granted by Mr Baines late Paymaster at Tanjore for a Sum borrowed on Account of the Company from Mr Whyte and requesting that as Mr. Baines Accounts have been audited this Bond may be discharged with the Interest which is due. –

From Mr. Menzies

Agreed that Mr Menzies be informed that Interest of 8 ₹ Cent together with a Premium of 4 ₹ Cent, as before practised, will be paid, and that Mr. Baines Bond will be discharged for one from the President

Minute thereon

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President and Council.—

From the Paymasters at arcot dated.

From Mr. Welch

the 1st Instant stating that Pagodas 10,257— will be required to put the Troops lately arrived in the Cantonment upon the same footing with those who were there before and requesting leave to include the above Sum in his next Indent for

Ordered Accordingly

Minute thereon

From Mr. George Tyler Paymaster to the

From Mr. George Tyler

Late Bengal Detachment, serving on the Carnatic dated 31st. October advising of the Sums received by him on account of Grain; and of those yet unadjusted and enclosing several Papers & Statements elucidating the Subject.

Agreed that a Copy of the foregoing

Minute thereon

Letter & enclosures be sent to Mr. Commissioner Jackson for an explanation, in order that the Board may be enabled to request the Governor General & Council to demand an Adjustment and Payment from such officers under their authority as have objected to pay the amount of Mr. Tyler's demands on them.—

From Mr. Cochburn

From Mr. Thomas Cochburn dated the 19th November enclosing a Certificate of Mr. Sutherland representing that the Company are indebted to the Estate of Mr. William Maitland on the Loss of Pay

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Page 664. 13. 13. and requesting if Bills on Bengal cannot be given / that a Bond might be granted for the Principal and the Interest paid in ready Money —

Ordered Accordingly —

Minute thereon

Alex. Davidson

" P. A. Auchmuty

" J. Daniell

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6th

Received the following Letter from Colonel Sir Henry Corby -

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President and Governor &c. Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Colonel Sir Henry Corby - arrives at Trichinopoly on his way to Secunda Mally Requests the Orders of the Board respecting Catapah Naig a Poligar favored by Tibar Cawn -

I have the Honor to inform you of my Arrival here this Morning and that the Trichinopoly part of the Detachment ordered under my Command moved from hence yesterday, I propose following to Morrow, & shall proceed to Secunda Mally without loss of time, by Letters I have received from the Southward I learn that Catapahnaig in the attempt to possess himself of some Villages granted by Tibar Cawn has been opposed by the refractory Polygars and obliged to abandon them with loss, but as these accounts are of the 19th Ultimo I conclude your Honble Board must have heard of the matter long since, I think it however necessary to observe that none of the Honble Companys or Nabob Troops were employed in the above business, I am further informed the Polygars have sent People to treat me in order to explain matter; I sincerely wish it may be so, as in that case I shall leave the Guard

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6th Earliest opportunity of using to advantage the
trust you have done me the Honor to repose
in me and thereby render exercise measures
unnecessary—

In general the Polygars are extremely
jealous of the Preference given by Estaban Cawn
to Cattapahnaig, they must it seems on being
considered in the light of Tributaries subject only by
to an equal, and impartial taxation— as this
gives a Scope for much Political discussion I shall
be much obliged to your Honble Board to favor
me with your orders on that head— as the matter
strikes me, Cattapanaig Country being more
accessable than most of the other Polygars, seper-
ated from them in one quarter by the Lord of
Palamcotah, & in another by an open Track of
Country, that if the whole were subjected to him
we might as having only one head to look to, be
better enabled to collect the Revenue, or draw
together on any emergency their whole force for
the defence of the Country.—

Before I conclude my Letter I must
beg leave to assure the Honble Board, that I should
not so recently after the receipt of their Instruc-
tions have ventured this Letter on their time for
further information but from an earnest desire to
forward the Service I am employed on, and to

Convince

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#Convince them that no exertion on my part shall be wanting to effect the wished for purpose—

I have the honor to be with the most perfect respect &c. &c.

[Signed] H. D. M. Corby

Trichinopoly
Plain—
December
1785.—

Sent the following Letter.—

To John Huddleston Esq.

Resident at Tanjore

To the President at Tanjore approve his Conduct in obtaining the Payment of 80,000 Pagodas—all Charges of Collection to be borne by the Rajah.

Sir

I am directed by the Honble President & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 25th Ultimo and to express their Satisfaction that you have obtained the Payment of the 80,000 Pagodas from the Rajah. The Board approve your conduct in the management of this business & flatter themselves you will be able to procure further pecuniary assistance from the Rajah without loss of time, agreeably to the Instructions you have received

The Board are of opinion that all Charges of Collection are to be borne by the Rajah,

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6th Rajah, & that he is of course to pay Batta to Troops employed on the above Service, they further consider the 4 Lacks as intended only to discharge the expences which the Company incur in the Defence & protection of the Tanjore Country, as you will be pleased therefore to signify this to his Excellency at the same time informing him that the Board readily acquiesce in his request of sending European Officers with Sepoys employed in assisting the Collections.—

Sam, Sir, Yr. &c.

Fort St. George
7th December 1785.

(Signed) John Shamier
Secretary

To Mr. James Call
President
Mr. Thomas Lewin
Lieut. Colonels Moorhouse
& Richardson

} Committee for reviewing the Book of Regulations

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Board to signify their Surprize that you have not yet made any report upon the Service entrusted to

To the Committee for reviewing the Book of Regulations, stating the Board's astonishment at their having made no report approaching Mr. Call their President

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11th a Merchant of this Place presented to Mr. Contenceau, when he commanded ad Pondicherry a Memorial addressed to Lord Macartney with a Letter dated the 1st March 1785. Lord Macartney replied to that Letter.

From Mr. de Cossigny reviews the Claim of Monsieur De Bury relative to his Vessel captured by the English on the Coast of Pondicherry, while under the Protection of the Articles of the Capitulation

It appeared Gentlemen to Mr. Contenceau, that the Subject of Mr. Burys Claim had not been properly understood, & he wrote a second Letter to the same effect dated 6 April 1785. This last still remains unanswered.

I cannot refuse the request made me by Mr. Burys Heirs of writing to Solicit you will reperuse Mr. Contenceau Letter & the Memorial in support of his Claim

I beg of you Gentlemen to honor me with a reply, Mr. Burys Heirs having an Agent at Paris, whom they should furnish with Particulars and who may accuse them of neglect.

I have the honor to be with the highest Consideration Gentlemen &c. &c.

/signed/ Cossigny.

Pondicherry
2d December 1785.

A true Translation
/Signed/ Chase French Translator

12th Sent the following Answer. To

3103 Port St. George December 17th 1795.

19th

To M. de Cossigny.

Governor of Pondicherry

&c. &c. &c.

Sir

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 2d. Instant as also of the one which was addressed by General Contenceau to the Right Honble Lord Macartney under date the 6th April last.

Upon the receipt of General Contenceaus Letter of the 1st March Lord Macartney took every means in his power to procure information on the Claim preferred by M. de Bussy. The result of his information was communicated to General Contenceau in his Lordships Letter of the 29th March

We flattered ourselves that the above information would have been satisfactory & have convinced you that if this Government did not admit M. de Bussys Claim for a reimbursement on Account of the Capture of his Vessel, it was because they would not have been justifiable from the Accounts delivered to them in so doing. The Enclosures in M. de Contenceaus Letter of the 6th April have been considered by us with such attention

I am answer- The Board adhere to their former Opinion of M. de Bussy's Claim being inadmissible

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12th attention which we were always disposed to pay
to a distressed Individual of whatever nation
he may be but we are sorry to inform you that
from the information we have hitherto received
We still adhere to the opinion expressed in
Lord Macartneys Letter of the 27th March / Vol.
that Mr de Bury's Claim are inadmissible /.
In order however to convince you
Sir, that We have not hastily rejected Mr
representation of Mr de Bury We beg leave
to inform you that we have sometime since
applied to Captn Sherman who captured the
Vessel belonging to Mr Bury, / for a minute
detail of the affair, & we expect to receive from
Bengal the affidavits of himself and his
Officers on the Subject upon the receipt of
these Accounts & affidavits any new Light be
thrown upon the Claim, We shall with great
pleasure do justice to Mr de Bury, & we will
take care to give you that proof of our attention
to a Subject of His Most Christian Majesty by
which you have honor to be with great respect

Consideration Yrs &c &c &c

Fort St George
12th Decr 1785

/Signed/ Alexander Davidson
Yr Comrd

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12th Received the undermentioned Letters (entered in M. Min.s 22, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40.)

From the Paymaster at Madura dated 29th

From Mr. Johnston

November acknowledges the receipt of ten thousand Pagodas from Palamcotah, at the Commercially Exchange of 16 3/8.

From Genl. Horne

From General Horne, dated 1st December, states the late Payments made to the 7th Battalion the Native Artillery- the Detachment of Cavalry & the private Europeans ordered on Command to Tiruvandormally-

From the acting Paymaster at Palamcotah dated 25th November, states that no Provision whatever remains for the discharge of the Balance of the 10,000 Chuckrums due to the Estate of the late Mr. Light-

From the acting Paymr. at Palamcotah

Ordered that the acting Paymaster be instructed to draw upon the Military Paymaster General for the Balance- Vide M. B. No 41.)

To remain over

From Capt.n Dunwoody

From Lieutenant Dunwoody Commandant of the 8th Battalion, with Statement of Cash due the Native Officers and Sepoys of that Battalion from Stoppages, for the Support of their Families whilst the Corps was on Service on the other Coast

Ordered

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To Capt. Dunwoody

17th Ordered that Captain Dunwoody be directed to make out & deliver to the Paymaster a Stock a List of those People who have for themselves or for others any demand to the Sospsages which have been made; to each of whom a Certificate must be given upon presenting of which to Mr. Welch they will be paid and that the Paymaster be informed of the same / Vide M.B. Nos. 42 & 43 /

To Mr. Welch

From Mr. Cockburn

From Mr. Cockburn dated the 7th December states that he has in his Possession two Bonds of his Highness the Nabob, which he requests may be included in the Provision made by the Company for the Liquidation of his Highness's Debts.

Minute thereon

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing be sent to the Committee for investigating the debts of his Highness the Nabob / Vide M.B. No. 44 /

From Capt. Dawes

From the Commandant at Cuddalore, dated the 4th Decmber with a list of Stores wanted for immediate use for that Garrison

Minute thereon

Ordered that a Copy thereof be sent to the Committee of Stores — / Vide M.B. No. 45 /

From Vizagapatam

From Vizagapatam dated 31st October, states the absolute necessity of retaining on the Service, a Head Smith, a Head Carpenter, & a Head Bricklayer whom Government have directed to be dismissed —

Ordered

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Sir answer 12th Ordered accordingly (Vide M B No 46)

From Mr. Rippesley

From the Paymaster at Tanjore dated 2d November enclosing Copy of a Letter to him from Colonel Stuart, respecting the Price of Bengal Rum issued by Mr. Sullivan, and received by the Colonel between the 1st October 1784 and 31st March 1785 — also an Account Current between the Company & Colonel Stewart, which he requests may be settled

Minute thereon

Ordered that Copies of the foregoing be sent to Mr. Hudleston, & that he be directed to furnish the Paymaster with Cash to discharge the Balance (Vide M B No 47)

From Capt. Bilsiffe.

From Captain Bilsiffe at Palamcottah with Copy of a Letter to him from the Officers on Garrison, complaining of the Paymasters issuing their Pay at an exchange, by which they become considerable Losers —

To the Paymasters at Palamcotah Madura & Trichinopoly

Ordered that a Letter be written to the Southern Paymasters, directing them to receive no Sums for the future from the Nabobs Amildars, but at the Current exchange of the Day (Vide M B No 48)

Received the following Letter from the Committee for revising the Book of Regulations, with enclosure entered in M B. No 49 —

To

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12th

To the Honble. Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President & Governor &c. Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From the Committee for revising the Book of Regulations, with a Copy of their proceedings to the present Period.

Consonably to your Orders of the 7th Instant through Mr. Secretary Chamier we have the honor to transmit a Copy of our Proceedings up to the present time.—

Understanding that the Army in consequence of the Arrangements lately adopted by your Honor & Sirs has been reduced to the System, which Government intend shall be permanent, We hope we shall henceforth be enabled to proceed without interruption in the discharge of our Trust.—

We are with the greatest Respect

&c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George
12th Decemr 1785

(Signed) James Call
" Tho. Lewin
" Joseph Moorhouse
" Jno. Richardson

A. A.

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At a Consultation

Present.

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.r

President

Lieut.t General Sir John Dalling Bar.t

&

James Daniell Esq.r

Tuesday
the 13.th Decem.r
1785.

Minutes of the last Consultation read & approved.

Read the following Letter from the Superintendant of the Nabobs Disbursements.

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.r

President and Governor &c.a Council of

Fort S.t George

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From Mr. George Mowbray, Superintendant of the Nabobs Disbursement on the Subject of his employ.

His Highness the Nabob in a Letter to the Right Honble the late President under date the 24.th April 1782 transmitted an Account of money Grain Cattle &c.a Furnished the Company from the Nellore &c.a district before the

24.th April 1782

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the Assignment took place and in a subse-
=quent letter His Highness transmitted a
rectified account of those Supplies —
Amounting to Current Pagodas 116.557. 10. 1/6
desiring that Company's Bonds might be
granted for the Amount to his Creditors on
the new Consolidated Fund as well as for the
revenues which those Districts might after-
=wards produce under the Management
of the Company. —

This application in favor of his
7th March 1782 Creditors / which is repeated in two of those
31st July 1783. - Letters / was founded on the Assignment which
he had granted to those Creditors in the
Year 1778, the benefit of which was confirmed
to them by the Bengal Treaty.

The late Arrangement made for
liquidating the Nabob's debts having been
confirmed by His Highness & acquiesced in by
the Creditors I conceive that the above
mentioned requisition for bonds is now out
of the question & remains therefore for your
Honor &c. to take the foregoing Account of
Supplies into Consideration and to decide

In

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so much thereof as shall appear to have been furnished for the public Service to be placed to the Nabobs Credit at an adequate valuation of the several Articles the prices at which some of them are charged being much too high. — In settling the Valuation I would recommend that the rates allowed by the late Committee of Assigned Revenue for the like articles, — furnished some time afterwards from the same districts should serve as a guide, it being a difficult Matter now to ascertain the Bazar Price at the same times when the different Articles were delivered. —

In order to adjust this Account, the examination of Vouchers & some investigation will be requisite to ascertain the persons respon- -sible for what was delivered, the money paid with the hands of the late Mr. William Lewing Paymaster at Nellore the amount of which is Pag. 28430. — " and the Sum of Pagodas 496 " f. 26. Credited for by the Agent being the only part of the Nabobs Claim for Pag.s 11655 f. 16. which is credited for in the Company's books. —

I would therefore recommend that the Account be referred to the Commissioners of accounts and from their report your Honor &c. will be enabled to determine what further Sum ought

ought to be placed to the Nabobs credit in the Books of the Superintendant.—

For some time, it was an established rule, to deliver the Nabob every three months a detailed Account of the disbursements made on his Account & once a year after it had been examined at the Durbar, the Account was settled, & the balance acknowledged by the Nabob. This rule has not been observed for the Last seven years past since I have held the employ of Superintendent, the Account has never been called for, but as it probable will be wanted ere long, in order to ascertain the amount of the Nabobs debt to the Company. I have nearly completed it to 30th April 1783— my Books were balanced to that date fourteen months ago, but I have been prevented going on with them since that time for want of the Accounts of the out Garrisons which are still in the hands of the Commissioners of Accounts as they have now I understand nearly completed the examination of them, I expect to have them returned to me in a few days, & then I shall proceed with all expedition to bring up my Books for the two last years— I am extremely anxious to accomplish this object under the impression of the great responsibility of accounting for near

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near about forty lacks of Pagodas which the
disbursements made on the Nabobs account
amount to for the last seven years, & of which
as before observed no account has yet been
given to His Highness, & as this not improbable
that many explanations will be required &
perhaps some objections made on the part of
His Highness, I wish much to have the matter
brought forward whilst the Circumstances are
recent in my memory — I have likewise to
request that you will afford every necessary
assistance to the Military Paymaster General
to enable him to bring up his books, which are not
yet balanced for the year ended 30th April 1783.
they are so much connected with those of the
Superintendant, that the Account Current between
them must be compared and settled annually
before the books of either can be balanced.—

The next object of consequence is to
make up an exact account of the Extra expences
of the late War — when Hyder ally invaded the
Carnatic, the Board directed that those Charges
should be placed to a Seperate Head Viz.t Second
War with Hyder ally when it afterwards became
a National War in India, & we had to contend
with the French & Dutch, still the whole of

the

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The Field Charges expeditions &c were charged to the same Head — In judging of the proportion of these expences which ought to be charged to the Nabob, the distinction I have mentioned will no doubt be properly attended to — all that I mean to suggest at present is the propriety of making up a Compleat account of the whole expence, & in order to effect this, I submit it to your Consideration if it will not be necessary to apply to the Governor General & Council for an abstract of the expence of the Bengal Detachment from the time they marched for the Carnatic till their return to Bengal — from Bombay Bengal Presidency was debited for the cash advanced to the Paymaster of the detachment & for every supply afforded them, in Stores Grain Cattle, no Account of the expenditure was given to this Presidency neither have we any account of the Bills drawn by them on Bengal for the double Batta to the officers, the Commander in Chiefs bills for secret Service & other Charges —

In my late address to you as Accountant, I stated the arrears due by the Nabob for the Tanjore & Pamanallee, & you was consequence applied to His Highness for an account of the Collections from the 1st Oct. 1780, till the surrender of those Districts to the Company — I hope this

26th July 1785.

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This account will soon be furnished by His Highness, that the necessary adjustments may be made in the General Books.

I have now mentioned every account and information that occurs to me as necessary to be attained before the negociation for the proposed Treaty between the Company & the Nabob shall take place in regard to which I understand that further instructions from Europe are soon expected.

The Charge of the Nabobs Account with the Company being my particular province you will excuse my motive for this address, is to prevent any delay happening in the Arrangement of this great Concern for want of Complete Account, - such being the case, hope your Honor &c. will not deem it improper the liberty I have taken to suggest in time what appears to me necessary to be done

By the late Agreement with the Nabob, his first Kist of three Lacks of Pagodas and one Lack out of his second Kist, were to be received in discharge of the four Lacks stipulated to be paid for account of Current Charges for one year he paid nearly the full amount of the first Kist before it was due & he has since paid a small part of the second & the amount is

placed

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placed to the Credit of this Account Current, in like manner the cash payments he makes should be brought to account, till the full sum of four Lacks shall have been secured; after that, all his future Payment for the Fourth year being on account of his Debt to the Company, and Private Creditors ought to be placed to a Separate Head to Draw on the General Books for that purpose which may be called, if you Honble Board please, the Creditors of His Highness the Nabob of Arcot, as in this description both the Company & individuals are included and the account should be credited for all Sums received, after the payment of the four Lacks above mentioned shall have been completed.

When the report of your Committee for making up the account of the three Classes of Private Creditors agreeable to the Company's Order is read & your orders passed thereupon it will be an easy matter to arrange the Payments, the order in which the different Classes are to be paid, being precisely ascertained in the Company's Arrangement.

As Your Honble Board may find it convenient to receive at the Southern Garrisons some part of the Twelve Lacks allotted to the Creditors, you will please to give such directions as you may think proper for the Paymaster General to replace

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replace the same in your Treasury here in time to make the Stipulated Dividend, & then by debiting the Superintendent & Crediting the Creditors of His Highness the Nabob on the General Books of this Presidency for all such Payments made by the Nabob this Sd view will show the aggregate amount of receipts on that Account.—

From the Account of Mr. Lowe the acting Paymaster at Palamcotah I find that he has received one lack of Pagodas on Cully Fanams from the Nabobs manager, & has granted receipts for the amount at the exchange of 16 3/8 Fanams per Pagoda.—

Agreeable to your order, the amount of Seventy thousand Star Pagodas on those Fanams were sent to Tuticorin poly, where they were received & issued by Mr. Balk the Paymaster at the rate of Eighteen and a quarter and eighteen more Twenty Seconds Pagodas, which is said to be the Bazar exchange there which is about 10 P.Cent less than the rate at which they were received at Palamcotah — As I presume you will not Consent that this Loss should be borne by the Company, I beg to know if it shall be charged to the Nabob, if this is done, I would recommend that the receipts that have been granted

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granted for the several payments made by the Nabob since the surrender of the assignment should be taken off, and in lieu of them, after deducting the above mentioned 8 lacs by exchange, one receipt may be granted for the whole amount; should this be done upon receipt of the remaining part of the four lacks, then one receipt to be signed by the Honble the President may comprehend the whole, & be declared to be in full Payment of the sum of four Lacks of Pagodas stipulated by the late agreement to be paid in the first year, for account of Current Charges. —

By this mode all future discussions about difference of exchange will be prevented and the distinction being thus marked between the Current Charges and the payments for Account of the Nabobs Debts, to the Company & Individuals, all interference or confusion will be avoided. —

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

Fort St. George
10th Dec. 1785

(Signed) Geo. Monckton
Superintendant

Filed on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table. —

Read

3119 Fort St. George 13th December 1785.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Lynn acting Paymaster at Palamcotah -

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

Sir,

I have been under the necessity of applying to Capt. Biddulph to detain two of the Dubashes mentioned in the List transmitted by Government to the Commanding Officer of Palamcotah & beg leave to explain my reasons for appearing in the smallest degree in attentive to their Commands & that you will make them known to the Honble Board -

From the acting Paymaster at Palamcotah, stating the oppressions exercised by the Nabob's manager in the Southern Countries over the Dubashes who have been directed to quit those Provinces -

Kistnapilly & Veneaby Row, were the Servants employed in the Company's Business by the late Paymaster Mr. Light & Mr. Wasey deceased - and are absolutely necessary to explain & be responsible for the Accounts of the above gentlemen either to the executor or succeeding Paymaster - and as no distinction is made in the List - I conceive Government were not acquainted with their Situation or they would have allowed them sufficient time to settle the Business & to return peaceably to Madras without meeting the disgrace that awaits

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awaits every Dubash in the Southern Provinces.—

I am sorry to be obliged to trouble you any further upon this Subject but as the Nabob's manager observed no bounds in exercising the Privilege you have given them of forcing our Servants to depart—I am compelled to complain to you of the General Oppression and in particular of the violence offered yesterday to the Paymasters Servants—The Peons rushed into the office & endeavored to carry them away from the midst of their accounts to the Cannon camp at the Capt. Balcliffe had previously performed the Canon of our intention to detain the above Dubashes till your pleasure be known—

A Common regard to Common duty & to the Company's Credit induce me to represent to you the great severity of the manager & their abuse of the order—instead of confining themselves to the men mentioned in the List they prosecute without mercy all dubashes without distinction, & all their connections—pay no regard whatever to their caste or respect to their Women but turn them & their families out at a moments warning Pushed their houses with Packers & Mooremen—

The people themselves compare it to another invasion

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invasion – & you can have no better opinion of it, when you hear that orders have been issued to all District Managers, to apprehend their people on the road – to obtain their families & Property, & to send the men themselves Prisoners to the Cavan.

The Servants employed while at Madura & then on the Company's Business or commercial concerns have met with unusual disgrace – I have repeatedly wrote to Captain Flint to interpose & to remind him that I was the responsible Person – not the Families & connections of any dubash – but all that I can learn in answer, is an increase of their troubles – The Nabob becomes the Agent for their property – & yet Capt. Flint will suffer them to be subjected to the imposition of every rascal that dares to make a demand on them – and one of the respectable Inhabitants of Madura for 20 Years is now confined in the Cutcherry Choultry on account of 6 to be collected for me – & the family of my dubash Vellapah have been obliged to pay a large Sum to avoid indelible disgrace – many are in the same predicament – & cannot take upon me to enter into a Vendication of these Dubashes – nor will I venture to determine if these exactions are just or unjust – The persecution I am sure is unjustifiable and unknown

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unknown, & that the Board need only to be informed, to put a stop to its operations or immediately to the discredit of every European in the Provence who shall themselves so commonly situated on this occasion, and hope for an order, to exact their Servants at Tobacky — I have only to add Sir, that this order has struck at every commercial concern as well as the supposed interference in the Revenue & altho I never have been connected in the latter — yet I have some money at stake in Cloth trade that I hope will be preserved to me & order be sent to Capt. Flint & Shaick Mahomed to force the people to refund the money they have squeezed from Cundapah Modelliar & the family of my dubash. Vellapah & I will very readily acquit myself of any Charge, they must of course have fabricated to cloak, their illegal extortion from my Servants who have made several attempts to have the Garrison in compliance with the order & have been prevented. —

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Benj: Lewin

Palamcottah
5th Dec. 1785

Agreed that the President be desired to

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to write to the Nabob on the Subject of the foregoing & that he recommend to his Highness the allowing a Year to those Dubashes whom he wishes should quit the districts of Madura and Palamcotah for the Settlement of their accounts & disposal of their Property & that Protection be given to them & their Families when they remove from the Provinces which they now inhabit.

Letter to be written to the Commandants of Madura & Palamcotah, & to the Nabob.—

Agreed also that a Letter be written to the Commandants of Madura & Palamcotah, & that the Nabob be desired to permit Sattanadhy & Vencatachellum to remain at Palamcotah as Mr Swartz requests their Presence to be necessary for the transaction of the Company's business.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Rumbold with enclosures entered in the M.B. between Nos 49 & 50/

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

From Colonel Rumbold in Reply to the Charges exhibited against him by His Highness the Nabob.—

Honble Sir & Sirs

I now do myself the honor of replying to the Complaints exhibited against me by Govindrow Peashear at Arcot, through Venkatrow the renter, to His Highness the Nabob

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Nabob, my two Letters, copies of which have been transmitted me by Mr. Dickson, Secretary to your Honble Board.—

It is with reluctance I intrude upon your Time by entering into a Detail of circumstances but as it is necessary in Justification of my Honor and Character, trust I shall be indulged with your attention.—

I am concerned that a Servant of His Highness should report matter to his master part of which is absolutely False, and other parts so misrepresented to my prejudice, and his own advantage that they merit to be called Falsehoods.—

I sent twice to the Peashcar requesting he would give directions that some Cloth for the use of the Hanoverian Regiment stopped on account of Customs should be permitted to pass into Arcot, and waited a few days in the expectation my request would be complied with, but at length I found it would not be allowed to pass.—

Several officers and some of my own Servants are witness that I did not strike the Peashcar after he had struck them—but with my Finger just touched him on the breast to engage his attention to what I was saying.—

I told

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told him if he would not write in the Persian Language as I wished, on account of my Servants understanding it, he might write in any other. —

I acknowledge ordering him to remain at my house till the cloth arrived which I did in expectation the fear of confinement might induce him to give an unequivocal Order for its passing — but I never did put any actual restraint upon him, and in a few Minutes afterwards desired him to return to his house. —

With respect to the 1st Charge contained in the Fourteen second Letter of my neglecting to take notice of Complaints of violences committed by an Officer on the house of a Brahmen, I beg leave to assure your Honble Board that no complaint on the subject but what is contained in that Letter, ever reached me nor was Captain Mosby, late acting Adjutant General to the Cantonment, ever informed of such an outrage. —

He next charges me with sending to him for Supplies of Cows, Sheep, Fowls and Eggs — I have often told him I desired no presents but understanding His Highness the Nabob had made an allowance of such articles to former Officers Commanding in this Cantonment,

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I suggested it was not his Highness's intention to withhold the same from me —

He lastly asserts that the inhabitants of this City are afraid to remain on account of the violences and oppressions of the Europeans and their Peons — It is a fact well known that I pay the utmost attention to every complaint that comes to my knowledge and that the party aggrieved finds strict and speedy justice —

I must now beg leave to acquaint your Worship's Board that His Highness the Nabob enters and manages the every opportunity by consulting your Commanding and other officers, by stopping European and other articles passing through the Country to them in this Cantonment on pretence of exacting Customs to the great detriment and sometimes total loss of certain articles — The Manager at Tonjore in particular has thrice times detained on Account of Customs Rice and Cowries coming from Pondicherry for the use; the former article he would not permit to remain under a tree and by being many days exposed to Rain & rain a great part of it was spoiled, the amount of which loss I hope he will be ordered to make good to me — I have several times wrote Letters to that manager on the subject of his stopping our goods, but he has never replied to any of them — The Renter of Trivandee has also stopped for Custom Six Bullock Loads of Grain

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Grant belonging to Major Ogilvy, as the Letter
I have the honor to enclose will explain— I have
taken no Steps to recover the Grant, not doubting
but your Honble Board will take into Consideration
the whole of the above representation respecting
His Highness the Nabobs Renters and managers
exacting Duties and that your determination
will effectually prevent any future Cause of
Controversy arising between them and your
Commanding and other Officers on the Subject.

I must also lay before your Honble
Board a Complaint preferred to me by Captain
Darley of the 2d Regiment Native Cavalry at
the instance of Cojen Khan Jamedar on the same
Corps against His Highness the Nabobs manager
at Lallpett and Cambrow the Vellore Renter.—
The Jamedar relates that his brother Allie Khan
passing by Lallpett, seven or eight Days ago, he
was detained there two days by heavy rains
when the Lallpett Managar took him and his
boy prisoner accusing them of being robbers, and
sending them to Cambrow, he forcibly took from
Allie Khan 191 Rupees and then released them

I spoke these particulars immediately
to Cambrow, acquainting him that Allie Khan
was connected with a Jamedar of Cavalry and
desired the Money might be directly restored
but as he has not deigned to take any notice of

my

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my letter or requisition and the money being still detained. I conceive it my duty to make the affair known to your Honble Board.

I am with great respect

Yr. &c.

Arcot
9th Decemr. 1785.

(Signed) T. L. Rumbold
Col: Com:

Agreed that the President be desired to communicate the Contents of the foregoing to the Ministers & to request that justice may be done to the parties aggrieved.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Mr. Theodore Corbett.

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

The Court of Directors in the 97th Para of their General Letter to Madras under date the 12th July 1782. having thought proper to name me to succeed Mr. Peacock, in the Paymastership of Ellore in case of the decease of Mr. Munro or of his being otherwise satisfactorily provided for, the latter being the case, and wishing to

Letter from Mr. Theodore Corbett, soliciting the Paymastership of Ellore, on the first Vacancy, in Consequence of Orders from the Court of Directors.

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avail myself of the Honble Boards indulgence
I have to request that you will be pleased to
confirm their nomination by appointing me to
take Charge of the employ on Mr. Westcotts resigning
the which I am informed he is about to do.—

My distant Situation from the Presidency
rendering it impossible for me to know when such
Gentleman may actually be delivered in his
resignation and fearing that any silence on my
part might be looked upon as a wish to forego
my Claim on the Cause of my being thus early on
my application to the Honble Board, and which I
flatter myself will be deemed a sufficient apology
for deviating from the usual form in soliciting
the Post before it is vacated.—

I have the honor to be with the
greatest Respect &c.a &c.a

(Signed) Jno. Corbett

Ingram
26th Nov.r 1785.

Ordered to lie on the Table.—

Read the following Letter from Mr.
Mowbray late Agent for Sepoy Cloathing.—

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr. Mowbray late Agent for Sepoy Clothing, stating the Balance due to him, which he requests may be discharged.—

I beg leave to lay before you Copy of my Account Current with the Honble Company as Agent for Sepoy Clothing, the Balance in my favor is Pags. 6919.22.39. which I am obliged to request you will discharge, being called upon by some of my private Creditors for the payment of debts which I cannot longer postpone, and in consideration of the length of time, during which I have been in advance, & that I have actually paid Interest to allow 12 P Cent interest, Hope you will admit of the Charge I have made & that rate, on the accompanying Account Current. This indulgence is not unprecedented it having been allowed to Paymasters & others who had advanced, or borrowed money for the Public Service— Give me leave at same time to remind your Honor &c. that this employ, is not on the nature of a contract, the Cloth is not purchased by the Agent but is furnished out of the Company's Store, the Agent only pays the Charges of making it up, & for his trouble, is allowed a Commission

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Commission of 5 p Cent on the whole amount.—

I have the honor to be.—

&c &c

(Signed) Geo: Moubray—

Late agent for Sepoy Cloathing

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13th December 1785—

Agreed that the Balance due to Mr
Moubray being Pagodas 6919.33.29 be discharged
by a Moiety in Cash, & the Heron Company's Bonds.

Read the following Letter from the
Garrison Storekeeper.—

Minute thereon

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been honored with Mr. Secretary
Cherriers Letter dated 11th Instant
from the Garrison
Storekeeper, with
his Opinion on
the best modes for
procuring certain
Articles for a
Garrison Storeke-
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the necessity of keeping at all times
a Store of wholesome Provisions for the mainte-
-nance of this Garrison, is too evident to need
illustration but the measure is attended with so
heavy an expence, that it becomes a matter of
serious consideration, to determine upon the most
effectual & economical means of executing the
intentions

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intentions of Government

In enumerating the particular Articles judged necessary to be kept in Store, I shall in compliance with your desire, take the Liberty to suggest what occurs to me on the different modes of providing & preserving the General Stock:

Arrack on Rum
Salt Provisions Beef & Pork
Rice
Peas
Boot Grain
Wheat
Sugar
Doll or Cajaloo
Ghee
Pepper
Chillies
Tamarind
Terrmerick
Coriander Seed
Coriander
Ginger
Garlick
Onions
Beetle nuts
Ginjelly
Lamp } Oil
Cocoanut }

Under the present Circumstances of this Presidency, these Articles can be best supplied by the Government of Bengal —

These Articles are to be procured from the Circars & different Parts of the Carnatic; but they are all perishables Commodities & cannot in general be kept good in Store above Six or eight Months therefore it is absolutely necessary to renew the Supply regularly; — This is a Business that will require constant Care Attention & Attendance but being so, may be carried on to advantage & the purposes of Government fully answered by adopting either of two methods which I submit to consideration

It is premised, the Company must advance the Sums necessary to purchase the Quantity of Stock, which should be repaid in proper

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proportions, to a Person appointed to manage the business on the Company's Account to whose Charge the whole should be committed & whom it is necessary to intrust with full Power to buy & sell according to the Markets, taking care to reserve in Store, at all times a certain Quantity of each Article; & as he should be made responsible it may be considered reasonable to allow some adequate reward for his attention & fidelity to be paid by a Commission & a certain proportion of the profit arising from the sale of the Articles entrusted to his Charge & management.

But should Government think it more expedient to be at a certainty, in regard to expence, it may be ascertained, by entering into standing Publick Contracts, for supplying & keeping in Store different Articles stipulating to have them renewed at stated periods, making an Allowance for deficiencies, & paying a fixed price for every Articles taken or expended. However provided the Company must necessarily advance the Money & furnished Granaries, Drawood — This is also a perishable Article & has proved very expensive to Government — I would recommend, if possible, to enter into an agreement with some substantial Merchants, who make it their business to supply the Settlement with Wood; & who on consideration of a Sum of Money to be advanced should engage

Constantly

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constantly, or for a certain Period to provide & keep up a quantity of Firewood / Suppose Fourty Lacks in time of Peace / to be renewed every year, Government paying a fixed Price for whatever they have occasion for, & allowing the expence of Carriage from the Sea Beach, to the different places in the Fort or Esplanade, judged proper to lodge the Firewood.— which should be on the Spot disposal of the Contractors as fresh Supplies are received— by this plan, the Company would be Supplied with an indispensable Article at the least expence, & the Contractor find his advantage in carrying on his business with the assistance of publick money, which would be secured by the deposit of the stipulated Quantity of Wood to be kept in Store — should the Board approve of these Ideas, they may be further explained in the publick Advertisement for Proposals.—

Bullocks
Sheep
Hogs
Salt Peter

The Districts of Chinglepat Nat
Guntoor & Venkatamaul Pitty at
a low valuation upon the express
condition of his keeping up a
Supply of Live Stock & other articles for the use
of the Garrison— & may be deemed proper to be
satisfied from time to time, by a survey
& report of the number of Live Stock kept
in the Country.—

Salt

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Salt
Tobacco
Vinegar
Copper Bolts
Straw
Serpantines
Bolts & Pans
Baskets
Well Ropes
Loops & Screws
Mats
Rice Mortars
Curry Stones &
Rollers
Chunam
Wax Candles

These things to be purchased
& kept by the Garrison Storekeeper
who will occasionally report their
State, in order to sell off damaged
Articles & replace deficiencies.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) John Turing
Garrison Storekeeper

Madras
13th Dec. 1785.

Resolved that Indents be made to
Bengal for such articles as the Garrison Storekeeper
represents can be best supplied there, that he be
directed to advertize for proposals for the
Provision & keeping up the articles of Doll.
Flow, Pepper &c. &c. as recommended, that
this plan for a Supply of Provision be adopted
& that the remaining articles Viz: Salt Tobacco
&c. be purchased by him, who must occasionally
report their State in order to sell off damaged
Articles, & replace Deficiencies.

Agreed also that a Survey & Report
of the Live Stock to be kept up by Veraspermauk
Pilly

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Pilly be occasionally made—

Read the following Letter from Mr. Lockney—

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.

President & Governor &c. Council of

Fort St. George

From Mr. Lockney on the Subject of his Contract with Government for making Gun Carriages.—

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Gun Carriages which have been ordered by Government are now nearly finished it is therefore a proper time to address your Honor &c. respecting my late Situation under that Contract—of from the 21st of June 1783 to this time I have been a considerable loser on all that I have made—the loss has arisen from two Causes the dearness of all materials during the War and the inability of Government to make me any advance otherwise than in Bills on Bengall or Bonds of this Presidency—The discount on Bengal Bills was very great but I am obliged to submit to it, not having Credit equal to the Sums which were absolutely necessary & as to the Honble Company's Bonds their Interest is at 8 P Cent which I was obliged to pay 12 P Cent for what money I wanted—Had I in the least retarded the

Business

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Business under any pretence whatever, the Service must have suffered — I therefore Submitted because I perceived the Serious consequences of delay in my Department —

Lieut. Colonel Moorhouse Capt. Sourdan & Messrs. Call, Snow & Cockburn have perused my Accounts & will testify the Losses I have incurred — The Several Commanders in Chief as well as all the artillery officers have approved of the manner in which I have hitherto performed my Contract, I therefore hope I will not be deem'd presumptive in me to Solicit your Honble Board for my continuing the Contract for making such Gun Carriages as may be immediately wanted, as the present price of Timber may enable me to reimburse myself for a part of those Losses which I have felt — from the above Causes —

Your Concurrence will be considered as a favor which I shall study to merit and shall ever be acknowledged by —

I have &c.a &c.a &c.a

/Signed/ B. Scottney

M. L. Keeper

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The Commander in Chief reports to the Board that Lieut. Home is desirous of resigning his Command of Chandernaghery which he recommends may be allowed & that Capt.n Lieut. Macfey in consideration of his Services, Wounds & long Imprisonment be appointed to succeed Lt. Home in the above Command

Lieut. Home resigns the Command of Chandernaghery

Capt.n Lieutenant appointed to succeed

Agreed Accordingly.—

Read the following Letters as entered in the M.B. Nos. 50-51-52-53-54-55/

From Mr. Gordon Surgeon at Palam-colah, stating that his profession obliges him to keep a Dubash, & requesting that he may be allowed to retain his Servant accordingly—

From Mr. Gordon

Agreed that Mr. Gordon be informed that the request will be made for him to the Nabob, & that his Dubash must execute the prescribed obligation

Minute thereon

From Ens: Jarvis, requesting that he may be allowed to dispose of a House on Palam-colah built by the late Mr. Leslie Surgeon in that Garrison

From Ens: Jarvis

Agreed that Ens: Jarvis be informed that as the House does not stand upon the Company's Ground, the Board cannot give him the authority he solicits

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From the Commodore for ascertaining

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From the Committee for Invalidating and Pensioning

& Pensioning, stating that Tim Naicks Claim is not admissible with them in the Capacity in which they act but that his Faithful Services entitle him to the favorable Notice of Government.

Agreed in consideration of Tim Naicks Faithful Services that he be allowed Pension of 15 Pags. p. Month, & that it be published in General Orders.

From Colonel Nixon, enclosing a Letter

From Col: Nixon

From Capt.n Lieut. Rutledge Prisoner at Seringapatam stating the Severities exercised by the order of Tippoo Sultaun over him, and the other unfortunate Europeans who were detained in his Country at the Conclusion of the late War &c. and that Government will pay the Bearer of his Letter the Sum of one hundred and twenty five Pagodas.

Agreed that a Letter be immediately written to Colonel Nixon, directing him to write to Capt.n Rutledge communicating to him the Board's Resolution of advancing the Sum he desires and of giving him every assurance of their Wishes to afford him and the other Prisoners every possible Relief within their Power.

The Board being fully sensible of the Disposition of Tippoo Sultaun, & how requisite it is for the safety of Capt.n Rutledge & the other Prisoners, that Tippoo should be ignorant of their Correspondence with the Commandant of Vellore,

resolve

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resolved not at this time to make him acquainted with the Circumstances on the Hope that the State of the Company's affairs will soon arrive to so prosperous an Issue as to make the Demand less hazardous to them than any Reference on the present Situation of the Company.—

From Mr Raine Surgeon dated 7th Decr.

From Mr. Raine

stating the particulars of his long Services, & Sufferings from Wounds & Imprisonment, & requesting the indulgent support of Government

Agreed that Mr Raine be appointed

Minute thereon

to attend the Sick officers on the Black Town establishment that Fort shall be vacated by Mr. Ruding.

From Colonel Braithwaite, enclosing

From Col: Braithwaite

Petition from Mr Dick La Vale, Conductor of Stores at Ellore, praying in Consideration of his long & faithful Services to the Company, to be pensioned at Vizagapatam

Agreed, that the Prayer of Mr Dick

Minute thereon

La Vale Petition be complied with, by granting him a Pension of 25 Pagodas P. Mensem to be paid him by the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam

" Alex. Davidson

" John Dalling

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14th

In Consequence to the Resolution passed yesterday in Council a Letter is now written to his Highness the Nabob as entered in the Country Correspondence No 125 stating the Severities exercised by his Highness's Managers in the Southern Provinces, over the Dubashes who were directed to quit those districts. — How unconstitutional such Conduct is with the Principles of Humanity; and how necessary it is therefore for his Highness's Honor that he should screen his Servants to desist from such intemperate Behaviour, and to afford Protection to these Men for a year and a day, to enable them to settle their own and their Masters affairs —

To the Nabob —

Received the following Letter from Mr. George Taylor at Calcutta —

To John Chamier Esqr.

Military & Political Secretary to the Honorable the President & Council

Fort St. George

From Mr. George Taylor, ships on the Tygris 4500 Bags of Rice, consigned to the Governor & Council —

Sir

I had the Honor of addressing you under date the 21st Ultimo covering a particular

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14th particular and strict satisfactory Statement of the Rice Accounts.- I now have the pleasure to acquaint you that the Supreme Board hath ordered the Paymaster General to write off the Sums which I had credited upon account of Grain, and that I am using every effort for to secure proper Tonnage and Rice to compleat the whole Consignment as speedily as may be possible, I conceive that the earliest the Grain shall arrive at Madras the more Valuable and beneficial will my Consignments turnout to the Company- I impressed with this conviction and judging, from the present high Price of Grain at Madras, that Supplies were much wanted, - I tried every resource for to raise money, - my publick Claims upon the Treasury were formerly very low at present of no immediate Service, and no Bills upon-dance could be placed upon receipts from thence in any moderate Period of time; that the Season might elapse ere I could be put in Cash to commence the undertaking.- Thus circumstanced I hesitated not a moment to turn my own Individual Credit towards executing the Commission with which the Honble the Governor & Council have been pleased to entrust me? by which means I have the Satisfaction to

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14th to acquaint you that I have obtained upwards of Forty thousand Maunds of Cargo Rice with proportionable Tonnage upon Vessels such as may be depended upon, and which I expect will arrive with you on or before the first of January next.—

Herewith you will receive a Bill of Lading & Invoice of 4,500 Bags Shipped on board Since on the 2d Inst. which I was in hopes when I wrote you last would have proceeded on her Voyage ere this, but some unavoidable delays incident, as well to the Pilotage of this River, as to the Season of the Year obstructed her departure.—

As there is a very Material difference in the price of Rice proper for Storing and that which would serve for immediate Consumption, I beg that you will do me the favor to mention in your next Letter, whether the Honorable Board would have me Ship any of the Latter.— I never also to request that you will oblige me by as early a communication as may be convenient with respect to the Sums handed over to me by Lieutenant Anderson late acting Paymaster as due by the Detachment for Grain and to recover which hath cost me much trouble and considerable expence.—

I have the honor to be
Sir & Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Geo: Tyler
Paym.r to the late
Madras Detachment
ordered

Calcutta
the 25th Novem.r 1785

/Signed/

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14th Ordered, that a Copy of the foregoing Letter,
with the Bill of Lading and Invoice to which
it gave Cover be sent to the Garrison Storekeeper
and that he be directed to report upon such
Parts of the Letter as relate to his Department.

To the Garrison Storekeeper

/Vide M.P. N.o 56/

Sent the undermentioned Letters entered
on M.P. Nos 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66,
67, 68, 69, 70, 71.)

To the Commandants of Madura &
Palamcottah informing them of the Resolution
of the Board to allow the Dubashes on the
Southern Provinces to remain a Year & a day;
and enclosing Copy of a Letter to His Highness
the Nabob on the Subject.

To the Commandants at Madura & Palamcotah.

To M.r William Gordon Surgeon at
Palamcotah. Has Permission to keep a Dubash,
provided he enter into an Allegation, which will
be presented to him by the Commandant.

To the Surgeon at Palamcotah.

To M.r Benjamin Loten, acting Paymas-
-ter at Palamcotah stating the Steps taken for
Securing Protection of the Dubashes while they
remain in the Southern Provinces.

To M.r Benjamin Loten.

To the Committee for removing Nuisances,
directing them to cause the Removal of the
Chunam Kilns from the North esplanade to
some convenient place to the northward of the
Black

To the Committee for removing Nuisances.

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14th Black Town

To the Paymaster at Arcot— 2 Pay Batta to Lieutenant Colonel Davies while employed on Superintending the building the Cantonment at Sheverum.

To Mr. Thomas Welch.—

To the Commandant & Paymaster at Vellore—

To the Commandant & Paymaster at Vellore directing the latter to pay into the hands of the former the Sum of 125 Pagodas for the Prisoners at Seringapatam to whom the Commandant must give Assurances of the Board's Wishes to afford them every possible Relief

To Vizagapatam

To the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam directing them to permit Mr. Peter La Vale Conductor of Stores at Illore to reside at their Settlement, upon a Pension of 25 Pagodas P.r Mensem, which they are to pay.—

To Colonel Brathwaite—

To Colonel Brathwaite informing him of the above—

To Ensign Jarvis

To Ensign Jarvis informing him that as the House built by the late Mr. Leslie at Palamcotah does not stand upon Company's Ground, the Board can give no authority for the Disposal of it.—

16th To the Sepoy Agent, directing him, notwithstanding the Commander in Chief's Body Guard is returned in the Strength of the different Sepoy Corps, to Cloath them in the same Manner as before.—

To the Sepoy Agent.—

To

To Mr. David Graham.-

16th To the Paymaster at Samulcotah directing him to take charge of the Paymasters employ at Ellore, till further Order.-

To Mr. Theodore Corbett.- His request for the Paymastership at Ellore, will be taken into Consideration when that appointment shall become vacant.-

To Mr. Lorin.-

To the acting Paymaster at Palamcotah to furnish Colonel Sir Henry Corby upon his Indent, with Tents & Stores.-

To Ens: Kirkpatrick.-

To Ensign James Kirkpatrick, with permission to proceed to Europe for the recovery of his health.-

From Comm: of Works.-

Received Letter from the Commitee of Works, as entered in M.B. N.o 42, stating that they have no Artificer employed under them, and can only furnish Lieut. Colonel Davies with 30 Lascars.-

Received the following Letter from Bengal

To the Honble. Alexander Davidson Esq.r

President &.c Council of Fort S.t George

Gen.l Dep.t

Gentlemen

We have received your Letters of the 25th August, two of the 7th one of the 11th & one of the

16th The 21st Sept.r 1st and 2d of October, and your Secretary's Letters of the 3d and 6th September & 5th October —

From Bengal— desiring that in future no Recruits destined for their Presidency may be retained here.— Messieurs Hilliard & Warring two Recruits ordered to proceed to Fort St. George—

Due Credit will be given to your Presidency for the Redwood which you have sent by the Charlotte—

The estimate of your probable Disburse-ces and disbursements from the 30th April last to the 1st May inclosed in the Letter referd to is at present under our consideration

25th August— We have received the Account of

7th Sept.r— Coral for Bengal which was enclosed by mistake

25th Ditto in the Company's Packet to your address by the Deptford, but we do not find any account of that article for your Presidency in the dispatches by that Ship hence it is not probable that the Paper you desire has not been forwarded from England.—

5th October We approve of your landing from on board the Dublin the recruits belonging to this establishment on account of the Mutinous Spirit which prevailed among them, We must desire that they may be sent round to Bengal by the first favorable Opportunity as the immediate Want of Privates to complete the Establishment of our Regiments of European Infantry does not admit of our acquiescing in your

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16th your proposal to receive an equal number of Men from those consigned to your Presidency next Season and we direct that you do not on future detain any of the Recruits originally destined for Bengal.-

We have ordered Mr. James Hilliard and Mr. Henry Warring two recruits belonging to your establishment to be returned to you & we desire that you will send to this Place as soon as possible the two Men you have detained in their room our Settlement being already much incumbered with Persons of this description, We have written to the Court of Directors to prevent if possible others in similar Situations from being sent to India and we must request, that you will keep at Fort St. George all those originally destined for your Establishment.-

We are &c. &c.

John Macpherson

Fort William
the 3d Novr 1785.-

Signed 1 " John Stables
Chas Stuart

Fort S.t George 16.th December 1785

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble. Alexander Davidson Esq.r

President

Lieut.t General Sir John Dalling Bar.t

Friday
16.th Dec.r 1785.

&

James Daniell Esq.r

Minutes of last Consultation, read and approved.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter received from Bengal by Mr. Oakes.-

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.r

President &c.a Council at

Fort S.t George

of
from Bengal
nine Lacks of Rupees
to Government
either to go towards
the Liquidation
of the Military
arrears of this
Establishment.- the
mode of Liquidation
stated.- with a
Plan of the Gov.t
General for the
entire discharge
of the arrears of
the Company's troops
in India.- officers
late prisoners in
power to draw
the same allowances
as ever enjoyed by
the Corps to which
they belonged at the time
of their Capture.-

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been regularly apprized of the embarrassments of your Finances and we have been long exerting every Faculty of this Government to relieve the Company's Wants, in all their Settlements- to reduce the expences of our now establishment & to arrange a gener.l

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general System for the liquidation of all the Company's Debts in India have been the great objects of your Care.- But we are apprehensive from your late Dispatches, that the distresses of your Government are arrived at a height to which no remonstrance can be applied - The Disaffection discovered to your Service by the Native Troops is highly alarming, and in Threatening the very existence of your Power it supercedes every other object of Consideration. When such a Spirit grows into Mutiny and directs its view, and ultimate Resort to the Service of Revolt, or hostile States, the worst Consequences are to be dreaded, nor can the united exertions of your and our Government be too speedy or severe to prevent them.-

The Semper which has lately shewn itself among your Troops to the Southward is not natural to that Body of Men and so contrary to the Attachment, Patience and Perseverance which they have shewn in the arduous Service of late they were employed upon of late that Ward apprehensive some Causes must have combined to produce it independently of the distresses which they suffered from long Arrears.- Whether

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Whether the Secret Agents of Tippoo have been advancing your Troops into his Service whether the Administration of Pondicherry have been fomenting their discontents, or whether there has been want of address on the part of your Officers to conciliate the Minds of the Native Soldiery, or whether any other Circumstances have occasioned their dissatisfaction with the Service We are not informed—the inability of your Government to adhere to your engagements, and to provide a Current monthly Subsidence for your Troops, while their Arrears remained unliquidated was of itself a Grievance fully sufficient to shake the Confidence, which Troops should ever repose in the Government that employs them— We imagined that such a monthly provision was within your Power, and was for some time secured by the Secret deposit left by Lord Macartney in your Treasury by the Supply that was allotted from hence and the Payment that might be expected from the Arrangements ordered to take place with the Nabob Wabajah and the Rajah of Tanjore— We understood further that you had resolved upon different Reductions in your established expences and that

You

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you were proceeding to adopt a System of the most oeconomical accuracy in your Accounts and Disbursements.—

How We cannot but regret the former Insalubrious of your Providency to our repeated Applications, for those yearly Estimates of your Resources and Disbursements and of all your Public Charges Military together with the nearest estimates that could be formed of the Funds, which would enable you to carry on the Current Service—

The Dispatches and particular Accounts which you have lately transmitted to us by Mr. Oakes, and the Abstracts which he has given to us have at length furnished us with the Information which we have long wanted, and which was absolutely necessary to guide us in determining what Funds could be spared from this Government to relieve the particular necessities of your Providency

All that Ignore that could be provided by a Suspension of every Payment at your Treasury for as long a Period as the wants of this Settlement would bear it could not discharge your Military Arrears or Supply

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a Sufficient Fund to Satisfy your Troops - yet they must be satisfied & every Consideration must give way to the best efforts on our or on your Power to allay that Spirit of disaffection which has appeared among them - their attachment to the Company's Service must be recalled & established - In effect as desireable an Object as to Negotiate as far as rests with our Power & to supply or Controul the greatest Evils that can arise in your Presidency We have suspended all Payments at our own Treasury, tho' the Troops of this Establishment are deeply in arrears; We shall be able to send you about Nine Lacks of Rupees in Specie by the Frances & Indraman which is to proceed to Fort S.t George as soon as the Coast can be visited without danger from the Change of the Monsoon; We imagine that this Supply will reach you at farthest by the 20.th of next month.-

We are aware of the Difficulties which you must have to struggle with, on Appropriating this Money to the sole purpose for which it is intended and as it can only serve, if ever paid to the Private Soldiery, to shew them that more is to be expected from this quarter, & that every resource in the Power

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Power of the Contracting Government is understood to be justly bound for the payment of all the Arrears of the Company's Troops, in whatever quarter, We mean to dispatch with this Supply of Specie a Servant or Servants from this Government who will visit, the different Stations of your Army, and see that the money now sent, is paid in their presence to your Soldiery- The Sepoys will be thereby informed and convinced that not only your Presidency but this Government is answerable for the full and faithful payment of their Arrears; We conceive this Step will produce a general Confidence in your Troops attached to the Sums due to them, and secure you for your Information, and we hope the entire Satisfaction of your Troops a Point we have resolved to carry into effect for the general liquidation of the Arrears of the Company's Troops in India which we propose to clear to the 1.st of January next

This Plan will explain itself and We trust meet with your Utmost Support. We send you a Copy of the Minute, which introduced it to our Board in order to explain to

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to you most clearly the difficulties under which We have laboured to afford you the Supplies that are now announced to you and the general Circumstances under which We have resolved upon the Measure.—

In Situations of the most pressing Public danger this not what will be objected to, or what will necessarily be accompanied with difficulty or embarassment that is to be considered, It is, whether any Measure can extricate us, if any Measure can, that Measure, being once understood & resolved upon, must be zealously pursued & vigorously executed.—

We are persuaded that you have the most earnest desire to cooperate with this Government in every thing which you will at once see the infinite Benefits that are to be derived from any Arrangement that secures a full Liquidation of your Military Arrears.— You will find it easy to explain to your Troops that the deputation of Paymasters of Arrears from hence is the strongest Warrant in the power of this Government to give for the Security and total Liquidation of the Arrears We have resolved on as similar deputation to Bombay to liquidate the Military Arrears of

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of that Presidency - The Gentlemen to be employed on this Service will be sent under your orders, and instead of considering them as Supernumerary upon the establishment at any Settlement upon your authority We mean and desire you do that you will consider it as the greatest part of your business to employ them in such manner as you will be answerable for the success of the business in which they are employed, you are at all times competent to adopt the Measures which you may think best for that purpose - We now send you a form of the Arrear Roll to be made out, which you will be pleased to order to be prepared without loss of time in Duplicate, specifying the names, Ranks, Months for which Arrears are due and the Amount in Pagodas and Chuppaks due to each person - These Rolls are to be certified by the Commanding Officer of each Regiment and Battalion or Corps, & by the Paymaster of the Division and the Commissary General We send you likewise Copies of the Orders for Bonds which you will draw upon this Government to complete the

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The Payment by Bond as well as Copies of the Bills to be drawn for the last moiety of the Arrears to the Soldiery and Subaltern at 6 p.r Cent Interest and 4 p.r Cent Premium on this Treasury and payable in eight months—

We have the honor to be &c.a &c.a

John Macpherson
R.t Hopper
John Stables
Cha.s Stuart

Fort William
Secret.t Depart.t
14.th November 1785 / Signed /

P.S Since writing the foregoing Letter it has been represented to us, that the State of your Funds has not enabled you to do an act which appears to us to be an act of necessary Justice to those Officers who suffered in Confinement under the late Nabob Hyder Ally Cawn, and his Successor Tippoo Sultan we mean by allowing such of them as survived their Imprisonment, the Arrears of Batta that accrued during the Confinement for we understand that they have as yet received only their Arrears of Pay.—

As it is our intention that the

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that the Liquidation of this part of your debt should be effected at the same time with your other Military Arrears, we desire that you will make a provision for the accomplishment of this object in the execution of the plan now transmitted to you, and that such Officers as are entitled consistent with the Rebels Hyder Ally Cawn and Tippoo Sultaun may be paid the Arrears of Batta due to them from the time their Batta ceased to be given to them in consequence of their Captives to that of their Arrival at Madras, and that with respect to those Gentlemen who are known not to have survived their Imprisonment, the proofs of their decease be ascertained as nearly as possible and the Arrears of Batta as well as of Pay, if Pay has not been granted in this case, be allowed to their Heirs or families or those who are entitled to the Benefit of their property.—

That we may be fully understood we think it necessary to explain to you, that the Batta which we conceive to be due to the Officers in question is that received by Officers of equal Rank in the Corps

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Corps with which they served when taken
Prisoners and of the same combination —
For example if the Regiments to which the
Officers who were made Prisoners were attached
were placed in a Situation where Balla
ceded or was diminished we do not consider
the Captive officers as having a claim to
advantages superior to those enjoyed by the
Officers of their respective Corps. —

/signed/ Governor General
& Council.

Governor General

The Military arrears of the Company's
Service at all their Presidencies have been a
Constant Subject of the most serious Consideration
with this Government; we have been earnest
in endeavouring to ascertain their Amount
and in our efforts to support the Company's
Credit at home and to relieve the wants
of the Military Service at Bombay &
Fort S.t George we have been obliged to permit
the Arrear of the Bengal Troops to remain
unliquidated. —

When our employers shall be
pleased to consider that from the Month of
February

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February last to the present month the Income of our Treasury has been exactly and that the heavy Collections are only beginning in the Present month when they look to the sums at which the Arrears of our army & the Debts of our Treasury stood on February last when they add to the Value of the remittances we have made to the other Presidencies in money Bills and payments of former years when it is further considered that this is the first year since 1779 that no new resources have been drawn from the Company by extra bills and that 75 Lacs are in drawn of payment to the Board of Trade to Complete the seven cargoes that are now preparing for Dispatch to Europe and for the Investments of 1786/7 when these Circumstances are severally candidly taken in by the Company's Servants cation they cannot but give this Government full Credit for oeconomical Exertions and the most Correct administration of the Public resources

Military Arrears — 54 Lacs
Current Debts of the Govt — 163 Lacs

Amounting disbursed in account of the three Presidencies between 31st March & 1st Nov 1785 — 37 Lacs
Do for advances to the Board of Trade between Do — } 33 Lacs

One of the Heavy Burthens that have fallen upon our Treasury is the Repayment of Loans & Bonded debt & Sum Amounting

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Amounting to upwards of 17 Lacs of owdu Secca or Lonaut rupees and which was borrowed by Mr. Bristow at Lucnow in 1783 Forepay this debt and prevent the lenders of the money from breaking & bringing disgrace on the Company's Credit, the last ten Lacs received from Lucnow in Bills have been Appropriated together with a Considerable proportion of the Surplus Revenue of Benares— This Appropriation and the agreement that had been made by the late Governor General not to charge the expences of the Fifty Seven Detachment to the Nabob Vizier from January last, and a remittance lately made from Lucnow to Surat of Five Lacks to support Bombay have left the Arrears due to the Troops in the Vizier Country unprovided for I am in hopes this Council Last year representations to obtain an immediate relief on that Account. The Vizier having agreed to pay the Arrears of the Fifty Seven Detachment and to make three payments to the Amount of upwards of Thirty Lacs before September next more than he was bound to pay to the Company by his engagements with the late Governor General. The Arrears due to our Troops within the

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the Provinces are not very considerable but
the Accounts we have recently received from
Lord L. George relative to the present distresses
and consequent Behaviour of their native
Troops and the enormous arrear of the Troops
at Bombay call for extraordinary efforts from
the Government; all the Resource that can
be sent from hence and every authority
that we can give to draw upon our Treasury
will afford but ineffectual and every
temporary relief to Lord L. George & Bombay.
The Burthen of their Military Debt
has become unsupportable and the very existence
of those Presidencies may be said to be at
this Moment at Stake, at a time when our
European rivals are in extraordinary force
in the Carnatic & when the Marattas and
Tippoo have armed for a most Serious Contest
while we are ignorant where that Contest
may end or whether our being once
Kindled in our neighbourhood may not
extend in its Course to our own Possessions.
At this position of Affairs has
not come on unexpectedly but we are early
Sensible

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Sorown and as the Board have taken every
Step in their power to be prepared for such
events as we have now to expect, they leave
to submit to them an Arrangement which
they have already approved in its principle
& mean their Approbation of the Plan for
liquidating the Company's bonded Debts
which met the Approbation of the Board
in April last and which was transmitted
to the Company for their Sanction in May. —

We have corresponded confidentially
with the best Informed Servants of the Company
at Fort St. George and Bombay in respect to
the real State of the Military Arrears of those
Settlements and the most effectual means
that could be adopted for liquidating the
Debt. — The accompanying Plan has
been the result of my enquiries upon this
most important Subject, I submit it to the
Board for their Consideration and Support
and if it meets with their Approval we
cannot be too early in communicating it to
the other Presidencies. —

The Annual Draft is proposed
in Bills on the Company can only be at the
Utmost

Utmost £50,000 for Annum which would still
leave a Surplus of £130,000 of the £180,000 which
we are supposed from former regulations to
be permitted to draw annually. —

It is well known that two thirds
of all the Military Officers of the Troops in
India are due to Officers and Men who would
prefer Bills which Constitute a regular and
Lawful remittance to Europe to any other mode
of Payment when this remittance can be effected
on the good Commercial Industry of these
Provinces it Lies to prevent the exportation of
Specie and to keep our local revenues and it
will operate as the best check on the Illicit
Commerce of the Foreign european establishments
in India, The Board will likewise Consider —
how important that arrangement must be, —
notwithstanding its difficulties which in
Months hence will Place all our Troops on
India on a Situation to meet even a general
War and to carry it on for Months without —
Additional resources future Arrears would
be incurred with confidence by all Ranks
in our Armies when they found that their present
Arrears were faithfully & Satisfactorily discharged. —

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Plan

For discharging the Arrear Debt of the Honourable Company's Military Establishments in India.

Governor General,

I Suppose that the Military Arrears of all the Troops in India amount at this moment to a Crore and Forty Lacks of Rupees, and that Forty Lacks of that Sum are due to the Soldiery and Subaltern officers at Bombay Fort St. George and Bengal. I propose that by the 1st. of January next, a general Liquidation of the said Arrears shall take place, by paying to the Soldiery one Moiety in Cash to be remitted from this Presidency and the other Moiety in Bills upon the Treasury of Bengal, payable in eight Months with an Interest of 8 p Cent p Annum & a Premium of 4 p Cent p Annum thereon to be discharged in preference to all other Demands: an office to be opened at each Presidency by Public Bankers or Loncars under the Inspection of Government for receiving, and liquidating their Bills in favor of the Subaltern and Soldiers & for issuing them. The provision of General Liquidation will require a remittance of eight Lacks in Specie to Fort St. George, and

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and Fort Sachs to Bombay on Speece, or by
Bills payable therein Cash before the end
of January next, these Supplies are Hope
within the Ability of this Government, as well as
the regular Payment of the remainder of the
Forth Monthly of the 40 Lacks which will be
made in course to the Subalterns and Soldiers
in Bengal Long before august 1786 the proport=
=ion of the other twenty Lacks due to the
Subalterns and Soldiers of Bombay and Fort St.
George may be easily remitted unless such
Remittance is rendered unnecessary by the
intermediate presentation of the Bills at the
Bengal Treasury. These would be readily bought
up at the other Presidencies in consequence
of the Interest & Premium the probable
discount on their Sale and the certainty of
Payment when presented

& For the remaining Crore of Sicca
Rupees that Bengal Bonds be issued bearing
Interest from the 1st January next at 8 p Cent
p Annum with a Condition in each Bond
leaving it optional to the Bond Holder to
receive 8 p Cent in India or a Bill on the
East India Company for the Interest of the
said

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Said Bond at 5 ₰ Cent the Interest at 2 Shillings payable one year after Sight and so on annually at pleasure till the Principal is paid either here or in London.—

To enable the Company to discharge such Bills of 5 ₰ Cent Interest as the Bond Holders might prefer to the India Interest and to enable the Company in Time to appropriate a Separate Fund for the Final Discharge of this Crore of Arrear Bonded Debt it is proposed to set apart an annual Sum not exceeding Eight Lacks of Rupees, the India Interest of the Arrear Debt, to provide an Investment to be kept separate from all other Goods, and under the designation of Military Arrear Debt Investment each Presidency to have one third of the Provision of the said Investment of the Goods to be provided by Public Advertisement, and sealed Proposals, and under the Special Inspection of the Governments at the several Presidencies.—

The Sales of this Investment should be kept separate at the India House from those of the other Investments of the Company and the Collective produce of those Sales would after allowing a proper Deduction for freights and

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and the usual Charges of Merchandye, produce such a profit upon the prime Cost as would regularly discharge the 6 ℘C. Interest Bills and in the end would accumulate a Fund for the discharge of the Principal in England.—

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A Roll of Arrears due to the 4th Battalion of Sepoys including Pay, Batta & all allowances, with the Mode of Liquidation

Names	Rank	Month for which Arrears are due	Sum due to each Person in Pagodas	Sum due each Person in Rupees	Cash for half the Sum due	Bills for half the amount due from Bengal Treasury	Orders for the amount due in a Bengal Bond	Total in Current Rupees
John Williams	Captain	June July Aug Sept 24 Pct	280	1164 3 3	"	"	"	1164 2 3 / 1164 3 3
Thomas Edwards	Lieutenant	Do. Do. Do. Do.	140	582 1 6	291 6	291 6	"	582 1 6
John Thomas	Ensign	Do. Do. Do. Do.	100	415 12 9	207 14 4	207 14 5	"	415 12 9
William Jones	Serjt. Major	Do. Do. Do. Do.	80	332 10 6	166 5 3	166 5 3	"	332 10 6
George Wood	Serjeant	Do. Do. Do. Do.	40	166 5 3	83 2 8	83 2 7	"	166 5 3
Dhun Sing	Subadar	Do. Do. Do. Do.	80	332 10 6	166 5 3	166 5 3	"	332 10 6
Groopa	Jemadar	Do. Do. Do. Do.	40	166 5 3	83 2 8	83 2 7	"	166 5 3
Dulleal Sing	Havildar	Do. Do. Do. Do.	20	83 2 8	41 9 4	41 9 4	"	83 2 8
Ramperaud	Naick	Do. Do. Do. Do.	15	62 6	31 3	31 3	"	62 6
Deen Sing	Sepoy	Sepoy Do. Do. Do.	10	41 9 4	20 12 10	20 12 10	"	41 9 4

N.B. The Sum is arbitrary, & is only meant to show how the Rolls should be filled up with the real Sums - only one Each Rank has been inserted, but the real Roll must contain every Person of every rank in the Battalion

A Seperate Roll should be made out for all Commissaries, Contractors & others, not on the strength of the Army to whom Military Arrears may be due.

This Roll is made out on the Supposition that Captains and all above that Rank are to be paid the whole Sum due by an interest Bond, as also all Commissaries pay masters agents &c. & that Lieut.s & all under that Rank are to be paid half ready Cash & half in Bills on the Bengal Treasury at 6 Months Date bearing 12 P Cent Interest.

E.E. & Hay Secry

Copy of Letter to Commissaries 3 Dec.

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Borrowed and Received on Account of the Honble United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies of the Sum of Current Rupees which we promise to pay at the Expiration of Twelve Calendar Months with Interest at the rate of eight Per Cent per Annum from the date hereof if the said Interest shall be demanded and paid in Bengal or with Interest at the rate of Five per Cent per Annum if the same shall be paid by Bills on the Honble the Court of Directors which Bills we hereby Promise to grant at the Option of the said

his Executors Administrators or Assigns annually and every Year as often as one year interest shall become due hereon until the said Sum of Current Rupees with the Interest to grow due thereon shall be fully discharged the said Bills to be drawn payable one Year after sight at the exchange of two Shillings per Current Rupee Dated in Fort William the

Day of in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred & Eighty –

Witness our Hands and Seal of the said Company. –

Fort St. George

Exchange for Rs. = Curr.t Rupees = Star Pags. 1 at 8/6

Pags. 8 Months Date

at Eight Months after date of this my first of Exchange (Second & Third
of the same Tenor and date not being paid) pay or cause to be paid unto
or Order
the Sum of
Curr.t Rupees
being
for Star Pags.
for one hundred Star Pagodas,
At the Exchange of Arcot Rupees
for Star Pag.
this being granted on you in liquidation of the last Annuity of Military Arrears due to
together with a Premium of 4 P Cent thereon and is to bear Interest at 8 after the rate of 8 P Cent
P Annum from the date hereof until duly discharged (agreeable to the Directions received from you
under date the 14 Novem.r 1785) and of which Advice has been given you by —

To the Honble John Macpherson Esq.r Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Governor General & Co.s Council of

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To. Alexander Davidson Esqr

President &c Council

at

Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

We had the Honor of writing to you on the 1st of this Month and of acknowledging our Receipt of your Dispatches of the 20th September and 1st Ultimo —

The Representations which you have made to us of the Situation of your Presidency have engaged our most serious Attention, and we have as you have already been informed, stopped all payments at our Treasury untill a Sum shall be collected to afford you Relief. We have also resolved upon Measures which will transfer from your Presidency to this Government all the Burthens of your Military Arrears, hoping by such Measures to recall the Obedience and secure the Affections of your Native Army by shewing that we have made Bengal answerable for their past Arrears and that the Superior Government is determined to see every Sepoy paid the Amount of his just Demands as far as the Ability of the Company in India or in Great Britain can command the Means of discharging the Debt

We should think ourselves unequal to and unworthy of the high Trust reposed in us by our Country did we not make such Exertions at a time when we observe in General Munro's Letter to your Presidency of the 20th September that "a general Conspiration of the Native Corps is to be apprehended that their Disaffection to your Service is general

From Bengal. The Governor General & Council take upon themselves the Liquidation of the Military Arrears of this Establishment — is represented to the Nabob & to the Rajah of Tanjore, the necessity of contributing their Assistance, & ordering on the Peishcush ordered by the Company. — To re-establish the Committee of assigned Revenue, should the Nabob not fulfill his engagements, & to vest them with Power to collect the Peishcush of Tanjore, if the Rajah hesitates in agreeing to the Arrangements ordered by the Company. — Vigilantly to watch the Motions of Hyder and the French —

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general from a Variety of Disputes — and when you inform us undecided Terms that you believe the Native Troops would not take the Field at this Juncture if an Emergency required it while their Arrears continue unDischanged and when they have not any Confidence in the Assurances given to them on that Subject by your Government If the Powers and Assurances of this Govern=ment can restore the Confidence of your Army relative to their Arrears we have decidedly committed both, and we leave it to you to give every local Efficacy to the Measures on which we have resolved and to the Means which we place in your Hands — You will of Course publish to the Army the Arrange=ments which we have adopted to make this Government responsible for all your Military Arrears, and you will explain to the Native Troops with every clearness and Force of Representation that the Company is bound to apply all their Resources in India to discharge their Just Claims upon the Company for their Meritorious Services, and that we will support you to the utmost to reward and secure their Attachment. We Request that the Rolls of every Corps may be prepared and completed in the Form prescribed with the utmost expedition and Accuracy: We have written to your Subor=dinate Settlements of Ganjam Vizagapatam and Masu==lipatam and desired that the Arrears due to the Troops ~ serving at those Stations may be immediately ascertained and notified to you according to the Annex Roll that no Unnecessary Delay may arise in waiting for your Orders on this Subject — +

Having to the utmost of our power provided for the Payment of the Arrears due to your Troops the Subject next in Consideration before us has been the regu=lar Discharge of your Monthly and current Expences —

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From the Accounts which you have sent to us and the Materials communicated to us by Mr Dacres, it appears clearly that if your Advances for an Investment were suspended you would have ample Resources for your current Expenditures with even the probability of a Surplus Revenue which as a sinking Fund might be applied to the Discharge of your civil Arrears and bonded Debts —

We therefore request that you will suspend for the present any further Advances for Investments: We may hereafter devise Means, or rather assist you in devising them for providing an Investment even larger than that which you had proposed —

Every Regulation relative to the Assignment of your Allies and the Application of your own Revenues to defray the Expences of your Presidency must be formed on the Orders of the Company of the 9th December 1784, The recent Instructions since received in respect to the Surrender of the Assignments can in no Shape authorize a Delay in Obtaining from the Rajah of Tanjore, as well as from the Nabob their full Proportions of Revenue for the Support of your Presidency. Their own Safety requires the Contribution, and you are highly responsible if while the Interests of the Company in the Carnatic are in danger from the Want of Supplies and while your Allies possess them you do not exert your inherent Powers as a Government to enforce the payment of such just Demands —

Your Reference to this Government is respectful to the Controul which it possesses and we are sensible of your Attention on this Occasion but you ought to consider yourselves as already armed with all the Authority that

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that we can give you to enforce the Demands of your Government when its Existence and not the Common Forms of Proceeding is in Question —

You believe that the Rajah of Tanjore is able to assist the Distresses of the Company yet his Subsidy remains in Arrears. The Company's Orders are before They tell you that they have assumed the Sword of the Carnatic and tho' in Danger of having that sword turned against yourselves You yet hesitate in obtaining the Means of holding and commanding it while those Means are within your Reach — We have almost to the endangering the Safety of those Provinces expended their Resources to maintain the Carnatic against all its Enemies, We do more we assist the Company and in fact the Nation with an annual Burthen to relieve the distresses of your Affairs. You must convey a just Impression of these Exertions to the Minds of the Nabob of Arcot and the Rajah of Tanjore and, unless they are ill affected to the Power which maintains them in their Possessions at every Risque to itself they will be zealous and liberal in joining their best Contribution to the general Defence and Security. If they are not so You have additional Motives for doing your Duty, and we not only empower but direct you to reestablish the Commutee of Assigned Revenue and to vest them with full Authority to collect the Revenues of the Carnatic should the Nabob fail in his

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Engagements and to collect the Revenues of Tanjore should the Rajah hesitate to pay his just Proportion to the public Service or to comply with the Arrangements ordered by the Company —

We trust that you will without loss of Time collect the Different Statements necessary for regulating the General Treaty ordered by the Company. The Governor General will write to the Nabob Walla Jaw and to the Rajah of Tanjore encouraging them to contribute all the Means in their Power to assist you in the present Emergency and to induce them to enter on the Treaties ordered by the Company with chearfulness —

We assure ourselves that you will guardedly watch the Conduct of Tippoo and of the Administration of Pondicherry and inform us regularly of all intelligence that you may receive of the Proceedings and Preparations of those Powers —

We cannot close this Dispatch without expressing our Satisfaction with the clearness and accuracy of the Information which has been given to us by Mr Oakes whom you were pleased to depute with your Dispatches to this Government — His Readiness to contribute his best Services on the present Occasion establishes a Claim to the Attention of his Employers —

We have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient
Humble Servants
John Macpherson
R. Sloper
John Stables
Chas Stuart

Fort William
Secret Department
14th November 1785.

/Signed/

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Agreed that the necessary orders be immediately issued for carrying into execution the several arrangements in the foregoing Letter, & that an address be prepared to Bengal, assuring that Government, of our Intentions to cooperate with them to the utmost on every point, wherein the Publick Service can be forwarded.

The Arrangements contained in the foregoing Letters to be carried into immediate Execution

Resolved also, that a General Order be issued, notifying to the Officers, late Prisoners in the Mysore Country, that they will be permitted to draw the same allowances during the term of their Imprisonment, that were enjoyed by the Corps to which they belonged at the time of their Capture; & that what may be due to deceased Officers will be paid to their Executors.

Resolution, respecting the allowances to be made to Officers, late Prisoners in Mysore.

The President lays before the Board a Letter addressed to him officially by the Governor General of Bengal, transmitting Copies of two Letters with the original to the Nabob of the Carnatick & to the Rajah of Tanjore, which the Governor General has desired the President to forward in such a manner as may on his judgment best suit the Publick Service.

Consideration of the Board on the Resolution to be adopted with respect to the Rajah of Tanjore in Consequence of Orders from the Governor General & Council

As the Letter to the Nabob is chiefly complimentary, the President has delivered it to his Highness. With respect to the one addressed to the Rajah, the President wishes to be favored with the Sentiments of the Board, upon a Plan which he purposes carrying into execution, if it meets with their Approbation.

Before the President mentions the plan he has formed, he begs leave to call the attention of the Board to that part of the Letter from the Governor General & Council in which they say "We do only empower but direct you to "invest & with the Committee of Assigned Revenue, & to vest "them with full authority to collect the Revenues of the "Carnatick, should the Nabob fail in his engagements, & to "collect the Revenues of Tanjore should the Rajah hesitate to "pay his just proportion to the Publick Service, or to comply "with the Arrangement ordered by the Company", & to observe that the time is so positively drawn in the above Directions, that this Board seem to have no alternative but that of obeying: previous however to giving the Resolution

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President of Lanjore directions that shall be formed upon the instructions above recited, which directs the Government to place the Revenues of Tanjore under the charge of a Committee of Revenue, if the Rajah absolutely declined complying with the Orders of the Company, the Board conceives it proper every possible mode to obtain a chearfull acquiescence on the part of his Excellency in those demands, to which he ought ultimately to conform - or suffer the consequences of a refusal, by being deprived of the administration of such own Revenues, - It is true that the Rajah has manifested much dissatisfaction at the Company's decisions contained in their Letter of the 4th Dec.r 1784, which he has not scrupled to term unjust, that he has resisted the Nabob's Claim for arrears, & for the Current Peiscush, that he has declined to appeal to the Court of Directors upon the points in dispute between him and the Nabob, & that with respect to the Arrears of Subsidy he has, notwithstanding the urgent distresses of his Government, which brought no money abroad to the Coast of Tanjore) only paid in the course of this Year 2 Lacks of Pagodas, & proposed a mode of discharging the remainder by instalments, which has fallen very short of the expectations of Government, & is very inadequate to their exigencies. It is also true - that he has listened with impatience to the remonstrances of the President, who has with infinite difficulty & repeated conferences at Pattanoly procured reluctant Consent to the payment of 8 or 10 lacks on completion of 2 Lacks & has been compelled to acquiesce in granting to the Instalments proposed by the Rajah, although the above Circumstances are enough discouraging, & tho' the Government is armed with full Powers from Bengal to enforce the Demands already made, the President wishes, before violent Measures are adopted, to make another Effort, & therefore proposes to the Board the sending a Confidential Servant from himself to the Rajah, who shall be the bearer of the Governor General's Letter to his Excellency with one from the President himself, containing the most friendly exhortations & remonstrances, representing the serious & inevitable consequences of a refusal - The President is willing to flatter himself that this Mode may be successful, & he will be

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founded upon principles of forbearance & consideration to the Rajah with the view of saving him from the disgrace which will await his resistance, he hopes his Excellency will be prevailed upon to conform to what is demanded from him & to meet the publick & formal requisition from the President with ready acquiescence. upon all, the President is by no means sanguine in his expectations of Success from the measure he has proposed, for it is not improbable, but that the Rajah to whom the affairs of this world are of little moment, being worn down with illness & domestick misfortunes may persevere in the declarations of his inability to do more than he has done, & thus compell the Board to an act which ought on every Account, if possible, to be avoided. The President at the same time thinks it necessary to observe, that the Character & temper of the Rajah are well known, & that it has fallen within the Sphere of his own knowledge, when on a publick Station at Tanjore to be enabled to affirm that his Excellency is more likely to be gained by gentleness than by menaces — The President therefore proposes, that the late orders from Bengal should be kept entirely secret, and Consequently that the Deliberations on the Subject of Tanjore should be seperate from the other official proceedings, in the View, that the Rajah, (unwilling as he must be, that the only motive in which holden from public knowledge the Instructions for the eventual disposition & view of the management of his Country was Friendship towards him, may be prevailed on to make that his own act on the Ground of attachment to the Company, which by explicit orders he must else be will be forced to accede to, or be deprived of the management of his Country, in a word, the President is most anxious to avoid executing the orders of the Supreme Council, while any means of Conciliation affords the smallest Prospect of inducing him to Comply with the Requisitions of the Company. —

The President in Consequence proposes that his Private Secretary Mr. Oakes, who has executed the late Service in which he has been employed so successfully, & with so much credit to himself, may be the bearer of his Private Confidential dispatches to the Rajah, & thus afford any the Satisfaction to the Board, that, whatever may be the result it shall appear to the World that every possible mode was adopted, which could tender

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President proposes that Mr Oakes be deputed to Tanjore —

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violent measures as far as related to the Rajah was necessary.—

Commander in Chief in Opinion with the President

The Commander in Chief perfectly coincides in the Arguments & reasoning of the President, & approves not only the Measure proposed by the President, but also the Choice of the Person selected by him for the Service.—

Mr Daniell begs leave to enter the following Minute.—

Mr. Daniell's Opinion to the President's Proposal of Mr. Baker's Deputation to Tanjore —

Minute in Council 16th Dec.r 1785.—

I am very apprehensive that the Mode proposed by the President for conducting the business with the Rajah of Tanjore, will rather serve to impede than expedite the conclusion— From all I have heard of the disposition of the Rajah of Tanjore— From all I have seen of his Correspondence with this Board as well as from his Conferences with the Resident, communicated to us by the latter I venture the Opinion abovementioned— It has long appeared, that words are of no avail, & I verily believe that the only mode of which this Government may hope to succeed, is a Conviction in himself of the Powers with which we are vested, and a determination that those Powers will be immediately enforced in consequence of any further Resistance to the just Claims of the Company

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Company.—

I am further of Opinion, that tho' in Compliment to the President, I should give my Assent to Mr Oakes's being the Bearer of his Private Dispatches, Mr Hudleston should have the sole management of so Public, so important a transaction; the want of authority in the President to insist on the measures he proposed, is now totally changed— the Rajah would soon learn that the President's Report to this Government would determine their measures, and this Proof of authority vested in Mr Hudleston, would add infinite weight to the present and future conduct of his Public Character— this influence, so necessary to his Station and so useful to the Public Service, must surely be considerably attenuated by the Appearance of any other Company's Servant at that Court on the present occasion, and therefore in what manner soever it might be thought necessary to Conduct the Public business in Question, I would Consent to employ the President only— His Public credit and future authority would Materially depend on his present Success, the same Ability which determined the Board to appoint him to that Station would give me every assurance of a favorable issue to his negociations.

(Signed) J Darell

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Resolved that the Measure proposed by the President be adopted, & that the President of Tanjore be directed to permit Mr. Baker to have Access to the Rajah.

Resolved also that the President at Tanjore be directed to reiterate his former demands respecting the Arrears of Subsidy, & that he be instructed not to recede from them as it is the Opinion of the Board that the Rajah's Revenues are equal to the Arrangement proposed to him in the Letter to the President, under Date, 23rd. August last.

Alex. Davidson

John Dalling

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16th Received the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore.—

John Chamier Esqr.
Military Secretary.

From the Resident at Tanjore the Rajah pays fifty thousand Pagodas out of the eighty thousand and positively declares Mr. Mullers Claim to be inadmissible—

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 9th 18th and 19th Ultimo, and 7th Instant with their several Enclosures—

Agreeably to the order of the Honble Board I shall discharge the Interest due to the 14th of October last on the Bonds to Mr. Swartz and Mr. Pohle at 8 ℘ Cent together with an additional premium of 4 ℘ Cent to the same period, and carry the Sallem to the Debit of the Rajah.

As delivering to his excellency the Honble Presidents Letter enclosed in yours of the 18th Ultimo, communicated to him the opinion, and order of the Board respecting this additional premium, but it was in vain that I endeavored to obtain his concurrence in them—

I request you will be so good as to inform the Honble Board that I have received from the Rajah 50,000 Pagodas out of the Stipulated 80,000, and the minister promises to pay me the remainder in a few days—

Respecting the Claim of Captain Muller

16th Muller I have little to add to what I had the honr to represent to the Honble Board on that Subject in my address of the 14th June last — Mrs Lambellais in the joint Claimant with Captain Muller came here some time since, and brought with her several persons whom she requested me to examine regarding the Legacy of her Gran — I did so accordingly, but their evidence went no further than to prove that Mrs. Lambellais had been professed of a quantity of Paddy — The most material deposition was that of a Conacoply who said that he was selling Mrs Lockwell's Lambellais's Paddy at Trevan where she sent for him for Sattiram where she also had some Paddy and had sold part of it before she arrived that afterwards the Rajahs people would not allow him to sell any, nor to stay there, and that Mrs Lockwell recalled them but he knew not what quantity of Paddy there might have been — I endeavoured to avail myself of this evidence, insufficient as it was, with the ministers who as before, opposed to it an absolute denial of the fact that any Grain whatsoever had been seized by the Circar —

I have furnished Mr Jackson with Accounts of the money supplied the Paymasters of the Southern Army, and Grain &c supplied the

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16th The agent from the resources here from the 1st of October 1782 to the 31st of December 1784 amounting in the whole to Pagodas 485,775,18,15.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) S Huddleston

Tanjore
12th Decemr 1785.

Received the following Letter from Masulipatam with Enclosures, as entered in M.B. No. 73/

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

From Masulipatam
Mond. Martyn
produces a grant
for a piece of ground
to the Eastward of
Yanam, which
he claims as the
right of the French
but which is
objected to by the
Chief & Council.-
desiring the Order
of Government how
to terminate disputes
between the French
& the Renter of
Nellapilly.- &
enclosing Copies
of Letter to them
from the Gov. Genl.
Council & of their
Reply.-

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the honor herewith to transmit you Copy of a letter from the President of Yanam & Council & Copies of the several Enclosures therewith received on the subject of the Claims lately preferred by the Chief of the French Factory at Yanam on behalf of his Nation.

The Papers A to referred to in Mr. Martin's letter are addduced by them as a proof that the French received a Grant for that Ground situated to the Eastward of Yanam which he now Claims as their Right, which we think be

admitted

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16th admitted to such. If it should be allowed that the testimony of a former Manager of Lorgaum is a sufficient Proof that such a Land did exist yet as the Papers referred to neither defines the Limits nor Situation of the Ground which might have thus been granted no conclusion can in our Opinion be drawn from it, that the extent of Ground which was in the possession of the French at the Commencement of the late War, and which has been restored to them, is smaller than what they might be able to claim by Virtue of their Grant, unless such Grant could be produced It appears likewise to us not a little extraordinary that this Paper should not have been produced in the Year 1765 when the Forcible restoration of the French factories took place, nor at any Subsequent Period previous to the breaking out of the last War, as it would certainly have been less difficult to prove the existence of such a Land at that time than at present.

The Paper N.2 Signed by two Inhabitants of Yanam in our Opinion scarcely deserves consideration and seems to defeat the purpose thereby intended. It is therein set forth that Mr. De Mare ordered it to be written while he was Chief of Yanam, in contradiction to.

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16th to another Paper signed by all the other Village People. At any rate the indefinite expressions of the Jungle to the Eastward of Yanaon is liable to the objection we have already mentioned in speaking of the former Papers of there being no Specific Limits.

The Paper No 3. said to be signed by all the old Inhabitants of Yanaon is of the same date with the former & liable to the same objections & open to refutation by an appeal to the Inhabitants in behalf of the English rights which might produce a Signature as numerous & respectable as the other.

The Paper No 4 is the Translation of an order said to have been given by Lagoapelly range to the Conicoplies of the Village of Collapillee, a little before the Commencement of the late War, to measure and mark out 12 Malca Cottries of Ground fit for Cultivation in the Neighbourhood of that Village to be delivered to the French Hons- No 5 is translation of a sanad said to have been given by Lagoapelly range for the same Ground; & No 6 is translate of a Chacoomanah given by the Conicoplies of Collapillee describing the Situation of the Ground then granted to the French. This sufficient

We

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16th We think to observe with respect to the above Papers that Jaggapetty Nayque, being a Zemindar dependant on the Company's authority, had no right to grant or alienate any Part of his Zemindary without the consent or even knowledge of Government which of course renders such Grant invalid. In the Paper No 5 mention is made of a Purwanah for the same Ground by the Nayque & Nabob / Viz the late Hussein ally Cawn whereon management of the Circars / of which D.M. Morton has likewise furnished a Copy marked No 7 as well as of another Purwanah No 8 said to have been granted by Nyque ally Cawn for another Piece of Ground in the vicinity of the above Village for the purpose of building a Church thereon. The former of the two last mentioned Papers must we think be considered as liable to the same objection with the Grant given by Jaggapetty Nayque, and the latter not having been produced to Messrs Dalton & Whitehill when they restored Yanaon to the French in 1765, and they of course not having been in possession thereof at the beginning of the last War, any claims that could be adduced from it in our opinion may be considered as having ceased. As Cottapillie is situated in Jaggapetty Nayque's Country, we have thought it necessary that he should be called upon for any information

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to know he may have it in his power to furnish
us with Copies of such Grants as may have from time
to time been made to the French, and as soon
as we receive his answer, it shall be communicated
to your Honor &c.

The last Subject Mr. Martin speaks
of is the Market at Yanam, and proposes that
the Pallapillee market should be held on a
different Day; which would we think be bad
Policy on your part as tending to increase the
Privileges of their Factory.

We have also the honor of enclosing
Copy of a Petition preferred to us from the Renter
of Pallapillee transmitted to us by Mr. Hamilton
& we have received the abovementioned
Paper. In all our Correspondence with him respec-
-ting the Trade carried on by the French, we have
constantly recommended that strict attention be
paid to what was customary before the War,
which (by being on the Spot) can ascertain
more easily and precisely than we can ourselves
at this distance – as it appears by the Renter's
Petition that the Commander of a French Vessel
has used unwarrantable violence towards his
Gomastah, we request your directions whether
we are to resist such acts of Violence by the
Compliment of the Parties, or in what manner
we

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16th we are to proceed in similar Cases.—

We likewise transmit herewith Copies of a Letter with its enclosures which we have received from the Hon.ble the Governor General & Council, together with our reply, and shall without loss of time call upon the Several Paymasters in this district for Statements of the Arrears due to the Military and Seamen from them for your Hon.r &c.a as soon as received.—

We have the Honor to be very respectfully— &c.a &c.a &c.a

(Signed) Arth.r Saulez
James Hodges
W.m Dobbyn
Joseph Revell

Madrid Patam
17th Decem.r 1785

Dispatched the following Letter to the Garrison Storekeeper

To John Turing Esq.r
Garrison Storekeeper

To the Garrison Storekeeper, advising the Contents of two Letters relative to the mode of procuring Articles for a Garrison Stock; & desiring

Sir

I am directed by the President & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th Instant: & to express their approbation of

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16th of its Contents — They desire you will be without loss
How to send of time lay before them the Indent of the articles
an an Indent favourable in Bengal —
of those to be
furnished from
Bengal —

The Board are of Opinion that the
Articles Doll, Ghee &c will be supplied & remitted to
the greatest advantage by Contract, and they will
cause advertize for proposals, which will
be sent to you that you may give your Opinion
& report to the Board thereupon

The President & Council also adopt your
idea respecting the Provision of Liquors, & will
take the proper measures accordingly they will
also direct an accurate Report & survey to be made
of the Live Stock which by agreement with Vera-
=permaul are to be kept up on the district of
Chuncedah

The other trifling articles mentioned
in your letter such as Iron Pots, Carpenters &c
are to be purchased & kept by you, & you are
occasionally to report their State that the articles
liable to be damaged may be sold off in time & the
deficiencies supplied

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Sam Sir Edw. Hughes

(Signed) L. Channier
Secretary

17th Received undermentioned Letters as entered
in Mb Nos 74, 75, 76, 77 —

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From the Superintendant of the Lagoon;
enclosing Depositions taken by Mr. Deighton, of Captn
Wm. Dubash and of the Master of Ensign Lepush
upon a Complaint preferred by the Commandant
against the latter, and stating the unproper Conduct
of the Company's Interpreter who was the Instrument
by whom the Causes of the Complaint originated—
Ordered that the Interpreter be discharged

From Mr. Charles Oakeley—

Minute thereon for this day—

From Mr. Cockburn dated 13th December—
enclosing a Note recorded by the late Resident
at Tanjore for the Principal of which he
desires a Bond may be granted in favor of
Mr. Nicol Muir, and the Interest paid in
ready money—
Ordered Accordingly—

From Mr. Cockburn

From the Paymaster at Trichinopoly dated
8th December requesting the order of the Board
on what Light he is to consider the late reduced
Battalions as to their receiving the temporary
allowance.—
Ordered that Mr Park be informed the
Officers of the late reduced Battalions are to
receive the temporary allowance, till the Dates
of their Appointments to other Corps in General
Orders / Vide M B No 78

From Mr. Park, in answer

From the Surgeon Generall, stating
that two men in the Hospital have been lately
destroyed by falling into the Wells, and recommending
that

From the Surgeon General—

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17th That gratings be placed over them—

Ordered that the Chief Engineer be

To Colonel Pye— directed to place gratings over the Wells, that no
Lives or accidents might happen in future
(Vide M.B. No. 79.)

19th In Consequence of the Resolutions of last
Consultation, upon the Despatches from Bengal
Circular-Letters were written to the Paymasters,
and to the Heads of Offices, directing the former
to make out a Role of Arrears, conformably to the
Form transmitted by the Governor General & Council,
and referring them to a General order issued this
day on the Subject and instructing the latter
to confer with the Accountants without delay, on
Account of the whole Arrears due them on
Account of their Employs, to the 1st January 1786.—
N.B. For these Letters Vide M.B. No. 80. Pl. 82. 83/

Circular Letter to the Paymasters & Heads of Offices, in Consequence of Instructions from Bengal.—

20th Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal

To the Honble John M.cpherson Esq.r
Governor General &.c Council
at
Fort William

To Bengal— Will attend to the several Instructions contained in their late Letter, with Respect to the Liquidation of the Military Arrears of this Establishment.

Gentlemen

We have the honor to acknow-
ledge

20th Ledge the receipt of your Letters dated the 2d 8th 14th Ult. & shall without loss of time attend to the Several Instructions contained therein.

The perusal of your dispatches conveyed to us by Mr. Oakes has afforded us very sincere satisfaction and We anticipate the good effects which cannot but result from the Arrangements you have made. We shall immediately publish in General Orders the proposed mode of liquidation & we beg leave to assure you that your directions respecting the Appropriation of the Money which you therein Lending us shall be implicitly obeyed.

We do not believe that the disaffections which lately appeared to our Service on the part of our native Troops was fomented by the Secret Agents of Tippoo - it was probably in great measure occasioned by the frequent disappointment they had suffered in not receiving pay, by the little prospect which appeared of Relief, & by the improper conduct of some Persons - this appeared upon a late Court Martial on Capt.n Scoth, who commanded a Battalion of

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2d to the Southward, & whose consequence of Malpractices has been dismissed the Service — the Spirit of mutiny which threatened such serious Consequences has entirely subsided it originally existed in the Corps which were to be reduced & We trust will no more be revived, when all Claims shall be liquidated, & pay regularly given

We shall procure without loss of time the different Statements necessary for regulating the General Treaty ordered by the Company and We hope that the Nabob & the Rajah of Tanjore will co-operate chearfully with us and not only in that Point but on every occasion in their power the Company's Affairs — We shall take care to represent to them on the strongest Colours the exertions you have made to relieve us, as the necessity that there is of their being zealous & liberal in granting their Contributions to the general Defence & Security of this Presidency & its Dependencies

We have the honor to be &c &c &c

(Signed) Alex.r Davidson
&c.a Council

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26.th December 1785

Received

Fort St George December 5th 1785.

22d Received the undermentioned Letters / as entered on M.B. Nos. 84, 85. 86. 87.-

From the Garrison Storekeeper, dated 17th Instant, stating that all the Rice Mr. Tyler has engaged to supply will be required for immediate Consumption.-

From the Paymaster at Madura, enclosing Establishments of Expence incurred for Forts, since the 1st April 1780 - and requesting to be permitted to retain on his Farm two Conscripts -

Granted / Vide M.B. No. 88 /

From Mr. Commissioner Jackson, dated the 19th Instant, with his Report on the reference made to him relative to Mr. Tyler's adjustment of the Government Accounts -

Agreed that Copies of the Papers with the Enclosures to which it gave Cover, be sent to Mr. Tyler -

From Mr. Pincher, Deputy Paymaster to his Majesty's Troops, applying for the sum of 38 Pagodas, 7/0 Cash to discharge the Arrears due to a late Private of his Majesty's 20th Regt. - now enlisted into the 73d Regiment.-

Ordered

From the Garrison Storekeeper

From Mr. L. Johnston

Copy to Mr. Tyler

To answer

From Mr. Commr. Jackson.-

From Mr. Pincher

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Ordered 22d Ordered Accordingly—

Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. No.s 89. 90. 91. 92. 93.—

To the President at Tanjore, enclosing an extract from the Minutes of Consultation, of the President at Tanjore concerning the Resolution of the Board, respecting the Pondage to the Kings Troops—

To Mr. George Taylor at Calcutta—Informing him that the Rice to be shipped by him for this Presidency is required for immediate Consumption, and enclosing Copy of a Letter with enclosures of Mr. G. Taylor— received from Mr. Cathcart on the Subject of the Grain Account—

To the Commandant at Pondamallee, directing him to send the Bullocks with a Company of Sepoys to assist them in bringing down the Rice—

To the Commandant at Pondamallee

To the Accountant— Laid before the Board an estimate of the probable Receipts & Disbursements of this Presidency from the 1.st January to the 1.st May next—

To Capt.n North— To Captain North, at Chingleput— directing him to discharge the Company's Interpreter

22d. Received the following Letter from Bengal—

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To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Honble the

President and Council at

Fort St. George

From Bengal stating the mode wherein they wish this Presidency to adopt, in the Bills to be drawn on them for the Liquidation of the Arrears of the Military Establishment

Sir,

The Honble the Governor General and Council having, in their Letter of the 14th. Instant to the Honble the President and Council at Fort St. George transmitted by Mr. Oakes, granted them permission to draw on them certain Bills of Exchange in Liquidation of the Arrears due to the Military Establishment at that Presidency, I am directed to communicate to you the desire of the Board that such Bills may be drawn on the Paper rule by the Court of Directors by the Ships of this Season for the express purpose of drawing Bills of Exchange that they may be registered and numbered separately from all Bills drawn on any other accounts and that Copies of the Register may be sent to Bengal for their information once in every week or oftener if possible

Fort William
Secret Department
28th. November 1785.

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) E. Hay Secry

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23d Sent the following Letter to the Resident at Tanjore —

To John Huddleston
Resident at Tanjore

To the Resident at Tanjore — The House of Loobarcy having agreed to pay into the Treasury at the Presidency 2 Lacs of Pagodas on account of Bills upon the Resident at Tanjore for that Amount, Instructions are given to him in Consequence —

Sir

The Hon'ble the President and Council having agreed with the House of Loobarcy, Pamah Lawrey & Co. to receive money from them as may be convenient to Government, to the amount of 2 Lacs of Star Pagodas for which Bills on you are to be granted, at the rate of 25/p — Tanjore Fanams 1st Star Pagoda, I am directed to acquaint you, that a set of Bills has on consequence been drawn on you, in favor of Loobarcy, Pamah Lawrey & Co. for the Sum of £ 50,000 for which they have paid into the Treasury £ 25,000 Pagodas & the remaining Moiety according to the Agreement is to be discharged fifteen days after a receipt from their Agent to you shall be presented to them for the Amount of the Set of Bills now granted. The Board therefore desire you will take two receipts of the same Tenor and date, and lose no

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23d no time in sending one of them hither,— and likewise that you will observe the same rule in regard to such other receipts as you may receive from the Agent at Tanjore, until the whole sum be discharged.—

Sam.l Sir, &.c &.c

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23.d December 1785.

(Signed) John Shannon

26th Received a Letter from Mr. Shaw Mengues, Attorney to Major General Adams, dated 25th Instant enclosing a Letter from the General, stating the Claims due to him while on the Command of St. Thome, the Resolution of the Board upon which, he desires to be furnished with.— (Vide Mil. Cons. 9th Sept.)

From Mr. Shaw Mengues

In Answer to which Mr. Mengues be informed, that the Claims of General Adams are totally misconceived and that the Court of Directors will be advised of the same by the Ships now under Dispatch.— Vide Mil. Cons. 25th

Received the undermentioned Letters (entered in MB. Nos. 96-97.)

From Messrs. Story & Bullman

From Messrs. Story & Bullman, stating that

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26th That as Attorneys to Colonel Burke they have in their Possession a Nabobs Bond belonging to Lieut.t for Arrears of Pay &c.a amounting to Pagodas 20210— which they request may be included in the Comp.ys Provision for the Liquidation of His Highness's Debt.—

Ordered that a Copy thereof be sent to the Committee for investigating the Nabobs Debts—

94th From Mr. Hippesley, attorney for the late Paymaster at Tanjore, requesting that Mr. Jackson may be permitted to audit his Constituents' accounts up to the Period of his Resignation of the Paymaster=ship—

From Mr. Hippesley

Ordered Accordingly [Vide Min.s B.o No.s 98-99]—

To Lieutenants Baillie and Bolleston Engrs

Sent Letters to Lieut.s Baillie & Bolleston, Engrs & Boure Surveyor, with Permission to Embark to Europe for two years on half Pay—

[Vide Min.s B.o No.100]—

Friday the 30th Dec.r 1785

At a Consultation present

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.r
Lieutenant General Sir John Dalling Bar.t
&
James Daniell Esq.r

Minutes of last Consultation read

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read & approved

Read the following Letter from Bengal:-

The Honble Alexander Dawdson Esqr

President & Co. Council at

Fort S. George

Bengal:-

shall suspend the Measure of sending down Paymasters with the Money for the Liquidation of the Military Arrears, untill it be known to them whether such would be agreable to this Government

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having lately reconsidered the Intention which we expressed to you in our Letter of the 14th Ult. of Dispatching Paymasters from this Government for the liquidation of the Arrears due to the Officers and Men on your Establishment, and having been informed that such a Establishment may not be agreable to your Government because it might possibly retard our Settlement of your Government Dues or Instalment a Subject of great Importance who are to carry our Arrangements into Execution we have the honor to inform you that we suspend the Measure of Despatching Paymasters from hence untill we hear from you with on the Subject. - Should you consider this measure on the light we originally did as a necessary Indication to your Troops of the Part which we take in the payment of their Claims you will inform us

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In reply

We think it necessary to desire that our plan for liquidating the Arrears of the army may be notified in General orders, and that the strongest assurances be made in those Orders that all the Sums which may arrive from Bengal will be exclusively appropriated to the accomplishment of the purposes of the plan.

We have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) John Macpherson
R. Sloper
John Stables
Chas. Stuart

Fort William
Secret Department
7th Dec. 1785

To John Shaw Esqr
Secretary to the Hon'ble the President & Council
at Fort St. George

Sir

From the Secretary at Bengal. The Governor General & Council have resolved, that the Interest payable on Bonds in England, on a Military Account, shall be at the same Exchange as is allowed to Civil Servants; & direct in Consequence that the Error may be corrected in the Form of the Bond transmitted hitherto with their Dispatches of the 14th Nov.

The Hon'ble the Governor General & Council having addressed to the Governor General & Council at Fort St. George a Minute of the 8th November, which was transmitted to the President & Council with their Letter of the 14th Ultimo & to that Part of the Form of the Bond referred to in it which

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which fixes the exchange of 2 Shillings per Current Rupee for the Interest thereof payable on the Bonds in England, and being decidedly of Opinion that the Exchange on a Military Account ought not on Journeys to be less than that allowed to Civil Servants whose Bills are granted on the Company, the Latter being rated at Two Shillings and one Penny the Board have thereupon resolved that the Exchange shall be altered accordingly and have directed me to communicate the same to you for the Information of the Hon'ble the President and Select Committee that the Error may be corrected in those Forms of the Bonds which have been transmitted to them

I have the Honor to be &c &c

Signed J. Hay
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Resolution of the Board on the Measure of sending down Paymasters from Bengal

Agreed that a Letter be prepared to the Governor General & Council informing them that the Measure of deputing Commanders from Bengal for the purpose of paying the Civil & Military Troops on this Coast would by no means be attended with the good Effects which the Gentlemen at Calcutta expect, & that upon these Grounds We hope they will not adopt them forth Resolution.

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