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Diary

The Commander in Chief sends in Cir=

=culation the following Minutes;

I have, at length, the great Satisfaction
of putting before the Honble Board the developement of the
mystery of Hospitals, both Kings and Company's with my
Proposal for that System, an adoption of which, I am
persuaded, will produce the most happy effects=

Sir John Dalling's Minute for the better Regulation & Management of the Medical Department

I take little merit on this occasion
considering myself but as a Channel through which
one of your Servants hath conveyed a meritorious and
laborious investigation of that monstrous Evil=

(Signed) John Dalling

The Safety of our Settlements in
India particularly on this Coast is well known to
depend upon the Strength and good order of the Eu=
=pean Corps, but in vain shall we be furnished with
good Troops from home, if the Surgeons tempted by
Interest encourage the Men to enter into Hospitals
or if by too parsimonious allowances to them, they
either cannot or will not pay due attention to their
Patients, without intending to reflect upon any
Individual, I am sorry to say that a general Complaint
prevails, both at home and abroad, of the present
State of the Hospitals dependant on this Establish=
=ment, which it is asserted, and I fear with too much
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1st truth, have not only ruined the European Corps, but also loaded the Company with such an enormous expence, as they can no longer support, with this information be-=fore me, which daily experience only serves to confirm, as Commander in Chief of the Army, I think it incumbent on me to draw out an entire new Plan, founded on a due regard to the care of the Men, and a proper attention to the interests of the Surgeons, but without losing sight of that strict economy, which is particularly neces-=sary in the present distressed State of the Company's Finances—

I shall commence my observations on this Subject by considering first, the present State of the Company's, or as they are called, the Contract Hos-=pitals, secondly, the Hospitals under the care of His Majesty's Surgeons in India, and thirdly, His Majesty's Hospitals in different parts of the World, where I have had the honor to serve—

In the Book of Regulations for the Copy printed in the Year 1778—

60, 61, 62 and 63 are included all the Orders and Regulations respecting the Hospitals, but they are written with such shameful Negligence, or such a studied Obscurity as to be almost totally unintelli-=gible; The whole of these Rules are stated under two dif-=ferent heads, or Chapters, the first is entitled, "Method "prescribed for defraying the charges of the Sick in the "Hospitals" The second "Orders concerning Hospitals "to take place whenever a Contract is made with the "Surgeons"

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1. "Surgeons" — The methods prescribed under this first head informs us that 2 Pagodas p. Month are to be stopped from the pay of each Man in the Hospital for his diet, & that when this proves insufficient, the Company is to defray the overplus. then follows the form of an Account Current to be kept between the Surgeon and the Paymaster. — The third Article says. "That the Surgeons of both Garrisons "and in the Field are to be particularly careful of the "Cloathing and Medecines, for which they are to indent "from time to time, they are to diet the Men in the "Hospital at 3 fanams 30 Cash p day, or at the same "rate with the Contractors, in which charge all under "the denomination of victualling, Arrack, and necessary "Servants to dress their Victuals, is to be included" —

The remaining Articles under this head afford us no further light, and I think the Board will agree with me that thus far we find very little information respecting "The methods prescribed for "defraying the charges of the Sick in the Hospitals" — next in Page 62 follows "Orders concerning Hospitals "to take place whenever a Contract is made with the "Surgeons" — I have diligently searched after this intended Contract, but am credibly informed that no such Contract ever was made, and consequently the Surgeons may have violated with impunity, these Orders which were to be in force, only, whenever a Contract is made — The Surgeons therefore have carried on the business of the Hospitals for many years past, without being under any

See Book of Regulations Page 62 & 63.

1st any other restrictions than what are so confused & indefinite, as to throw almost inextricable difficulties in the way of those who are to examine their accounts. The 15 first Articles of these Orders contain only a List of the necessaries which the Surgeons are to find for the Hospitals. The 16th says "In Consideration of the above being duly performed, and "to defray the Expences thereof, the Honble Company shall "pay, or cause to be paid to the said Surgeon or Surgeons, besides the 2 Pagodas p Month, or 2 fanams & 66 Cash p day at Vellore 6 fanams p day at 42 fanams p Pagoda at Cudda= =lore the same." (and the Surgeon there is moreover also allow =ed 10 Pagodas p Month for Servants when the number of Men in the Hospital does not exceed 15) "during the time of each Persons residence in the Hospital, the day of his Entry or discharge inclusive, the fanams to be accounted for, at 36 p Pagoda". I must acknowledge myself rather at a loss to comprehend the meaning of this Article so confusedly drawn out, the only idea, I can form of it is, that at Vellore and Cuddalore, and at those places only the Surgeons are to be paid 6 fanams p day for the bedding and Clothing of each Patient under their Care. — the Company are to pay them at the rate of 42 fanams p Pagoda, but that they are to account to the Company again for the Money they receive, at the rate of 36 fanams p Pagoda. If this be the real purport of the 16th Article, had the Con= =tract taken place, the Surgeons at Vellore & Cuddalore were certainly entitled to these indulgences by which they would have gained very handsomely, not only from the

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1. ample allowances made them for victualling the Men and the
necessaries they furnish them, but also from the manner
in which they are to account for the Pagoda —

In the 18th Article it is set forth.

See Book of Regulations Page 63 — } "That the above directions being calculated for large
"Hospitals, it is only required that small ones shall be
"provided in proportion, that the necessary attendance
"on the Sick may not be neglected" — It would be
naturally inferred from these Orders that the two
principal Hospitals were formerly at Vellore and
Cuddalore, whereas upon enquiry, I believe it will
appear, that in the memory of the oldest Company's Servant,
now on the Coast, the principal Hospital has always
been at Madras, and that when the present Book
of Regulations was printed, there were fewer patients
at Cuddalore than in any other Hospital under this
Presidency, nor can I reconcile the 3d Article of the 1st
Chapter with the 16th & 17th Articles of the 2d — In the
latter at Vellore & Cuddalore which are unquestionably
out Garrisons, the Surgeons are to receive 6 fanams per
day for each Patient in lieu of cloathing &ca and in the
3d Article of the former, the Surgeons of out Garrisons &
in the Field are to be particularly careful of the
See Page 61 Cloathing &ca for which they are to indent from time
to time — I presume this Indent is to be made out
to the Company otherwise this precaution seems
unnecessary, for there can be no doubt the Surgeons
would

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1. would cause sufficient care to be taken of the Cloathing furnished by themselves, and if the Company furnish Clothing, for what are the Surgeons at Vellore & Cuddalore to be paid 6 fanams p day? To recapitulate the whole of these Remarks in a few words, I have every reason to believe that no specific Contract whatsoever does or ever did exist, between the Honble Company and their Surgeons, that from the want of a specific Con=tract, the Surgeons have always made out their Accounts according to certain vague, obscure & con=tradictory Orders issued from time to time, that those of an interested disposition have always put the most favorable constructions to themselves on those Orders & finally that from the incoherence & obscurity of the Orders together, it has ever been im=possible to establish the smallest check on their Hos=pital Accounts —

The Book of Regulations is the only guide to direct the heads of the different departments to judge of the propriety of the Surgeons charges, & this Book I have clearly proved to afford almost no infor=mation on the Subject — To save the Board therefore the trouble of entering into a tedious investigation, I shall state to them what are the present charges made by the Surgeons —

Bedding, Cloathing, Bazar Medi=cines &c. at 5 fanams p day for each Patient, amounting

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1. in a month of 30 days at 36 fanams p Pagoda is P. F. C. 4. 6. 0
in a month of 31 days to 4. 11 for dieting 3. 20 per day or
P. F. C
2. 25. 60 for 30 days and 2. 28. 60 for thirty one - from
these Sums a deduction is to be made of 2 Pagodas p Mo.
which is stopped out of every Sick man's pay. the
Monthly account then of Surgeons for 30 days stands thus.

	P. F. C
For attendance, Bedding, Cloathing and Buzar Medicines at 3 fanams p Day	4. 6. 0
For Diet at 3. 20 p day	2. 25. 40
	6. 31. 40
Deduct Stoppages of sick Soldiers pay	2. -. -
Remains to be paid by the Company to the Surgeon for each Soldier in the Hospital	4. 31. 40

This seems to reduce and limit
the Expence to P. F. C 4. 31. 40. but I must beg leave to observe
that in fact it is only a Surplus or difference of Expence
incurred by a Soldier being sent to the Hospital - When
first I entered into this enquiry and supposed that
the Hospitals were really managed by a regular Con=
-tract. I expected to find that the Surgeons drew for
Medicines from the Company's Godowns. and made
up a certain quantity of Bedding. Cloathing &c. which
they kept in Magazines and that they only profited
by a Contract for making up a great number at
once, and by afterwards charging them at the retail
price -. I do not mean to say that I should approve
of a Contract made even on these terms. but much
less shall I ever give my Sanction to the one supposed
to exist. by which the Surgeons receive an Interest of
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1. at least 200 p Cent from every different Article used in their Hospitals. In my opinion such Contracts do as little honor to those, who grant, as to those, who carry them into execution —

Were Men in a state of perfect Virtue no written Contracts would be necessary amongst them; the very existence then of such restrictions implies mistrust and of course that they should be drawn out with such care and precision as to leave no opening for one party to injure the interest of the other consi= -dered in this light how defective or rather how absurd does this same supposed Contract appear — by the princi= -ple of which the Surgeons are enriched in proportion to the number of their Patients, and without the least probability of a Check on their accounts, admitting that they are all of them Men of incorruptable Virtue, it is true the Company can suffer no inconvenience from this System, but in that case no written Contract whatever can be necessary — let us on the contrary more reasonably suppose that the Surgeons are liable to the common frailties of other Men, and we shall readily con= -clude that the infallible consequences must be, as I have repeatedly mentioned an enormous expence to the Company for the care of the Sick, and what is worse the entire ruin of the best Troops in the Service — Forgive me. I cannot believe that such a Contract can be eligible to an honest and disinterested Man — interested motives

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I. cannot induce him to wish for it, and it must ever be painful to a person of that description to be liable even to the Suspicion of the want of Humanity, or of betrayeing the Interest of his Employers for his own priv=ate Emolument. After having thus exposed & reprobated as I shall ever do the fundimental principle of the sup=-posed Contract for the Company's Hospital, it is un=-necessary for the present to enter any further into a dis=-cussion of it. I shall therefore next proceed to examine the lately adopted mode of paying Her Majesty's Surgeons in India, which I find originated in the following Letter from Mr Parker to the Select Committee dated Fort Saint George 10th of May 1780 -

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr
&ca Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs,

"I beg leave to offer the following
"thoughts for your inspection such as on mature delib=-
"=eration appear to me the most eligible for establish=-
"=ing an Hospital for the Regiment -

"From a Calculation of the Batn
"strength, supposing it to consist of 800 Men and that
"upon an average 120 are sickly, the expence according
"to the Company's established rule by Contract at 6 fan.
"p day for each Man, brings the Monthly charge to
"5/4 Pagodas 12 fanams; to obviate this, and that the
"Surgeon be allowed for the same given number, four
fanams

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1 "Fanams p day, the Expence amounts only to £62. 36.-
"-an allowance, which he is independently to draw
"every month, the Company in this case to furnish
"Cotts. Quilts &ca by which is saved 172 Pagodas monthly
"except that which is incurred by the first Supply of
"Cotts &ca The Surgeons allowances being fixed will have
"less occasion for Hospital Apparatus, by admitting those
"only who are real objects of consideration, which will
"be altogether a Saving to the Company and more
"satisfactory I should think to the Surgeons. - every
"sick mans deduction for victualling is still to be consi-
-dered & appropriated for that purpose, as the Surgeon
"shall think necessary to furnish by himself, or any he
"chuses to nominate for that purpose -

/Signed/ Gilbert Vasley

Mr Vasley by this letter shews us,
how much a candid and disinterested Man, is embar-
-rassed, by being engaged in a business that will not
bear a fair examination, when thus publicly called
upon for his opinion, we may perceive a violent
struggle in his Mind between public Vertue & private
friendship - He ingeniously acknowledges, that the
allowances for the Company's Hospitals are too extrava-
-gant - He avows that those who are not proper objects,
are, or may be admitted into them - & He concludes with
observing, that in his opinion the allowances being
fixed, would be more satisfactory to the Surgeons -

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1st In this single instance his Virtue and good Sense for an instant forsook him — His own conscience I firmly believe prevented him abusing his Contract, and he tells us he would gladly have been exempt from Surpicions; but he might evidently have been more explicit, had not private attachment & mistaken delicacy towards his fraternity restrained his Pen, and made him for once fail in his duty, both to himself and to his Employers —

See Mr Parley's letter

In the first part of his letter he assumes as a fact that the Company pay 6 fanams p day for each man, but I cannot find any authority for such a Charge excepting that above cited in the Book of Regulations, for according to the present mode of making out the Accounts the Attendance Cloathing Bedding &c. and in which I understand are included all necessaries in the Hospital, are now charged as I have before stated at 5 fanams p day for each Patient. and the diet at 3 fanams and 20 Cash — These together make 8 fanams 20 Cash, so that unless he means to credit the Company for the subsistence, which is never done, I am at a loss to understand from whence Mr Parley establishes this rate of payment — But supposing for a moment that this Statement be just, he deceived himself, and would deceive us, should he make us believe that by paying the Hindoo Surgeons, at the rate of 4 fanams p day for each patient, he will reduce the expence one third, that is, in proportion of 4 to 6

See Book of Regulations Page 63 Article 16

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1 For as the Kings Regimental Surgeons are to be paid 4 fanams instead of 3. 7 C Chpaay - supposing the number of Patients to be equal in both Hospitals, that is, in the proportion of 15 to every 100 Men, which ought seldom to happen. Mr Parley's regulations will only serve to augment the Expences of the Hospitals, but this will appear more clearly by stating the specific Articles of the different Accounts —

Kings Regimental Surgeons		Company's Contract Hospitals	
Cottn. Bedding & Cloathing found by the Company for 120 Men at 5 fanams pr day	P. 7 C 109. 36. -	Cottn &c at 5 fanams pr day - 120	P. 7 C 109. 36. -
		Diet at 3. 20 pr day	32. 22. -
Mr Parley's proposed Allowance	342. 36. -	Deduction made from the Men's pay a 2 Rups p. Month but rec.d by the Surgeons	240. - -
Deduction made from the Men's pay at 2 Rups per Month, but received by the Surgeons	240. - - -		
	1082. 30. -		1067. 22. -

But say the Kings Surgeons in answer to this the Cottn. Bedding and Cloathing will not cost the Company so much as is charged for those Articles in the Contract Hospitals, this remains to be ascertained. the following Resolution of the Board of rather favors a contrary opinion —

Minute of the Select Committee 26th Nov.r 1783 as follows —

"As it appears upon a Calculation
"that the great expence of Cotts. Quilts & Cloathing for

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"the Sick which by Mr Parley's Regulations are to be found
"by the Company, would entirely frustrate the benefit ex=
"=pected from that Regulation, It is resolved that the Sick
"of the Kings Troops, whose cases are so dangerous, or so severe
"as to confine the Patient to his Cott, be sent to the Compa=
"=ny's General Hospital, and their number deducted from
"the Strength of each Regiment, and that the Sick whose
"Cases are less important, remain with the Surgeon of the
"Regiment and be drawn for according to Mr Parley's
"Regulations"—

As a further illustration of the matter, I shall add both what Their Majesty's Surgeons and those of the Honble Company say on the Subject of the expence of Cotts, Quilts and Cloaths in the supposed Con=
=tract Hospitals — In the comparative view of the expences attending the Sick of the 73d Regiment delivered in to the Board with the joint Letter of His Majesty's Surgeons it is stated "That the number of Sick of the above Regiment "amounting at present to 250, cost the Honble Company "in the Contract Hospital 425 Pagodas p Month — That "according to Mr Parley's Regulations the Strength of the "Regiment being 990 the expence would be limitted to "425 Pagodas for 138 Men, exclusive of Cotts Quilts and "Cloaths, and that the expence of those Articles would "amount to 1750 Pagodas — But as a Suit of each will "last two Years they divide that Sum by 24 the number "of Months in two Years which leaves a remainder of 72 Pp "& C 28. 40 to be added to 425 Pagodas amounting both together

See Kings Surgeons Letter 9th Oct 1785

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1 "to 197 Pagodas - The account then stands thus, Contract
"Hospital Expences 1125 Pags Regimental Surgeons Pagodas
"197 Balance against the former of 62½ 13 40 p Month
"or Pagodas 7525 p Annum"—

See M.C. Anderson's Answer 23d. Oct. 1785

The Honble. Company's Surgeons, in
answer to this Calculation state, "That a Regiment of
"1000 Men at M.C. Parker's Regulations, will have 5128
"Pagodas yearly to the Surgeons; and the Service put to
"a heavy Expence by the Articles supplied, being unlimited,
"and little care taken of them, as a waste will ensue, more
"than equal to the expence of the Contract, without pro-
-ducing an equal degree of care, Convenience or relief.
"For according to their own Statement of 96 Sick at an
"average, when the Average strength of the 73d Regimt.
"was only 500 the Surgeons Allowance alone amounting
"to 2591 24 leaves only 2179 Pagodas to defray the
"expence of Cotts, Bedding and Cloathing, which these
"Gentlemen suppose will last two years - now we are
"certain 96 cannot be shifted twice a Week
"agreable to
the Contract, even in fine Weather under three shifts
"of Linnen (Vizt.) one in use, one dirty, and one with the
"Washerman; and here the Linnen will not stand many
"washings, so that in constant use instead of lasting
"two years; as they suppose, they must be replaced every
"six Months and the Cotts require many rattanings &
"other repairs, without reckoning the loss in Stores not in
"use, where they are subject to rot, or be consumed by

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Ants, all which on Mr Farley's Contract must fall on the Honble Company.

"Without entering very minutely into a discussion of the Controversy, I shall beg leave to point out to the Board what is the Essential difference of these two Accounts of the Expences. The Kings Surgeons allledge that Cotts Quilts and Cloaths cost the Contractors only 7 Pagodas in the first instance for each patient - That these Articles will last two Years or 24 Months; and consequently they fix this expence at a very low rate - The Company's Surgeons on the contrary state that the Bedding Cloathing &ca is much dearer in the first Cost, and instead of lasting two years they will not stand six Months, and besides that washing, Doolies, & other Contingencies which altogether subject them to a considerable expence - were it necessary, which at present it does not appear to be, in all probability the degree of Saving in either Plan might without much difficulty be clearly ascertained. my own opinion is, that the truth lies nearly between them; - The Kings Surgeons have evidently omitted to insert Washing and Attendants, which in a large Hospital must be no inconsiderable Expence; but as I do not intend to establish my Plan upon the Estimate made by either party, I shall endeavour to ascertain the propriety of the Charges of both, by contrasting them hereafter with those made in the Royal Hospitals

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1st established in other parts of His Majestys Dominions —

The Principal expences of the Sick in India, can only consist of the first cost of Apartments and Accommodations necessary for the Patient, with Medecines, Diet. Cloathing and Attendants in which number I include Watermen and Coolies: The Company have built an Hospital not only at Madras, but also at all other places where Europeans are stationed, according to Mr Parkey's Regulations, there are also furnished with Cotts, Bedding & Cloathing; Medecines are also sent from hence to all parts of the Coast. There remains then only the two Articles of Diet, and Servants, for which I will take upon me to assert, the Surgeon is nearly if not compleatly indemnified by the Soldiers Stoppages at two Pagodas p Month, & the allowance of 15 Pagodas for attendants to a Regimental Hospital, nevertheless every full Surgeon of His Majestys Regiments, receives by way of donation the enormous Sum of 5124 Pagodas p Annum for every 1000 Europeans on this Coast — In detail it may not strike us so forcibly, but supposing the European Establishment to consist of 5000 Men, which it certainly ought to do, the same donation to the Surgeons will amount to 25.620 Pagodas, which together with the other expences of the Hospital according to the preceding Statement will amount to 46.620 Pags p Annum, being more than a fourth part of the Subsistance

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1st of the whole European Establishment, if fixed at 5000 Men

His Majesty's Surgeons, aware, that upon examination, the profits then derived from Mr Parry's Regulations must appear to us very exorbitant endeavour to reconcile us to the admission of them, by observing, "That the best possible System in every depart= =ment, is, when private advantage keeps pace with "public benefit" — I heartily subscribe to this opinion, but I flatter myself there is too much vigour, and discernment in this Government, & too much honor in the Gentlemen, who make this observation to render it necessary for us to ensure the public Welfare at so dear a rate, as a donation of two thousand Pounds per Annum to the Surgeons of each of His Majesty's Regiments serving in this Country — I shall ever be a zealous advocate for liberal Allowances, as due encouragement to all Men of merit, but as in my opinion it argues great weakness in any Government, & also much depravity in Individuals, when persons in public employs must be compounded with, or rather bribed to discharge their duty with integrity; therefore both in Compliment to the Surgeons and in justice to ourselves, I shall hereafter propose to make a considerable reduction in their present Allowances —

See the King's Surgeon's letter 9th October —

But it is not necessary to dwell any longer on this Subject, for unless my Calculations are erroneous, or my information incorrect, both of which

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1. which I have taken great pains to avoid, it is already sufficiently proved, that if not equally exceptionable, as the Contract Hospitals, the allowances settled by Mr Parley's Regulations, are however much too extravagant

After having examined, and stated what Allowances should not be permitted for the Sick of His Majesty's Regiments in India, I shall in the next place lay before the Board the long established and approved Plan of His Majesty's Hospitals in all other Countries - It is necessary to premise that agreeable to the date of my former Calculations I shall also in this instance state the Regiment as complicated to a thousand men consisting of 50 Serjeants, 50 Corporals, 50 Drummers and Fifers and 850 Privates

The full pay of a Surgeon is 4 Shillings a day - his Stoppages for Medicine Money from the Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers are as follows Viz. 4 Pence p Month from each Serjeant, 3 pence p Month from each Corporal, the same for each Drummer and Fifer and 2 pence p Month from each private Soldier, which is paid every two Months, or muster as it is commonly called, and amounts together with his full Pay according to the above Mate-ment to 183 Pounds Stg p Annum when in Great Britain - when cantoned he is allowed £30 p Annum for paying a Nurse and other Requisites for his Hospital, he is also allowed to make a charge for extra Hospital Expences to the amount of about £10 Stg which the

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7. Commanding Officer orders to be placed to the Contingent Account of the Regiment; when encamped the £30 per annum ceases, and instead thereof he is allowed £7. 10 per Month during the Campaign, and whatever Medecines he may in reason require – When a Regiment is ordered for foreign Service, every Month is supposed to be a campaigning Month and the allowance of £7.10 of course is continued, till the Regiment returns to Great Britain or is either drafted or disbanded – When in Great Britain or Ireland, which are in every respect the same, the Surgeon is allowed a Chest of Medecines, which nearly suffices for the year – his annual extra expences for that Article seldom exceeding £5 Sterling ——

Let it be observed that the above are the expences of Regimental Surgeons only; for on Service whenever a Soldier is unfit to march, he is sent into the General or Staff Hospital, which is always attached to an Army exceeding the number of 1500 Men; to the same place likely are sent all the Wounded after Actions, where they are treated with every necessary, but also every comfort that Sick and Wounded can possibly require – The expence to Government amounts on an average to a Shilling a day for each Patient, exclusive of the Pence a day of the Soldiers pay, which is given in with him, or infallibly discharged by the Paymaster of the Regiment.

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I. on the death or discharge of such Non Commissioned Officer or Private Soldier —

It requires but very little trouble to point out the merits of a Plan, at once so undisguised and moderate; set down in figures, and contrasted with the least exceptionable of those which we have hitherto examined, it will appear in its greatest advantages & at one view expose all the defects of the other —

Expences incurred by one of His Majesty's Regimental Hospitals in Garrison or Cantonment; the Regiment consisting of 1000 Men and 15 in 100 supposed to be Sick —

In Asia

	£	s	d
Surgeon's full pay of 4/ p day and the Company's Gratuity of which together p. ½ amounts to 19. 20 p Month	93	10	—
Stoppages for Medicine Money at £ 2 2d 9. 3. 4 p Month	100	—	—
Allowance accordeng to Mr Pauley's Regulations for 150 Men	2058	—	—
Diet for Do at 300 Pags or £ 120	1400	—	—

In Europe Africa and America —

	£	s	d
Surgeon's full Pay	183	—	—
For a Nurse	30	—	—
Stoppages for Medicine Money	110	—	—
Diet at 4/ p diem for 150 Men	912	—	—

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1235. 10. — In Europe
£ 2466. — — Difference p Annum

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7 Were the first or ostensible expences of the Hospital in India the sole Cause of Complaint, the last mentioned plan, seems to offer us an easy remedy; for we have only to adopt the same regulation for His Majesty's Hospitals and those of the Company on this Coast, as are followed in the Royal Hospitals at home and by the difference between these, and those of Bengal, we should save as much by one Regiment as would nearly defray the expences of three; but upon farther consideration of this matter, it will perhaps appear expedient to steer a middle course, between rigid Oeconomy, and boundless extravagance, by which means as I have previously observed, whilst we may prudently attend to the Interest of our Employers, we shall neither be unmindful of the welfare of the Soldier, nor yet forget the rewards due to Gentlemen, who have every claim to proper encouragement, for a faithful discharge of their duty—

But before I commence the arduous task of drawing out my own Plan, it is necessary to add a few more Observations, on those Regulations, which at present exist—

I have just made a distinction of ostensible expences—by which I mean those Sums charged in the monthly Account of the Surgeons, and that at first sight appears to be the whole of the Disbursements on account of the Sick—Were the Contracts

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and Regulations for the Hospitals founded on equitable Principles, there Charges might be easily confined within reasonable bounds; but extravagant as the present terms are, and subject to no check, if for one twelve month only the Management of the Hospitals should unfortunately fall into the hands of an unprincipled Man the European Corps would be irretrievably ruined, and the Treasury exhausted by drafts from the Hospitals.

It is not necessary to enter into a minute Calculation to prove this Assertion, a general Statement, of the expences of forming and maintaining a respectable Corps of Europeans in India, will best serve to remove any doubt arising on this Subject.—

The first expence to the Company of every Recruit landed on this Coast, when his Bounty Cloaths and Passage Money are paid, amounts to between £40 and 50—particularly if we include those who run away after being enlisted, and those who die on the Passage; This in the first instance for 3000 Men amounts to £250,000 Sterling; their pay excluding the allowances of the Non Commissioned Officers &c. I shall state at 3 Pagodas p Month each Man, or 15000 Pagodas p Month; out of this number we will suppose one fifth on landing to be sick, which number is the mean between the present supposed Contract and Mr Parker's Regulations; now as the expence

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of a Man in the Hospital is nearly equal to 3 in health
we must first multiply the thousand by 3 to fix
the number, and again by three to ascertain the ex=
-pence, which will be 9000 Pags p Month, thus
much for the first or ostensible Charges, let us next
consider the consequent expences - It may be nece=
=sary to premise, that in this case I suppose the
Contract to be in improper hands - The 5000 Men
being distributed in different Garrisons, or Cantonments
I have already supposed one fifth to be confined in the
Hospital: from a cursory examination of the Returns I
find the admissions in general exceed the discharges
by at least one third, we will assume them (without
pretending to fix the number for any other purpose
than to facilitate the present calculation) that of
the Patients 200 are discharged monthly; In the above
proportion, there will be admitted 266, this monthly
increase being multiplied by 12 proves to us that at
the end of the first year the Sick in the Hospital will
at least amount to 1792, and this, I affirm, to be a
moderate Estimate, for if we add the daily, or even the
monthly increase, and make up the account in a
compound Rate, We should find the result amount
at the end of the year to full two thousand Men -
But proceeding in the same principles and on the
same date a second year, We shall find at the expiration
of it, that the number of Sick amounts to 2584 which

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1 is more than half of all the European Establishment and if one half are confined in two Years, the whole will consequently be in the same Situation at Calcut in four - This rapid reduction of the European Corps, which is well known at home, and obliges the Company to send out yearly a great number of Recruits, in the first of what I call the consequent Expences, and reckoning them according to the preceding Statement, at one fourth of the first cost of the Recruits amounts to £2,000 Stg Annum for this Coast only, but as all those who go into the Hospitals do not immediately die of their disorders: If we trace their further progress we shall find that those who survive, worn out with the use of Medicines, and long accustomed to a life of Indolence, few of them return to their duty as effectives; but on the contrary require to be put on the Invalid or Pension list, where they drag on a miserable existence for many years, wretched in themselves, and a heavy, but useless expence to their Employers - This representation of the rise, progress & dissolution of the Honble Company's European Troops may be thought to be highly coloured - I am not conscious of the slightest intention to exaggerate. I have taken the Picture from the Company's Records, and only hold it forth to publick view in its proper light - The facts I insist are fairly stated, and the

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number might be provid by Arithmetic, but wearied
with making calculations as the Board must be of
reading them: I shall for the present make no more
but where they are indispensably necessary — Having I
trust proved to the Satisfaction of every candid mind,
that the present system must be set aside, or that
we must abandon all hopes of keeping up a respec-
-table Establishment of Europeans, I shall next
enter into a further Consideration of Mr Parkyns plan.
In my discussion of this. I have
already freely admitted the position laid down by its
Advocates "That the best possible System in every depart-
"ment is when private advantage keeps pace with
"public benefit"; but it is now high time to consider
how far this maxim is applicable to the point in
question, & also if all circumstances considered it may
be advisable to limit a certain number of Men to
be paid for as sick —

It is unquestionably good Policy
to unite public advantage with private benefit, but
as Gold and Jewels bear only a certain intrinsic value
so have merit & virtue only a proportional worth,
neither must an Ensign hope at once to obtain
the rewards due to his General, nor a Surgeon expect
to enjoy the emoluments of a Minister of State; Had
Mr Parkyn instead of £ 2500 fixed the clear profits of
these Gentlemen at £ 500 p Annum, besides their Kings

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1 Nay, I should have chearfully agreed to such allowance, the latter seems a reward wisely conferred on virtue, the former like a bribe artfully extorted by vice; but besides the extra expence, which however is no trifling consideration, there is also another objection against Mr Parby's regulations which fix the number of Sick at 15 in every 100 men; let us for a moment suppose that an epidemical disorder should unhappily breakout amongst the Europeans, and the number of Sick increase from 15 to 30; I believe it will be granted that the Surgeons must defray their expences themselves or apply for relief to Government. It may happen that the Surgeon who has benefited by the regulations is gone home with a handsome fortune, and that his Successor being lately appointed cannot in their emergency afford to advance the money for the expence of the Hospital; In this case either the Men must perish, or Government sustain the loss: Humanity and Interest both forbid the one; of what use then is the Contract if it does not entirely exempt us from the other?

Thoroughly tired of the unpleasant task of finding fault, & exposing the defects of the managemt of our Hospitals in this Country, I shall now chearfully enter on the more pleasing subject of pointing out the merits, & well founded claims of the Surgeons in India, which in my opinion entitle them to more ample allowances than are generally bestowed on Gentlemen of the same profession in Europe.

[Signed] John Dalling

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In the former part of this Minute, I have said that the present plan of the Hospitals, which subjects a Surgeon to the suspicion of betraying the Interests of his Employers for his own private emolument cannot, in my opinion, be agreeable to an honest Man. For this reason I am convinced that the alterations I am about to propose in the regulations for the Hospitals will not fail to be agreeable to the Gentlemen, who have long been at the head of the Medical profession at this Presidency. The moderate State of their fortunes is an honorable testimony of their disinterestedness. but as their influence can never extend beyond the bounds of Madras, nor continue there, but for a few years; their integrity and abilities, however great, cannot be deemed an argument in favor of a bad system, which pervades the whole Service; on the contrary it is an additional inducement for setting it aside, for while, it enriches those who betray their trust, it keeps those who are conscientious, in a perpetual State of dependance

In whatever point of view the present Regulations of the Hospitals are seen, they must always appear in an unfavorable light; they are as I have already proved not only contradictory to each other, and incombatible with the interest of the Company, but in fact they are also disadvantageous to the Surgeons, and ought to be disagreeable to every Person in the Service; the Surgeon here receiving

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no fees from his Patient, and his Pay from the Company being barely adequate to his expences, he has scarcely the means of subsisting, and much less of making a fortune, unless he starves the Soldiers, who are under his Care, or defrauds the Company in the Hospital Accounts - Thus then must the Surgeons be contented with an humble Subsistence, or violate every tie of honor and humanity, whilst the Company's Servants both Civil and Military enjoy ample Allowances are carefully attended, and yet are entirely exempt from the smallest expence for Medicine - The Honble Company can but ill afford to increase the allowances of the Surgeons, and the poor Soldier is already taxed to the utmost, I am convinced therefore every Gentleman in the Service will chearfully bear his portion of an expence from which all of us do, or hereafter may derive so much benefit - Whilst the present System exists a Man of even common delicacy, who may unfortunately be sick, would feel himself in a disagreeable dilemma for either he must endanger his life, for the want of Assistance, or lay himself under a great Obligation by applying for it perhaps to a Stranger -

There are two ways perhaps by which this defective System may be corrected, first by every person insisting on paying fees to the Surgeons the other by making a small but sufficient deduction

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1st from each Persons Salary, for Medicine money — The former I am sure would be disagreeable to the Surgeons, and I confess would not meet with my approbation as in bad hands it is liable to great abuse, but the latter appears to me perfectly unexceptionable, and foundid upon every principle of good Sense and justice — The quantum of each Persons Stoppages & the distribution of them, must be matters of subsequent consideration; in the mean time I shall mention my reasons for proposing to give more ample Allowances to the Surgeons here, than are given to the same Rank & Profession at home —

The Article of House Rent only is dearer 150 p Cent, which principally proceeds from the legal interest of Money being at twelve instead of 5 p Ct. for example whatever given Sum a Man lays out in building a house in India, he will of course expect 18 p Cent for his Money, whereas in Europe, where the interest is only 5 he will only think of asking 7/4 or 8 p Cent at the utmost — Wines and other necessaries of domestic Use, that are brought from Europe, are seldom to be purchased in India for less than 200 p Cent — The Captain who brings them out in the first instance charges 100 p Cent — The Merchant who buys them of him to retail them again to the Public being obliged to indemnify himself for all his expences and the interest of his Capital, of course never thinks of adding less than 100 more — Cloaths, Servants, Horses & Carriages are dearer

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I also in nearly the same proportion, from whence it is clear that the Surgeon in Europe with only £300 a year, is full as well provided for as one in this Country who has more than double that Income; these are my reasons, and I flatter myself good ones for giving the Surgeons of His Majesty's Regiments an handsome addition to their European Allowances and for putting those of the Honble Company on such a footing as to enable them to return home with a moderate Competency, after a faithful discharge of their duty for 18 or 20 Years —

Having with as much brevity as the intricacy of the Subject would admit answered all the Arguments both of His Majesty's and the Honble Company's Surgeons, in favor of their different claims; I shall now without further Preface proceed to offer my own to the Consideration of the Board not with a hope of its being at first incapable of improvement, but I trust it will immediately remedy the principal abuse, so much complained of, and in the course of a few Months with some trifling correction derived from experience afford general Satisfaction to all parties concerned —

The Contract and Regimental Hospitals to be continued on their present footing until the 31st of December next ensuing —

In the mean time one Non Commissioned

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Commissioned Officer or Private Soldier, of any of His Majesty's Regiments shall be received into any of the Company's Contract Hospitals without a particular Certificate from the Surgeon of the Regiment, which shall also be countersigned by the Captain or Officer Commanding the Company to which he belongs — The Regimental Surgeon is to have free access between the hours of 9 and 11 in the forenoon to all the Patients of his own Regiment, confined in the Contract Hospital but not to administer Medecines to any of them without the knowledge and consent of the Surgeon, superintending the Hospital —

The Orders and Regulations issued by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee on the 2d September 1783 respecting the purchase of medical implements and Surgical Instruments &c^a are still to remain in full force, excepting in such cases as shall be thought necessary to deviate from them in the following Arrangement, save also those of the 17th October under the same restrictions, but all others especially those contained in the Book of Regulations are hereby revoked and annulled from the 31st December next ensuing —

The Honble Company's Surgeons who have Contract Hospitals are with all possible expedition to make out a list of Cotts, Bedding & Cloathing together with all the furnitures & Utensils now belonging to them, & send in their several Hospitals when Government having received the said List will

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P. 1. will order a fair appraisement of each Article to be made, and allowing for the use of them to the expiration of the Contract, will afterwards purchase the same at a reasonable price - In future Govern- -ment will appoint proper Persons to furnish the said Articles at the Company's expence

Madras being the Capital of all the Hon'ble Company's Possessions on this Coast, and where all Persons coming from Europe, to serve under this Presidency disembark, and as often in the course of the Voyage out, great number of the Soldiers and Sailors are affected with scorbutic & other dangerous disorders, which require instan- -taneous relief, it appears necessary to establish a General Hospital at this place for their immediate reception, in which the Sick may receive every Assistance, that can be derived from the experi- -ence of the Surgeons, who from their long residence in this Country, and their knowledge of its productions are best acquainted with the proper Remedies to be used, for the recovery of the Sick, and also where such remedies are to be procured, without delay -

The Surgeons General & Surgeons superintending the said General Hospital to give into Government a List of what number of Cotts, Bedding and Cloathing will be necessary for such an Hospital, to answer the abovementioned purpose

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1 As the Surgeons only can judge of the quality and quantity of Provisions necessary for the use of their own Hospitals, which will differ essentially according to the Nature of the prevailing diseases, and the number of Patients, The Honble the President and Council in order to avoid any confusion or delay, will leave the victualling of the Hospitals to the Surgeons who will be allowed 4 fanams p day for each Patient, 2 fanams and 40 Cash thereof to be deducted out of the Soldiers Subsistence, the remainder being 1 fanam 40 Cash to be paid by the Company and as 4 fanams p day must greatly exceed the expence of each Persons diet, this Sum is to be considered as granted in lieu of Eggs, Limes, Syrups & other trifling Articles used in making up Medicines.

The Surgeons in time of great scarcity will be allowed to purchase Rice and other necessary Provisions for the use of their Hospitals at the same prices at which they are issued during that time to the Servants of the Company in general.

A Committee of Surgeons, consisting of the Surgeon General and with the 2 Senior Surgeons on the spot to assemble once a Month or oftener if necessary, in order to superintend and regulate all the Business respecting the Medical Department belonging to this Presidency and its Dependencies.

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1. agreeably to the orders of 2d. September 1783 are to be under the care of the Surgeon superintending the Medical Stores, and as it is of the highest importance that there should always be a sufficient quantity of good Medecine in Store, a Committee of Inspection consisting of 3 Surgeons must sit once every six Months to examine both the quantity & quality thereof in order to ascertain if any and what Supplies are necessary & the particular Persons for that purpose and the day of their meeting to be fixed by the Surgeon General, who however will take care to regulate the Committee, in such a manner as to be able to send home regular indents twice a year, and to examine the Medecines sent from Europe as soon as possible after their Arrival, a Report of their Proceedings on this and every other occasion of Importance to be laid before the Honble President and Council without delay -

The Surgeons stationed at the Subordinacies, Out-Garrisons & Cantonments to make their Indents to the Presidency for Medicines once every three Months, which Indents are to be laid before the abovementioned Committee for their examination and approval, and in cases where the loss or waste of Medecines shall oblige the Surgeons at the Subordinacies, Out-Garrisons or Cantonments to make irregular Indents for particular Articles, the cause of such extra demand, shall be clearly explained in a

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1. Letter addressed to the Committee of Surgeons and be transmitted to them with the Returns & Reports specified in the 5th Article of the Regulations of the 2nd September 1785—

All Powers by the last mentioned Orders vested in the Surgeon superintending the Medical Stores, as before observed are still to remain in force; but all Indents & Accounts previously to their being presented to the Paymaster General are first to be approved and countersigned by the President of the Committee of Inspection—

As many disagreeable Accidents have happened by Natives only being employed in making up the Prescriptions, it is hereby directed that in future one (or if necessary two) European Assistants, shall regularly attend the Medicine Godowns at the Presidency twice a day between the hours of 8 & 12 in the forenoon and 4 & 8 in the afternoon, who shall with their own hands deliver out to the Servants acting under them, the proper quantity of each Article necessary, and also countersign the prescriptions made up under their directions— This Regulation, by which it is hoped all Mistakes will be prevented in future, and the Assistants gain experience in their Profession, is to extend to all the Subordinate Out-Garrisons and Cantonments, that is to the proportion of one Surgeons Assistant to One hundred Patients—

At this Place where a great number

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number of families reside, as a demand for Medicines may be made at the hours when Surgeons Assistants are not strictly directed to attend, and consequently great danger ensue from the delay, the Apartments over the Mosaic Godown in the Fort shall again be properly fitted up for the reception of a Surgeons Assistant, who shall constantly reside therein, and on no account whatsoever sleep out of the Fort — For the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the Black Town and Country, a Surgeons Assistant will also reside & sleep under the like restrictions, at the Apothecarys Shop belonging to the Hospital —

* The Surgeon General whose Recommendation will be duly attended to, will nominate a prudent & experienced Assistant, for this particular Employ, and in consequence of his extraordinary trouble & responsibility, the Assistant so employed shall be paid an extra Allowance of 20 Pagodas pr Month, in which is to be included the expence of Servants.

* Article 22nd — Mr Vaughan Assistant Surgeon — 12th June 1787

The Surgeon of the General Hospital and every Surgeon of a Regiment, to be allowed 15 Pagodas pr Months for Servants to the Sick, & when the number of Patients exceed 100 five Pagodas more to be allowed to every 50 Men —

In order to avoid creating any extra Expence to the Company and likewise to accommodate both the Surgeons & their Patients, no Surgeons will be removed from their present Station, unless

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1. The number to reside at any particular place, shall be found greatly to exceed what is allowed by the present Arrangement, but it being intended at the end of this present Year, to abolish all Contract Hospitals, the following Allowances will be given to the Surgeons in lieu of all purquisites and Emoluments whatsoever, excepting such as shall be hereafter mentioned.—

Mr James Anderson, Surgeon General

Mr Colley Lucas, Surgeon Major, & Mr Jos Bulman Surgeon Superintendant of the Medical Stores with one full Surgeon and as many Assistants as may be deemed necessary by the Committee of Surgeons, to reside at the Presidency & attend the General Hospital.—

As the Families who reside in the Fort, the Country and the Black Town, on all occasions when indisposed, apply to the Surgeon General or Surgeon Major for their medical Advice and assistance & many of the Families reside at a great distance from each other, the Surgeon General & Surgeon Major are subject to a very great expence in purchasing and keeping a sufficient number of Horses and Carriages to pay due attendance to their Patients, an expence to which the Surgeons of the Subordinacies and Out-Garrisons are not subject— The Surgeon General therefore to receive a Salary of 250 Pagodas p Month, and the Surgeon Major 200 and when travelling on public Service, the former to receive the Batta of a Lieutenant Colonel, and the latter that of a Major;—

Mr Ruding full Surgeon to receive

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7 the same as is paid to the other full Surgeons of the European Infantry, which, to avoid unnecessary repetitions is hereby fixed at 100 Pags p Month in Garrison or Cantonment, & Captains Batta in the Field, or when travelling on public Service.

Mr Thomas Davis, Surgeon Major in the Field & Cantonment to receive a Salary of 200 Pagodas p Month, and the Batta of a Major in the Field, or when travelling on Public Service.

Mr Jeremiah Addenton, Surgeon to the Corps of Artillery, to receive the same pay and Allowances as the Surgeons of the Infantry, don account of the number of Officers under his Care, and of the deareness of Provisions at the Mount, which much greatly increase the expences of victualling the Sick, but is whilst the Corps continues at its present Station to receive an addition of 50 Pagodas p Month.

One Surgeon and two Assistants to be attached to every Battalion or Regiment of Europeans consisting of 500 Men with the Salary & Allowances already specified, when the Regiment shall exceed the number of 800 Men, an additional Assistant in the Field to be allowed if necessary.

One Surgeon & one Assistant, to be appointed to the Black Cavalry, with the same Salary & Allowances, as are paid to the Surgeons of the Infantry and 20 Pagodas p Month for Horses.

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Although the number of full Surgeons at present greatly exceeds what is absolutely necessary for the Establishment, no reduction will immediately be made nor those be removed who by the Orders of the 17th October 1784 were appointed to the different Out Garrisons in the Carnatic, but as Vacancies happen by Deaths, resig-nation, or otherwise, no full Surgeon will hereafter be appointed to any Garrison to the Southward of the Kistna, excepting where European Troops are stationed, or by way of establishing a Staff Hospital, when the Army takes the Field.

One Surgeon & two Assistants to be stationed at Masulipatam, an equal number of each at Vizagapatam, & also at Ganjam, but as the present Establishment diminishes, Surgeons Assistants only to be appointed to Ongole, Ingeram, Ithapour, and other places in the Northern Circars, the Salary & Allow-ances of the Surgeons and their Assistants at the Subor-dinacies to be the same, as what are paid to the Surgeons of European Regiments but without their Emoluments hereafter mentioned.

In the Field as well as in Garrison the Surgeon of every Regiment, will have charge of the Sick of his own Corps, but in time of actual Service there will always be one or more Staff Hospitals es-tablished in some of the Neighbouring Garrisons for the reception of the Sick & wounded, who are so much indisposed, as not to be likely to return to

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1. their duty during the Campaign. The Regimental Surgeon will be allowed 6 fanams p day for the diet of each Man, and to draw for Provisions upon the Agent Victualler in Camp. paying the same price for them as is charged to the Company, he is also to indent to the Commissary General for Doolies and Coolies to carry them and for every 500 Men he is to be allowed Coolies to carry the Medicines, Instruments, Wine and Spiritous Liquors, necessary for the use of the Sick. — The Committee of Surgeons will hereafter ascertain and fix the proper proportion. —

The Surgeons of the Staff Hospital will also be allowed 6 fanams p day for the diet of each Patient, and every possible assistance will also be given him to enable him to procure Provisions, at a reasonable Rate, and in times of uncommon scarcity, proper relief will be given to him, but in all cases where his expences, shall exceed his allowances, the price of each article shall be particularly specified in his Accounts, and the whole be countersigned, by the Officer Commanding the Garrison —

Besides the number of Surgeons necessary for the Presidency, the Subordinacies in the Circars, and those attached to the different European Corps it being difficult, in case of Sickness, or death of any of the Surgeons, immediately to procure others of sufficient Skill & experience to take charge of a Hosp.l four Supernumerary Surgeons will be allowed, who

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1. will be stationed where their Services may hereafter, be thought most immidiately necessary—

As the Natives in Sickness almost always prefer being attended by Persons of their own Religion, and the number of Europeans, belongeing to a Battalion of Sepoys, is too small to admit of the Appointment of even a Surgeon's Assistant to each particular Battalion, an Infirmary will be established in the Cantonments, and also in other central Situations for the reception of the Europeans and Natives of the Sepoy Corps, one of the Supernumerary Surgeons, & a proper number of Assistants will be appointed to superintend the Infirmary, who will also attend the Officers - If a Surgeon or an Assistant is required to attend an Officer at more than 5. Miles distant from the Infirmary the application for his assistance must be made to the Officer commanding the Cantonments, and the Surgeon or his Assistant in this case will be paid Batta to defray their travelling Expences—

As Cotts, Bedding and Cloathing will hereafter be found by the Company, some person must be appointed to take care of them - In the General Hospital, two Serjeants of Invalids, with a proper number of Serjeants to assist them, are carefully to take a list of each different article, and seperate Apartments or Godowns in or near the Hospital constantly kept clean & in good repair, to be appropriated to that particular purpose, the Serjeant is also to take an

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1. account of the Cloths, Bedding and Cloathing, daily issued for the use of the Hospital, to deliver the Linnen to, and again receive it from the Washermans, and in short to keep the different Articles in thorough good repair. - His Accounts are to be laid regularly every month before the Committee of Surgeons & to be countersigned by the President, before they are offered for Payment to the Paymaster General. - The Store Serjeant is also to obey all orders for Stores, that he may receive from the Surgeon General or Surgeon superintending the Hospital - Five Pagodas p Month will be allowed to the first & three to the second Serjeant -

The Contract for making of Cloths Bedding and Cloathing, will be put up at Public Auction, where every Person will be free to bid, excepting the Surgeons themselves, or their Assistants who are not themselves or by their Agents, to be directly or indirectly concerned therein, on pain of being dismissed the Service -

Cloth must be supplied the Surgeons will allow their Patients every indulgence that it is proper for them to have whilst they are sick; no Soldier is to receive his Pay whilst confined in the Hospital, but the Pay Serjeants of the different Companys are to keep a regular account of what is due to each Soldier, deducting 1/2 C 2.40 for the expences of his diet in the Hospital, & when they return again to their duty, a receive is

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I to be made of their Half Mounting & other Necessaries which are first to be compleated to the proper Establish=ment, & the remainder of the Stoppages is then and not before, to be duly paid to the Person to whom it properly belongs—

No Sepoy, Lascar, or any other Native of the Country, when Sick is to be sent to any of the Company's Hospitals or Infirmaries, unless at his own particular Request, & with the express permission of the Governor, Commander in Chief, or Officers Commanding at the Out Garrisons, and Cantonments — Those Sepoys, Lascars and other Natives who may be wounded on public Service, are to be admitted on the above Conditions — two Pagodas p Month to be allowed to the Surgeon for the care of them, & one fanam p day for their diet, to be deducted from their Pay, whilst they remain in the Hospital —

Stoppages will hereafter be made for Medecine Money from each Officer in the Honorable Company's Service, which agreable to the custom of many of His Majesty's Regiments are fixed at the following Sums

	Pags
Colonels	30 p Annum
Lieut Colonels	20 Do
Majors	15 Do
Captains	10 Do
Capt Lieuts	8 Do
Lieutenants	7 Do
Ensigns	5 Do

The several Sums to be deducted Monthly by the different Paymasters out of the extra Allowances of each Officer, and at the end of every Year the whole together with the Amount of Stoppages,

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which it may be thought proper to make from the Civil Servants, to be divided into six equal Shares; three of which are to be paid to the Surgeon General, two to the Surgeon Major at the Presidency, and one to the next Senior Surgeon on the Establishment.—

The following is hereafter intended to be the fixed Establishment of full Surgeons and their Assistants at this Presidency & its Dependancies.—

© Abstract of the Medical Establishment to take place on the 1st. March 1786.

Madras—	Surgeon General		1
	Surgeon Major		1
	Surgeon Major in the Field		1
	Surgeon Superintending Medicines		1
	Surgeon Assisting		1
Masulipatam			1
Vizagapatam			1
Ganjam			1
			8
Artillery Surgeon			1
One to each Regiment of Infantry			4
Supernumerary Surgeons			4
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Total.			18

Assistants— Two to each Surgeon & four Supernumeraries for the Presidency } 40

As it appears by this Abstract

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1. that the Establishment of full Surgeons as fixed by the Orders of the 17th October 1784 greatly exceeds the number necessary for this Presidency and its Dependancies. Any full Surgeon wishing to return to Europe, on half pay will be allowed to go home for three Years, and during that time he will be allowed the half Pay of a Surgeon of one of His Majesty's Regiments, but he is to return punctually at the time limitted, or his name will forthwith be struck off the List. Those who prefer remaining in India will be allowed (until again appointed to some particular Station) their full pay of 100 Pagodas p Month, if they remain within any of the Honble Company's Settlements on this Coast, but those who reside at any foreign Settlement, go by permission to any other place not dependant on this Presidency will only be allowed 50 Pagodas p Month during their Absence—

The Sick both of His Majesty's Regiments and of the Honble Company's Recruits, who are sent from Europe, are on their first arrival to be carried into the General Hospital— But the Surgeon under whose Care they have been during the Passage out, and who of course must be acquainted with the origin & progress of their distempers will not only have free access to the Hospital, but the Town Major on the landing of the Men and their being conveyed to the Hospital is hereby ordered to write to the Surgeon, under whose care they have been during the Voyage, directing him to attend the Hospital, on the day their Patients are received and to deliver to the Surgeon superintending the Hospital a regular Report of the rise and present state of each Persons distemper. The Surgeon's Bill for the care of the Recruits

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1. must also in future be countersigned by the Surgeon General

It being self evident, that the care of the Sick will be greatly promoted, by the Surgeon being acquainted with the Constitution, the disposition, and the habits of life of his Patients, which knowledge can only be acquired by a long acquaintance with them. It has been thought proper to attach particular Surgeons to every different Corps of Europeans in the Honorable Company's Service, & to have Regimental instead of Garrison Hospitals — For the same reasons Regimental Hospitals are to be established for each of His Majesty's Regiments, but as the Surgeons of the Regiments, would be greatly at a loss to procure proper Medicines, and provisions on their first Arrival in the Country, the Sick must (as before observed) be sent to the General Hospital, when they first come out, & there remain until recovered — The Regimental Surgeon is to inform the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, when he has every thing necessary for the reception of the Sick of his own Corps: & those who fall Sick after that time, shall be put under his care.

All Rules, Orders and Regulations respecting the abolition of former Contracts, the forming of new ones, the Indents for Medicines, Cotts, Bedding, Cloathing & other necessaries for the use of the Hospitals & Infirmaries (hereby declared to take place on the 1st March 1786) are all equally to be observed by the Surgeons & Surgeons Assistants of His Majesty's Regiments, now serving or hereafter to serve under this Presidency, as by those of the Honble East India Company, & from which

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I neither party are to deviate, unless by express Order or permission, first officially obtained from the Honorable the President and Council or the Commanding Officer of the Army in the Field; The pay & allowances of the Surgeons & Surgeon's Mates of each of His Majesty's Regiments of Cavalry, Artillery and Infantry, during their Stay in India, shall also including the Kings pay, be completed by Gratuity from the Company to the same amount as is received by the Honble Company's Surgeons of the same Corps respectively, according to the above mentioned Arrangement.—

Although perfectly convinced that many additional Regulations will be necessary for the completion of my Plan, I shall add no more for the present, lest I should fear I have sufficiently intruded on the Patience of the Board, by taking up so much of their time & attention on one Subject — The present plan of the Hospitals, which is evidently founded on error & supported only by prejudice might have been easily subverted by the hands of power, but I thought it much more consistent with the dignity & moderation of the Board to enter into a minute investigation of its defects, by which means even the medical Gentlemen themselves must be thoroughly satisfied, that no private pique, or ill judged economy have induced us to deprive them of the princely emoluments they have so long & so improperly enjoyed — Convinced as I flatter myself they must now be that the Alterations we are obliged to make, are founded on strict justice to them, a proper regard to the Army & a

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faithful discharge of our duty to our Employers. Every candid & honest Man who listens to the mild dictates of reason & good Sense will rest thoroughly satisfied with the Power, but equally certain hopes of honorably acquiring in a few years an handsome Competency.

As this enquiry relates to a Subject that has long attracted the Notice of the Public, and will therefore of course be strictly & minutely scrutenized, I could have wished to have paid rather more attention to the common Ornaments of Composition, but as truth has been my sole object, however defective it may be in classical Elegance, I trust it will not be materially wanting either in clearness, correctness or precision, which in my opinion constitute the principal merits of all Writings on public Business.

To anticipate an answer to all the frivolous objections, that will be made by those, who may wish to counteract the new Plan would be an endless and I hope an unless labour; but before I conclude I shall add a few words to explain my reasons for granting such liberal Allowances to the two principal Surgeons, and also for not entering into a detail of the Savings to be made by the abolition of the old, and the establishment of the new Arrangement.

The principles upon which I have acted, on this occasion, are such as will invariably direct my Conduct, in the course of every other reform that may hereafter be deemed necessary, in other branches of the Service. They are very plain and not founded on the superficial idea of curtailing beyond

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In all reason the Salaries of those who have Posts of great trust & responsibility, by which means Men of Virtue are rendered indifferent to the public Welfare & others of a different description are only rendered more active in the pursuit of their own private Interest. I have proposed to give the junior Servants such a Salary as will enable them to live comfortably in a Country, where the Necessaries of life to an European are much dearer than they are at home, and to the Senior Surgeons I have given such Allowances as must serve as a sufficient reward to every Man of merit in the same line of Life.

It is much the custom to accompany every plan of Reform with a minute detail of the Savings but experience hath taught me, that in affairs of much less magnitude and intricacy than this, such Calculations are generally, I may say always erroneous. I shall therefore wait until it has been established near 12 Months when by comparing the Paymasters Accounts for two preceding years, the real & not the ideal Savings may be clearly ascertained. Thus much however, I will even at this time, take upon me positively to assert that the Hospital Expences will be greatly diminished, the European Corps be in much better order, no disagreeable Surpicions of the Surgeons hereafter arise on the part of Government, nor any disputes or alterations happen between the Surgeons and the Officers.

As this new System will effect very considerable Savings, I submit to the Honble Board, the propriety of carrying it into execution; the increase of

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1. the Surgeon Generals Salary may be obviated by a written engagement to refund should it not be agreeable to the Directors at home - All other parts of the Arrangement point out clear Savings, and if immediately adopted will be attended with the further good of putting an end to all bickerings between the Genl and Company's Surgeons.

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Signed John Dalling

Additional Minute of the Commander in Chief on the same Subject.

Having already laid before the Honble Board a very large Minute on alterations for the Hospitals, which from the quantity of matter it comprehends, has swelled to a very large size, I now present an Abstract of the whole, chiefly to bring it under a short view to those who are interested in the affairs of the Company, and who have not leisure or inclination to bestow on so long a performance -

At this time the Honble Company's Hospitals are supposed to be managed by Contract but in fact no such Contract does now or ever did exist, but the Charges are made, according to various obscure & contradictory Orders, which have been issued from time to time, on account of some particular exigency, without any reference to those which before existed - In consequence of which great latitude has been given to the Surgeons to make out their Accounts in a manner the most beneficial to themselves, but highly disadvantageous to the Company By the same

same means also a great number of Europeans have constantly been received & long detained in the Hospitals which at the same time has greatly injured our Euro= =pean Corps & created dissentions between the Officers and the Surgeons.

The Hospitals for His Majesty's Troops, are on a different, but with respect to expence almost equally exceptionable footing. for the Surgeons are to receive 3£ 2. 36 p Month for every Regement, consisting of 800 Men, by which the Company are on one side charged with a certain heavy expence, without being in all cases exempt from an heavier — For should an Epidemical Sickness break out in a Regement, after the Surgeon is gone home, who may have enriched him= =self by the extraordinary profits of such an Hospital either Government must defray the expences in case of such an emergency, or the Soldier be allowed to perish for want of proper Assistance.

To me both these Systems appear so extremely exceptionable, that without the least hesitation I have proposed, at the end of this Year, to abolish all the Contracts and Agreements now existing and to substitute in their place another, which is much more economical and I flatter my= =self in all respects more reasonable; For the detail & my Arguments in it's favor, I must beg leave to refer the Board to the Plan itself, the outline of which is as follows —

That the Company shall furnish

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1. furnish Cotts, Bedding and Cloathing, and all other Necessaries for the use of the Hospital, excepting the diet, which will must be varied according to the prevailing disorders, and the number of Patients, is therefore left to the Surgeons themselves, who are to be paid on that account 8 fanams p day for each Patient.

2. A General Hospital is to be esta=blished at the Presidency for the reception of Sick who may fall sick on the Voyage out, and require immediate Relief, before the Surgeons of the Regiment have an opportunity of taking a convenient place for their reception, or procuring such Vegetables & Medicines as may be proper for their Recovery. That when reco=vered and they have been appointed & joined their Regi=ments, both the Kings and Company's Soldiers are to be under the care of the Surgeons of their own Corps. A Surgeon General, a Surgeon Major, a Surgeon Superintending the Medical Stores, & one other full Surgeon to super=intend the General Hospital, and attend the Inhabitants of Madras & its Environs. They are also to form a Committee for the management & superintendance of all medical matters relating to this Presidency. All the Hospitals at the Out Garrisons to be abolished, and Surgeons with their Assistants to be appointed to all the European Corps. Four Supernumerary Surgeons to reside where it may hereafter be thought necessary to establish Infirmaries & also one at each of the principal Subordi=nacies in the Circars. By these means a reduction

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I will be made of twelve full Surgeons, any of whom it is proposed shall have leave to go home upon the Half pay of His Majesty's Surgeons, to remain at any of the Company's Forts or Factories, on this Coast on their full pay; or to reside with permission at any foreign Settlement, with only half their present pay - The whole of the expence of the Hospitals, having hitherto been defrayed by the Company & the Soldiers, it is now also proposed to make trifling Stoppages out of the extra pay of each Officer, and if the Board should approve of it, of the Civilians also, and with the produce of both to establish a fund to encrease the pay of the Surgeon General and Surgeon Major, and next Senior Surgeon on the Establishment, by which means I conceive the Gentlemen both of the Civil & Military lines, will feel themselves more at liberty (than they now are) to apply to the Surgeons for medical Assistance -

Though a trifling deduction from each Persons pay is proposed to be made, yet altogether the Stoppages from the Civil and Military will be sufficient to form a fund to reward the Surgeons, to which in no other way we can acquit ourselves, of the Obligations that every individual in the Service, sooner or later, is liable to lay under to them for their attendance.

Many of the Company's Servants who live at the Presidency, reside at a great distance from each other in the Country, which subjects the Surgeon General & Surgeon Major to a considerable expence for Horses, & Carriages to attend them, for which

reason

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reason I propose to make a small addition to their Salaries, but the pay of the Regimental Surgeons, those at the Subordinacies, and the Supernumeraries, the same as was established by the order of the 17th October 1784 that is 100 Pagodas p Month, which in future is to be the fixed Salary both of the Kings and Company's Surgeons — There I believe the Board will find to be the general heads of what is laid before them more in detail in the accompanying papers, & which I beg leave to recommend to their attention, perusal and candid Consideration —

/ Signed / John Dalling

Mr Daniell desires that his Observations on those of Sir John Dalling, above approved may be recorded hereunder —

The following Observations having occurred on Sir John Dallings Minute on the Subject of Hospitals, & which I beg leave to offer them to the Consideration of this Board, previous to their decision on a point of so much importance, both with respect to the Expence incurred by the Company, & the future care of the Sick —

Mr Daniell's Minute on the subject of Hospitals; vindicates the Conduct of the Company's Surgeons.

Although no written Contracts or Engagements may appear between the Governor and Council & the respective Surgeons, who have thus long considered it in no other point of view because it has never

I never been usual for Government to enter into such formal
Contracts with any of their Servants, I have no reason to
doubt that the Government considered that part of the
Military Regulations, added to their assent by Letter
of equal force as a formal Contract legally drawn up
for that purpose — the long existence of such Hospitals
on those terms is surely an undeniable proof that they
were then considered — I would moreover rather suppose
that the Government of those times conceived it the
best System on which to regulate and ascertain the
expence of the Company and care of the patients, than
disapprove that Act — and if any negligence on the
Conduct of such Hospitals had occurred I would rather
conclude it did not reach the knowledge of former
Governments than impute a countenance of any neg-
-ligence to them —

But I confess myself a stranger
to any Complaints against the Company's hospitals on
this Coast either at home or abroad — I believe that the
Expence attending the Hospital at the Presidency altho'
it has been usual to receive patients of all denominations
has not on an average in times of Peace exceeded 10,000
Pagodas p Annum, and that the expence of treating Sick
on this Establishment is less than in Bengal or
Bombay —

I have always understood that
no departments in the Service had greater Checks on
them than those by which the business of the Company's
Contract hospitals had been conducted — visits of
Officers

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1. Officers daily appointed for that Service - Certificates for the Receipt of People into the Hospitals - Returns at the end of every Month signed by the Surgeon and countersigned by the respective Commanding Officers - Accounts made out and paid agreable to those Returns - and every other Check which could tend to the welfare or conduce to the care of the Sick - The Book of Regulations has always been esteemed a sufficient Guide by which to check the Contract hospitals, and it is the particular duty of the Commandants in Out-Garrisons, and in the field to check those in which no Contract exists -

The extra Allowance for Servants in particular Stations precludes from the inability of the Surgeons to pay for necessary Servants from the profits which arise from the care of so small a number of sick in those hospitals and Cooks &ca for the purpose of dieting the Sick in any of the Contract Hospitals have never been allowed by Government and of course paid from the private purse of the Surgeons.

Pallore and Cuddalore were established as fixed hospitals as mentioned in the Book of Regulations, and I should suppose that that part which directs that the Surgeons are to be careful of the Cloathing &ca applies to field hospitals and others where no Contract exists - for no such precaution could be necessary to Surgeons who hold Contracts and to whom the Cloathing of course belongs.

It would be equally proper &

necessary

I unnecessary to repeat the hospital Charges, but I am far from an opinion that the advantages resulting from the profits of bedding Cloathing &c. to the Surgeons is more than an adequate Reward to their laugh- of Service and care of the Sick entrusted to them - The Expences incurred by the provision of Bedding & Cloathing at present ascertained, and the Patients having the benefit of being shifted in common twice p week, and others as often as necessary - the wear of those Articles infinitely exceeding the price supposed by His Majesty's Surgeons - and the probable additional expence to the Company of those Articles if committed to the care of two Invalid Sergeants. I am afraid will not be found to answer the expected purpose - and in my opinion it is at least necessary as far as possible to ascertain the difference of those charges and the inconvenience to which the Sick in Contract hospitals may be liable in Articles so essentially necessary to their Welfare before any Alteration should take place in the present System -

Little acquainted with Mr Parker but by his general Character, I cannot enter into the cause of his Calculations - If they are erroneous they should be rectified, that Government which adopted his opinion should have seen the Error, and if it is found he has sacrificed in one instance the public Good to private friendship, let us cast a Shroud over his Ashes, and suffer the Error to lay con- -cealed amidst his many Virtues -

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It is however plain I think that Mr Varley meant only by his letter of the 10th May 1780 to put the Regimental Surgeons upon the footing of a field hospital, and by making it the Interest of the Surgeon to keep the Men in health, ascertain the expence of attending the Sick of the Kings Regiments.

In drawing the comparison between the Expences of the Kings and Company's Surgeons there appears an inference which on examination will not perhaps be found well grounded - for the Company's Surgeons by no means say the Articles are dearer in the first Cost - they only observe they will require to be renewed four times as often, and three viz of Cloathing at one time in use; so that 12 times the quantity of Cloathing mentioned as necessary by His Majesty's Surgeons is reckoned by the Company's Surgeons little enough to keep the Sick sufficiently clean which any person conversant in the Cloth of this Country and the mode of washing will be at no loss to comprehend - but the various circumstances, that it cannot be exactly ascertained - If however (according to the letter of the Kings Surgeons) the Expence of one Set of Cloathing amounts to 7 Pagodas the expenditure of 12 Sets as stated by the Company's Surgeons in 2 years will amount to 20000 Pagodas P Annum for 250 Men, and I am apprehensive the Expence would not be diminished if the Company's part of the care of the Sick is entrusted to 2 Invalid Serjeants -

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By the Senor of Sir John Dalling's Minute

I think it appears that the great Medical expence seems more to consist in the difference of allowance betwixt the Regimental Surgeons in India and those in Europe, Africa and America, than from any extravagance or illjudged Expence in the Company's Contract hospitals and though the expence of the Contract hospitals are supposed to exceed, it will be found I believe on examination to differ very immaterially from the expence of His Majesty's Staff Hospitals abroad, where the Expence to Government amounts on an average to one Shilling p day for each Patient - The intrinsic value of a Shilling is equal to about 5 fanams, and I understand that abundant Supplies of Provisions are usually sent from England for the use of His Majesty's Troops, in Africa & America - add to this, the abundance of Supplies of Quilts, Blankets &c usually forwarded to all parts of the World for the use of the Sick of His Majesty's Regiments -

Much as I wish to decrease every unnecessary charge I hope the Honble President & Council will not proceed to alter the long established System of our Contract or Staff Hospitals, how much soever they may decrease any expence in them which on proof can be diminished without detriment to the Patient or without shutting up the prospect of Reward to long and approved Services - Since my first Arrival in India, I know not one instance in which a Surgeon from this Coast has proceeded to Europe with a fortune made by his Services to the Company - when they retire

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they have no half pay to assist the income of their Industry
- the Situation of His Majestys Surgeons widely differ - they
attend the Regiments in all their Expeditions - their Conv.
-tinuance in this part of the World depends on Accident
and if they do not establish an easy independance in
the course of 20 Years Service, their half pay never forsakes
them - all which they get in the East Indies exceeding
those Allowances in any other quarter of the World is
surely an advantage which would not otherwise have
occurred - all the Justice and discretion of this Board
amidst the Savings which may be thought necessary
in the Medical line will I doubt not avoid Retrench-
-ments on one side at the expence of the other, & that
whatever Savings may be made in both, I trust that
the System of our hospitals may not be changed, but
that they may be considered as the Staff Hospitals of
the united forces on the Coast, to which all Patients
should be sent, who may require the care and benefit
1st January 1786 of those Conveniences, which should ever be found in them.

/Signed/ D. Daniell

The Commander in Chief desires
that the following Reply to Mr Daniells Minute may
be also recorded.

Sir John Dalling in reply to Mr Daniell.

I have carefully perused Mr Daniells
Minute on my new Plan for the future care of the Sick
in which I have found nothing that induces me to alter
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I my former Sentiments on this subject—

He accounts for there being no written Contract between the Governor and Council & the Surgeons by supposing "that it is not usual for Government to "enter into such formal Contracts with any of their Ser- "vants" and also "that Government considered that part "of the Military Regulations, added to their Agent by "Letter, of equal force as a formal Contract legally drawn "up for that purpose"—

Mr Daniell forgets that it is usual for Government to enter into many formal & specifick Contracts with their Servants for Bricks, Chunam & a variety of different works of which some exist at this time: and it is evident that Government thought a Contract for the Hospitals necessary, for in the Book of Regulations, the head on the Chapter of Hospitals runs thus, "Orders concerning Hospitals to "take place whenever a Contract is made with the "Surgeons". These words are extracted Verbatim from the Book of Regulations, and I think they clearly prove that Government thought a Contract necessary and strictly speaking, the Orders were not in force until that Contract was made; and further allow me to add, that as it never did take place, the Surgeons have no right to complain of setting aside the Orders that were to be in force, only whenever such a Contract was made—

It surprizes me, that Mr Daniell should never have heard of any Complaints against

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I against the Company's Hospitals on this Coast, if he will consult the Company's Records in the year 1774, 1775, 1783 1784 & 1785, he will find many Complaints respecting the Hospitals, and some attempts to put them under better Regulations; the failure of which would have discouraged me from the Attempt, had I not received the most positive Orders from persons of high Authority at home, to exert my utmost endeavours to put them on a better footing; I am not well acquainted with the expences of treating the Sick on the Bengal or the Bombay Establishment: but if they are greater than those on this Coast, I shall be very happy (by shewing that great Reductions may be made even at Madras) to be in any degree instrumental in affording the Court of Directors such information as may enable them to reform such enormous abuses elsewhere —

The Book of Regulations I have clearly shewn contains contradictory Orders on this subject, and therefore until they are properly digested, in my opinion, no effectual check can possibly be said to exist in the medical Department — whilst the Surgeons receive very large daily allowances for the diet, Cloathing & Bedding of each Patient, they may be tempted to admit those who are not extremely sick, and to detain them rather longer than is indispensably necessary and supporting the Men willing to stay an Officer visiting the Hospital can be no check upon them, for he can never dare to pronounce a Man in health from his looks, lest he should err, and thereby incur the imputation

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1. imputation of inhumanity, so that if a Surgeon may be supposed to be attentive to his own Interest, and a Soldier be suspected of Indolence, I am still inclined to think that no effectual Check does actually exist, or can possibly be devised, whilst the Hospitals continue on their present footing—

Mr Daniell entirely mistakes my idea respecting the Bedding and Cloathing of the Sick. In the plan given in, I have proposed that these Articles shall be put up at Publick Auction, and not be committed solely to the management of two Invalid Serjeants; whom I proposed only to take care that they were kept clean and in good order for the use of the Patients; but if this mode should not be approved we might appoint a Purveyor of the Hospitals, who by purchasing and making up the several Articles by wholesale and charging them to the Company at the retail price, would gain an handsome profit; & no doubt many Persons may be found who would be glad of such an Office without requiring any Salary. by either of these modes a considerable Reduction would unquestionably be made in the Hospital Expences, for it is from hence that the Surgeons derive almost all their Profits, which must have been enormous indeed, if those Gentlemen are not satisfied with the Allowances I have proposed to give them, in lieu of their present perquisites; whilst the Bedding, & Cloathing are found by the Surgeons themselves, we have but a little check on them; whereas if they were found by a Purveyor, or a Contractor, the Surgeons would readily

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I join in any complaints, should the Patients in the hos-
-pital find themselves uncomfortable, from the badness
of the Beds, or the scarcity, or dirtiness of the Linnen -

I trust Mr Daniell believes I should
vigorously discountenance every Attack upon the Memory
of an amiable Character like that of Mr Parley - If he
reads my Minute with attention he will find that
I took my ideas of this Plan, from the complaint of
Mr Parleys friends the Company's Surgeons, who have
shewn us most pointedly, that it was expensive & in all
respects ineligible - Altho' a perfect Stranger to Mr
Parley but by Character, after what I have heard of him
I think he deserves more than a Shroud cast over his
Ashes - I should gladly see them enclosed in an Urn
of Gold, with an Inscription to record his Virtues, but
in Compliment to the Dead, I shall never abandon the
interests of the Living, nor shall I think it a severe reproach
to any human being, to say, that for once in his life
only, he sacrificed the Public Welfare, to private friendship.

I can by no means concur with
Mr Daniell in opinion, "That my Minute shews that the
"great medical expence seems to consist in the difference
"of allowance between the Regimental Surgeons in India,
"& those elsewhere, rather than from any extravagance or
"ill judged Expence in the Company's Contract hospitals"
- If he will take the trouble of perusing that Minute
again, I believe he will find, I have clearly shewn, that
His Majesty's Surgeons in India receive upwards of
£2000 p Annum, more than the Regimental Surgeons

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I at home, & that the Company's Contract Hospitals, are upon a much more expensive Establishment—

That I may not seem to slight any Argument coming from such respectable Authority, I must beg leave to say, that his Memory has failed him with respect to what he mentions "of no Surgeon since "his Arrival in India having left this Coast to proceed "to Europe with a Fortune, made by his Services to the "Company"— Mr Stephen Briggs I believe is an exception to this assertion, as also Maule & Wilson, but admitting the fact as stated by Mr Daniell, I cannot consider it an Argument in favor of the continuance of the supposed Contract, for a Spirit of Generosity, or a disposition to extravagance may lead Men into such expences as must confine them to this Country for many years, altho' their annual Income should greatly exceed what they have a right to expect from their Station in Life—

If the Board, upon a reconsidera= tion of the Plan, should think proper to adopt it, I hope no time will be lost in carrying it into execution, for whilst a matter of this importance remains in suspence the Surgeons may neglect to make the necessary pro= visions for the hospital, to the great Inconvenience of the Patients, & the detriment of the Service; I have before observed that some additions will be necessary to my Plan, these shall be prepared without delay, especially those which relate to the Hospitals in the Field—

/Signed/ John Dalling

In answer to the above Mr Daniell enters the following Minute.

In

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Mr Daniell's Reply to the foregoing -

In reply to Sir John Dalling's replication to my Minute on the Subject of Hospitals I have little to remark - In support of my Argument relative to Contracts I beg leave to observe that my Opinion is not changed because the head on the Chapter of hospitals expressly mentions "Orders concerning hospitals to take place "whenever a Contract is made with the Surgeons" a letter from a Surgeon to a Public Board that he was willing to abide by those terms and a Reply from them that they give their Asent, I esteem a good Contract, and in that light it has so many years been considered -

Whatever trifling Complaints may have appeared upon the Records which might in general or in time of Peace be easily rectified does not in my opinion affect the general System - I confess that the visit of an Officer alone in any Contract hospital can be no Check on the Surgeons if they wish to detain a Patient - but by the late orders on this Subject the Regimental Surgeon of His Majesty's Regiments was directed to attend with a public Officer for the inspection of the Sick belonging to their respective Regiments in the Madras hospital, and if this order extended throughout the Coast in the Contract hospitals both with His Majesty's & Company's troops I should hope the Check would be effectual - I believe likewise it will be found that after experiments of Contracts for Cloathing &ca from Individuals independent of the Surgeons in the Madras hospital it was thought more eligible for the necessary care of the Sick to give such Contracts

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I to them, and I confess that I continue of opinion that, if the intended experiment should be made, the Board will again be obliged to revert to the present System—

Having a particular regard for the Credit of my Memory I beg leave to stand up in it's defence and to observe that with respect to Mr Stephen Bregg I believe it has not failed me— for by viva voce evidence in this Settlement, I can prove that Mr Bregg has declared in England that the Money he received from the Company during his Residence in India did not exceed his expences in it— This however has little to do with <u>necessary Reductions</u>— If I thought such Reductions could be made by a change of system preserveing the present care of, and attention to the Sick, and without depriveing the Company's Surgeons of a fair and equitable advantage for their trouble, I should most readily unite with Sir John Dalling in his Proposal, but while I remain impressed with a contrary Idea I must dissent to it—

/Signed/ Daniell

Received the following Letter from Colonel Sir Henry Corby—

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

From Col. Corby stating that matters have been amicably settled with the Shiaporam Polygar.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Having in a Letter of the 19th Inst

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I had the honor to detail to your Secretary in as brief a manner as the nature of the business would admit, the Situation I found affairs in on my Arrival here. I have now the pleasure to inform you that the Nabobs Manager Sitabar Baow has settled with the Sitiaporam Polygar, who has readily consented to have his Fort razed and a working party is accordingly employed for that purpose. The settling matters so easily with this Man, who is considered in point of family & extent of Country as the second in the Province, & to whom Chocumpetty, & Pulletaur looked up, and whose Troops were at first objecting, presages in my opinion a favorable & happy arrangement with the others. at any rate the Neck of a formidable League is broken.

Camp at Coelpettah 23d Decr 1785

I have the honor to be &c.

Signed H. Wm Cosby

To which, the following Answer was returned.

To Colonel Sir Henry Cosby.

To Colonel Cosby. the Board are well pleased to observe the favorable prospect, that is before them. Their intention is not to interfere in the internal Management of the Nabobs Dominions.

Sir

I am directed by the President and Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters dated the 1st & 2d Ultimo, and to express their Satisfaction that the Service entrusted to your Management, has a favorable prospect of being expeditely terminated.

Wells

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7. With respect to your idea of the Policy of subjecting the other Poligars to Catapahnaig. the Board direct me to inform you that if said approve they should not conceive themselves authorized to interfere in the internal Management of the Nabobs Dominions —

I am Sir &c &c

/Signed/ John Chamier Secty

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Ordered that the following Letter from Bengal be entered in this place —

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

Gentlemen.

From Bengal. recommending that the fifth fund, after the payment of the Troops be appropriated to the Erection of the Cantonment at Sheveram —

The Commander in Chief of India having laid before us an Extract of a Letter he received from Sir John Dalling representing, That owing "to the difficulties, the obstructions, and the badness of "the Weather, the Cantonment were uncommenced "and I much fear however necessary, however well "chosen the Spot, (for I will rest my reputation "on the choice) something may possibly still arise, "so as to retard if not finally impede the intention "so sanguine as to the necessity, and as sanguine that "the safety of the Carnatic, as well as my individual "reputation, may probably depend upon this Cantonment

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I "I am indeed most anxious for its completion, and do
"me entreat that the Governor General, with yourself
"will express your wishes to the Board for its com-
"-mencement, and if possible, appropriate some
"small matter for the carrying it on, well knowing
"the State of our miserable Treasury. I am now about
"borrowing money myself for the Quarter Master
"General, (to whom Government hath entrusted the
"expenditure of what Sums they may advance) assured
"of Reimbursement from our Presidents, for much
"would I repine for so great & so serious an Object"

We have taken the same into
our serious consideration, and satisfied that the
completion of the Plan recommended by Sir John
Dalling is a matter of the greatest moment to
the Company's Interests, we particularly recom-
-mend it to you to appropriate your first funds
after the payment of the Troops to the Promotion
and furtherance of this Service -

We are Gentlemen &c.ª

Fort William
5th December 1785

John Macpherson
Rd Stoper
John Stables
Chas. Stuart.

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

The Honble Company's Ship
Francis being now under dispatch to Fort St George.
We avail ourselves of this opportunity to remit a Supply
of Treasure under your Consignment for the Military
Exigencies of your Government and in part of that
Aid which is to be afforded in Cash to your Troops
according to the Plan transmitted to you on the
11th Ult.o for liquidating the Arrears due to the Forces
in India —

From Bengal
Four Lacks and
a half of Rupees
remitted hither
by the Francis
— a like Sum
to be sent down
in the Admiral
Hughes —

We did propose to have sent
you the whole promised Supply of Nine Lacks of Rupees
by the Francis, but We have thought it most prudent
to divide the Risk which must in some degree attend
the Navigation of Ships upon your Coast before the
1st of January — We therefore dispatch only a Moiety
of this Treasure by the Francis — the remainder will
go by the Admiral Hughes which will sail in a
few days & stop at your Presidency for the sole purpose
of delivering it —

An Invoice of the Treasure
remitted by the Francis is herewith enclosed — The
Bill of Lading will be transmitted to you by the
Gentleman

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1. Gentleman who dispatches the Ship—

Fort William
12th December 1785.

We have the honor to be &c &c

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

Sent the following Letter—

To Colonel Reinbold
Commanding at
Arcot

Sir

I am directed by the Honorable President and Council to acknowledge the receipt of the Memorial addressed to them by His Majesty's Officers of the 52d & 11th & 15th Regiments and by the Company's Officers Commanding Corps at Arcot—

To Col. Reinbold the Board express their Astonishment at his supporting a Memorial from the Company's Officers praying for a continuance of the temporary Allowances, when he had before disapproved the Conduct of the Hanoverian Officers in signing a Remonstrance

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The Board cannot but express their surprize that after your having so strongly declared your disapprobation of the Conduct of the Officers of His Majesty's Hanoverian Regiments in signing a remonstrance, you should think it necessary to support the Memorial of the Company's Officers which certainly has not a better claim to such support than the Memorial of any other Corps.

As the Board did not until after mature

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I mature deliberation resolve upon the measure which has occasioned the Memorials abovementioned they do not think proper to rescind their resolution, which you will be pleased to signify to the Officers under your command—

I am Sir &c &c &c

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1st Janry 1786

(Signed) John Cranmer Secry

To Messieurs Garrow
Webb
&
Landon

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 27th Ult.o and to inform you that they approve the mode which you have adopted in making up the Accounts of the Creditors of His Highness the Nabob, & that they conceive such mode is conformable to the intentions of the Court of Directors—

To the Committee for investigating the Debts of His Highness the Nabob the mode recommended by them for making up the Accounts of the Creditors approved

The Board also approve your suggestion of comparing the Bonds with the Accounts & of specifying by endorsement the Sums which were due upon each on the 31st of December 1784 by which means the Claims upon the above mentioned Bonds will be properly substantiated

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Sam Gentlemen &c.

/Signd/ John Chamier Secy

Received the following Letter from the late Committee of Assigned Revenue

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &c. Council

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Having finally closed our Books and Proceedings as a Committee of Assigned Revenue We now do ourselves the honor to transmit them complete for your Inspection -

From the late Committee of Assigned Revenue with Statements & Observations upon which the Board may obtain a thorough knowledge of the whole progress of the Assignment

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Therewith the last official Act of our Duty We beg leave to accompany it by our Statements & Observations as with the Aid of our general Reports dated the 27th May 1782 and 26th January 1784 may convey to you a correct knowledge of the whole Progress of the Assignment -

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The Enclosure No 1 is an Abstract Account of the Revenue drawn from the Assignment with the charges upon it to the day of its Surrender, specifying also the Balances & Rents of Revenue due from solvent Renters and made over to the Nabob at the close of the Fusly year

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1st 1194 when the Assignment was relenquished & the
Balances due from Renters dimnished for Arrears
at that period —

2d In the Abstract contains every
thing material that relates to the Collection, and
exhibits the whole at one view, We have endeavoured
to make it as perfect as the nature of so compressed
an Account will admit —

3 By this Abstract it appears
that the Nett Rents of the Assignment after
allowing for Loses sustained by the War, paying
the charges of Collection and the Church & Charitable
Allowances established throughout the Country
amount in the period of three years and a half
to Pagodas 53.69.201 — Of this Sum Pags 43.78554
have been collected and paid into the hands of the
Company — The Balances of Rents & Revenue due
from solvent Renters at the Surrender of the
Assignment, and which might have been received
or nearly received in full had the Districts re-
-mained with the Company amount to Pagodas
7,56,119 — This Sum ought in fairness to be taken
to the Credit of the Assignment, because it was
a Balance of Revenue lying in the Country &
only transmitted to the Nabob on account of the
Surrender & Extinction of the Company's Authority
which rendered it utterly impracticable for them
to realize a single Pagoda after the Assignment
was given up —

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16 The Cause of so considerable a Sum remaining in the Country will be in a great measure explained by a Reference to the Renters Leases, which shew that most of the principal Rents fell due at the end of the Year (or 1st July) and some even as late as the Months of August and September. The Orders for delivering up the Assignment were received the 26th May, and put in force the 28th June.

17 If Credit be taken upon the Ground beforementioned for the Balances transferred to the Nabob, the Nett Revenues produced by the Assignment, including the Nabobs Setts will be upwards of fifty one Lack of Pagodas. In the Agreement concluded between His Highness and Lord Macartney it was stipulated that the Company should not account for a less Revenue than the Nabob himself had received in similar Circumstances. We observed in a former Report that the Nabob had never delivered any Account of his Receipts in such Circumstances, but if they are to be judged by what he advanced for the public Service during the first eighteen Months of the War, when he managed for himself, they certainly bear no proportion whatever to those of the Company, since it appears by the Accountants Books that the Nabob paid in that period only

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7 Pagodas 124,000 or about 7000 Pags p Month —

8 With regard to the Debts due from dismissed Renters, We can only consider as desperate those of Palnaud and Arcot, amounting to Pagodas 32,367 — The Debt owing by the late Renter of Tinnevelly is We believe recoverable from the Effects which the Man is generally reputed to possess, and from the produce of his paternal Estate which was sequestered by the Company and delivered over to the Nabob as a security for the Balance —

9 Such are the Remarks that immediately offer themselves on the Abstract State of the Revenues and We flatter ourselves when it is considered that the Assignment was made in the height of a formidable Invasion, and that the Enemy continued in the Country until the middle of last year and possessed the capital Province with its principal Forts during the whole period of the War, our Honble Employers will have no Cause to be dissatisfied with the particulars —

10 The simple operation by which the Company benefited so much from this Assignment consisted in reducing the Expences — in establishing a fair and equitable Conduct towards the Tributaries and Renters of the Carnatic, & in opening a direct communication between the Ryots and the Controuling Servants of the Company, by which means the former were protected in the Exercise of their Labor, and the Renters generally checked & restrained

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1 restrained from undue Exertions of Authority — These useful purposes might have been still further promoted had the Assignment given any power to the Company to reform the Courts of Justice of which there scarce appeared any Traces when the Country came into their hands —

11 With respect to the Condition of the Lands during the Progress of the Company's Manage=ment, We trust it will appear from our Proceedings that in those places which the Enemy had not laid waste by their Incursions, the Revenue was improving in a very considerable degree — In the fertile & extensive District of Nellore, the Renter was enabled to pay a very large and increasing Rent with the greatest punctuality, while the Ryots found so much encou=ragement for their Industry as to extend the Cul=tivation to the Waste and Pasture Lands — In the Provinces of Tinnevelly and Madura which like Nellore had suffered but little from the Incursion of Enemies, the several Renters and others employed in the Collections actually held out considerable prospects of advantage to the Company at the Expi=ration of the then subsisting Leases — The District of Tinnevelly promised an Advance of 20 p Cent and that of Madura 35 p Cent p Annum upon the Rents —

Vide Letters from Mr Brown dated the 12th & 20th Nov. 1784

12 The enclosed Account N.o 2 shews the Collections of the Last or Fusly year 1194 with the charges thereon & the Balances of that year which the Company were prevented from receiving by the Surrender of the Assignment —

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7. 13 The Enclosure N.o 2 specifies the Sums which were to have been paid to the Company for the current year of Fusly 1195, but this Settlement being annulled by the restoration of the Country, the Account is exhibited merely to shew the progressive Increase on the Rents of the Assignment to the final period of the respective Leases—

14 By thus continuing the Chain of Account to the present year, a pretty correct Judgement may be formed of the improving and actual State of the Revenue at the time of the Nabobs Reinstatement in his Authority and of his consequent Ability to complete the new Engagements he has entered into—

15 That the Carnatic possesses Resources sufficient to answer the payment of 16 Lacks of Pagodas p.r Annum besides establishing a Provision for the Nabobs Household Expences and Guards, is incontestible and the Balances of Revenue delivered over by the Company, will have laid an ample Foundation for discharging the Nabobs Debts for the present year. But the Ability to continue such heavy payments is only to be expected from an entire change of that System of Conduct, which prevailed before the Company took charge of the Country and which We endeavoured to explain in our Minutes of the 21.st January 1782 and in the Report to your Board of the 27.th May in that year—

16 How far such a change is likely to take place we do not presume to determine— If it be true as We are informed that the Nabob already thinks

7 thinks it necessary to anticipate the Revenue by borrowing Money & requiring Advances from the different Renters as the price of their Confirmation. We apprehend the speedy return of one of the greatest evils that can befall the Country — This Mischief is not merely confined to the Expence of Interest or Premiums upon the Money borrowed, which however is very great, but by the Power it gives to the Lender to repay himself from the produce of the Country, introduces a variety of irregularity and oppression into the whole System —

17 The Increase of Expences in the different provinces is another Evil which it is equally necessary to avoid — The Committee of Assigned Revenue reduced the Nabob's seperate Disbursements upon the Peace Establishment of the Provinces from thirteen Lacks and a half of Pagodas to little more than two Lacks p Annum and while they collected the Revenue (though in time of War) the Charges did not exceed 4 p Cent upon the gross Summa of the Assignment — It is chiefly on the Supposition that the Revenues may be still kept down to this Establishment that We found our Assertion of the Nabob's having in his hands the means of performing his Engagements — If they be suffered to increase upon any pretence whatsoever the Evil will soon grow to its former Magnitude, & produce the most serious Consequences

18 In the orders sent out by the Court of Directors for surrendering the Assignments an

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I. an attention seems to have been paid to the Situation of the Renters that engaged upon the faith of the Com=pany's Honor and Protection held out to them by Cowles and other solemn Declarations of Government. The Nabob was requested to continue them in the Enjoy=ment of their respective Leases for the rest of the Term but as there was no Condition binding him to this necessary Step. His Highness at once declared his Inability to comply with the Recommendation and actually entertained those only in his Service who submitted to farm under fresh Leases, and to give an Increase of Rent. or advance of Money as the Price of the Indulgence granted to them—

Vide Nabobs new Agreement 28th June 1785

10. The Effects of this Annihilation of the Cowles passed by the Company under the Authority of the Assignment, may be naturally conceived, & the operation of them in the Southern Provinces is feelingly described by Mr Irwin in several Letters, & particularly in the one addressed to your Honble Board of the 18th October last—

20 With respect to the Zemindar and Poligar Tributaries, We are informed that they have been required to pay extraordinary Sums by way of Nuzzer and additional Peicush — But however the Justice or Policy of such a Measure may be arraigned upon general Principles; We think it necessary to observe that the Acts of the Company under the Assign=ment are not particularly affected by it, except in two points, where the Circumstances of the War lead to

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1. a particular Negociation and Settlement with the Tributaries of the Carnatic - One was in the instance of the Arialore and Worriarpollam Poligars, and the other in that of the Poligar Chiefs of the Tinnevelly Province - We are extremely anxious that the Nature of the Compacts made with these different Tributaries should be thoroughly understood because they involve Considerations of great Importance to the future Interests of the Carnatic - The Letter from Mr John Sullivan dated the 29th June and entered on our Minutes of the 21st July 1783 will fully explain the Situation of the Arialore and Worriarpollam Poligars and the Reasons upon which Government consented to restore them on certain Terms to that Inheritance of which they had formerly been deprived - The Correspondence and Proceedings of the Committee of Assigned Revenue will shew the particular Grounds of the Settlement made with the Tinnevelly Poligars and as their Cast is now become an Object of more immediate Attention from the manner in which the Nabob has proceeded to change the Stipulations of it, We think the Duty we owe to our late Trust and to the Credit of the Assignment in general, calls upon us to enlarge a little upon the Circumstances of those Tributaries, and the Principles of our Agreements with them -

21 The Poligars of the Tinnevelly Province are classed under thirty two Chiefs amongst by

Vide Tinnevelly Correspondence No 24 in the year 1783.

1 by Computation to 30,000 Men furnished with Pikes and Matchlocks - Their holds are so strong & difficult of Accefs that the Nabob formerly experienced some severe Checks in his Attempts to reduce them - Confident in their Strength and having an easy Road open to escape when overpowered, they usually asserted that Spirit of Independence which their Situation so well qualified them to maintain - The Tribute claimed from them was consequently regulated in great measure by the principle of Force - When the Nabobs Affairs enabled him to collect a large Body of Troops in the District he obtained as much Money as the present Fear or Convenience of the Polygars was disposed to yield to him - When on the contrary the Polygars felt themselves in a condition to resist, and even to attack him by Plunder in the open Country he contented himself with their gratuitous Offerings, however small, and waited for a more favorable Occasion to bring forward his Demands, which then always consisted of a large Accumulation of Arrears of Peicush, Charges for Troops sent against them, and Claims for Loffes sustained by their Depredations on the Revenues -

By a Statement taken from the

22 Records of the Tinnevelly Province in 1783 it appears that during the 18 Years of the Nabobs precarious Authority over these Polygars the current Tribute settled at various Times and very unequal Rates amounted collectively to 19.17.871 Chuckrums which yields on an average to 1065 48 Chuckrums p Annum - Each of the whole Sum of 19.17.871 Chuckrums Mr Swain could

not

Vide Letter from Mr Swain in Tinnevelly Correspondence 1783 N.32 with the Account annexed

a Chuckrum is about 5/6 of a Star Pagoda -

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I not trace with Precision the actual Receipts of more than 7 L. 299 Chuckrums which divided among the 18 years must have produced on an Average no more than 40.072 Chuckrums p Annum - If We balance against this small advantage what the Nabob lost by Depredations, and what he expended upon different Military Expeditions against the Polygars, We may safely venture to affirm that he was a Loser of several Lacks of Pagodas in his Transactions with them during that period -

But this was not the only Inconve=nience attending the System - A State of frequent Hos=tile and perpetual Distrust took place of that mu=tual Confidence, which might have made the Po=lygars good Subjects in time of Peace and useful Auxiliaries in time of War - The Consequence was natural, and when Hyder Ally invaded the Carnatic in 1780 they availed themselves of that opportunity to withhold the payment of their Tribute - to plunder the Country and commit other Acts of Violence and Hostility, which obliged the Company to send a large force against them in the midst of the War. The Army under the Command of Colonel Fullarton by a well timed Exertion against two of the principal Polygars, brought the whole to a Sense of Obedience, and the Equity of the subsequent Settlement improved that Obedience into a real Confidence in the Company's Government -

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The amount of the annual Peicash was fixed by mutual Agreement* at 106,000 Chuckrums, being

* The Agreement expresses 103381 Chuckrums, which with the Nattom or Batta amounts to 106,000 -

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1. being the average Rate of the Nabobs aggregate Settle=
=ments for 18 Years, and above double the average
rate of what he appeared by the provincial Accounts
to have received during that period - With respect to
his Claim for Arrears of Paicurk, Military Charges,
and Loses by Depredation, We have already mentioned
the Nature of this Claim and the manner in which it
was usually brought forward upon any acquired Supe=
=riority over the Polygars - The Account now consisted
of various accumulated and disputed Articles commen=
=cing with the Nabobs first Agreement in 1765 - It
was a vain Attempt to adjust it by any regular Inves=
=tigation, and indeed strictly speaking there could be
no equitable ground of Claim either for Arrears or Loss
where Force was the avowed Measure of settling and
realizing the Tribute - Upon this Principle every
years account should have closed with the actual
Collection, yet the extraordinary Demands of the Nabob
subsisted in all his Intercourse with the Polygars
as an invincible Obstacle to Confidence & Conciliation,
promising little advantage but through the medium
of Force, and giving no Hope of complete Liquidation
but by the entire Conquest and Submission of the
whole Tribe - In such Circumstances We should have
recommended it as a salutary Measure to sink this
Account altogether rather than subject the Company
to the Difficulty, Injustice and Expence of enforcing the
Payment of it - Happily however the Polygars were
seperately prevailed upon by the promise of a general
Acquittal to tender certain proportions of these Claims

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1. to the Company, and this Offer We consider'd and gladly accepted as a clear Gain of so much to the public Revenue - The whole Negociation with the Polygars was conducted by Mr. Irwin under the direction of the Committee of Assigned Revenues and with the full approbation of Government -

Vide Cowle given by Mr. Irwin to each Polygar in the name of Government - Kennedy's Correspondence 1783 No. 41.

25. The favorable Result of moderate and conciliating Measures soon became apparent - No Force was required in the District to compel the Polygars, and their Confidence in the Company's Justice was such, that a single Message drew the most powerfull of them from their Woods, either to discharge their Pescush, or to give any other Proof of Obedience that was demanded - They protected the Property of the Circars, and the Ryots - paid the stipulated Pescush with the greatest part of their first Balances, and in less than two years the Company had received 3,28,186 " 3.42 Chuckrums which were nearly half the Sum of the Nabob's Collections in eighteen -

26. Though the foregoing Particulars might be easily collected from a Perusal of the Records of the Board, & the Committee of Assigned Revenue, We have judged it expedient to introduce them here for the purpose of shewing at one View the actual State of our Proceedings with the Polygars, and the nature of the mutual Obligations incurred upon the Submission of those Tributaries to the Company's Arms - We shall conclude the Subject by referring your Honble Board to the enclosed Account (No 4) of the Settlement made with them both for Arrears & Current Pescush -

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¶ 27. We have now, as our Duty required, communicated to you every Document and Information that can tend to throw light upon the Management of the Revenues, interspersing such Remarks and Observations as seemed necessarily to arise out of a Subject so important as the acquisition and Surrender of the Nabob's Assignment — The flattering Approbation We have received in the Prosecution of our Tours, must naturally make us anxious to close it with Propriety, and We shall be happy if our Experience prove useful to you in guiding the Nabob to the Pursuit of that Line of Conduct which is best calculated to restore the Revenues, encourage Population, and finally to give permanent Strength, Honor, and Security to the Interests of the Company and the Carnatic.

Fort St George
31st December 1785

We have the honor to be,
Honble Sirs &c &c

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servants

Chas Oakeley
David Haliburton
Signed / Geo Moubray

Abstract

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Abstract State of the Gross Revenues of the Ky

Surrender of these Countries to His Highness the Nabob 28th June 1785 &c

the Nabob at the Close of the Phazelly Year 1194 when the Assignment was relinquished

	Gross Jumma	Remissions for Lossesustained by the War	Charges of Collections
Tinnivelly Country inclusive of Polygars	1936704	117046	187482
Madura &c Districts inclusive of Do	298599	7491	64186
Trichinopoly with 2 Jaghires	925772	104917	55821
Nellore & Servapully	353975	7305	76393
Palnaud	188938	16079	23088
Ongole	20068	"	9395
Pulicat	41446	137	17187
Tripetty	122923	"	2360
Arcot Province Viz.	810263	1893	181587
Nellour, Arcot, Arnee & Trinomalee Districts			
Ramanadapooram Rajah	157142	"	"
Strevagunga Rajah	165714	"	"
Wariapollam Polygar	73912	"	"
Ariafore Polygar	20635	"	"
Tinnore Polygar	45714	"	"
Bomrauze Polygar	62019	"	"
Vencatagarry Rajah	43348	"	"
Callestry Rajah	17100	"	"
Batta Interest, &c	83147	"	"
	6457629	254868	617499
Charges General & Account, Salary at Madras			96985
			714484

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signed Countries with the Charges thereon from 2d December 1785 to the
ifying also the Balances of Revenue due from Solvent Renters & made over to
& the Balances due from Renters dismissed for Arrears at that period—

Church Expences & Charitable Allowances	Neat Jumma	Neat Collections	Good outstanding Balances by Renters in Office at the Surrender	Dubious Balances due by dismissed Renters
74232	155944	131227	221401	205316
18100	208822	204314	"	4508
60392	784442	192980	111462	— " —
21424	1148853	109018	53431	4404
734	149017	115626	15524	17867
"	191293	155285	36002	"
3133	20989	18085	1598	1306
2727	117836	107561	10275	"
21936	604847	360340	243380	14500
"	157142	157142	"	"
"	165714	162784	2960	"
"	73912	61892	12020	"
"	30435	19795	10640	"
"	45714	36543	9171	"
"	62019	54219	7800	"
"	43348	22899	20449	"
"	17100	17100	"	"
"	83147	83147	"	"
"				
202698	5382574	4391927	756119	247901
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202882				

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Chas Oakeley
David Haliburton
Geo Mowbray

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Account of the Collections made in the Assigned Countries

during the last, or Phazelly Year 1196 with the Charges thereon & the Balance of that year which the Company were prevented from receiving by the Surrender of the Assignment

	Gross Collections	Charges	Balances
Tinnevelly with Polygars	517299	92130	221601
Madura & Mellore	79652	18303	
Trichinopoly & Dependancies	229603	36548	96886
Mellore & Tervapilly	344819	50400	49035 80
Palnaud	44137	10400	15524
Pulicat	69514	"	36008
Tripetty	139452	4760	1598
Arcot	57762	"	10000
Vellour	129919	43083	34074
Trinomalee	103310	47415	23349
Arnee	191407	69030	47286
Ramanadaporam Rajah	4170	"	1830
Shevegunga Rajah	5003	"	"
Warkopollam Polygar	47060	"	2460
Arialore Polygar	27110	"	12020
Terriore Polygar	19797	"	10640
Bomrawze Polygar	36542	"	9171
Venkatagurry Rajah	28283	"	"
Callesthy Rajah	1225	"	20448
	10775	"	"
	2057119	372069	705930

N.B. It is necessary to remark that under the Head of Balances in this Account there was no more actually due from Renters, Zemindars &c. at the day of giving up the Assignment than the Sum of P. 243773 the rest amounting to P. 462157 had not fallen due on the 28 June when that Event took place—

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Chas Oakeley

(Signed) David Haliburton

Geo. Moubray

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Statement of the Gross Rents of the Assigned Countries

for the Phazelly year 1195 with an Estimate of Charges thereon
referred to in the 13 Para of the Reports

	Gross Rents	Estimate of Charges
Tinnevelly with Polygars &ca	567800	45000
Madura & Mellore	92571	15400
Trichinopoly & its Dependancies	321428	20000
Nellore & Sivapelly	382800	24764
Palnaud	13500	5181
Ongole	66000	"
Pulicat	13500	1350
Tripetty	72000	"
Arcot	470190	70690
Vellour	310265	46548
Trinomalee	401800	60270
Arnee	30000	"
Ramanadapooram Rajah	50000	"
Shevegunga Rajah	50000	"
Wattapollam Polygar	43478	"
Ariallore Polygar	34782	"
Ternore Polygar	51428	"
Bomrauze Polygar	28570	"
Venkatagurry Rajah	21673	"
Calerby Rajah	10775	"
Total Pagodas	3072960	319103

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Chas Oakeley
/Signd/ David Haliburton
Geo. Moubray

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Abstract of Settlement for Polygar Cyst

	Polygar's Pollams	Polygar's Names
Sept.r 1783	Wootoomally	Madurapa
	Cudampore	Changalave
	Maniachy	Chocataven
	Naravourcourchy	Colalataven
5.th Do.	Elyarampunah	Sendontas Nair
12.th Do.	Chocumpully	Changataven
	Sarenda	Paulatavem
15.th Do.	Avoudeporam	Palitavem
	Manarcottah	Chenna Naig
22.d	Colatore	Annick Naig
	Mealmunky	Coopeah Naig
	Coralgoody	Cherumaly Naig
	Elapour	Vellapah Naig
24.th	Naglepore	Verrapah Naig
1.st Oct.r	Singumpetty	Nallacota Naig
30.th	Allanghurry	Pettal Naig
	Calanpetty	Calangada Cut
10.th Nov.r	Golupetty	Guckolappa
	Chennalgoody	Thadapah Naig
1.st Nov.r	Shatore	Trevenda
	Vandelum Courchy	Cutt Bom Naig
	Shevigarry	Verracona Ram
9.th	Tulivan Cottah	Indera Tulivan
	Woorcad	Chatteravem
	Alegoporam	Reddy Coody
30.th Nov.r	Saupetore	Comby Naig
	Sandcore	Golapa Naig
	Parore	Tomuchy Naig
	Pawaly	Abalapa Naig
	Golendindum	Nandataven
	Yellamerry	Erachinnama
	Tricangoody	Theveram

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Arrears and Current Peishcush —

	General Arrears established by the Arrear accounts including deportation	Arrears settled to be paid	In ready Money	In Teips	Annual Tribute or Current Peishcush	In the Car	In the Peishcush
Julivan	117000	2100	1500	10000	8000	2666	5334
"	4006	800	800	"	1000	333	667
	2779	800	800	"	1000	333	667
	17345	4500	2000	2500	1550	516	1034
	77301	15000	10000	5000	6000	2000	4000
nyan	148058	10000	5000	5000	6500	2166	4334
	10478	1200	800	400	500	166	334
	No Balance, his Villages restored to him on his taking				205	402	803
	30462	1400	3000	2400	2500	833	1667
	11954	2200	1000	1200	1000	333	667
	6329	2000	1000	1000	1000	333	667
	11402	3000	1500	1500	1300	433	867
	179701	20000	10000	10000	11000	3666	7334
	106093	11000	6000	5000	6400	2166	4334
	19253	5500	300	2500	300	103	206
	26156	4500	2250	2250	1700	566	1134
	36836	11000	5500	5500	6500	2166	4334
da Naig	9735	3000	1500	1500	1150	384	766
Naig	8777	2900	1500	1400	1670	556	1134
	68994	5000	2500	2500	5000	1666	3334
ven	386476	30000	15000	15000	11000	3666	7334
y	231065	30000	15000	15000	11000	3666	7334
a Nunyan	5669	2000	1500	500	600	200	400
	21051	3500	2000	1500	300	100	200
	1428	300	150	150	107	36	71
Nunyan	102424	15000	7500	7500	5700	1900	3800
	24367	4500	2500	2000	1900	633	1267
	43546	9000	4500	4500	3280	1094	2186
	11500	3080	1540	1540	1150	383	767
	7800	1000	500	500	360	120	240
	38000	6000	3000	3000	2600	866	1734
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Ordered that Copy of the foregoing Letter and Enclosures be sent a Number in the present Dispatch by the Francis

In Consequence of a Representation from His Highness the Nabob as stated in his Letter entered in the Country Correspondence No 8 respecting the Exchange of Monies in the Southern Countries, the President sends in Circulation the following Minute for the Approbation of the respective Members of Council.

The Presidents Minute proposing a Mode to prevent the Company suffering in the Exchange of Monies in the Southern Provinces

The Company being likely to suffer in the Exchange of Monies at Palamcotah, Madura and Trichinopoly, the President proposes a Mode which he is of opinion may prevent the Evil. That money in the Southern Currency be received at Palamcotah and Madura from His Highness the Nabob's Manager equal to the monthly expenditure of those Garrisons — That what Money may be wanted at Trichinopoly shall be transmitted at the Nabob's Expence to that place — That the Payments made at Palamcotah, Madura & Trichinopoly shall be on Receipts acknowledged in Chuckrums — That the Exchange of Chuckrums in respect to Pagodas on the 1st, 5th 10th 15th & 25th of each Month be ascertained, and the Medium exchange of those Periods taken at the Exchange of the Month — If the Nabob's agents chuse they may exchange monthly with the Paymasters the Receipts for Chuckrums for Receipts in Pagodas, to be transmitted as Vouchers to His Highness the Nabob — The mode of grating the Exchange

1. Exchange at six different periods, is to prevent, if possible, the dishonesty of Shroffs, who find means to lower the Exchange, when they receive Money, and to raise it, in their Payments.

If the Company still suffer a loss by Exchange, a Medium Exchange must be agreed on a Head of Batta raised, and the Loss and Gain carried to the Debit & Credit of Her Highness —

In the mean time, as a large Sum is at present at Palamcotah, Mr Baker to be directed to retain a sufficient fund to the 31st December for Palamcotah & Madura and to transmit the Residue to Trichinopoly to Mr Falk, who is to be directed to pay to General Horne's Division to the 31st October, and Madura and Palamcotah to the same periods —

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The Members of Council having signified their approbation of the Mode proposed by the President, the Secretary is ordered to draft the necessary Letters to the Paymasters at Trichinopoly, Palamcotah and Madura —

Letters to Paymasters in Consequence.

Received the undermentioned Letters (a) entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10.

From Captain Joseph Johnston of the Corps of Artillery requesting, as he is on his departure for Europe, that his Arrears may be liquidated —

From Captain Jos: Johnston

Ordered that Captain Johnston be informed, that his Arrears will be liquidated in the

(a) in answer)

the Mode, which may best suit the actual State of the Company's Treasury (Vide. MB. N° 11).

From Mr Henchman Digby dated

From Mr. Digby

the 8th Ultimo in reply to the Reference made to him with respect to the several Grievances stated by Captain Blacker in a late Letter —

From Colonel Moorhouse, dated

From Colonel Moorhouse

26th December, requesting an additional Allowance for House Rent —

From the President at Tanjore

From the President at Tanjore.

dated 11th & 16th December, enclosing his Correspondence with Brigadier General Horne, and the Paymaster at Trichinopoly, in Consequence of an Application on the part of the Paymaster to the President, for a Sum of Money for the public Service —

From the Paymaster at Trichinopoly

From the Paym.r at Trichinopoly

complaining of the Conduct of the President at Tanjore, in consequence of the foregoing Correspondence

From Nizagapatam, enclosing

From Nizagapatam

an Arrear Roll of Arrears due to a part of the 25th Batt.n doing duty in that District, & representing that the Place of Store Serjeant is vacant by the Death of Serjeant Twinney —

To, in answer

Ordered, that the Arrear Roll be sent to the Military Paymaster General; that Serjeant Hugh Webster be appointed Store Serjeant at Nizagapatam, and that the Chief and Council be advised of the same — (Vide MB N° 12) —

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From Brigadier General Horne dated

From Genl Horne 19th December requesting that the Board will use their Influence to obtain from His Highness the Nabob, a speedy answer to the Reference made to him on the Generals Claims -

From the acting Paymaster at Ca-

From Mr Torin -lamcotah dated 20th & 24th December enclosing an Account Current between the late Mr Light and the Company for Pay advanced to the Sebbendies in the Tinnevelly Province, amounting to Chuckrums 10,000 and requesting the Instructions of the Board with respect to the Exchange -

Sent the undermentioned Letters

/entered in the MB Nos 13 - 14 - 15 - 16 - 17 - 18 - 19 -

To Mrs Light, informing her

To Mrs light of the Resolution of the Board in respect to the liqui- -dation of Arrears due to her deceased Husband -

To Colonel Kumbold - The Board

To Colo Kumbold consent to such Repairs as are absolutely necessary at Arcot. -

To the Resident at Tanjore

To Mr Hudleston informing him that Mr Harrington has been appointed his Assistant -

To Major Tonyn - The Board

To Major Tonyn can make no alteration in the Corps of Cavalry - His Letter to be sent a Number in the Packet by Francis.

To the Paymaster at Madura

To the Paymr at Madura. -&c

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1st to pay from the Cash Chest, to the Order of Capt.n Hawkeswell fifty Pagodas, advanced by him for Secret Intelligence during the late Mutiny of the 3d.r Battalion at Sheveleporo.

To Capt.n Lieut.t Dallas
Lieut.t Ormston
& Tanner
Ensigns Neate
Brown
& Broosbank

To Captain Lieutenant Dallas, Lieut.ts Ormston & Tanner, Ensigns Neate, Brown, & Broosbank granting them permission to proceed to Europe for three Years on half pay.

2d.

To the Accountant, inclosing, for his guidance copy of the Form of a Bengal Bond, and Bill, and Letter from the Secretary at Bengal, fixing the Exchange for the liquidation of Military Arrears on this Establishment.

To the Accountant

3d.

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in the MB. Nos 20-21-22.

From Captain Ormston, of the Francis, representing that his Ship is so much crowded, that he cannot receive any more Troops on board, without great Inconvenience.

From the Commander of the Francis

Ordered, that in Consequence of the above Representation, seven Men dismissed from the 98.th Regiment & four belonging to the Company be only embarked for Europe (Vide MB. No 23)

To, in answer

4th.

From Messrs. Hoyer & Hall.

From Messrs. Hoyer and Hall, requesting that the Sum of three thousand Pagodas due by the Company to Colonel Capper, may be paid to them

5 them in Bills on England in favor of their Constituents
Sir Robert Barker & Co.

Ordered that Messrs. Floyer & Call be
informed, that the Board can liquidate the above Debt,
by no other Mode at present than a Company's Bond
(Vide MB No 24)—

To, in answer

From Mr. John Anderson, late
From Mr Anderson at Calcutta. Paymaster to the Bengal Detachment serving on
the Carnatic stating the Sum recovered of the Nice
Indents delivered to him by Mr. Commissioner Jackson.

Sent the undermentioned Letter—

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

Gentlemen.

We have had the honor to receive
To Bengal, requesting that their Instructions respecting the liquidation of the Military Arrears of this Establishment may be executed by this Government alone—
your Letters of the 7th December and our Secretary has laid
before us two from Mr. Hay dated the 28th November and
7th Ultimo—

We are persuaded that the measure
of deputing Paymasters hither with the Money you have
been pleased to remit to us for the liquidation of our
Military Arrears, would not answer the good purposes
you at first seemed to entertain of it— It would, in
our opinion, have the appearance of Mistrust in the
Eyes of our Native Corps, and suggest to them the Idea,
that without such a Measure, a Misapplication of the

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5. the Money sent for their Relief might arrive - as you have been pleased to suspend the execution of your Orders abovementioned, until you were made acquainted with our sentiments, We have now to request you will permit your Instructions to be executed by this Government, without the participation of any Deputation from Bengal.

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3d. Janry 1786

We have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Alex Davidson
&c Council

To Colonel Alphinston
Mr. Francis Lind
Mr Robert Latham
&
Captain Lieut Close

Gentlemen,

To the Committee for investigating the Claims of Officers late Prisoners in Mysore, giving them Instructions for their Guidance

I am directed by the Hon.ble President and Council to inform you that they have appointed you to be a Committee (of which Colonel Alphinston is to be President) for the purpose of receiving & investigating all Claims from Officers and others who suffered imprisonment under the Nabobs Hyder Ally Cawn and Tippoo Sultaun, & to report the result of such investigation to the Board.

I enclose for your Guidance

and

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and Information an Extract from the Letter of the Gov.
General and Council on the Subject, together with
Copies of two General Orders published by this Governmt.

You will be pleased to report
to the Board not only the names and Ranks of each
Person who shall appear to have a Claim to Batta,
but also the specifick Sum due to each, that a
provision may be made without loss of time for the
liquidation of the Claims abovementioned—

I am Gentlemen &c &c

Fort St George
4th. Janry 1786

/Signed/ John Chamier Secy

Received the following Letters.

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President &c &c Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

A Man that I sent out sometime
since returned last night, and gave me the following
intelligence, which I have the honor to transmit to your
Honors.

From Capt. Sale
advising of the
Death of Tippoo
Sultaun—

The Man says, he went from hence
to Bangalore, from which place, he marched with Lally's
Detachment, who were going with Tippoo Sultaun to
join his Army, which he had sent on before, to Serry-
patam, after Tippoo arrived at Serrypatam, he
left all his Baggage in that place, and marched

to

5 to attack Hyadbays Camp, which lay at Cutlock, about four days march, but Tippoo performed it in twenty four hours. That about the 16th or 18th of November last, Tippoo attacked Hyadbays Troops but was repulsed with the loss of about 4000 Infantry killed and wounded; and my Man who was with Tippoos Army, says, they ran away in the greatest confusion and were calling out all the road, that Tippoo was killed. This Report prevailing, after they had got back to Seringapatam, Orders were given to secure every person that was heard to say, that Tippoo was dead and to send them Prisoners to the Guard, and at the same time, the Army was assured, that Tippoo was only slightly wounded in the Thigh with a Pistol Ball; and the Head Buckseys killed. My Man told me that every day the Army marched before the Engagement, near Cutlock he saw Tippoo, but although he staid four or five days in the Camp at Seringapatam after the Engagement, he never could see him.

Commeradeen, Son to the late Mir Sadk had requested of Tippoo, that he might march his Detachment to watch the Motions of the Marrattas who were in great force lying on the Banks of the Kistna. this request Tippoo complied with, and Commeradeen marched for the Kistna, and with his whole Detachment went over and joined the Marrattas. It is also further reported in Tippoos Camp, that the Nizam, Commeradeen & the Marrattas were joined and that

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5 a large Detachment of Europeans and Sepoys were on the march from Bengal to join the Marrattas—

It is said that Carem Saib (Tippoo's Brother) was released from his Confinement at Serin=gapatam about ten days ago, and that he was going to join the Army—

My man tells me that on the road from Perrypatam he stopped at Ryacottah, that two Men came to the place where he was setting, that he asked them what news they had, and they said, they had not any, excepting that Tippoo was dead, upon conversing with these Men, he found they had left Tippoo's Camp, two days after he died—

I have the honor to be &c &c

Amboor
2d Janry 1786

(Signed) Robt Sale

To John Chamier Esqr

Sir,

I beg leave to acquaint you that a Report prevails of Tippoo having been defeated in an action with Head Saib the former Killedar of Bedanore, with the loss of 4000 Men, himself wounded & taken, & put to an ignominious death. I could not help mentioning this very extraordinary report, as it gains great Credit amongst all the black people—

From Colr Nixon advising of the same—

I have the honor to be &c &c

Vellore
4th Janry 1786

(Signed) Eccles Nixon

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President and Governor &c Council of

Fort St George

Honble Sirs & Sirs.

From the Resident at Tanjore – the Rajah agrees to the discharge of his Balance.

Iwas some time since honored with your Commands of the 4th Ulto through Mr Secretary Chamier, but have delayed thus long to acknowledge them hoping from day to day to be able at the same time to convey to you satisfactory Information on the subject to which they relate.

As soon as the Rajah had compleated the payment of the stipulated 80,000 Pagodas my Conferences with his Excellency were renewed for the purpose of obtaineing from him further assistance, & if possible an adjustment for the discharge of the whole of his remaining Balance; my utmost efforts were for some time ineffectual to accomplish either of these Objects I will not trouble your Honrs &c with a recital of tedious discussions and arguments upon points stated in my former Letters, but hasten to the more pleasing task of acquainting you that in the conclusion of a long Conference held with his Excellency yesterday he declared himself willing to agree to the following adjustment for the discharge of his Balance, in joineing me at the same time to assure your Honrs &c on his behalf that he hoped you would consider this offer as a

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I a proof that he felt more for the Company's interests than for his own, and believe it to be the utmost that he could possibly do —

The Adjustment is as follows — one half of the Balance (which will amount to about two Lacks or 190,000 Pagodas) to be discharged within two months from yesterday, the 3d Instant, and the remaining half at the same period next year, so that the whole of the remainder shall be paid within twelve months from the beginning of March or 14 from the present date — I am happy that the Rajah has at last made such an offer for the liquidation of his Arrears as I can recommend to your acceptance, and I beg leave to assure your Hons.r & ca that I do it from the sincerest conviction founded on enquiries to which I have devoted a considerable part of my time, that the present State of the Rajah's Revenue will not admit of his discharging the Balance sooner (exclusive of the Current Subsidy & his own expences) without having recourse to such exactions as might prove destructive of all hope of this Country's again returning to the prosperity which it enjoyed before the War —

I have the honor to be, &.c.

Tanjore
4.th Jany 1786

(Signed) J Sydenham

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

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From the Resident at Tanjore with a General Abstract account Current between the Rajah of Tanjore & the Company, & explanatory Observations thereon —

I have now the honor to forward a General Abstract Account Current between his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore, and the Honble Company comprizing from the 1st of May 1776 to the 30th Sept.r 1785. together with the other Accounts & Statements to which the several Entries in the Account Current respectively refer, as mentioned in my Letter to your Honor &ca of the 9th of October last.

I informed your Honor &ca in that Letter that I found no Account Current here with the Rajah, & that various, & complicated Accounts of Grain &ca had been delivered to me: from these and Mr. Sullivan's Cash Accounts, and Statements, I have formed the General Account that now waits upon you, the Balance of which (Pags 458,464 .. 4 .. 24) falls short, but not very considerably, of the Sum that should have been due from the Rajah the 30th of September last according to the calculation of the late Right Honble President who reckond it at 6 Lacks in the month of November 1784, from which period to the 30th September 1785, the Rajah paid 120000 Pagodas in part of the Balance which would reduce it to Pag.s 480,000 or R.s 21536 more than the Balance of the enclosed Account — This difference is within 1000 Pagodas of the amount of the Grain (Account No 3) charged by the Rajah as having been taken in the Country by different Officers in Command, and part of other Grain (Account No 6) delivered to the Troops in the field, and for which part the Rajah's Servants affirm that Receipts were refused to be given — Viz.t

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7	Account No. 3 amounting to ------	13,813	21	~
	Account No. 6 deducting from it a part for which the Rajah has receipts, and a further part that had been credited in Mr. Sulivan's Cash Account ------	8661	34	29
	Pagodas —	22,475	19	29

Although the whole is carried to the Rajah's Credit in the enclosed Account Current I have appresed his Excellency that it must remain with your Honble Board to admit, or reject, all that he has charged for Grain &ca for which he is not possessed of Receipts —

Finding by a Letter which I recd some time since from the Sub Accountant that he supposed the Rajah had not paid the stipulated de=posit of 100,000 Pagodas for the disputed Crop of 1776 exclusive of his Current Subsidy, I applied to the Minister on the Subject, who informed me that the Rajah had paid it, and was in possession of a Receipt signed by the Governor, which included the said deposit, & the Current Subsidy for the years 1778, and 1779, amounts in the whole to Pags. 900,000 — I have therefore credited the Rajah accordingly, & debited him to Deposit —

In future I shall take care that the Account Current between the Company & the Rajah be regularly kept up, & copies transmitted to the Accountant General, as I doubt not my Predecessor would have done if the War, & its attendant difficulties had not occasioned all his time to be engrossed by Objects of greater moment —

I have the honor to be &c &ca

Tanjore
4th January 1786

(Signed) J Hudleston

Ordered

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The Enclosures in 7. the foregoing Letter ord.d to the Accounts.

Ordered that the Enclosures to which the preceding Letter gave cover, be delivered to the Accounts.

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore.

This day, a Letter was received from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore dated 3.d Instant (& entered in Country Correspondence N.o 4) expressing his Wishes to be thought well of by the Company, & promising in Consideration of their Distresses, to discharge two Lacks of the Balance due by him in two Months from the date hereof, & the remaining 2 Lacks at the end of 12 Months

Minute thereon

The Board are well pleased to observe the Sentiments his Excellency has adopted for the relief of the Company's Affairs: and being desirous of communicating to them the friendly disposition of his Excellency - It is resolved, that the Rajah's Letter be transmitted a Number in the Packet by the Francis -

Received the following Letter from Colonel Sir Henry Coby -

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.r

President & Governor &.ca Council

of Fort St George

From Sir Henry Coby with an Account of the Poligar, Chocumpetty against, whom he intends moving - desires to know if he is to dispossess him of his Pollam, should the Nabobs Manager call upon him to do it

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs,

In my last I had the honor to inform you that matters was settled with the Litiapooram Poligar, in consequence of which I am now, at the request of His Highness's Manager, moving towards the Country of Chocumpetty, but shall do it by slow marches, & an inflection towards Palamcotah, as I wish to see, not only the effect my approach has on him (none of his people having yet been near me) but also to wait for an

answer

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I answer to this Letter in order to know your pleasure respecting him in particular, as he appears to stand in a very different point of view from the other Poligars in the first place it seems a thing generally acknow=ledged that he is an Usurper, having by address & the assistance of some of the Poligars about three years since dispossessed the lawful Chief, in that situation Mr Irwin and Colonel Fullarton found him, and although no Strangers to the transaction, they, as I am told, thought it most advisable for political rea=sons to continue him in, & he of course obtained the Company's Cowle in common with the others, the Rabob's Manager viewing him in the light I have mention'd considers him as having no just claim to protection & wishes I conceive to keep him in or turn him out as may make most for the advantage of the Circar, he is esteemed the most active, enterprizing, & intelligent of any of the Poligars, & possesses one of the most productive Districts, & supposed at present to have some Wealth, Thus circumstanced your Honble Board will no doubt see the difficulty I lay under with respect to him, and the wish I must naturally have to be guided by further Instructions from you as those I had the honor to bring up (although very ample as to the general Idea that was then entertained of the Service on which this Detachment was to be em=ployed) does not provide for a case of this kind in which I may possibly be called on by Citabar Cawn to replace the former Chief

I have the honor to be &c &c

H. A. N. Dorby

Camp at Keytar 27th Decr 1785.

Immediately

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Immediately on the Receipt of the foregoing Letter, the following Answer was dispatched.

To Colonel Sir Henry Cosby

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 23d & 27th Ultimo and to inform you that you are not to joint Etabar Cawn in dispossessing any of the Polygars with whom the Board are exceedingly anxious that matters should not be pushed to Extremities.

To Sir Henry Cosby, the Polygar Chocum petty, not to be dispossessed of his Pollam.

Should Chocumpetty's right to his present Situation be disputable, it is conceived the Nabob will make a representation on the Subject to the Board, who will then give you such directions as may be judged expedient. - in the mean time you are to confine yourself to the Instructions, which have been delivered to you.

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7th Janry 1786

I am Sir &c &c &c

Signed / John Chamier Secry

Sent the undermentioned Letters

(as entered in MB. No. 25-26-27-28-29.

To the Paymasters at Trichinopoly Madura & Palamcotah

To the Paymasters at Trichinopoly Madura & Palamcotah, with directions respecting the Exchange of Monies to the Southward.

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly.

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly, to accept from the Nabob's Manager thirty thousand Pagodas on the Conditions with respect to the

J. the Exchange as mentioned above and to appropriate the Sums he may receive from the Paymaster at Palamcotah to the payment of the Troops under Command of Brigadier General Horne, up to the 31st October last.

To Capt.n Muirhead & To Capt.n Flint

To Captain Muirhead to deliver over the Command of the Garrison of Madura to Captain Flint, who is also directed to receive the same -

From the Super=intendant of Medical Stores.

Received Letter from the Superintendant of Medical Stores (as entered in MB No 30) enclosing General Abstract of Receipts, Expenditures & Remains of Medical Stores to the 1st December 1785 - Also Lists of Stores wanted from Europe for 1786 & 1787 - and of Sick Chirurgical Instruments to be shipped on the Francies, agreeably to the Orders of the Company -

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Instruments be sent on board the Francies (Vide MB. No 31) - that the above Lists be transmitted to England as Numbers in the Packet and that Copies thereof be lodged in the Office -

Received the following Letters -

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &ca Council

of Fort St George

From the Committee of Stores enclosing a General Indent of Military Stores wanted for the year 1786 with Remarks thereon -

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the Honor to lay before you our General Indent for Military Stores for the year 1786 -

The opinion of the Honorable Court

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10. Court of Directors that we should receive a considerable Supply of Stores from the Officers of His Majesty's Navy occa-sioned them, We suppose, to send out a smaller Supply than We have hitherto indented for; but, as on their De-partere for Europe they could only spare us a small quantity much inadequate to our Wants. We beg leave to recommend to your Honor &ca to desire that the present Indent may be fully complied with.

We have been informed that Coal Tar, a Composition lately invented, has been found to possess the quality of preserving Irons from Rust and the bad effects of the Weather, and have therefore indented for 20 Barrels of it. But should the Court of Directors be of opinion, from the experience it has had in England that it would answer those purposes in this Country, We think the Service would benefit materially by their sending out a larger Quantity.

We have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St George
9th Janry 1786

John Dalling
Capper
Patrick Ross
Jos. Moorhouse
/ Signed /

To go a number in the Packet.

Ordered that the foregoing be transmitted a Number in the present Packet to England.

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &ca Council

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Honble Sir & Sirs,

From the Committee for investigating the Debts of His Highness the Nabob, enclosing copy of a Letter to them from the Deputation of the Creditors; also Abstract of the amount of the Debts of 1767 and 1777 - requesting that some allowce may be given to them for their Trouble -

Since We did ourselves the honor of addressing you on the 17th Ultimo, We have received a Letter from the Deputation of the Creditors, accompanied with an Account commonly called the Cavalry Loan, a Copy of which has been furnished by us through Messrs Storey and Binny to his Excellency the Nabob, and we shall with all expedition on the finial Arrangement of it report upon it to your Honor &ca and finally close the Accounts of the three Cases of Debts.

Having proceeded so far into the business of our original appointment by investigating and closing the Accounts of the Debts of 1767 & 1777 particularly specified in our Instructions of 26th July last, We take the liberty of enclosing an Abstract of their total Amounts at the period fixed for the making them up with the Interest accumulated on each of them from that period to the 1st of the present Month

We beg leave to represent to you Honble Sir & Sirs, that the Investigating and entering into the Detail of Accounts of so great Magnitude and of such Importance to the Fortunes of the greatest part of the Inhabitants of this Settlement, as well as of persons

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It in Europe and elsewhere, has ben attended with constant and unwearied attention for many Months, as will appear by our proceedings at large, which We shall have the honor shortly to lay before you: it gives us infinite Satisfaction that our Labour has so far met the approbation of your Honble Board on the mode we have pursued in the Settlement of these two Debts as specified to us in your orders of the 3d Instant, through Mr Secretary Chamier; We have also had the additio=nal pleasure of the approbation of the Deputation of the Creditors in a Letter they wrote us on the 22nd Ultimo, of which We have the honor to enclose a Copy. But conscious of the State of the Company's Finances we have not presumed hitherto to make any application for an Allowance, and are happy in having had an oppo=tunity to express our Zeal on so momentuous an occasion without having ben any weight to Govern=ment, at the same time we flatter ourselves that, through your Honble Boards recommendation of us to the Court of Directors, & on consideration of our dili=gence, that they will be pleased to grant us the same allowances as have ben given to the Commissioners of Accounts from the time of our Appointment, and while it may continue.

We shall now proceed with all deligence and dispatch in making Enquiries into Claims on the Nabob of every denomination that may come before us, & report upon them to your Honor &c.

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We submit it Honble Sir and Sirs to your consideration, and hope to be indulged in having a Copy of the Address transmitted a number in the Packet by the Ship under dispatch for the Honorable the Court of Directors—

And have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St George
11th January 1786

Edward Garrow
/Signed/ Wm Webb
James Lambon

State of the Nabob's Debts—

		Interest due the 1st January 1786
1st January 1785		
Old Debt—1767	7,96,445. 23. 29 @ 10pct.	79644. 20. 26
New Debt—1777	5498,500. —. — @ 6pct.	329910. —. —
Principal made up 1st January 1785	629945. 23. 29	409,554. 20. 26
Interest on Do to 1st January 1786	409,554. 20. 26	
Total Pagodas	6704500. 7. 55	

Total Interest due 1st January 1786 409,554. 20. 26

The Amount of the Cavalry Loan as delivered us by the Deputation the 1st January 1785 is Pagodas 690624 and the Interest upon it at 12 pct on the 1st January 1786 Pagodas 82874. 34. 15 but not being yet confirmed by the Nabob it is not included in the above Statement—

Edward Garrow
Wm Webb
/Signed/ James Lambon

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To Edward Garrow Esqr

Chn Committee for the Nabobs Debts.

Gentlemen,

We have been favoured with your Letter of the 17th Instant accompanying the Copy of a Report which you have addressed to the Honble the President and Council upon the Subject of the Nabobs Debts, referred to your Examination, and We beg leave to express our Acknowledgements to you for this mark of attention to the Body of Creditors whom We have the honor to represent.

Our Application for the Accounts of the Cavalry Loan not having yet been complied with by the Gentlemen principally interested in it, to whom We addressed ourselves for that purpose on the 8th of August last, We submit to your Judgement what further Measures may be proper for obtaining the requisite Information upon that Subject.

We are Gentlemen &c &c

John Turing
Geo Savage
Edwd Ind Holland
Thos Lewin

Fort St George
22d December 1785

A true Copy
Landon
for the Committee

/Signed/

To go a number in the Packet.

Ordered that Copies of the foregoing be sent to England and that the Request of the Committee be recommended to the Court of Directors.

The

Fort St George January 1786

11.

The Commander in Chief sends in Circulation the following Minute —

The diminution of Expence by every safe and practicable mode being an object so pointedly recommended not only by the Court of Directors but by the general voice of the Legislature, I think it a duty on me not to withhold an opinion I have for some time entertained, as to the inexpediency of keeping up the Corps of Hanoverian Infantry on its present footing —

Sir John Dalling's Minute on the Inexpediency of keeping up the Corps of Hanoverian Infantry on its present footing

You will see by the annexed Scheme what is the number of Officers belonging to a Hanoverian Regiment on its complete Establishment, even then greater than that of the same Establishment of Rank and File of any British Regiment, but you will see also, that the two Hanoverian Regiments now here are not equal in their present Strength to one complete Hanoverian Regiment, and yet that the number of Officers is double. There being now to about 800 Rank and File nearly 90 Commissioned and Staff Officers, a number equal to that of two complete British Regiments amounting to 2000 Men — It would be unnecessary for me to add any Observation on this unreasonable disproportion between their Expence & their Efficiency, or to add more than perhaps barely to suggest the Expediency of either drafting one of these Corps into the other, which even then will not form a complete Regiment, or should this arrangement appear liable to any objection, of taking Measures to recruit each Corps, as it now stands more amply & effectually than has hitherto been done —

/Signed/ John Dalling

Total

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11. Total Establishment of one of His Majesty's Hanoverean Regts

	Commissioned Officers —					Staff Officers								Sergeants Drummers Rank & File		
	Colonel or Lieut. Colonel Commandt.	Majors	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Chaplains	Adjutants	Surgeons	Mates	Judge Advocate	Paymaster	Cadets	Drum Major	Provost	Armourer	Sergeants	Drummers Musicians &c	Rank & File
	1	1	9	19	10	1	2	1	5	1	1	2	1	1	1	51	24	904

Present Strength of the two Hanoverean Regiments

14th	1	7	19	1	2	1	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	51	24	389
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Total Rank & File of the 2 Regts 792

Ordered, that a Copy of the foregoing, do go a Number in the present Dispatch

To go a number in the Packet

12. The Members of Council being summoned for their Opinion of the General Letter intended for the Francis, it was approved, copied fair, & signed

The General Letter for Francis signed & the Packet closed

Ordered that the Packet be closed —

14th Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal —

To

119 Fort St George January 1786

To the Honble John Macpherson Esqr
1st

Governor General &c^a Council
at Fort William

Gentlemen.

To Bengal - The Contents of their Letter of the 5th will be attended to - Inclosing the proceedings of the Board relative to the measure of sending a force against the Polygar - The Governor Generals Plan for the Liquidation of the Bonded Debt is considered by the Bond Holders as liable to objection.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 5th Instant, and shall pay due attention to the Recommendations contained therein.

As there is not a probability of an immediate Sea Conveyance for the transmission of our Consultations to you We have directed Extracts to be made of such parts as relate to a Detachment lately formed on a requisition from the Nabob, & now in the Field under the Command of Colonel Sir Henry Coote.

We flatter ourselves that on a review of the above Papers our Conduct will be honored with your Approbation.

In conformity to your desire We have made Enquiries on the Subject of that Plan formed by the Governor General for the Liquidation of the Company's Debts in India, & should be well pleased if the Result of those Enquiries had been favorable to a Plan of such Magnitude & Importance to the Company's Affairs

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14. Affairs, but We are sorry to say that the Plan is considered by the Bond Holders at this place, as liable to Objection, as far as respects this Presidency

As you were pleased to request that the result of our Enquiries should be sent home We have written to the above purport, to the Court of Directors—

We have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St George
14th Janry 1786

/Signed/ Alex Davidson
&c Council

Sent the following Letter to the

16.

Paymaster at Trichinopoly—

To Mr Thomas Valk

Paymaster at Trichinopoly

To the Pay Mr at Trichinopoly
Mr Oakes proceeds to the Southward by Sea, and will deliver to him half a Lack of Rupees for the payment of the Troops

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to inform you that Mr Oakes, who now proceeds by Sea to the Southward has charge of half a Lack (50,000) Rupees which he will deliver to you for the immediate Relief of the Troops under Command of Brigr General Horne—

Fort St George
16th Janry 1786

I am Sir &c &c

/Signed/ John Chamier
Secry

To the Resident at Tanjore

Dispatched Letter to the Resident at Tanjore (as entered in the Miscellany Book No 32) directing him to give Mr Oakes permission to have Access to the Rajah, for whom he has private Dispatches—

At

Fort St George 17th January 1786

At a Consultation, Present

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President

Tuesday 17th January 1786.

Lieut General Sir John Dalling Baronet

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved —

Read the following Letter from

the Chief Engineer,

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President and Governor &ca Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From the Chief Engineer, submits to the Board three models of newly improved Gun Carriages and expatiates on the advantages to be derived from them —

As essential Advantages in the System of the Defence of Places have of late been derived from the Introduction and use of newly improved Gun Carriages — allow me to submit to your Approbation three models of Gun Carriages made with a view towards rendering the Army of the Honble the East India Company in that respect equally formidable with any of the Armys in Europe —

The first, is a Garrison Carriage so constructed as to have attained, among many others, two very considerable objects long sought for in defence but never untill the use of such a Carriage procured Viz. the keeping entire the Parapets to the height of five feet, without

without a necessity for weakening & destroying them by cutting Embrasures through the greatest part of their height, and preserving the same direction of fire on the approaches of the Besiegers as well by night as by Day—

The Second, is intended for Maritime places thereby to traverse the Guns towards the Sea sufficiently quick to do successfull execution on Ships under Sail — whilst it retains all the advantages of that before mentioned with respect to height of Parapet and accuracy of direction at fixt Objects.

The necessity there is for employing Guns in the Covert way, to check the progress of the Enemies Sap without exposing the Troops posted behind the Palisadoes, is so generally known, that it will not here be thought incumbent on me to enter into a Detail of all the advantages to be derived from that part of the Defence, and which the difficulty of accomplishing by means of Embrasures has hitherto rendered very imperfect —

The third Model shews how these inconveniencies may be remedied without risk to the people in the Covert Way, by firing over the Crest of the Glacis, & without exposing either Man or Gun except in the very instant of directing & of firing it.

The very great advantage Guns thus mounted will have over those on the present Construction, must be evident to every one when he reflects that we shall thereby be enabled to counter the whole

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whole of our fire on any one point, instead of being confined as formerly to the direction of our Embrasures, so many established marks for the direction of an Enemy to fire by.

I have nearly finished, at my own Expence, the Carriage of an Eighteen Pounder on the first construction, and only wait for your permission to fit it to one of the Platforms in Store to bring it on Trial before you; - And should the other two meet with your protection, I will engage to shew you them likewise on the great Scale in a short time -

Fort St George
24th December 1785.

I have the honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ Patrick Ross

The Board having viewed the Models for Gun Carriages upon a new Construction and being assured that essential advantages may be derived from the introduction of them. Resolve that Minute thereon.

Colonel Ross be desired to prepare the Models upon a great Scale in order that a Trial may be made of them -

Read the following Letter from

Brigadier General Horne -

To

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &ca Council

Honble Sir & Sirs,

It is with the utmost Satisfaction & pleasure I observe by the G.O. of the 23d Ultimo that your Honble Board are pleasd to grant the allowance of Batta to the Officers of this Establishment, during the period of their Captivety with Hyder ally and his Son Tippoo Sultaun.

From Brigadier General Horne, states the justice of being included (as a French Prisoner) in the provision made by the Governor General and Council for those who suffered Captivity in Mysore

The Spirit of liberality which dictated that order, will I am confident induce its extension to those who abstracted, from the Severity of rigorous confinement, sustained equal losses & hardships (inseparable from the common lot of Prisoners) in point of their private fortunes. In this predicament Honble Sir & Sirs I now stand, having been captured by a part of Monsieur de Souffrein's fleet in going with an official appointment to the command of the Southern forces, on board a Vessel expressly ordered by the Commander in Chief, & agreeably to a Route laid down by him, early in the late War, in which disaster notwithstanding the order given by Monsieur de Souffrein, the whole of my property in effects & camp equipage were lost; altho I was fortunate in saving a considerable Sum belonging to the publick, which I paid on my return into the Company's Treasury.

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I will not intrude upon the leisure of the Honble Board in detailing my particular losses, suffice it only to observe that the difficulty of communication, the impossibity of obtaining supplys to the Southward, and the important Station I was going to fill, rendered it necessary to carry a Stock with me, larger than is generally usual in other Situations amounting in all to upwards of 3000 Pagodas —

The Honble Court of Directors having been pleased to direct a liberal compensation to be made Mr. Boyd, who was captured by the French about the same period, was sent to the same place, where we lived together & returned at the same time to the Coast, after our liberation, will I am confident appear in point to your Honble Board, as giving Strength and propriety to my Claim, & to those of Ensigns Fonblanque Naigle & Blair, being all of that description, who were taken going with me on Service, & sent to the Mauritius to the same indulgence you have been pleased to grant to the Officers captured by Hyder Ally —

Relying upon the evident Justice of this application, I shall only further observe that the Allowance granted me by the French Government was scarcely adequate to one half of my unavoidable expences; & that from my Captivity, I was deprived of the honor of the second Command in importance under this Government, which I flatter myself I should have conducted with advantage to the Public and with

reputation

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Head Quarters
of the Southern forces
Trichinopoly
2d Janry 1786

reputation to myself.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Matw Horne

Minute thereon.

As the Directions from Bengal do not extend the Allowance of Batta to those Officers who were Prisoners with the French, the Board are of opinion that they are not authorized to admit Genl Horne's Claim, but as they are desirous of attending to every application from those, who in discharge of their duty have suffered Imprisonment, this Agreed to transmit Copy of General Horne's Letter to the Governor General and Council

Read the following Letter from the Committee appointed to revise the Book of Regulations

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &ca Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From the Commee for revising the Book of Regulations soliciting for an Allowance, adequate to the Labor and Trouble of their Duty.

Your Committee for revising the Book of Military Regulations impressed with a dutiful concern for the Interest of their Employers, have pleasure in observing, that since the Orders for reforming the Army Establishments have been given out and enabled them to go on with their business. The progress that has been made in it affords a

presage

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presage of its being soon accomplished to the Satisfaction of your Honor &ca and likely to produce those important advantages, which you have expected would result from it to the Public Service —

In this State of the Undertaking

We hope we may be permitted to represent that the Constitution of the Honble Company's Employ supposes, to our imagination, a Conjunction between Rewards and occasional Services — Such an Idea is founded on natural Justice and is confirmed on adverting to the very trifling Subsistance received by those Servants who are out of Office — Should your Honor &ca be of opinion, as We hope you will, that the Task we are engaged in is not only useful in its Consequences but requiring Talents which merit Encouragement and Regard; We trust you will order us a reasonable Gratification & thus demonstrate your own Justice & impartiality at the same time as it would encrease the Ambition, We feel to prove ourselves,

Honble Sir & Sirs &c &c &ca

Fort St George
3d January 1786.

/ Signed / Ja.s Call
Tho.s Lewin
Jos Moorhouse
Jn.o Richardson

P. S. — Our Clerk having represented to us that he is under the necessity of keeping Writers & Peons for the use of the Committee; We hope your Honble Board will be induced to grant him an Allowance to enable him to execute the Business entrusted to his Charge —

To

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To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Sir John Dalling's plan for the better Regulation & Management of the Medical Department taken into Consideration & adopted.

The Board having taken into Consideration Sir John Dalling's Minute on the Subject of Hospitals together with those of Mr Daniell, and the Answers of the Commander in Chief, approve of, & resolve to adopt the System proposed by Sir John Dalling, and it is accordingly Agreed that a General Order be published, notifying the intention of Government on this Subject.

General Order issued in consequence

The following being drafted, & approved is ordered to be issued.

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G O

The Honble the President and Council having resolved to make an entire new arrangement of the Hospitals for the better management of the Sick of His Majesty's and the Honble Company's forces on the Coast of Choromandel; all present Rules, Orders and Regulations respecting the Management of the Hospitals, and the care of the Sick, hitherto issued, and now existing, at Fort St. George, or at any of its Dependencies, are to be considered as annulled on the 1st of March next ensuing, excepting in some instances that will hereafter be particularly specified.

The new Regulations will be drawn out, and official Copies thereof be transmitted without delay, to the different Officers, Civil & Military.

in

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in the Government or Command of every Fort, Factory, Camp, Garrison or Cantonment dependent on this Presidency.

As the Cott. Bedding & Cloathing for the Sick will, whn the new Plan is taken place be found by the Company, the Surgeons will immediately deliver in a List of those Articles now in their possession; and Government will appoint proper Persons to examine and purchase them at a fair valuation; but should the Surgeons prefer any other mode of disposing of those Articles It is expected only that they will inform Government thereof in due time, so as to prevent a possibility of any inconvenience arising to the Sick for the want of those necessaries, when the new arrangement takes place.

As the Surgeons only can judge of the quality & quantity of Provisions necessary for the use of their own Hospitals, which will differ essentially according to the nature of the prevailing diseases & the number of Patients, The Honble the President and Council, in order to avoid any confusion or delay, will leave the victualling of the Hospitals to the Surgeons, who will be allowed 4 fanams pr day for each Patient, 2 fanams 40 Cash thereof to be deducted out of the Soldiers Subsistence, the remainder being 1 fanam 40 Cash to be paid by the Company; and as 4 fanams pr day must greatly exceed the expence of each person's diet, this Sum is to be considered as granted in lieu of Eggs, limes, Syrup, bread, Salt, plantain leaves,

Almonds

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Almonds, spices and other trifling Articles used in making up, and also in the application of Medicines, between which, and some of the same Articles when applied to culenary purposes for the nourishment of the Sick, proper distinctions will hereafter be made.

European and Bazar Medecines together with medical implements, & Surgical Instruments will, agreeably to the orders of the 2.nd September 1783 continue to be under the care of the Surgeon superintending the Medical Stores, but subject to the Controul of the Surgeon General, and Committee of Surgeons, to be held monthly at Fort Saint George - The Surgeons stationed at the Subordinacies - but Garrisons & Cantonments will be directed to make their Indents for Medicine to the Presidency every three months, and in order to avoid the hurry & confusion likely to happen, were they all to arrive at the same time, each Indent is to be made at a different period that will, in due time be particularly specified -

As by this general Outline of the new Arrangement, the Surgeons may easily foresee what precautions must be taken to avoid confusion upon the Establishment of the new Arrangement, And as it is not to be expected that Government can be intimately acquainted with the detail of the management of the Sick, should they, accidentally have omitted to mention in these Orders any circumstance the omission of which is likely to be prejudicial to Individuals or detrimental to the Service, from the known

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known zeal & candor of the Gentlemen at the head of the medical line; they have no doubt of timely receiving such voluntary information and assistance as Government have a right to expect on all occasions from every Servant of the Company –

The Committee of Surgeons which is to consist of the Surgeon General, with the two Senior Surgeons on the Spot, to assemble immediately for the purpose of drawing out such Regulations as may be necessary when the alteration takes place –

By order of the Honorable President and Council,

(Signed) John Chamier Secy

Advertisement for supplying the Troops with Bengal or Bencoolen Arrack upon the same Conditions as Mr Cochrane held his Contract for the last year.

A. Mr Cochrane's Contract for supplying the Out-Garrisons and Subordinates with Batavia Arrack will expire on the 1st of next Month it is Agreed to advertize for new Proposals to be delivered in the 1st February for supplying the Troops in the same manner as now practised –

But, as the Court of Directors have recommended in their Letter of the 11th April last, the consumption of Bencoolen Arrack, provided We are of opinion that it is of a good Quality, it is Agreed, to substitute Bengal & Bencoolen Arrack in the Advertisement for a Contract, in lieu of Batavia Arrack, to which they are not deemed inferior –

Read the following Letters

(entered in the MB. Nos 33 - 34 - 35 - 36 - 37 - 38 - 39

From

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From Mr Surgeon Major Lucas dated

From Mr Lucas 17th Instant, representing his long Services, requesting the Board will appoint Doctor Anderson their Physician General, and himself their Surgeon General, & enclosing a Certificate from Lieutenant General Lang —

Agreed that Mr Lucas be informed

Minute thereon that a new System for the Medical Establishment is immediately to take place, in which the Board will assign to him the Rank & Station that are due to his Standing and Services —

From the Chief Engineer dated the

From the Chief Engineer 5th & 7th Instant, the former accompanying a Petition from the Bit Men removed from Hog Hill to John Pararah's Garden praying that a Tank that is a great inconvenience to them may be filled up, which Colonel Ross confirms & recommends may be done — the latter representing that a new Draw Bridge is wanted for the Fort of Pondamallee —

As Colonel Ross states that the

Minute thereon Tank in question is of no use to the Company it is Agreed to relieve the Bit Men from the inconvenience which they have represented — with respect to the Draw Bridge wanted at Pondamallee, it is Resolved that Col. Ross be directed to supply a new one, taking care that it be done with as little Expence as possible —

From Mr Schmidt the Surgeon

From Mr Schmidt to the Hanoverian Regiments dated 2d Instant repre-senting the great distress he has suffered from the General orders of the 10th August last by which all Hospital Charges, and Allowances to His Majesty's Surgeons

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Surgeons were newly modelled, and requesting that his Bills for the Months of August, September, October and November may be discharged -

Minute thereon

The Board hope that the Arrangement made not only for the liquidation of Military Arrears, but for all the Company's India Debts will relieve Mr Schmidt from his pecuni-ary Embarrassments, and they are concerned that they cannot comply with his request, which would be an improper precedent -

From Mr Gordon

From Mr Gordon, Surgeon at Palamcotah dated the 24th of December, requesting to know whether he may be permitted to draw for House Rent, when there are Quarters for him in the Fort -

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr Gordon be informed that as there are Quarters allotted for the Surgeon in Palamcotah, no allowance for House Rent can be admitted -

From Captain Roberts -

From Captain Roberts,

enclosing the Rolls of some Nabobs Sepoys sta-tioned at Tiagar during the Siege, & requesting that they may be paid by the Company -

Agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed that Captain Roberts be informed that the Board cannot make the Company answerable for Pay due to Sepoys in the Nabob's Service.

From Captain Johnston &c

From Captain Johnston of the Artillery requesting that the Amount of his Off-Reckonings &ca may be discharged by Cash or Bills on England.

Minute thereon

As Captain Johnston has already been made acquainted with the decision of the Board, it is a matter of Surprize that he should think proper to renew his Claim. Agreed that the above be signified to him.

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob.

The President lays before the Board a Letter from the Nabob (entered in C. Cs. No. 6) stating the Injustice done to him as Sovereign of the Carnatic, by Lord Macartney, in allowing Mr. Irwin to grant Sanads to the Zemindars & Poligars contrary to the express Stipulation entered into with her Lordship on 2d. Dec.r 1781, & declaring that he does not consider those Sanads as absolving them from former Claims - requesting that the Balance of the Tanjore Peishcush may be paid to him during the present Collection of the Revenues, by which, his present distressed situation, will be greatly relieved.

W. C. Jackson
Dep.t Sec.y

Alex.r Davidson
"
J. A. Dalrymple
"

17 Sent the undermentioned Letters (entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50

Circular Letter to the Paymasters directing them to lose no time in forwarding the Rolls of Arrears ordered in a former Letter to be transmitted by them to the Military Paymaster General—

Circular Letter to the Paymasters

To the Garrison Storekeeper

To the Garrison Storekeeper, with Invoice & Bill of Lading of Rice consigned to this Presidency by Mr Tyler, which he is to receive into Store—

To Brigadier General Horne.—The

18. Board cannot appropriate the Funds received from Bengal to other purposes than those specifically stated—But as his Claim to Batta, while a Prisoner of His Most Christian Majesty, merits a favorable Consideration they will refer it to the Governor General & Council—

To Brig.r General Horne—

To Brigadier General Horne. The Mode adopted by Mr Digby in making Stoppages for Rice, appearing to be the only one, that could be pursued must be adhered to,—Captain Blacker's Claim for captured Property, will be decided upon hereafter—Captain Blacker must specify the Claims he has on account of Exchange to Mr Digby—

To Brig.r Gen.l Horne—

To Brigadier General Horne &, Colonel Stuart, directing them to prevent the Colleries in the Trichinopoly and Tanjore Countries from coming the Cavery & Coleroon, by which the frequent Robberies complained of by His Highness the Nabob will be no longer committed—

To B. G.l Horne & Colonel Stuart

To

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To the Chief Engineer

To the Chief Engineer — The Board approve the Models of the Gun Carriages recommended by him, which he must prepare on a larger Scale, directing him to fill up the Tank which the Bel Men represent as a Nuisance — and to make a new Draw Bridge for the Fork of Pondamallee —

To Mr. Schmidzyk

To Mr. Schmidzyk, Surgeon of the Hanoverian Regiments, informing him that no deviation from the G. O. of the 10th. August 1785. can be allowed —

To Capt.n J. Johnston.

To Captain Joseph Johnston — The Board are surprized at his having renewed an application, on which they had already finally decided —

To Capt.n Roberts

To Captain George Roberts. The Board cannot discharge the Claim for Pay, which he represents to be due to the Nabobs Sepoys, who were stationed at Tiagar.

To Mr. Gordon

To Mr. Gordon Surgeon at Palam.r cotah; directing him not to draw for House Rent, while there are Company's Quarters provided for him —

To Mr. Lucas

To Mr. Surgeon Major Lucas.

The Board have resolved to alter the present Medical Arrangements, and have allotted him the Station due to his Rank —

19th

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in the Miscellany Book Nos. 51-52-53-54-55-56.

From Mr. Bate.

From Mr. Bate late a Captain in

Ld in the Service, requesting to be included in the Provision made by the Governor General & Council for the late Prisoners in Mysore—

Minute thereon

Ordered that Mr Bates's requisition be referred to the Committee appointed for the purpose and that they be directed to report upon it—

From the Paymr at Trichinopoly

From the Paymaster at Trichinopoly dated 12th Instant, requesting Instructions at what Exchange he is to receive the Money to be remitted him from Palamcotah—

Minute thereon

Ordered that Mr Call be referred to the Letter from the Secretary of the 12th Instant which fixes the Exchange—

From Captn Masjey

From Captain Masjey dated the 15th & 17th Instant, stating that he has apprehended some of Tippoo's People, who were clandestinely recruiting in the Pettah of Chandernagurry; and desiring to know how his Garrison is to be supplied with Rice, Oil &ca

To Captn Masjey

Ordered that Captain Masjey be informed—that the Board approve his Conduct in preventing Tippoo Sepoys from recruiting, and that Application will be made to the Nabob to ensure the Supply of Rice & Oil for his Garrison (Vide MB No 57.)

From Col. Nixon & Captain Sale.

From the Commandants of Vellore & Amboor, the former confirming the Death of Tippoo, & the latter the Capture of Cheekkedurgum & Dodgelly, two Poligar Forts, by the Mysoreans—

Received

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19

Received the following Letter from Columbo.

Translation

To the Hon.ble Alexander Davidson Esq.r

President &.ca Council

at Fort St George

Gentlemen,

We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 26.th October, advising us of the Intention of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, to re-establish the Pearl Fishery at Tuto=-corin, and requesting us to cooperate with His Highness in order to place it on its former footing - We have, in consequence sent Instructions to our Chief at Tutocorin for that Purpose.

From Columbo. Orders have been given to the Chief of Tutecorin to cooperate with Hes Highness the Nabob's people in the Re-esta=blishment of the Pearl Fishery

We have the honor to be &.ca

Columbo 14.th December 1785.

Van de Graff
J. Ruepker
J. Cn. Hoet
C. Van Angelbeek
Bakp
Reintoes
C. J. Sonneubes

Received the following Letter from General Horne.

To

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President &c &c Council

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Brigr Genl Horne the 13th Battalion seem inclined to refuse Obedience to their Officers—

I have at several different times represented thro the Commander in Chief the great distress to which the Troops of this Cantonment have been reduced from want of pay, which representations must have come before your Honble Board—

These distresses had arisen some time ago, to such a pitch, that the Commanding Officer of the 13th Battalion, was compelled to pass his own private obligation, to obtain a Supply of Grain for their immediate Sustenance, which I became responsible should be repaid from the first public Money that might be received—

That temporary relief stilled for the moment, some turbulent commotions, which had begun to appear: yet that Corps has with great difficulty and much caution of its Officers, been restrained within the bounds of regularity, having twice refused to parade for the duties of the Garrison—

Thus situated, without having received any information from your Honble Board of a certainty of immediate Supply; The Paymaster has indeed informed me that he had received intimation of money to be sent from Palamcotah, but that on

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If the earliest dispatch cannot reach this under 12 or 14 days - I had recourse to the Renter, through Mr Falk, for his assistance in this emergency -

He has offered to furnish a month's pay, one half in grain, the other in money, which I accordingly signified in Orders - The Commanding Officer of the 13th Battn has reported that his people have refused to accept of the equivalent of grain, as by the express terms of the Renter are to issue an equal proportion of Paddy with the money, they in course cannot receive the latter -

In this conjuncture, inflamed, discontented & distressed as they now are I am apprehensive of some tumultuary excesses, and having no other Corps here sufficient to overawe them, I have deemed it expedient to order five Companies of the 78th Regt to be in readiness to march here in that event -

I am hopeful your Honble Board will approve of this measure, which I shall lament being under the necessity of carrying into execution -

I take the liberty of again soliciting the most immediate attention to relieve the urgent wants of this Cantonment, which I am sorry to acquaint your Honble Board, are in a degree, amongst all ranks, beyond what has ever been experienced in this Service -

It may be mentioned as a severe aggravation to the distresses of the Troops here, their knowledge of those in their Vicinity being paid up for December while they are advancing in Arrears for the sixth Month -

I am with respect &c &c

Signed Mat.w Horne

Sen.r

Head Quarters
of the Southern Forces
Trichinopoly
14.th Janry 1786

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19th Sent the following Answer

To Brigadier General Horne

Commanding the

Southern Forces

Sir,

To in answer Arrangements have been taken for the speedy & general liquidation of the Army Arrears To inform the Troops of the same

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 14th Inst. and to inform you that the Commander in Chief has also laid before them your several Letters on the Situation of the Troops under your Command.

I am now to acquaint you that Arrangements are made which will enable the Paymr at Trichinopoly to make immediate & considerable Payments, & that the mode of Exchange is also settled.

The Board approve the Steps you have taken in order to preserve good Order among the Soldiery & they authorize you to assure the Troops under your Command, that all their Claims will be shortly and satisfactorily liquidated.

I am Sir, &c &c &c

Fort St George
19th Janry 1786

Signed / John Chamier Secry

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This Day the following Letters were also received from General Horne

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.r

President &ca and Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Brigadier General Horne, the 13.th Batt.n break out into open Muting

I had the honor of addressing you yesterday on the melancholy Situation of the Troops of this Cantonment, my apprehensions of the dangerous Steps which they most likely would be induced to take, and my resolution of ordering eventually five Companies of the 78.th Regiment to their Station.

These apprehensions have been unhappily verified and another and fatal blow had been given to the discipline of the Army by the meuting of the 13.th Battalion - a Corps who have hitherto been distinguished for regularity and obedience, and who it is with pungent grief I acknowledge have been driven by a series of wants & unparalled hard=ships to a State of desperation.

Yesterday evening between the hours of four and five, that Battalion persisting in their refusal to accept the months pay as tendered in the order I now annex, and the Renter maintaining his determination of not advancing money without a proportion of Grain, they flew to their Arms, & took possession of the Rock and the Wall which surrounds it - Immediate orders were issued for the main Guard to be reinforced with all the Europeans in Garrison,

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20 the Artillery and remainder of the 20th Battalion off duty from Warriore, and every precaution used to prevent or deter them from proceeding to extremities, which these means enabled — The Regiment exclusive of the European Officers amounting to 50 Men, the European Artillery 30 and the 20th Battalion 90 Men, were however incompetent if coercive measures became necessary, and accordingly dispatched instant Orders for such part of the 78th to proceed here with the utmost expedition, as Colonel Stuart might deem necessary — During the night therefore every means was used to sooth them into obedience, and by the exertion of individuals money sufficient for one months pay was obtained and offered with the assurance of two more as soon as the Cash arrived from Salamcotah — These offers they rejected with indignation and wounded the Black Commandant with a Stone, as he was endeavouring to bring them to reason —

By my orders afterwards, messages of a similar nature were carried by their Commanding Officer and by my Staff, with offers of forgiveness if they retired to the Barracks — These they rejected also, adding to their refusal, a detail of their Sufferings in Languages the most forcible, and Arguments the most unanswerable — They said they had done their duty with credit & reputation during the course of the War, that they had submitted to its hardships in common with the rest of the Army with chearfulness and alacrity; that they had not murmured, however severe upon them, at the method in which their old Arrears were adjusted because it was general, but that they have been long mortified

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20th mortified at the distinction shewn to the Troops in the neighbouring Garrisons, by more regular payments, & in a Specie not liable to fluctuation, that however they imputed it at first to accident, or the distress of Government, that under that Idea they fought with difficulties sold their little Superfluities, and as wants encreased parted with their Necessaries, but that as insupportable Misery came upon them, stifling the Cries of nature and the tenderest feelings of humanity they were reduced, some of them, to the dire necessity of consigning their Offspring to Slavery, to preserve their Existence - That in the midst of these their Sufferings they saw the Troops at Tanjore cleared off for December (that particularly the 10th Battalion recently from this Station on its Arrival there, had received payment up to January) and the 78th Batt.n lately from Madura for November, while they were offered pay for August, one half of which was commuted into Paddy at an advanced price, with an assurance only of two months more, and without a prospect or hope of being brought on a level with their brother Soldiers in their vicinety; - That unconscious of such unmerited distinction, unable to struggle longer with misfortune & Contempt, they were resolved to do themselves justice, and ultimately insisted as the only terms of accommodation on a total clearance of all current demands -

In the above Situation, and with a firm adherence to these terms they have remained since

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20 since last night to the present hour - Inspirited by a knowledge of our weakness, and their own Strength I have reason to apprehend their continuance in Arms, and in some measure in possession of the Garrison, until the force arrives from Tanjore, or unexpected means are found to satisfy their demands - For being the only native Corps in Garrison, the present Guards all round the Fort, and part of the main Guard are furnished from it; and who altho they have not openly joined in mutiny refused also this morning to accept a Months pay and signified their resolution of abiding in that respect by the decision of the others - Thus situated, with more than half our present force, secretly combined with those in Arms against us, who from the sight of their Fort having under their Command the Magazines and the Artillery park, necessity compells me to wait quietly the issue of this disagreeable Affair, but I am sorry to add that some Symptoms of intemperance and threatening Appearions had me to apprehend the worst -

I need not assure you Honble Sirs that the truest Zeal for the Service will ever guide my Conduct in all Situations, & that in the present dilemma of Embarrassment and Danger, I shall endeavor by a proper combination of humanity and moderation with firmness & resolution to bring it to a conclusion, trusting that my endeavours will meet your approbation either in failure or success -

I am with respect &c &c &c -

Head Quarters
of the Southern forces
Trichinopoly
15. Janry 1786 Noon

/ Signed / Matw Horne

To

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To the 20th Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President &ca & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Brigr General Horne of the Troops return to their duty - states the Steps taken by him to effect it

Since I had the honor of addressing you yesterday, Her Highness the Nabobe Phoudar, furnished a Sum of Money, which with the assistance of Individuals was found competent for an Issue of two months pay to the Native Corps, exclusive of European Officers -

Accordingly published an Order directing it to be drawn immediately, which was signified to the Cantonment - The men of the 13th Battalion on duty, after a short demur agreed to accept it, but those on the Rock, persisted in their refusal - The Conduct of the former, whether fortunately proceeding from an Idea of a deeper degree of criminality resting on them, in the event of their joining in Mutiny, than on those, who were not immediately on Guard, whether from more steadiness & attachment to the Service, (a Circumstance not unlikely as many of those on the Rock were old disciplined drafts from the reduced Corps) or from whatever cause, they manifested an eminent share of moderation in persevering in their duty - The 1st Regiment of Cavalry & a Jemidar Gunners complying without hesitation to the order are still more deserving of Praise -

I have the Satisfaction of now communicating to your Honble Board, that leaving the publication of the above mentioned order to its due operation

21 operation without further intercourse, or mediation, until about midnight, when they signified to Capt.n Clark their acquiescence to it, upon a general ammesty and a promise of immediate attention to the remaining Arrears, with their desire of being conducted under his Orders to their Barracks, which was instantly complied with.

About one hour after this was effected a detachment of 300 Men of His Majestys 78.th Regiment under Lieut.t Colonel McKenzie, by a forced March from Vellum arrived in this Garrison

The ready compliance of Colonel Stuart with my Requisition, and the uncommon expedition with which that Detachment was put in motion, and accomplished this March, are equally deserveing of Praise, for from the date of my Letter of application, until they reached this Station, a period only of 26 hours was employed.

Another Detachment of 200 Men under Captain Glenning with equal celerity marched from Tanjore and reached this one hour after the former.

I propose directing the immediate Return of these Troops, with the exception of two Companies, which I shall retain at Warriore until the Money arrives from Palamcotah.

Mr Rudlerton by a Letter received this morning from Tanjore has offered his assistance by a Supply of money, which I have requested he will

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20 will forward with dispatch, for the Relief of the Officers whose distresses, from some particulars of which I have acknowledge I am convinced are barely supp= portable —

I beg to submit to the consideration of your Honourable Board, the impolicy of leaving it in the power of Hir Highness's Manager, to offer such modified Supplies in cases of emergency; a cir= cumstance, which operating upon the Minds of Men sorely by complicated difficulties, was finally the cause of this burst of Turbulence and despair — However cautious I was, in explaining the means, by which we were enabled to give two Months Subsistance, so immediately after an assurance, that one Months Pay, and that qualified in a manner which created disgust was all that could be done — I am yet afraid the Troops will re= main unconvinced of our Sincerity and feeling

Head Quarters for their Miseries. —

Of the Southern Forces

Trichenopoly

16th January 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c

Signed Matw Horne

Recvd the following Letr

from the Resident at Tanjore —

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To John Chamier Esq.

Military Secretary.

Sir.

From the Resident at Tanjore - discharges the Board's draft on him for 50000 Rup.s in favor of Soobaroy Rama swamy - & forwards 7000 Pork Nova Pagodas to Brig.r Gen.l Horne.

I have the honor to inform you that I have discharged the Honble Board's draft on me for Star Rup.s 50,000 in favor of Soobaroy & Rama = swamy Sea & Inow enclose Duplicate receipt for the amount, agreeably to the Orders signified to me in your Letter of the 23.d Ultimo -

I request you will be so good as to acquaint the Honble Board that I have this day borrowed & dispatched to Gen.l Horne 7000 Pork Nova Pagodas -

I have the honor to be &.c.

Tanjore
16.th Janry 1786

Signed / Hudleston

Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in the MB. Nos 58. 59. 60. 61

To the Committee of Stores, with copy of a letter

To the Commee of Stores

from Col.o Floyd to the Commander in Chief making application for 400 Brown Belts for the Service of the 23.d Regiment.

To Vizagapatam & Ganjam, to send

To Vizagapatam & Ganjam

down by Sea the Tents which appear to be in the Storehouses at their Factories -

To Colonel Sir Henry Corby, & Her -

To Col.o Corby

- carrahs allowed him, during the time the Detachment he now commands, is in the Field

To the Paymaster at Palamcotah,

To M.r Oakes

informing him of the above -

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.r
President

Monday 23d January 1786

Lieut General Sir John Dalling Baronet

Minutes of the last Consultation read and approved—

The Commander in Chief delivered in the following Minutes—

As many of the Workmen and a great part of the materials are now at Shiveram ready to commence the building of the new Cantonment—Being also much encouraged to proceed in this desirable work by the approbation it has met with from the Government of Bengal; I beg leave to propose, that the Quarter Master General may be directed to begin without delay, and to finish it with all possible expedition.

Commander in Chiefs Minute proposes that the Quarter Master General do begin the Erection of the Cantonment at Shiveram—

It was at first proposed to erect the same kind of Barracks for the Sepoys as are to be built for the European Corps, but, upon a further consideration of this plan, it appears much less expensive to Government, and at the same time much more convenient and eligible in every respect, to the Sepoys, to give them one Pagoda each to hut themselves which they can commodiously do on the same space of Ground—

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This is one of the many deviations that it will be necessary to make from the Plans hitherto drawn out - My own opinion is, that after payeng proper attention to the health and necessary convenience of the Officers and Men, It will be better not to adhere too rigidly to the uniformity, or external ornaments of the Buildings, but to consider only, in what manner they can be most economically erected so as to answer the purpose of a permanent Cantonment - I make this remark from observing that regular Columns and large Arches are introduced in the plans, elevation and Section sent to me - but as particular bricks must be made for the Columns and those would considerably encrease the expence, I recommend the omission of them in the Work itself which is intended to be useful, and strong without the least idea of attending to the rules of Architecture.

It has been usual to give Batta to Lascars and other persons employed in public Works distant from the Presidency, and an application has been made to me for such an allowance to those employed at Sheveram; but as the Artificers, Lascars & other Workmen may consider themselves settled at that place for some time, I think they ought to be satisfied with a donation to defray their travelling charges & the expence of settling their families in their new habitations, which I beg leave to recommend should be one months Batta, paid at such times, and in such proportions as shall be thought proper by the R.t W.m General

I shall subjoin to this Minute

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an Estimate of the Expence attending the cantonning 7000 Men, though It is impossible to ascertain the precise Sum that such a Work will cost; From the ability and diligence of the persons now employed, and those acting under my own inspection, I trust the Board will believe that the money will be laid out with the strictest oconomy; and the progress made in the buildings shall be regularly reported; but as the people are now in Arrears, and suffering great dis=tress for want of their Pay, I must request the Board will order a proper advance of Money to be made for the immediate commencement of the Work, and for the future Supplies when necessary, of which I will take care they shall be timely informed, so as to pre=vent our being embarrassed by an unexpected appli=cation.

(Signed) John Dalling

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	Captains	19	3800 " "
	Subalterns	97	12,610 " "
	Rank & file	2663	11,304 "
The Honble Company's Europeans	Field Officers	3	975 " "
	Capts & Lieuts	17	3400 " "
	Subalterns	38	4940 " "
	Rank & file	248	1160 " "
Natives	Subadars	42	210 " "
	Jemidars	44	110 " "
	Havildars, Naigues, Sepoys, Drum & fifes, Puckallys	3548	3548 " "
		Total Pay	43997 " "

European Rank & file 2911
Sepoys including Hav. Naigues &c &c 3548
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European & Native Officers 266

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The Board entirely approve of the Alterations proposed to be made by the Commander in Chief in the Plan of a new Cantonment at Sheveram to which having already left that buriness to his sole management and direction, they have only to add, that He shall receive every assistance & support that Government can afford to him and the persons employed under his Command in the execution of it.

The Board approve the foregoing.

Resolved therefore that Lieut Colnel Davies be ordered to proceed in this buriness with all possible expedition, and that the necessary advances of Money in such modes as the State of the Treasury will admit, be made to the General for the purchase of Materials, and the payment of the Workmen.

Read the following Letter from

Mr James Taylor.

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &ca Council

at Fort St George

From Mr James Taylor, requesting to have intercourse with the Durbar, in order to settle the accounts of the Cavalry Loan.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

After having strove in during these several Months past, to obtain an acknowledgement of the Cavalry Loan, I find myself at length compelled to solicit your Honor &ca that I may be permitted for a short time to have a personal Communication with the Durbar, where the Subject

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of the Accounts may be discussed and settled -

I am no Stranger to the peremptory Orders of the Honble Company prohibiting all intercourse with the Durbar, and I should not presume to request a deviation from them if my Accounts could be adjusted by other Persons; but as they are exceedingly intricate from their being of long standing, from the death of some of the Gomastahs employed and from the impossibility of procuring any Accounts of the Collections previous to the War; I conceive my Request will not be deemed improper -

I am the more encouraged to solicit the above permission because the Nabob absolutely refuses to acknowledge the Cavalry Loan, until all other Accounts depending between Her Highness and me are examined and adjusted, which cannot be effected without my assistance in Person -

I shall close this Letter with observing that I have not any view in the request I now make, but to obtain a speedy & final Settlement of my Accounts with the Durbar, without which (as appears by the Nabobs declaration above recited) the Cavalry Loan formerly acknowledged by Her Highness and since strongly confirmed by the Court of Directors will not be put in a course of liquidation -

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I have the honor to be &c &c.

(Signed) James Taylor

Agreed

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Agreed in Consideration of the circum-
-stances stated in Mr Taylor's Letter, that he be permitted
Minute thereon. to meet the Nabob's Mutteddies at the Company's Garden
house for the purpose of settling his Accounts, which
he must be recommended to adjust with as much Ex-
-pedition as possible.-

Read the following Letter from the
Deputation from the Nabob's Creditors -

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Deputation from the Nabob's Creditors, stating that a year's Interest is due on the Debts of His Highness the Nabob, and suggesting a mode of Payment in future for the Interest that may be due thereon -

The Debts of His Highness the
Nabob consolidated in 1767 & 1777 having been adjusted
conformably to the orders of the Honble the Court of Directors
signified by their Letter of 26th June 1785 and the Bonds
called in to certify the Balance due on them on the
31st December 1784. the Cavalry Loan being also in the
course of adjustment. We conceive it to be incumbent
upon us as a Deputation on the part of the Creditors
of these several Classes of Debts, to remind your Honor
&ca that one years Interest, is become due thereon since
the period to which they have been adjusted -

The first Object of Payment is
the growing Interest of the Cavalry Loan, the Principal
Amount due on which not having yet been ascertained
& certified in the form prescribed by your Honor &ca
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it may be necpary to remove an adequate proportion of Money for that purpose. The Principal of that Debt on the 31st December 1784 as p Statement sent to the Committee for adjusting the Nabob's Debt amounts to the Sum of Pagodas 690624. 21. 10.

We have taken the Liberty of suggesting the above expedient in regard to the Salary Loan persuaded that with such remove, no difficulties can arise respecting the appropriation of the remainder of the 12 Lacks of Pagodas stipulated to be annually paid by His Highness the Nabob.

Your Honor &c will, we doubt not, perceive the Injury which the Creditors must be expos'd to should the punctual payment of Interest be postponed, while no compound Interest or other Compensation is allowed. Such a delay would fall particularly hard upon the Debt of 1777 the Interest whereof is reduced to half only of the established rate of Interest of this place. But having confident hopes that the Stipulations on the part of His Highness the Nabob will be strictly performed. We take the Liberty of recommending a Plan for the punctual payment of Interest. and We accordingly submit to your Hons &c consideration whether it would not be both reasonable & convenient that the same should be paid every six Months as is done on all publick funds in Great Britain. It would be of general convenience, and Utility to the Settlement by creating an additional circulation of Cash

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Cash at the same time as it gratified the Persons immediately concerned in the receipt of Dividends—

We cannot drop this Subject without adverting to the particular Severity used towards the Debt of 1777. by which the Bondholders become very considerable Sufferers, the Value of the Principal being not only deeply affected by the reduction of Interest, but still more from the payment of the Debt being removed to so distant a period; gratefully acknowledging however the just protection of Government, the Creditors of that fund have chearfully acquiesced in an arrangement, by which their property, tho greatly reduced, in value becomes well secured to them—

Having thus stated to your Consideration what occurs to us on the present occasion as materially interesting to the Creditors whom We have the honor to represent We shall only add that trusting in the Equity and Justice of Government, We have a perfect reliance that payments will be made on these several Debts conformably to the Arrangements established by the Honble the Court of Directors, and in the mean time We hope your Honor &ca will be pleased to declare such Dividend as the Creditors of the different Classes may respectively be entitled to— Thus the Bonds which have now been many years totally unproductive, may henceforth assume a real Value and by becoming in some degree negotiable, may operate general Good to this Commercial Settlement while they relieve the

distresses

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distresses of the Creditor whose Property has so long been withheld from him.-

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21st. January 1786

We have the honor to be &c &c

John Turing
James Taylor
/Signed/ Geo Savage
Edwd Jno Holland
Thos Lewin

Agreed to inform the Deputation that after the Amount of His Highness second Kist is received, the necessary Measure to be taken will of course be a matter of consideration with the Board, when due notice will be given to the Creditors.-

Minute thereon

Read the Letter from Masulipatam dated the 12th December entered in the Diary to the Consultation the 30th December also the following Letter from that Settlement, with Enclosures entered in the Miscellany Book N°62.

Letter from Masulipatam of the 12th Dec. read.

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

From Masulipatam on the force necessary to be kept up in that District, to ensure Obedience from the Zemindars to collect the Revenues, & to prevent Insult from the Neighbouring Powers.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Colonel Braithwaite having been absent from his Command at the time We received the Gn Cr of the 27th September by which we were given to understand

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understand that only two Battalions of Sepoys were hence forward to be allowed for the Services of this District, and also your Secretary's Letter of the 22nd September acquainting us with your final Resolution that the Sibbendy Corps was to be reduced. We thought it necessary to wait his Return before We adopted any measures in consequence of these Arrangements that we might have the benefit of his opinion regarding the best disposition of this Force.

In our Letter to Colonel Wrath-waite on this occasion we gave him as full an Account of the State of the District, both with regard to internal and external circumstances, as We thought necessary to enable him to form a judgement of what Force would be indispensably necessary to ensure Tranquility and prevent any Insults or attacks from the Neighbouring powers or their Vassals. Copy of which we have the honor to transmit you No 1 as well as of the Extracts from our Records, which accompanied it. to which however we added two others of an earlier date, to satisfy your Honor &c., more fully that our Predecessors have uniformly been of opinion it was necessary for the Collection of the Revenue to employ Sepoys therein, and that both Civil & Military have thought it more beneficial that a Corps should be set apart for this purpose than that regulars should be employed on it. Copy of Colonel Wrathwaite's answer to our above Letter is also herewith enclosed No 2 by which he seems to have considerably

altered.

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altered in his opinion since he wrote us on the 31st. May last, Copy of which was likewise forwarded to you on the 11th. of June.

We cannot on this occasion quote any Authority more respectable in itself, or where the Subject seems to have been more fully considered or better understood than the Minute of the late Right Honble President, transmitted to us with a Letter from your Revenue Department dated 22d. December 1783, which Minute being founded upon the Representations from this Government was adopted by our Superiors at that time, and confirmed in our own proceedings of the 28th. March last. His Lordship after noticing that the independant and refractory Spirit of the Zemindars, with the Difficulties of obtaining payment of their Tribute, encrease so fast, that threats and even Force are become necessary upon almost every occasion, proceeds to observe that they have never been in a proper State of Obedience and Subjection, and that it will be an object well worthy the attention of Government, on the return of Peace to strike at the root of the Evil, by permitting no Force in the Circars but the Company's. The whole of his Minute, to which we beg to refer, exhibits the justest Picture of the State of this District, at the time it was written, & We are not sensible of any change of Circumstances having taken place, that makes his Plan of reform less eligible now. The Zemindars continue equally refractory, equally powerful, & equally unwilling to discharge

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discharge their Arrears, altho' the means of compulsion will be much less than at any former period: The Sepoy force in the District being reduced to nearly half the usual number as your Honor &ca will observe by the Paper marked N.o 3.-

Immediately upon receiving your Secretary's letter of the 22d September one was written to the Officer Commanding the Subsidy Corps informing him that they were to be dismissed as soon as they could be relieved, this was necessarily delayed until the two Battalions allotted for this District could be completed, and until Colonel Brathwaite should have returned to his Station.- On the receipt of this Letter N.o 2 we directed all the Subsidy Sepoys in Cantonment, as well as those employed on Guards in the Neighbourhood to be dismissed.- If Colonel Brathwaite can relieve those employed on Revenue Service & those with the Committee of Circuit, it will be done, but this we have left to his own discretion.-

We thought it necessary after taking Colonel Brathwaite's opinion, to leave the distribution of the Force left for the Services of this District for the present entirely to him, as your Honor &ca will observe by the Copy of our Letter marked N.o 4 herewith enclosed as well as his answer marked N.o 5 which communication will inform your Honor &ca of the Distribution that has accordingly taken place.-

We have the honor to be &c &c

Signed

Ant.h Sadleir
James Hodges
Geo Westcott
W Dobbyn
Joseph Revell

P.S.

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P. S. We take this opportunity of forwarding our Consultations for the Months of August & Sept.r

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.r

President & Governor &.ca Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Manulipatam on the Subject of preserving the appointment of Town Major in that Garrison and requesting that Captain Town may have the preference.

A Regulation which some time ago took place for striking off the Office of Town Major in certain Garrisons where they had before been allowed, having effected this place, and although considered as a means of reducing an unnecessary Expence, the intention must appear laudable, yet as there are some Circumstances peculiar, We think, to this Situation which may not have occurred, We take the liberty of respectfully mentioning them to your Hon.r &.ca

The Chiefs of Subordinate Settlements having for reasons sufficiently obvious, & well known, a Military Trust reposed in them without possessing at the same time any Military Authority, and such trust here being from the importance of the Place, and superior Strength of the Garrison more considerable than at any of the other Subordinacies, it appears to us absolutely necessary that there should be some Person acquainted with points of Military Detail, and vested with that authority, which the Chief does not possess, by whose Assistance he may be enabled to discharge the

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the Trust thus reposed in him at all times with cer-
-tainty and propriety - The Business of this Settlement
obliging the Chief to be much in the Country renders
it necessary also that there should be some person to
receive the usual Reports, and convey them to him
as well as to execute his Instructions in all other respects
- The Military Quarters, Barracks &c. in a Garrison
of that importance which this is acknowledged to be,
require to looked after, and may be neglected if there is
not some person, whose particular Duty it is to attend
to them, other Reasons might be offered, but we think
those We have already urged will be judged sufficient,
to shew the necessity of the appointment of Town Major
at this place, the Situation of which is very different
from those of Tanjore, Trichinopoly and other considerable
Military Port, where the Commanding Officer himself
by virtue of his Commission, possesses all the necessary
Authority, which the Chief here can only exercise by
the intervention of another Person -

Should your Honor &c think
proper in consequence of our present request to re-
-appoint a Town Major to this place, We trust that
you will with us see the propriety of the Person holding
such an appointment being one of whom the Chief
is impressed with a favorable opinion - We therefore
beg leave to recommend that Captain Towns may
again be appointed to this Office, as a Person whom
our Chief entirely approves, and who having before

held

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held it for a considerable time have an confident Experience of his being an Officer perfectly qualified to discharge the Duties thereof in a manner to render general Satisfaction.

We have the honor to be &c &c

Anth Sadlier

Signed / James Hodges

Joseph Revell

Masulipatam
15th January 1786

The following Answer being drafted is approved ordered to be sent -

To Anthony Sadlier Esqr.

Chief &c. Council at

Masulipatam

Gentlemen.

To - in answer to the three preceding Letters

I am directed by the Honorable President and Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters dated the 8th 12th & 22d Ult. 1st & 15th Inst. with their several Enclosures -

In reply to your Letter of the 8th Ult. I am commanded to inform you that the Board entirely coincide in the opinion, which you have given upon the Papers delivered by Mr Martin to Mr Hamilton & they in consequence desire you will communicate to the latter the Sentiments you have expressed to the Board that he may answer Mr Martin's

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Martin's Letter on the Subject of the Claims preferred by him on behalf of the French Nation -

In order to produce every possible Objection to the French Claims, the Board desire an Appeal in favor of the English Rights may be made to the old Inhabitants of Ingeram, which it is hoped will be supported by as numerous a Signature as the Paper marked No 3 -

With respect to the Petition from the Renters of Nellapillee, the Board are of opinion that whenever an Act of Violence is committed against a Person entitled to the Company's Protection by any Person under the Authority of the French Resident at Yanam, a Complaint should be made to the latter, after which, if Redress be not given, Mr Hamilton must transmit an account of the Particulars to the Presidency from whence a representation will be made to the Governor of Pondicherry -

The Board have directed three Companies of Sepoys (in addition to the two already sent) to march from Angole to Ellore & will shortly send more Invalids to Masulipatam, by which means their conceived that nothing can retard the total reduction of the Subsidies.

In reply to your Letter of the 15th Inst. I am directed to inform you that the Board have reappointed Captain Towns Town Major of Masulipatam, on the condition of his acting as such until further Orders, without the Allowances before annexed to that Post -

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) John Chamier Secy

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Read

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Read the following Letter from the Committee appointed to report upon the Claims of the Prisoners with Hyder Ally and Tippoo Sultaun -

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &ca Council

at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

Your Secretary having signified to us your desire, that We should immediately investigate and report on Captain Bates claim to Batta during his Imprisonment, We have the honor to inform you that on examining the particulars of his case, it appears to us that whilst on her Parole at the Presidency, he was ordered by Lord Macartney to join the Army in the Field under the Command of Sir Eyre Coote - That the General rejecting his Service, as being on his Parole, directed him to return to Madras, in consequence of which, he proceeded on his way thither, with a small Escort, was captured by the Enemy, and conducted to Bain=galore, where he continued in confinement 'till the Pri=soners were released. At that period he was returned on the 1st Battalion 2d Regiment, the Non Commissioned and Privates of which, having been detained at Bombay and the Officers dispersed on different Services, the Corps had only an nominal existence upon this Establishment

Captain

From the Committee for investigating the Claims of the Officers late Prisoners in Mysore, in answer to the Reference made to them on the Claim of Mr. Bate -

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Captain Bate's demands therefore, (in like manner with many deserving Officers, who have presented their claims to us,) not being determinable by the Extract from the Bengal Letter, which is not applicable to the circum=stances of those Prisoners whose Corps were entirely cut off, or not effective upon the Establishment, until the conclusion of the Peace, We naturally advert to a con=sideration of the measure adopted by that Government in granting full Batta to the Prisoners in general and being confident that it proceeded from motives of the utmost liberality, We are led to hope the Honorable Board will approve of our opinion that Captain Bate and the Officers in the Situation above alluded to, are en=titled to Batta during the period of their Confinement.

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We have the honor to be &c &c

John Upphinston
Cal.
(Signed) Robt. Geo: Latham
By Close

The Board are of opinion that the Case of the Prisoners in the Predicament of Captn Bate must be represented to the Governor General & Council, as their Claims cannot be admitted here without the Sanction of the Gentlemen at Bengal

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Mr Orpen –

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &ca Council

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Confident that you will listen to the application of a Servant in distress, and relieve one who has suffered so severely by the Climate, I hope you will pardon the liberty I take in this Address.

From Mr Orpen, requesting permission to proceed to Europe for the Re-Establishment of his health - to be furnished with five Pagodas in part payment of the Balance due to him, and to be recommended to the Court of Directors.-

I have, for these last three years, labored under repeated, & violent attacks from ill health; and my Constitution is now so shattered, that the most alarming & fatal consequences threaten, unless warded off by an instant return to my Native Air; such have been the repeated Opinions & advice of my Friends, and to prove the imminent danger to which a longer residence in this country will expose me, I have the honor to enclose Certificates on Oath by the Faculty -

Circumstanced as I am, it will be impossible for me to quit this Country, (even tho' my existence depends on it,) unless you are pleased to order payment of five thousand Pagodas in part of the Arrears due to me by the Honble Company, which will amount to a much larger Sum - and to obviate any possible doubt, or objection which may arise; Messrs Digby & Porcher will become my Securities, for making good to the Honble Company any defi=

=ciences

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-cumcies that may appear on the face of my Accounts now before the Commissioners -

To recapitulate my Sufferings from Sickness contracted by toiling in the Service, or my Sitter-ation for these two years admidst a Crowd of clamorous Creditors, who had lent me their Aid for the public weal, were to doubt that humanity & attention which my Honble Masters have ever shewn to their Servants.

I am well aware of the varcious claims, and importunities which the necessities of Indivi-duals will draw upon the Company, yet I trust that the peculiarity of my Case will induce you to grant my Request - and if it should not be complied with in all ready Cash, that you will be pleased to furnish such means, as may enable me to realize the Sum with-out suffering the dreadful discount upon Bonds -

I have the honor to be &c &c

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Signed / R. T. Orpen

We three Surgeons declare on Oath that Mr Rich.d Tho.s Orpen, Factor on the Civil Establishment having suffered much from exposure to the Weather on this Climate by a Bilious habit & Weakness of the left Thigh, is recommended to proceed to Europe as absolutely necessary to recover Health -

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James Anderson M. D.
Surgeon Genl

Sworn before me
this day

Colley Lucas
Surg.n Majr

Alex Davidson
Justice

Thos Davis
Surg.n Majr to the Forces

Agreed

Agreed that Mr Orpen be permitted to proceed to Europe, & that he be recommended to the Court of Directors for leave to return to her Station without prejudice to his Rank, when his Health shall be reestablished.

Minute thereon

With respect to Mr Orpen's Request for an Advance of 5000 Pags in part of the Balance due to him it is Agreed to inform him that as a general Arrangement for the liquidation of all Mil.y Arrears has taken place, it is not in the power of the Board to deviate from it - they will in conformity to it grant him a Certificate upon Bengal to the Amount of 5000 Pags & accept the Securities he has offered.

A Certificate on Bengal for 5000 Pags to be granted Mr Orpen

The Secretary having represented to the Board the necessity of there being a responsible Examiner of the Records in his Office it is Agreed that Mr Chase be appointed, and that Mr Place be directed to assist him.

Mr Chase appointed Examiner in the Military Office & Mr Place to assist him.

Read the following Letters entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 63-64-65.

From Colonel Humbold dated 21st January, reporting that a Murder has been committed in the Neighbourhood of Arcot and that one of the Assassins is confined in the Guard of the Bazar - stating also that the Cauzee has applied for his being delivered up to him, and requesting the Board's Orders thereupon.

From Colonel Humbold

Agreed.

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Minute thereon

Agreed that Colonel Kimbold be desired to deliver up the Ajaseim to the Cawcer. as the Murder was committed in the Nabobs Country.

From Colonel Sir Henry Corby

From Colonel Sir Henry Corby dated the 12th Instant enclosing a Letter from Mr. Torin stating that one Vencaty Soubiah had been confined by Vencaty Row. and was found hanging in the house of the latter - stating also that he was supposed to have perpetrated the Act of his own Destruction -

Minute thereon.

Agreed that Colonel Corby be desired in conjunction with the Nabobs Phoudar, and Mr. Torin to make particular Enquiry into the death of Vencaty Soubiah, and if any surpicions shall appear against Voncaty Row he must be sent to the Presidency with the depositions of Witnesses relative to the Murder, which must be taken on the Spot -

From the Town Major

From the Town Major dated the 23d Instant requesting a Reimbursement of Pagodas 1302. 36. 20 which he declares bonâ fide to have expended in repairing the Company's House occupied by him -

Agreed

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Minute thereon

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From Colonel Humbold

Read the following Letters entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 63-64-65.

From Colonel Humbold dated 25th January, reporting that a Murder has been committed in the Neighbourhood of Arcot and that one of the Assassins is confined in the Guard of the Bazar - stating also that the Cauzee has applied for his being delivered up to him, and requesting the Board's Orders thereupon.

Agreed.

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Minute thereon

Agreed that Colonel Pinbold be desired to deliver up the Assassin to the Cawjee, as the Murder was committed in the Nabob's Country.

From Colonel Sir Henry Coxby

From Colonel Sir Henry Coxby dated the 12th Instant enclosing a Letter from Mr. Torin stating that one Vencaty Soubiah had been confined by Vencaty Row, and was found hanging in the house of the latter - stating also that he was supposed to have perpetrated the Act of his own Destruction -

Minute thereon.

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Agreed

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Agreed that a Bond for the Amount of Pagodas 1302. 36. 20 be granted to the Town Major, as the Board are well assured that he has expended the above Sum in the manner represented in his Letter.

Minute thereon

Alex Davidson
John Dalrymple

W. C. Jackson
Depy Secy

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Received the undermentioned Letters (as entered in the Miscellany Book N.os 66-67-68-69 70-71.-

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Ordered Ordered accordingly.-

From Captain Lieutenant Bradenell

From Captain Lieut.t Bradenell dated 5.th Instant, stating the Services he has rendered the Company, of the Degradation he has suffered by Supercession, and his Hope that he may be allowed to rank agreably to his original Commission.-

From M.r Henelm Digby, late

From M.r Digby Paymaster to the Southern Army, requesting the Decision of the Board on a General Order published by Colonel Fullarton respecting Field Allowances.-

From the Resident at Tanjore

From the Res.t at Tanjore dated 18.th January, states a Claim preferred by the Com-=mandant of Karical on behalf of certain Merchants at that place, for the amount of some Chalingas taken by M.r Macintosh, and sent to Nagore in March 1781 for the Publick Service.-

From M.r George Stuart, late Acting

From M.r Geo.e Stuart Surgeon of the 98.th Regiment, dated 16.th January, requesting that he may be allowed a Certificate on the Governor Gen.l

and

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Amount of Pagodas 1302. 34. 20 to be granted to the Inva Major, as the Board are well assured that he has expended the above Sum in the manner represented in his Letter.

Alex Davidson

J Hs Dallas

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23d and Council for his Arrears, in lieu of a Company's Bond.

From the Paymaster at Trichinopoly

From the Payr. at Trichinopoly receives two Months pay for the Garrison from Mr Jones Acting Paymaster at Palamcotah and draws upon the Presidency for 3000 Pagodas.

24th Dispatched the following Letter.

To John Hudleston Esqr.

Resident at Tanjore

Sir.

To the Resident at Tanjore are happy that his Argu=ments have prevailed upon the Rajah to accede to Terms more favorable to the Company =approves his corres=ponding with General Horne upon matters that relate to the Public Service and of his having sent a Supply of Cash to Trich=inopoly.=

I am directed by the Honble President and Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 11th 13th 16th Ult.o/ 16th & 18th Instant with their several Inclosures to inform you they approve your notification to Mr Falk that in all matters relating to the Publick Service in the Cantonment at Triche=nopoly you are to correspond with Brigadier General Horne.=

The Board observe with much Sat=isfaction that your Arguments have at length pro=duced from the Rajah the promise of a pecuniary Aid which is better suited to the connection between his Excel=lency and the Company, and to the Situation of their Affairs than what he had before acceded to on your Application. The President will shortly write to his Excellency on the Subject

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Subject, in the meantime the Board desire you will assure him that an attention to your requisitions cannot fail of recommending him to the favor of the Company.

The President & Council approve your Conduct and are well convinced that no exertions will be wanting on your part in forwarding the views of Government, & in performing the duties of your Station with Credit to yourself & advantage to your Employers.

The Board are of opinion that the Claim made to you for the Amount of some Chelingas taken by Mr Mc Intosh must be admitted as Mr Mc Intosh has declared that he employed them against the inclination of the Owners.

I am directed to signify the Boards Approbation of your having sent a Supply of Cash to General Horne.

I am Sir &c &c

(Signed) John Chamier Secy

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To Messieurs Turing
Taylor
Savage
Hollond
& Lewin

Gentlemen.

In Answer to your Address of the 21st

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To the Deputation of the Nabob's Creditors a further reply will be given to their Letter, when the Nabob has completed his second Kist.

24th the 21st Instant, I am directed by the Board to inform you that after the Amount of the Nabob's Second Kist has been received, a further Reply will be made to your Letter on the Subject of the Dividends due to Her Highness's Creditors.

I am Gentlemen &c &c

Fort St George
24th January 1786

(Signed) John Chamier Secy

Sent the undermentioned Letters (as entered in the Miscellany Book No 72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82.

To Mr Thos Chase & Mr Lionel Place

To Mr Thomas Chase, & Mr Lionel Place, appointing the former an Examiner of the Records of the Military Department, and the latter, his Assistant.

To the Chief Engineer

To the Chief Engineer - informing him that as the whole charge of erecting the Cantonment at Sheveram has been entrusted to Lieut Colonel Davies, he is directed to afford every Assistance in his professional line that may be required - Ensign Guthrie recalled from Sheveram.

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly

To Mr Falk - must be guided by the Secretary's Letter to him of the 19th relative to the Exchange -

To the Superintendant of the Saghire

To Mr Bakeley - To inform the Board what quantity of Palmeiras, Straw & other Materials, for erecting a temporary Cantonment near Sheveram for the Cavalry, can be procured in the Saghire.

To

24 To Mr James Taylor, informing him, that he has the Board's Permission to meet the Nabob's Moot-seddies at the Company's Garden House, in order to adjust the Accounts of the Cavalry Loan.

To Mr Jas Taylor

To Mr Orpen - has permission to proceed to England for the recovery of his Health - a Certificate on the Governor General and Council will be granted him for 5000 Pagodas in part payment of the Balance due to him.

To Mr Orpen

To the Commandant at Arcot - to deliver up the Fakur, confined for Murder, to the Cawzer.

To Colo Reinbold

To Sir Henry Cosby - directing him in Conjunction with Mr Torin and the Nabob's Phousdar, to enquire into the Cause of the Death of Vencaty Soubeah.

To Sir H. Cosby

26 To Captain Cudmore, directing him to deliver over the People confined at Tiagar to the Nabob's Amuldar at Trinamalley.

To Captn Cudmore

To the Commandant at Nellore, to advise Government if he can procure any Nafts Boats or Vessels, to send to the Presidency the Stores at Nellore.

To the Commandant at Nellore

Dispatched the following Letters.

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To the Honorable John Macpherson Esq.

Governor General &c.a Council

at Fort William

Gentlemen.

To Bengal enclosing Copies of Letters from Brigadier Genl. Horne & Captain Bate, claiming a Share in the Funds ordered to be set apart for the Officers late Prisoners in Mysore.

We have the honor to enclose to you Copies of Letters addressed to us by Brig.r Genl Horne, & Capt.n Bate in consequence of the Resolution, which you have adopted respecting the Officers late Prisoners in Mysore.

As you have made no Provision for those who were captured by the Arms of His Most Christian Majesty, we informed General Horne, that We could not appropriate the Funds received from you, to other purposes than those which you had specifically stated.

But that as We were desirous to pay attention to the Representations of those Officers, who, in the execution of their duty, were deprived of their liberty, we would refer his Claim to your favourable Consideration.

With respect to Captain Bate's Claim, having made a Reference to the Committee appointed by us for that purpose, We beg leave to enclose you a Copy of their Answer, and to request your Determination thereupon.

We have the honor to be &c.a &c.a

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/ signed / Alex.r Davidson
&c.a Council

To

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To Brigadier General Mathew Horne

Commanding the Forces

South of the Coleroon

Sir

To Brigadier General Horne His Conduct, together with Colonel Stuarts & the Officers ordered by him to march to Trichinopoly approved. Reference to the Letter from the Secretary of the 19th

I am directed by the Honble President and Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 15th and 16th Instant and to signify their approbation of your Conduct in restoring good Order in the 13th Battalion. The Board also approve the Exertions of Colonel Stuart, and the Officers ordered by him to march to Trichinopoly, which Approbation you will be pleased to notify to them.

The Board further direct me to refer you to my Letter of the 19th Instant, on the Subject of a speedy and general liquidation of Military Arrears.

I am Sir,

Your most Obed Servant

Signed John Chamier Secy

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

Friday
27 January
1786

President
Lieut General Sir John Dalling Baronet

Mr Floyer having taken the
Oaths of Allegiance & Office in the Civil Department
now takes his Seat at the Board.

Mr Floyer takes the Oaths of Allegiance & his Seat at the Board.

Minutes of last Consultation
read and approved

The Commander in Chief begs
leave to enter the following Minute

The Commander in Chief having
consulted Genl Stopes & the principal Cavalry Officers on the
Coast, agrees with them in opinion, that the present
Establishment of each Troop of Native Cavalry is much too
large & unwieldy to execute the rapid Movements on which
the Success of light Horse duties principally depends
recommends therefore, the 4 Troops which at present compose
a Regiment, be divided into Six, which will reduce them
nearly to the Strength of those in His Majesty's 23d Dragoons
& consequently render both more capable of manauvering
in concert, when ordered upon the same Service

Commander in Chiefs minute proposing Alterations in the Corps of Cavalry.

The Officers, European & Native
required for this Arrangement, will occasion no immediate
additional expence, as they may be supplied from the Supernu-
meraries

In order that the Alteration he
recommends

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recommend, may appear distinctly to the Board. He lays before them, the Strength of a Regiment, according to his proposed Plan of 6 Troops, & also that of a Regiment on the present Establishment.

/ Signed / John Dalling

Establishment of a Regt of Cavalry of Four Troops

Strength of a Troop of Cavalry.

Rank	Men	Horses
Lieutenant	1	2
Cornet	1	2
Serjeants	2	2
Subedars	1	1
Jemidars	3	3
Havildars	8	8
Naigues	8	8
Trumpeters	2	2
Farrier	1	1
Private	97	97
Total	124	126

Strength of a Regiment.

Rank	Men	Horses
Major or Captain Commanding	1	3
Captain Lieutenant	1	2
Lieutenants	3	6
Cornets	4	8
Serjeants	8	8
Native Commandant	1	2
Subedars	4	4
Jemidars	12	12
Haveldars	32	32
Naiques	32	32
Trumpet Major	1	1
Trumpeters	8	8
Sirgh Farrier	1	1
Farriers	4	4
Private	388	388
Total	500	544

Staff

1 European Adjutant
1 Do Quarter Master
1 Serjeant Major
1 Quarter Master Serjeant
1 Native Adjutant
1 Drill Haveldar
1 Do Naigue
4 Line or Camp Colour Men

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Proposed Establishment of a Regimt of Native Cavalry of Six Troops.

Strength of a Troop.

Rank	Men	Horses
Lieutenants	1	2
Cornet	1	2
Subidar	1	1
Jemidars	2	2
Havildars	5	5
Naiques	5	5
Trumpeters	1	1
Private	65	65
	81	83

Strength of a Regiment.

Rank	Men	Horses
Major or Captain Commandt	1	3
Captain Lieutenant	1	2
Lieutenants	5	10
Cornets	6	12
Sergeants	3	3
Native Commandant	1	2
Subidars	6	6
Jemidars	15	15
Havildars	30	30
Naiques	30	30
Trumpet Major	1	1
Trumpeters	6	6
Farth Farrier	1	1
Second Dc	2	2
Private	390	390
	496	511

Staff &ca not returned in Troops.

1 Captain or Major Commandant
1 Native Commandant
1 Dc Adjutant
1 Serjeant Major
1 Quarter Master Serjeant
1 Drill Serjeant
1 Trumpet Major
1 Farth Farrier
1 Second Ditto

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The Adjutant & Quarter Master being Commissioned Officers are on the Strength of Troops—

N.B. By the alteration in the Establishment of the Regimts of Cavalry, 2 Lieutenants, and 2 Cornets in addition to each Regiment will be required—

Difference of the immediate Expence occasioned by the alteration of the Establishment of Cavalry—

		P. M.	P. M.
Two Cornets made Lieut.ts	2 p Day p Month	15.—.—	
4 Ensigns from the Supernumeraries made Cornets at 4 p Day	p Mo.	60.—.—	
Drill Serjeants Allowance		4.—.—	
2 Privates entertained		7.—.—	
2 Line Men for the additional Troops		2.6.—	P. M. P.
Total additional Expence			88.6.—
From which deduct the Pay of five Serjeants reduced		15.—.—	
2 Havildars		13.—.—	
2 Naigues		11.—.—	
2 Trumpeters		7.—.—	
2 Second Farriers		13.—.—	
Drill Havildar		3.—.—	
Do Naigue		2.—.—	
		94.—.—	
Balance in favor of the New Establishment			5.36.—

The additional two Subidars, One Soubidar being taken from the Supernumeraries, now on full Pay, continue at the same Expence to the Company.

The Board concur in Opinion with the Commander in Chief respecting his proposed Alterations

Agreed to.

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Alterations in the Corps of Cavalry, and it is accordingly Agreed that they be adopted & published in General Orders —

Read the following Report from the Commissioners of Accounts, with Enclosures lodged in the Office —

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President &c. Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Since our last address of the 22d of August We have received a Report from Mr W. Wynch respecting the Military Payments and Disbursements of the Garrison of Trepassore —

A Report from Mr John Balfour on the Accounts of the Deputy Agent at Camp from the 1st of January 1782 to 31st December 1784 —

A Report from Mr W. Wynch on the Cuddalore Accounts from May 1780 to the end of April 1782 —

And also another Report from Mr W. Wynch on the Military Payments of the

Report of the Committee of Accounts, on the Accounts of the Deputy Agent at Cuddalore & of Mr Dobbyn's Claim to Interest for Money advanced by him.

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Approved.

the Garrison of Vellore from May 1780 to the end of December 1784. In the Report for the Garrison of Trepassore Mr. Wynch objects to the charge of near 40 Pagodas p Month paid for Hircarrahs to the different Commandants of the Garrison also to Extra Hircarrahs for the Paymaster: but the Enemy being in the Country we concur with him in thinking that such Charges altho' not strictly warranted by the Book of Regulations are inadmissible.

On the Accounts of the Deputy Agent We have to remark that the encreased rates of Bullock & Cart hire & of Servants Wages have been continued to the 31st Decemr 1784 when the Office ceased, no Orders having been given for reducing them. We beg leave to recommend to your Honor &ca that Orders be issued for the reduction of all charges in the Department of the Agent and of those

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those acting as his Deputies to the rates allowed by the Regulations of 1779 which were in force at the Commencement of the War, & that the Agents be directed to circulate those Regulations to the Gentlemen in whose Accounts such Charges are likely to occur, that they may not have the plea often urged to us, that the Regulations were never communicated to them -

Approved

It should likewise be ordered that whenever Cart Hire is divided into separate Charges for the Cart, Bullocks & Drivers the proportion charged for each should be such as that the whole may not exceed the established rate - also that in any one Month whatever number of Days it may consist of, no more be charged than the first monthly hire, and for any number of days less than a Month, in the proportion which they bear to the whole Month.

Approved

The excess in the number

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number of Servants and followers charged for in the Deputy Agents Accounts from the 1st Janry 1782 to the 31st December 1784 above what the Regulations allow occasions an additional Expence of Pags 466 f. 21.-

We have considered this Sum as an overcharge, & have given directions ac=cordingly to the Deputy Agent, until your Honor &c shall finally determine respecting it. Mr Kenworthy has represented that the Regulations, which limit the proportion of Servants to be employed, were not known to him; that he employed no more than he found absolutely neces=sary for conducting the business under him - & that all charged for were actually paid - on this Subject we beg leave to refer your Honor &c to his Letter to us of the 26. November, Copy of which N.o 1. accompanies this Address -

To be allowed

Exclusive of a very considerable Monthly deficiency

by

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by Leakage & Wastage, there are charged in the Deputy Agents Accounts for the Year 1784 after hostilities had ceased 1366 Gallons of Arrack lost - not knowing how Arrack could be lost in time of Peace, we are of opinion that this Charge cannot be admitted, & have accordingly directed that the Honble Company have credit for this quantity at the rate at which it was then purchased for their Account - We have likewise directed that a difference between the quantity charged by the Agent as found, & that acknowledged by the Deputy Agent to have been received by him, be adjusted between the Departments, so that the Company may not be burdened with the Loss -

Approved

We have directed that the Sum of Pags 173.15.20 being overcharges in the Price of Bullocks purchased in the quantity of Salted Arrack

Approved

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Approved

Arrack issued above the regulated allowance, be carried to the Debit of the Honble Company—

In the Deputy Agents Accounts several Articles of Provision are charged as issued, for which regular Vouchers have not been produced — Mr Hemworthy has represented that this happened in Consequence of verbal Orders from the Officers Commanding, & on Indents from people from whom Receipts could not be obtained — As the only means likely in some measure to correct this defect of Vouchers, We have directed that the several Articles so issued be stated in Account not to any head of Expenditure but charged to the parties to whom they were issued: so that standing against them on the Books of the Agent, they may be called upon to answer for them —

On the Deputy Agents Accounts closed

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the 31st Decr 1784 considerable
Balances of Rice & other Articles
of Provision appear standing
against him — But he having
procured from the Superin-
tendant of Grain Accounts
of the Army a Certificate
that the whole will be ac-
counted for to the Company
we considered further objection
on this head unnecessary — and
have only directed that the
Account be closed by Entries
charging those Balances to
the Departments to whom the
several Articles were issued
or by whom they are to be
accounted for.

Approved.

We have likewise
waved further Objections to
the Deputy Agents Accounts
in regard to the Rice issued
during the War to the followers
in his Department, for no
part of the Amount of which
he has charged himself in
account, or made deductions
from their Wages (although we
are of opinion that one or
other

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Approved

other of them would have been by much the surest & clearest mode of adjustment) the Superintendant of Grain Accounts of the Army having certified in his Letter to Mr Kenworthy of the 29th September that the whole would be accounted for without loss to the Company at the price at which it was issued to the followers Vagodas 97.35. ℔ Garce—

We have to observe however to your Honr &c. that We know not by what authority Rice is issued to the followers of the Army is to be reckoned at a price so much under its prime Cost to the Company—

The Deputy Agent having omitted to charge himself in Account with the value of Bullocks, Bullock Sadles &c. supplied by the Company to the Bullock people in his Department leaving it to be adjusted in the Accounts of the Paymr in whose Department it would be altogether out of its place, we have directed that the Omission be rectified

—Mr Kenworthy has informed us that the Bullock people having

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The Committee to examine viva voce evidence in order to substantiate their representation, & to report their opinion to the Board—

having had the promise of Lord Macartney & of Sir Eyre Coote that the value of near 3000 Bullocks lost on detachment under Major Burns should not be charged against them, as the Bullocks had been their property but a few days: he has considered that it was to be deducted from the Sum to be paid by them — But as well on account of the danger of establishing a precedent which might induce other demands of a similar nature, as because the Sum in question is considerable being not much under 20,000 Pagodas we have not thought ourselves authorized to allow this deduction without an order from your Honor &c — and have therefore directed that the value of those Bullocks be included in the Sum to be charged against them — If your Honor &c shall be pleased to allow it to them it may then be written off to Profit and Loss —

We beg leave to recommend that the Agent be directed to take care that the Balance of Money advanced to

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to the Bullock people at the beginning of the War for providing Bullocks be accounted for to the Company before the Arrears now due be fully discharged.—

A Copy of our Letter to the Deputy Agent accompanies this N.o 2.—

In Mr Wynch's Report on the Cuddalore Accounts for 1780 to the end of April 1782 we find several outstanding Ballances from the different Renters to the amount of Pagodas 1/ 1/2 1,23,857/40.20 and in the Vellore Accounts from May 1780 to the end of December 1784 many of the Vouchers are wanting for which We have applied by Letter to Mr Ogilvie who was the Paymaster during the above mentioned time, who has promised to procure them.—

Approved

Besides the above Reports We have received a Letter dated the 22.d November 1785 from Mr. John Menzies Attorney to Mr. Dobbyn formerly Agent Victualler at Camp

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in which Mr Menzies requests to be allowed Interest for the Money disbursed by Mr Dobbyn on the Company's Account the Interest of which amounts to the Sum of Pags 26 14 3/4

3 This matter being already reported to the Honble Board We have not presumed to decide upon it but at the request of Mr Menzies We beg leave to represent to your Honor &c. that Mr Dobbyn's claim appears to us exactly similar to that of Mr Roy which you were pleased to allow

Approved - Mr Dobbyn's Claim to be admitted

We are with respect
Your most Obed.
& faithful Servts

Fort St George
31st December 1785

Casper
Wm Wynch
Edwd Holland
(Signed) J Balfour

Read the following Letter from Mr Commissioner Jackson, with its Enclosures, entered in the Miscellany Book No 83.)

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.r

President & Governor &.ca Council

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Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr. Commissioner Jackson with his Audit on the Accounts of Mr. Harry Taylor as Paym.r to the Detachment under Command of Col.o Braithwaite

The Accounts of Mr. Harry Taylor whilst he acted as Paymaster to the Detachment under the Command of Colonel John Braithwaite in the years 1781 & 1782, likewise as Paymaster to the Tanjore Sibbendies from the 1.st of May 1780, to the period he delivered over the charge of those Offices, to Mr. John Sullivan, which was in the Month of Febry 1782, have been examined, and a certain part of the irregular charges contained both in his Sibbendy Payments, and field disbursements amounting to the Sum of five thousand seven hundred and sixty eight Pagodas, thirty three fanams & eight Cash (5768. 33. 8) he has promised to refund - I must Pay.t however beg leave to refer a Case to the final Judgement of your Honor &.ca which I would not have done, if the Explanations of Mr. Harry Taylor had been so clear, as to have enabled me to have settled the audit of his Accounts without an Appeal to the Board - In order therefore to give your Honor &.ca every Information on the points which necessity only obliges me to refer to you, I think it necessary to send herewith, Extracts of Letters to, & from Mr. Harry Taylor on which your Honor &.ca will have before you, every thing

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thing that has resulted from the examination of Colonel Brathwaite's Letter to the Honble Board dated the 24th May 1784. on this very Subject – the publick & private Correspondence of the late Resident at Tanjore, with the Colonel, which I have carefully perused, as well as examined the Counterparts belonging to the Offices Mr. Taylor held, & in short every Information which I could possibly obtain in order to elucidate the Points referred to my Audit, from all which I am of opinion after the most mature Consideration that the Answers of Mr. Harry Taylor, are not upon the whole satisfactory & I am further of opinion, that your Honor &ca should admit of the charges as are contained in his Statement of Pay & Batta to the Native Corps for October and November 1781. agreeably to his Account made in Judgement, excepting the Sum of Pags. 656. 2 Fanams the irregularity of which he has himself acknowledged – but the Sums said to have been advanced after the above Payments were made, amounting to the Sum of Pagodas ten thousand, six hundred and seventy, three fanams and twelve Cash 10670. 3. 12. – I think, he should be held responsible for, to the Company. –

I have the hono to be &c.

Warriore
28th December 1785

W Jackson
Comm.r of Accounts

Agreed

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Agreed that Mr Jackson's Audit be confirmed, and that he be desired to inform Mr Taylor that the different Sums said to have been advanced by him after the Payments for Oct.r and Novembr 1781 must be made good by him to the Company —

Mr Jackson's Audit confirmed

The Board being of opinion that the Commissioners of Accounts will be able to finish the Examination of the Accounts before them in a short space of time, it is Agreed that their Commission be dissolved the 31st March next, & that notice be given to them & to Mr Jackson, who, it is expected will close the Audit entrusted to him before the period above mentioned —

The Committee of Accounts to be dissolved on the 31st March —

Read the following Letters from Masulipatam (with their Enclosures entered in Mis.s No.1 84-85)

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &ca Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

A Circumstance which has just happened at this place, making it appear that the Sentiments of the french Resident respecting the Privileges secured to the Subjects of his Nation by the 13th Article of the late Treaty of Peace, differ very widely from ours: we think it necessary without delay to address you on the Subject, that We may be

From Masulipatam the French refuse to pay the usual Customs on exported Goods — their Correspondence with the French Chief on the Subject enclosed —

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To honored with your particular Instructions for our Guidance in a matter, which may lead to others of national Importance -

A Person of the name of Gougem, said to be a Frenchman, who took up his residence in this Pettah, sometime before the late reestablishment of the French Factory, sent some Goods a few days ago to the Sea Gate for Exportation: but upon the usual Customs of the Port being demanded he refused Payment, & produced a Certificate from the Resident of his Nation, that these Goods were french Property - Another Person named Chapellier, having in like manner endeavoured to pass Goods by virtue of a similar Certificate, without paying the Customs our Sea Customer stopped these as well as the former, until he could apply to us for directions in what manner to act on such occasions - In consequence of this delay, the Chief of the french Factory wrote us a Letter of which the Enclosure N.1 is Copy, protesting against any demand whatever from Frenchmen, who may carry on Traffick in this part of India, thereby contending, at it would appear for an unlimited extent of those Priviledges, which in our opinion, are Sought to be confined to Natives of France residing within the limits of their Factory Possessions -

In order to accommodate matters for the present, & to avoid affording any handle for Litigation, we authorized our Sea Customer to pass the Goods in question, provided Mr Forestier would engage himself

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himself to answer for the amount of the Customs in case your Decision should make it necessary for us to insist upon payment thereof. This offer has been rejected, & has drawn a second Letter from the French Chief of which the Enclosure N.o 2 is a Copy arraigning us in terms we think very unbecoming. It would not answer any good purpose for us to enter into a particular discussion of Priviledges with the French Resident while the ultimate Decision rests with your Honor &ca. Copy of our Answer to the two abovementioned Letters accompanies N.o 3.

There is nothing on our Records that particularly point out, what Factory Priviledges are, but we conceive those of the French now ought not to be greater than what the English French & Dutch enjoyed respectively during the Moorish Government. The Records of the English Factory we apprehend must have been taken by the French, as we have none of an older date than the Capture of Masulipatam by Colonel Forde, but there may be Duplicates of them at the Presidency, from which it might perhaps be possible to ascertain the rights of the French Factory. By all the Letters we have had the honor to receive from you respecting the reestablishment of the French in their Possessions since the late Peace, it appears your intention that they should enjoy the same rights as before the War, by the following Deviation from our Records in the year 1772 it is evident that our Predecessors at that time did not consider their rights as extending beyond the limits

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of their own Factory - When a Frenchman of the name of St Estier, who had been 2nd in their Council at this place during the existence of the French Company, refused to conform to a resolution of our then Chief and Council, he was ordered to quit the Districts depending on Masulipatam in the course of a Month, and an opinion entered on Record "that none "of the Subjects of France, but such as may stay, within "the limits of the french Factory, have a right to reside "within the limits of the English Company's possessions "unless they should chuse to demand the protection "of the British Flag, & become Subjects of his Britanick "Majesty" - By the words safe, free, & independant Trade mentioned in the Treaty, we apprehend no-thing further to be inferred than that no interrup-tion is to be given to the Priviledges & Trade of their Factory, confined simply to the Export & Import of their Traffick without right of exemption of the Inland Customs of Government denominated Hy-drabad Customs - If extended beyond such limits we shall be at a loss to judge where & how far they may extend, & not only the commerce of this Settle-ment but of this part of India (to use the expression of the french Resident) might thereby become subject to their Controul - Every person calling himself a Frenchman, every Vessel having a french Pass, & generally every species of Goods, accompanied by a Certificate from a french Resident that they were french Property would not be liable to pay

Custom

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Custom - a priviledge that would be open to the greatest abuse, & might be the means of transferring to them almost the whole Trade - This we consider as a point of great importance to be determined, particularly at a time when it is reported that the French are establishing a new East India Company, who may hereafter plead the priviledge of carrying on their Commerce, on a footing to the great detriment of our Nation & the rights of our Employers -

Frenchmen residing in this Fort & Pettah, without the limits of their own possessions, are as we conceive equally subject to our Laws & Customs with Frenchmen residing at Fort St George or any other of the Company's Settlements, & so, that they are also equally liable to pay the usual Duties - If it were ever to be determined otherwise, we apprehend the greatest confusion could scarcely fail to follow, as in the course of Traffick, differences will unavoidably arise some times between them & the Natives, that may require an interposition of authority, which we think their own Resident cannot be permitted to exercise - Frenchmen & other Foreigners with Native Coolies of every description may reside for a considerable time in this extensive & scattered Pettah without its coming to our knowledge - Such persons may be induced, by the prospect of trading duty free, to pretend to the protection of the French Flag, which if this priviledge was to be granted would enable them both to import & export their Commodities 5 ℔ Ct. cheaper than our own Subjects & Natives living under British Government, unless some measure is fallen upon to prevent it - We request therefore your orders whether in such instances we may not insist on all Persons

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Persons calling themselves Frenchmen, & making any resis-
-tance to our Authority, retiring from the Company's Pos-
-sessions to some one or other of their own Factories. An Au-
-thority in our opinion necessary to assert, & not greater
than our Predecessors took upon themselves to exercise,
as already mentioned, without thinking a reference to
their Superiors necessary. It may also be remembered that
a Detachment of Sepoys was kept stationed for some
years immediately before the War at Tantapollam, pur-
-posely to prevent Frenchmen & Military Stores passing
into the Guntoor Circar, & that the Persons of several
were seized & sent to this place even when they were not
within the Company's Possessions, which is certainly
an exercise of greater power than obliging them to sub-
-mit to the Government established in our Settlements
or to retire within their own bounds.

While upon this Subject it seems
to us in order to keep the Trade of both Nations seperate
& distinct as possible, & in order to secure to the French
a safe, free & independant Trade, & to prevent interference
or Allegation at the places where we collect our publick
Customs, it would be proper henceforward that all property
imported by them should be conducted to their own Factory
& there deposited, & that all Traffick exported should be
carried there also, at which place, our Custom Masters
might attend and after being satisfied of an Observance
of good faith on the part of their Nation, give the ne-
-cessary Passports for the Circulation of their Trade, which
if you approve, you will be pleased to direct accordingly.

We have the honor to be &c.

Masulipatam
22d December 1785

(Signed) Jn the Sadleir
James Hodges
W Dobbyn
Joseph Revell

&c.

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &ca Council

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Honble Sirs & Sirs

With our Letter of the 8th Ultimo we had the honor of transmitting you Copies of our Correspondence with Col Brathwaite relative to the reduction of the former Sepoy Battalions, & the Arrangement of the force now left for the duties of this District, & we think it necessary also to transmit you Copy of another Letter since received from him relative to the same Subject.

From Masulipatan on the same Subject as the preceding Letter & enclosing Copy of a Letter to that Board from Col Brathwaite relative to the force left in the District.

Having under date the 22d Ult.o forwarded Copies of our late Correspondence with the Chief of the French Factory, we have now the honor of transmitting you copy of another letter received from him; it being in some measure declaratory of his acquiescence in what we had proposed, as a temporary expedient, until we could receive your final determination respecting the light in which Subjects of France residing without the limits of their Factory are to be considered.

We likewise take this opportunity of transmitting you our Consultations for the Month of November.

We have the honor to be &c &c

Masulipatam
14th January 1786

Ant.o Sadleir
/Signed/ James Hodges
Joseph Revell

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The following Answer being drafted & approved is ordered to be dispatched.

To Anthony Sadleir Esqr.

Chief &c. Council

at Masulipatam

Gentlemen

In reply to your Letters of the 22d December & 11th Instant I am directed by the Board to inform you that they perfectly coincide in the Ideas expressed by you on the Subject of the French Claims mentioned in your Address of the 22d Ulto. and they desire you will reply to Mr Le Forestier agreeably to the Opinion you have given.

The Board also desire you will as formerly practised receive Certificates for the Amount of the Duties from Mr Le Forestier, or (if he should decline giving them) from French Individuals residents in their Factory until the order of the Court of Directors, in consequence of the reference made to them, shall be known.

With respect to the Hydrabad Customs they are undoubtedly the rights of the different Zemindars, who may either exact, or remit the Collection of them as they think proper.

I am directed by the Board to

To answer to the two preceding letters To receive Certificates from the French Chief, or from Individuals for the amount of Duties Hydrabad Customs belong to the Zemindars, who may do with them what they please. Captain Montgomery conformed in the Command of Samulcotah

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to inform you that they approve and confirm the appointment of Captain Montgomery to the Command of the Garreson of Samulcotah &

I have the honor to be &c &c

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Signed J Chamier Secry

Read the following Letter from sundry Officers who served under Colonel Brown upon the Malabar Coast -

To Lieutenant General Sir John Dalling Bart

Commander in Chief &c &c &c

Sir.

From a thorough conviction of your Wish to support the just claims of the Army in General, We take the liberty of addressing you on a Subject, which We hope will meet with your Approbation -

From sundry Officers serving with the late Colonel Brown on the Coast of Malabar, requesting that their Arrears may be liquidated.

In January 1780 a Detachment from this Establishment was ordered to join the Army serving under Brigadier General Goddard in the Guzzerat Country; Eighteen Months after which period it was thought necessary to order the European Officers and Native Troops of the Detachment to return to Madras, the Bombay Army was then cantoned at Callian and considerably in Arrears -

Application

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Application was made by Colonel Brown to the Bombay Government to adjust and discharge the Demands of the Officers of his Detachment but the Honble Companies Finances, being at that time inadequate to so large a Disbursement, We were, by Brigadier General Goddard, & Boden obliged to accept Transfer Bills upon the Bombay Treasury for two thirds of our Arrears of Pay -

We beg leave to observe, that some of the Officers, who objected to receive those Bills, were, on their Arrival at Madras in July 1784 paid off in Bills on Bengal, then nearly at Par -

Lord Macartney was pleased to promise his Support and Influence in the Event of a Memorial signed by the Officers of Colonel Brown's Detachment upon the Subject, but, as on our Dis-embarkation, We were immediately ordered to join the Army under Sir Eyre Coote, We were necessarily obliged to postpone our Address to Government until a more favorable Opportunity, which We now are happy to embrace -

Situated as We are, by being at so great a distance from Bombay and having few Acquaintance at that Presidency to regulate & annually renew our Transfer Bonds, We have consequently lost the Compound Interest arising from them, these four Years past -

Having stated this Matter

to

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in as clear a light as possible, We now sit, relying on your well known justice and attention to all Military Matters, request your Interest towards obtaining a speedy Payment of our long Arrears, either in Specie or Bills on this Government, which will relieve us from many distresses We at present labour under.)

We have the honor to be &c.

Fort St George
31st December 1785

Chs Carlile Capt.n 1st Batt.n
Edwd Gibbings Capt.n 1st
Signed / Arthur Gibbings Lieut
James Byrne Ensign
J. Hone Lieut.

Agreed that the above Gentlemen be informed that as there is an Arrangement made for the liquidation of the Company's Debts in every part of India, their Demands upon the Bombay Government will of course be included in it, and that their Claim will be recommended to the Gentlemen at Bombay by the first opportunity.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Superintendant of the Saghire.

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &ca Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Superintendant of the Saghire recommending that the Husbandmen, who were obliged to enlist into the Service during the late War may be discharged and that two Guards may be stationed at Conjeveram to preserve Regularity.

During the late War several Inhabitants of the Saghire who were driven from their Villages by the Enemy & reduced to the utmost Extremity, enlisted as Sepoys in the Company's Service merely to escape perishing by the Famine which then prevailed. It was the Intention of Government some time since to permit these people to return to their Homes, but a few only have yet obtained their discharge.

As the Cultivation of many parts of the Saghire is still very feebly carried on for want of Labourers, the release of these people is an object of Consideration. If their Services can be dispensed with, I beg leave to recommend to your Honble Board that a General Order may be issued to the Commanding Officers of the several Native Corps to discharge such persons as may be applied for by Mr Dighton, on their refunding the enlisting Money they received on entering the Service.

The Town of Conjeveram having become

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become very populous and the number of its Inhabitants daily encreasing, Mr Dighton has represented the necessity of having a small Guard of Sepoys there in order to preserve Regularety and to watch over such persons as may occasionally be kept in Confinement. As two Guards will at present be sufficient for this Service, I beg leave to request your Honorable Board to allow that number — If Effectives cannot be spared, a proportionable number of Invalids will answer the purpose —

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I have the honor to be &c.a

/ Signed / Cha.s Oakeley

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr Oakeley be informed that the Board will take measures for effectuating the discharge of the Royots, who are enlisted in the Native Corps, provided that it can be done without injury to the Publick Service —

Do —

With respect to the application for Guards to be stationed at Conjeveram, the Board request the Commander in Chief will direct such to be furnished as may be necessary —

The Commander in Chief

delivers in the following Minute —

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In Consequence of the Board's having employed Lieutenant Colonel Davies at the Canton-ment, I find it impossible to carry on the duty of this Department without assistance — I, therefore request that Captain Lieutenant James Campbell may be reappointed Deputy Quarter Master Genl. at a Post, which he so well filled thro' the War, untill Lt Col. Davies shall be returned to the Duties of his Office; — or for so long a time as Government may deem it necessary to employ Captain Campbell —

Commander in Chief's Minute, requesting that Capt.n Lieut. James Campbell may be appointed Deputy Quarter Master General, until Lt Colonel Davies be returned to the duties of his Office.

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(signed) John Dalling

Agreed that Captain Lieut James Campbell be reappointed Dep.ty Quarter M.r General untill Lieut Col. Davies be returned to the Duties of his Office —

Agreed to.

Read the following Letter from the Garrison Storekeeper —

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.r

President & Governor &.ca Council

at Fort St George

From the Garrison Storekeeper, recommending that Salt Provisions be sent out annually from England by the Court of Directors.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received Mr. Secretary Chamier's Letter dated 16th Instant.

Finding your Honble Board prefer

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prefers the mode of Publick Contract for keeping up a Garrison Store of Provisions I shall upon this princi-ple propose to include the following Articles.

Peas
Boot Grain
Wheat
Sugar

which in my last letter I recommended to have been provided by the Government of Bengal.

Arrack or Rum } At present there is a surplus Quantity in Store, but in case Government should find it expedient to continue an Agreement with an Indi-vidual for supplying their European Military on this Establishment with Arrack, a Stipulation may be made with the Contractor for keeping a certain quantity of this Article in Store at Madras & in other Garrisons, which I am of opinion would prove a publick saving.

Beef Pork } We have now forty eight Casks of Beef & forty seven Casks of Bengal Pork, which has been in Store since April last. Upon a late examination I find the Pork is still good, but the Beef begins to be a little tainted.

We learn by experience that the best Bengal salted Provisions with all possible care cannot be depended upon more than six or eight Months, & what makes it turn out so very expensive is the impossibility of disposing of it almost upon any terms. Sea faring people always supplying themselves

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Shamsebes at the first Cost in Bengal & here is no Retail Demand. I was informed by Mr Cuthbert Agent Victualler to Her Majesty's Fleet, that Europe Salt Provisions put up with Bay Salt & Salt Petre will keep with care in Store for two years: therefore I am induced to recommend that the Court of Directors may be requested to send an annual Supply of Beef & Pork for the use of this Garrison.

Rice

The Quantity required for the Subsistence of Ten Thousand Men for six Months is 600 Garce or 36,000 Bengal Bags.

But in a Settlement like Madras where Supplies are rendered precarious by the operations of an Enemy, or a casual scarcity, there ought in my humble Opinion at all times to be kept in Store a large Stock of Grain, during & since the late War the Company have been obliged to supply their Military with Rice at 70 Pagodas p Garce, & the difference in the Cost has been & is likely to continue a very heavy expence upon the Establishment.

The regular Issues of Rice to the Nabob, to the Military & Lascars in Garrison & occasional Supplies sent to the Troops at Arcot & Poonamalee since the 1st of last January has expended about 60,000 Bags of Rice.

Being unacquainted with the Measures you have already taken & the dependance you can reasonably place in consequence upon

expected

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expected Supplies, & not being able to judge of the quan-
-tity that may be wanted for the interior Garrisons.
I am at a loss to form a just Estimate of the quantity
of Rice now to be indented for from Bengal, but it
can easily be regulated by a consideration of the
above Circumstances -

In regard to the Live Stock & other
Articles to be kept up by the Renter of Chinercotah
I would recommend that he should be enjoined to give
a regular particular Return every six Months to the
Resident or Superintendant in the Jaghire, who con-
-veys, & reports in course to your Honble Board -

I have the honor to be &c.

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(Signed) John Turing
Garrison Storekeeper

The Board having already re-
-quested the Court of Directors to send out annually
a Quantity of Salted Provisions: and with respect
Minute thereon. to a Stock of Rice, they are in expectation of receiving
large Supplies from Bengal -

Read the following Letters (as
entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 87-88-89-90-91-92.

From Mr Menzies, Attorney to
Mr Dobbyn dated 24th Decr claiming Interest upon
From Mr Menzies certain Sums advanced by the latter when Agent for
Victualling the Troops, and stating that Mr Dobbyn's
Claim is similar to that of Mr Hop-

As

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As the Commissioners of Accounts have reported the Claims of Mr Ross & Mr Dobbyn to be similar, it is Agreed that Interest be allowed to the latter, amounting to Pags 2615. 24. 32 in same manner as has been admitted in Mr Ross's Accounts.

Minute thereon

From Captain Lieut Dallas dated 30th Dec.r requesting that Mr Falk may be desired to discharge his Bills, & that a Bill for Pags 250 expended in building Barracks at Mellore may be included.

From Capt.n Lieut Dallas

Agreed that Capt.n Dallas's Bills be discharged in the same manner as similar ones & that the Charge of Pags 250 for building Barracks be admitted —

Minute thereon

From the Paymaster at Arcot dated 25th instant requesting to know whether he may furnish Cols. Pots & other Barrack Furniture to the Europeans in that Cantonment according to usage in those Garrisons where Batta is not allowed.

From Mr Welch

Ordered accordingly.

Minute thereon

From Lieut Colonel Gibbings dated 30th Dec.r inclosing an Account Current between the Company and him — Balance in his favor Pags 3167. 39. 7 Which he requests may be discharged.

From Lt Col. Gibbings

Agreed that Colonel Gibbings be informed that when his Account is countersigned by the proper Officers, it will be liquidated by a Certificate

Minute thereon.

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Certificate for a Bengal Bond, which is the mode pres-
=cribed for Claims of Military Arrears—

From Mr Scottney dated 9th Decr

From Mr Scottney as entered in a former Consultation

(entered in Consultation the 13th Ult.) stating that he has sustained losses in making up Gun Carriages during the War, and requesting that on this Account he may be permitted at this time when Timber is cheap to continue making up such Carriages as may be wanted upon the terms of his former Contract

Agreed that Mr Scottney's request be complied with, and that Notice be given accor-
Minute thereon -dingly to the Committee of Stores.

From Mr George Tyler dated

From Mr G: Tyler

23d December enclosing Invoice and Bill of Lading of 9500 Bags of Cargo Rice shipped on board the Rose Dorea, and requesting the Appointment of Agent on account of this Presidency at Calcutta.

Agreed to inform Mr Tyler

Minute thereon

that, previous to the receipt of his Letter an ar-
=rangement had been made for the Appointment he solicits, and that on this Account it is not possible to comply with his Request.

From the Agent for victualling

From Mr Cockburn

the Troops, enclosing a Bill from Ensign Rand for the Carriage of Tents &c from Nellore to Madras, and requesting that, as the above were

not

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not furnished from his Department, Mr Rand's Bill may be discharged.—

Agreed that Ensign Rand's Bills for Bullock hire for the Detachment under his Command at Nellore to Madras be paid being Rupees 205.

Minute thereon.

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Read the following Letter from Mr Lind.—

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.

President & Governor &c.a Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr Lind requesting to have the Payment of the Military Arrears.

It having been intimated to me that the Government of Bengal have lately remitted Money to this Presidency for the purpose of paying off the Certificates granted by your Honble Board to Officers, Sepoys, and others for Arrears of Pay, Batta &c.a and that it is your intention to appoint a Covenanted Servant to discharge

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discharge them. I beg leave to offer myself for that Service, trusting that if no Senior Servant to me applies for it, I shall conformably to the 42 Clause in the Act of Parliament not be superceded by a Junior –

I have the honor to be &c &c

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Signed Tr. Pitt

To lie on the Table.

Ordered to lie on the Table –

Substance of four letters from the Nabob –

Read Letters from His Highness the Nabob entered in the Country Correspondence N.os 6-7-8-9 – The first states the Injustice done to him not only as Sovereign of the Carnatic, but in express Contradiction to the Articles of Agreement, by which the Assignment of his Revenues was made over to the Company, in allowing Mr. Irwin to grant Sanads to the Polygars in the Southern Districts, absolving them from all former Claims, and represents the advantages to be derived from an immediate Settlement of the Balance of the Tanjore Peishcush – The second contains a Request from His Highness to be paid in ready Money or to be included in the payment of his second Kist the Balance that may appear due to him on account of the sixth part of the Revenues of his Country – The third confirms the death of the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun – and the fourth advises of the payment of his second Kist into the Company's Treasury –

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Substance of Letters from Poona

Read also Letters from the Peishwa and the Minister at Poona, (as entered in Country Correspondence N.o 10) congratulating the President on his Succession to the Government, and expressing their Friendship for the Company.

The President to reply to them.

Agreed, that the President be desired to reply to the foregoing Letters.

Alex.r Davidson

John Dalrymple

W.m C.n Jackson
Dep.y Sec.y

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Received the following Letter.

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.

President & Governor &ca Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

From the Chief & Factors at Anjengo enclosing a letter from Tellicherry advising of an intended Attack upon that place by the Prince of Cheirtka clandestinely supported by Tippoo Sultaun

This is purposely to enclose a Packet this Moment received from the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry in your Address—

The Contents of their Letter to us appearing of so important and alarming a nature, We deemed it necessary to take Copy of the one addressed to your Honor &ca on the same Subject to be forwarded by a seperate Conveyance in order to guard against Accidents—

We are with the greatest Respect.

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Your most Obedt Hble Servts

John Hutchinson

James Barwick

John Donelan

Anjengo
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To

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.

President & Governor &ca Council

at

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

The present critical Situation of this Settlement, We conceive, renders it encumbent on us to communicate as quickly as possible to your Honor &ca a brief detail of the State of Affairs here.

The Prince of Cherrika whose Family were ancient Allies of the Company & granted them the principal privileges they enjoyed at this Chiefship was obliged to quit his Dominions on Hyder's first Invasion of the Malabar Coast in the year 1766 and took refuge in Tellicherry where he remained under the Company's protection till the year 1774. when Hyder having made a Peace with the Marattas invaded the Malabar Coast once more and subdued it. The Prince of Cherrika tired of leading an inactive life in Tellicherry withdrew himself from the Company's protection and went to Hyder, who gave him the Government of the Cotiote Country, and also in the year 1777 restored to him the Cherrika Country, which had been from the year 1766 in the hands of Ally Rajah of Cannanore) upon engageing to pay him a yearly Tribute. The Prince continued in the enjoyment of those Countries and recovered the Revenues, but

appeared

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It appeared in Arms against the Company at the Commencement of the Troubles herein the year 1779 as he declared at the time by Hyders Order - When the Siege of this place was raised in January 1782 and Hyders Forces were entirely routed, the Prince was in the Cherrika Country, but joining General Mathews in 1783, he was admitted as We understood an Ally of the Company, after which he was dispossessed of his Country by the Moplas of Cannanore and obliged to retire to Tellicherry - He followed the Army when it went against Cannanore, in hopes of being restored to his Dominions, but not having succeeded he returned here in expectation of being reinstated by the Company at the Conclusion of the Peace and remained here till about the middle of last July, when he went to Calicut in order to make the necessary Arrangements for taking possession of his Country & having received the Nabob Tippoo Saibs Phirmaund to that effect -

The above Prince, We find, has since had an audience with the Nabob and obtained a grant of his Country - About a Month ago he sent for his Family who were at this place and on the 4th Instant the Chief received a Letter from him demanding the Province of Khandoterrah and mentioning that he would discharge the amount of the Achamari Bonds wherever it might be sent him, and at the same time said We ought not to collect any more Revenue therefrom. The Person, who brought the Chiefs Letter also delivered to the Achamari or Head People at Khandaterrah an order from the Prince not to

pay

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28 pay any more to the English. We however directed the Collector to collect the Revenues due speedily and in a peaceable manner until We could hear from Bombay. — The Chief in answer to his Letter wrote him on the 6th that it was not in our power to give up the above Province as he well knew without the Orders of our Superiors at Bombay and that We should therefore forward them Copy of his Letter and the necessary Papers with regard to his Claim, and that on the arrival of their Orders they should be communicated to him, and We accordingly apprized them of his claim on the Night of the 12th Instant. —

We think it proper to mention to your Honor &c. that the Chief on receipt of the Prince's Letter was acquainted by our Linguist that he had received secret Information that the Prince had 500 Nairs ready to send to Thanicotterah as soon as he received the Chief's answer, and that it was his intention not to stop there, but to make a further demand of the Revenues, if not the Customs of Tellicherry; and We could not but suppose that even the present demand was made with the Sanction of the Nabob.

On the 12th Instant at night Mousa one of our principal Merchants, & our Linguist appeared before us & gave the following Intelligence.

Mousa mentioned that one of the Bibbee of Cannanore's Ministers by her order came over that evening with a message to himself and four of our other principal Merchants requiring them in the Nabobs name to leave Tellicherry instantly and that if they chose they might remain either at

Cannanore

2d Cannanore, or in any other part of the Nabobs Districts, that if they rejected this offer and a War should ensue they must share the fate of the rest and that they would not in the least be considered - He further told the the Merchants, that if they would leave the place the other Moors would no doubt follow, and desired their immediate Answer that the Bibbee might transmit it to the Nabob - Moosa further added that he had private advice from the Bibbee that afternoon at three o'clock to withdraw his Nephew, who was at Chandoterrah, and any Effects he might have at that place, and that neither him or his People should go there after four days -

Moosa assured us that the other Merchants and himself relied entirely on the Honorable Company's protection and which We encouraged them to expect -

The Linguist acquainted us that he had been informed by a Confidential Person whom he sent the day before into the Cotiole Country and was then returned, that he had conversed with the King who told him when he had an Audience with the Nabob, he was asked whether he had entirely renounced his Friendship for the English, & if he was perfectly attached to the Nabob's Interest, that upon the Kings assuring him in the affirmative, he further asked him, whether he would give her assistance in case of his making War against the King of Travancore, to which he answered, he was ready to obey any orders he might give him, when he was dismissed, and told, that Cauna Sait the Governor of Calicut would be in the Cotiole Country very shortly & would convey to him his final Instructions -

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To

Having taken the above into our most serious consideration, We were unanimously of opinion that We had every reason to conclude, that Hostilities were intended against our Districts, and that it was our immediate duty to communicate the above Circumstances to your Honor &ca particularly as the Nabob still withholds the District of Mount Delly, the destroying of Onore six days after a Boat arrived here from Bombay announcing our Superiors intentions of sending a Resident there, apparently to defeat that view; And the detention of one of our Pattamar Boats to the Southward at a place called Tellanby for now upwards of a Month on pretence of her being a Pirate, which our Resident at Calicut has hitherto not been able to get releared.

Since writing the above We are assured that the Prince of Cherrika intends entering Rhandolerrah to morrow with a body of Nairs, which on possessing, he means to proceed against Cherrika & is to be joined by the other neighbouring Powers, and though We learn that these movements are not to be openly countenanced by the Nabob, We have secret and good intelligence they are formed by his instigation - Also that his Officer Cauon Saib and Governor of Calicut is this day arrived in the Cotiole Country -

We are taking every precaution to prevent a Surprize, that our small force will admit of, being only a single Battalion of Sepoys and about 80 Europeans, with about 1500 Irregulars of the Inhabitants which

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28th which are very inadequate to maintain our lines of 5 Miles in Circumference, on which rests the preservation of this place.

We have the honor to be &c &c

Jn.o Beaumont
Will.m Page
G.o Paterson

Tellicherry
14th January 1786

Signed

P.S. We take the liberty of enclosing a Packet for the Honble the Governor General & Council on the same Subject, which We request you will be pleased to order may immediately be forwarded.

Extract of a Letter from the Honble the Governor General and Council dated 27th December 1785.

By the Registers of Bills of Exchange enclosed in this Letter, We are enabled to estimate the Supplies your Presidency has derived or will derive from this Government from the 14th May last up to this time — It is as follows —

24th November

From Bengal. stating the Supplies furnished this Presidency, from the 14th May last.

The Bills drawn by you and accepted by us from 14th May to 16th July amount to	86589.11.5
Do Do from 4th Augt to 22d November	452779.8.3
We consigned to you by the Cygnet	206016.1.—
And by the Frances	450000.—.—
We have paid on account of Sir John Burgoyne's Allowances	64540.12.9
And advanced to Mr Hugh Boyd to enable him to furnish a Supply of 20,000 Bags of Rice for your Presidency	116000.—.—
We have also advanced Lt Griffin on acct	3000.—.—

Carried over Current Rupees

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Bord of C. Rupy

28 We have just accepted your Bill in favor of Captain Snow for ——— 1095. 9. –

And We now send you by the Sir Edward Hughes a further Supply in Specie of 4,00,000. – –

Making in all Curr.t Rupy ——— 17,80,021. 10. 5

Thus you have been furnished in the first eight months of the year with Current Rupy 2,80,021. 10. 5 more than you had any reason to reckon upon, and so much more than the State of our Resources on the 26.th July would permit us to appropriate to the Exigencies of your Government.

A true Extract

Signed/ Robert Clerk Dep.y Sec.y

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.r

President & Governor &.ca Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Principal Bondholders. Stating their Sentiments on the Resolution of the Court of Directors, regarding Bills to be granted on them payable in London –

The Notice published under the Signature of Mr. Secretary White, in the Madras Courier of the 18.th January regarding Bills to be granted on the Honble the Court of Directors payable in London on certain terms, in lieu & in payment of the Honble Company's Bonds in India; for the information of their Bonded & other Creditors of this Presidency leaving them in a State of uncertainty as to the Rate of Exchange which

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We which is referred to the Honble the Governor General and Council, to be established by them on a Criterion fluctuating and precarious; and not doubting their intentions as also those of the Honble the Court of Directors, to proceed upon Principles of equity and Justice; We take the liberty of stating our Sentiments on a Subject deeply interesting to the whole Community —

It may be necessary to premise the Orders of the Honble the Court of Directors in the following Words — "All these Bills both for the Bonded "& other Debts are to be drawn at an Exchange of 1/8 "the Bengal Current Rupee and at a proportionate "rate of Exchange for the Pagoda" —

We are humbly of opinion that the proportionate Rate of Exchange for the Pagoda: as 1/8 is to the Current Rupee, cannot be estimated by any very just, or certain Criterion, the Rates of Exchange in all Situations of foreign intercourse being ever subject to great & quick fluctuation, nor does it clearly appear if the proportion is to be established on the Rates between Madras & London, compared to that between Calcutta & London, or on the Exchange between Calcutta & Madras, but in either Case there is no fixt Standard on which to found Calculation —

Being informed upon good Authority, that the Current Rate of Exchange between Calcutta and London was from 1/8 to 1/9 the Current Rupee, previous to the late War, when the Par of Exchange between Madras and London was 7/8 the Pagoda — We humbly beg to offer it as our opinion

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We opinion, that it would be a just and equitable Medium, and that the Exchange should be fixt accordingly, and tho' it is greatly below the present Par of Exchange, We think it will be generally received as a just Medium; and We are the more induced to give this opinion, as The Honble Company's Exchange within our Memory has at no time been lower than 7/6 the Pagoda

Though it may be presumed that Bills are to be issued at Calcutta, it does not follow the obligations to that end must be drawn out in Rupees since they must be made payable with Interest in Pounds Sterling. The Rate of Exchange during the late War between Madras & Calcutta on private Negociations of Bills, was from 100 to 120 Arc. p hundred Pagodas, which last though consid- -erably high would barely yield an adequate Exchange between Madras & London at 7/6 the Current Rupee

It does not appear what forms are to be observed in granting Bills, but as it may be presumed, they are to be issued at Calcutta and not thro' the medium of your Honor &c. We beg leave to remark, that Bond Holders at this Presidency, will be subject thereby to some inconvenience, and also to a charge of One Cent Commission on negociating their Bills, nearly equal to one Fanny p Pagoda which We hope will be considered in the proportionate Rate of Exchange to be settled by the Governor

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28 General and Council.

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We have the honor to be &c &c

Pelling & de Fries & Co
Antonio de Souza
Edouard Raphael
Miguel Joannes
Signed the Gomastah of Boocanjee
Capidoss - Anvant Naique
Edwd Md Hollond
J Balfour
Chas Oakeley
K Digby
Jos du Pré Porcher
Robert Clerk
Wm Sydenham
Robt Gibbings
James Lidingtoun
William Balfour
Basil Cochrane

Sent the following Letter to the Board of Accounts -

To Colonel James Capper
&ca Commissioners of Accounts

Gentlemen,

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To the Board of Rect^s the Remarks in their last Report approved - Government give their opinion on the Deputy Agents' Accounts - their Commission to cease the 31st March.

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 31st Decr last and to inform you they approve the several Remarks contained therein - With respect to the additional Expence of Pagodas 667. 24 - charged in the Deputy Agents' Accounts for Servants & Followers the Board have agreed to allow it in consideration of what has been urged by Mr Kenworthy on the Subject -

With regard to the Bullocks lost on Detachment with Major Dunn, I am directed by the Board to desire you will examine viva voce evidence in order to substantiate the representation of Mr Kenworthy "that promises were made by Lord Macartney & Sir Eyre Coote that the Bullocks lost should not be charged to the Maistries" after which you will be pleased to report your opinion to the Board upon the propriety of permitting the whole or part of the Charge to be written off to Profit & Loss -

The Board desire you will give the necessary directions to the Agent in consequence of their approbation of the different points referred to them in your Report -

As Mr Dobbyn's Claim for Interest is stated to be exactly similar to Mr Rose's the Board have consented to admit it

I am directed by the Board to express their expectation that the different Accounts under

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28 under your Examination be finally audited previous to the 31st March, when the Board have resolved that your appointments (as Commissioners of Accounts) shall cease - This has been notified to Mr Commissioner Jackson, who will finish his Audit before the period abovementioned -

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I am Gentlemen, &c &c
(Signed) John Chamier Secry

Received the undermentioned Letters (entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100.)

From Gen.l Horne

From General Horne, shall use his Endeavours to prevent the Commission of similar Irregularities of the Neighbouring Poligars, as complained of by His Highness the Nabob.

From the Resident at Tanjore,

From the Resid.t at Tanjore

dated 15th Instant, enclosing copy of a Letter from him to General Horne, in Consequence of the Mutiny of the 13th Battalion of Sepoys -

From the Acting Paymaster at

From Mr Torin

Palamcotah, dated 20th Instant, requesting to be informed to whose account the difference that may arise on the Exchange of Monies between the present Issues and the Medium of the Month is to be carried, & advising of his Receipt from the Cawn of twelve thousand Chuckrums, which he forwards to Trichinopoly -

From

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From Ganjam

From Ganjam, dated 20th Instant with a particular account of the respective Sums due to the Native Officers of the late 25th Madras Battalion a part of which they request may go towards the Support of their Families, whom they leave behind, stating the Balance of Cash in their Treasury, & advising of their having consented to pay in Money the value of the Cloathing due to the Sepoys of the late 25th & 27th Battalions, for the year 1784 & 1785.

From Mrs Eagles

From Mrs Eagles, dated 5th October, requesting to receive her Pension at Vizagapatam in future.

Ordered.

From Masulipatam, dated

From Masulipatam

4th December with Returns of Drafts for the 2d 15th Battalions, and of the Native Commissioned & Non Commissioned Officers of the late 23d & 26th Battalions.

From Mr Benjamin Torin, dated

From Mr Torin

21st & 22d Instant, receives from the Nabobs Agent three Lacks of Chuckrums, which he passes a Receipt for, agreeably to the orders of the Board, and enclosing copy of a Letter to him from Captain Blackett, stating his Reasons for not complying with the orders respecting Arcot.

From the Commandant of Per-

From Capt. Flint

-macoit, dated 22d Instant, sends to the Presidency four Frenchmen whom he found near his Garrison - Reports prevail at Pondicherry of the death of Tippoo -

Sent

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28 Sent the undermentioned Letters (entered in the 113 Vol 101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109-110-111-112-113-114-115-116-117-

To Mr John Menzies - informing him that as Mr Dobbyns Claim for Interest, is similar to that of Mr Rose, it will be admitted -

To Mr Menzies

To Lieut Colonel Gibbings, the Arrears due to him, will be liquidated by a Bengal Certificate, agreeably to an Arrangement made by the Supreme Council -

To Lt Col Gibbings

To the Paymaster at Arcot, - to furnish the Col. Pans &c. for the Europeans, in Consequence of the abolition of the temporary allowance, 'till further Orders -

To Mr Welch -

To the Superintendant of the Paghire - the Ryots will be discharged, if it can be done, without injury to the public Service - Guards will be furnished to preserve good order in Conjeveram -

To Mr Oakeley

To Captain Lieut Dallas - His Arrears will be liquidated in the same manner, with others of a similar nature - His Expence in erecting Quarters for his Troops to the Southward will be allowed -

To Capt Dallas

To the Officers serving with the late Detachment under Colonel Brown, on the Coast of Malabar, their Claims, it is imagined, will be included in the Company's late Provision for the liquidation of their Debts -

To the Officers lately serving under Col Brown on the Coast of Malabar.

To

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To Dr Anderson

To the Surgeon General, Mr Jacot

Parcell appointed a Sub Assistant Surgeon, to do duty under Mr Gahagan at Vellore.

To Capt Brudenell

To Captain Lieut Brudenell;

his Claim declared inadmissible.

To Mr George Fyler at Calcutta,

To Mr G. Fyler

the Board cannot comply with his Request of s becoming their Agent at Calcutta, Arrangements having been made on that account, previous to the Receipt of his Letter.

To Mr Commissioner Jackson,

To Mr Commissioner Jackson

his Audit of Mr Taylor's Accounts confirmed - to finish the business entrusted to him by the 31st March, as the Board of Accounts will be dissolved on that day;

To Mr George Stuart, late Acting

To Mr G. Stuart.

Surgeon of the 98th Regiment, his Request, contained in a letter of the 16th Instant, cannot be complied with.

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To the Committee of Stores, Mr Scottney

To the Committee of Stores.

has been permitted to make up the Gun Carriages that may be wanted on the terms of his late Contract - enclosing a List of Ordnance required for the new Cantonment at Sheveram.

To Mr Scottney, the Board agree

To Mr Scottney

to the terms of his Proposal as above mentioned.

To Mrs Eagles. Her Request to

To Mrs Eagles

receive her Pension at Vizagapatam, complied with -

To Vizagapatam, advising of

To Vizagapatam

the above.

To

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To Mr Barclay

To Mr Robert Barclay The Balance due to the Estate of the late Colonel James will be liquidated in the usual manner.

To the President at Nagore 931

To Mr Fallofield

Barrels of Gunpowder consigned to him by the President and Council.

February 1st

To Capt.n Edmonds, Capt.n Gibbings Lieut.t Stockwell Ensigns Preston & Forsyth.

To Captain Edward Edmonds Captain Edward Gibbings Lieutenant Charles Stockwell, and Ensigns William Preston & Charles Forsyth, with permission to go to Europe for three years on half Pay.

Sent the following Letters.

To the Honorable John Macpherson Esq.r Governor General &.ca Council at Fort William

To Bengal advising of the proceedings of the Board in consequence of the late Orders from them for granting Certificates enclosing copy of a letter from the principal Bond holders, and advising of the appointm.t of Mr. Kloyer to a Seat at the Board.

Gentlemen,

We had the honor to inform you in our Letter of the 20th December that We should immediately carry into Execution the Arrangements communicated to us in your Letters of the 16th November last, for which purpose We have issued Orders for the ascertaining the exact Amount of Military Arrears to the 31st December last.

That

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That no time might be lost in liqui-
-dating the Arrears of the Current Month, We have
already made some Payments, & We have granted Cer-
-tificates on account of Military Arrears for Pagodas
15,225 in favor of Mr Light & for Pags 41,500 in
favor of Mr Edward Garrow —

We adopted the mode of giving
Certificates for the Bonds to be afterwards granted
by you, because We judged it to be the best mode
of conforming to the Arrangements you have been
pleased to make, & it was our intention that the Ex-
-change between the Current Pagoda & Current Rupee
specified in such Certificates should be the same as
you have fixed in the Rolls for Military Arrears trans-
-mitted to us with your Dispatches of the 16th Novem.
In those Rolls it is fixed at Current Rupees 415
for 100 Current Pagodas, which is an Exchange less
favorable to the holder of the Certificates than was
granted upon former occasions, when Bills were drawn
upon your Presidency at 400 Arcot Rupees p 100 Pags
for the discharge of Military Arrears — This Exchange
formerly allowed has been the cause of a late Mistake
in the Accountants Office, where the Certificates for
Mr Light & Mr Garrow were drawn out, & you will
observe that instead of fixing the 100 Current Pagodas
at 415 Current Rupees, they have been calculated at
400 Arcot Rupees —

We intended stating this to your
Board, & acquainting you that We should in issuing
future Certificates adhere to your Instructions, when

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We received the Letter from the Court of Directors dated the 15th September, wherein the Exchange in Bills to be drawn upon them being at 1/8 the Current Rupee, differs very materially from your Plan in which 2/1 is fixed as the Exchange to be allowed —

As We conceive it probable that the Orders abovementioned from Europe may induce you to alter the Exchange you had fixed between the Current Rupee, & Current Pagoda, We shall grant Certificates in Current Pagodas only, by which means, it will be in your power to fix the Exchange in such manner as you may deem proper —

We have just received a letter from several of the principal Merchants at this Presidency on the Subject of the Exchange lately announced for Bills on Europe, & have the honor to transmit a Copy of it for your Information.

You will be informed from the Civil Department, that, in Consequence of the Resignation of Mr Daniell, & of Mr Ruffellis declining to accept a Seat at our Board, Mr Floyer has succeeded to the Vacancy —

We have the honor to be &c &c

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/ Signed / Alex Davidson
Jas Council

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To Dr James Anderson

Surgeon General &c. Committee of Surgeons.

Gentlemen.

I now send by order of the Honble
President &Co a copy of the new plan for the Care & manage-
ment of the Sick under this Presidency together with
the Establishment of the Surgeons, Surgeons Assistants, and
other Persons belonging to the Medical Department. As
the Alterations will soon take place, you will plear
to lose no time in drawing out for the Consideration of
the Board, such further Rules, Orders, & Regulations
in detail as are agreeable to the principle of this Plan,
& that will prevent any Inconvenience arising to the
Sick for want of Necessaries upon the Establishment
of the new Arrangement.

As a considerable time is already
elapsed since the Order was issued for the Surgeons to give
in a List of the Cotts, Bedding & Cloathing, & no such List,
has yet been delivered in, you are desired to send im-
mediate notice, whether or not you chuse to accept
the Proposals made to you by Government of purcha-
sing your present Stock of these Articles.

I am Gentlemen &c.

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(Signed) John Chamier Secy

Recd the following Letter
from the Committee of Surgeons.

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To the Committee of Surgeons with a Plan for the Medical Department to suggest such Regulations as may appear to them necessary upon the principles of this Plan.

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

From the Surgeon Genl enclosing the Committee's request to be furnished with a Copy of Sir John Dalling's Minute respecting Hospitals

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreeable to your Orders of the 17th Inst. I assembled the two Surgeons next in Seniority to myself & have the honor to enclose you the result of our meeting—

I am with all due respect &c &c

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Signed / Jas. Anderson
Surgeon Genl.

At a Committee held the 31st January 1786 by virtue of the orders of Government bearing date the 17th—

Doctor James Anderson Surgeon Genl. Presidt.
Mr. Colley Lyon Lucas
Mr. Arthur Sinclair } Members.

On a perusal of the orders of the Honble President and Council of the 17th Inst. the Articles appear to be left so much undefined, the Committee are of opinion it will be necessary to have recourse to Sir John Dalling's Minute, on which they understand the Orders are founded, and being every way disposed to forward every means in their power, that may tend to the relief of the Sick or Oeconomy of the Company's Cash, hope they will as soon as possible be favoured by Government with an Inspection of this Minute of the Commander in Chief—

Jas. Anderson M.D.
Surgeon General

Signed / Colley Lucas
Arthur Sinclair

3d Sent the following Letter—

To

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To D.r James Anderson

Surgeon General

To the Surgeon General
Mr Norman appointed
a Member of their
Committee

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 31st Instt & to inform you that you are to consult with Mr Surgeon Major Lucas & Mr Norman, who with yourself are to compose the Committee appointed by General Orders.

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I am Sir &c &c
Signed / John Cramer Secy

Received the undermentioned Letters
Entered in the MB Nos 118-119-120.

From Genl Home

From Genl Home enclosing the Engineers Plans of the proposed Repairs and Reform of the South face of Trichinopoly.

From the Deputy Paymaster

From Mr Porcher to the Kings Troops dated 30th Instt applying for Cash.
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93. 19. 30 to discharge the Subsistence due to a Detachment of His Majestys 42.nd Regiment.

Ordered

Ordered accordingly.

From Mr Lamballais praying

From Mr Lamballais the Boards Interposition to obtain from the Rajah of Tanjore, the Sum due to her & Captain Mueller, for Grain forcibly taken from them at the time of the Rajahs Restoration.

Ordered that Mr Lamballais be informed that previous to the Receipt of her Letter, the Rajah had been spoken to on the Subject, when he positively declared her Claim to be inadmissible.

To, in answer.

(Vide Miscellany Book No 135).

Mr

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President

Friday the 3d February 1786

Lieut General Sir John Dalling Baronet

Charles Floyer Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved -

The President informs the Board that, agreeably to their Resolution in Consultation 16th December he sent Mr Baker to Tanjore with a Letter addressed to the Rajah, from whom the President has received an Answer by the hands of Mr Baker - The President lays before the Board Copy of his Letter to the Rajah with the Reply -

Mr Baker returns from his Deputation to Tanjore -

To His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore

To the Rajah of Tanjore, stating the Orders of the Governor General & Council, in the event of his non-Compliance to the Agreement resolved on by the Company - and recommending it to him chearfully to acquiesce in the wishes of Government -

The invariable object of my Letters as well as of the Communication between your Excellency and this Government by means of our President at your Durbar has been to convince you of the Attachment of the Company to your Excellency and the Protection they are ever ready to afford you on the truest principles of Justice and Impartiality: not doubting to meet on your part a suitable disposition to comply with demands, founded in Equity and adapted to the necessity of their Affairs - if I have been disappointed in this expectation it has been caused by the pernicious Advice of evil minded

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minded Persons, Enemies alike to your Excellency and to the Company – you have allowed it to make an impression on your mind injurious to the Regard they have always entertained for your Excellency, your Conduct has manifested a want of Reliance on your ancient and firm Supporters – you have arraigned their Justice – resisted their Orders, and reduced your Affairs to a State of critical Danger – the Turn they may take depends entirely on yourself – it rests with your Excellency to comply with Requisitions which, if viewed without prejudice, must be acknowledged to embrace your essential Interests as well as our own, or force us to do ourselves that Justice you have hitherto denied to the pressing Exigency of our Affairs –

Your Excellency must be sensible

it was owing to the great exertions of the Company during a tedious and expensive War that our common Possessions were preserved, and can any thing be more reasonable than that the Parties, who benefited by those exertions should participate in bearing the expenses they entailed – it is required of His Highness the Nabob besides being loaded with separate Engagements to the amount of 16 Lacks of Pagodas p Annum, that he be answerable for a great proportion of the charges incurred by the War, while your Excellency is relieved from this heavy Burthen on the Condition of entering into the proposed Treaty, and making good by Instal=ments the regular Subsidy to the Company with balances growing Due to the Nabob –

Nothing therefore could exceed my

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my Astonishment or Concern to find that your Excellency refused to comply with Arrangements comparatively so much more favorable to you than to His Highness; and that too on the insufficient Plea of waiting until more favorable Orders should arrive from England, respecting certain Claims on which a deliberate and final decision had so recently passed - this was the more distressing as His Highness had consented that the Company should receive the Dividends of the balance and growing Tribute in part of their Demands upon him -

In respect to the Plan directed to be arranged for the future Protection of the Carnatic on this most equitable principle that the contracting Parties should contribute according to their respective Revenues in Support of the System by which their Territories would be secured, it was not doubted but the good Effects to be derived from it would have made it equally your wish also that such a Treaty should be immediately formed - yet instead of acknowledging the equal footing on which the Parties were placed for attaining this desirable End, instead of feeling the Justice of the Company and acquiescing as the Nabob had chearfully done in this proposed Plan, you say that the light in which it strikes you is, "that the Company "wish to form new Treaties by which they may obtain "further Concessions to the very possession of your whole "Country until it discharges the weight they may please "to load it with" - I was overwhelmed with Concern that these Sentiments which could not have originated with you should however be adopted by your Excellency, and what added to my Surprize was that this Resistance which withheld pecuniary Aid also should be made

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at a time when our distresses were insupportable, and our Army tumultuous for want of Pay; - We possessed no adequate Resources of our own to relieve the difficulties we experienced, and we should have been warranted in any measure of Coercion against any of our Allies, who refused to assist us under such Embarrasments - still our Government forbore to adopt any rigorous Alternative, hoping that the strong Representations of our Resident at your Court might produce a favorable Change to dispose you to assist us with Money & that the other points of Requisition might at length meet your Acquiescence.

Mean while I represented the Situation of our Affairs fully to the Governor General and Council of Bengal - after expatiating on the justice of our demands on your Excellency for assistance, they say they have almost to the endangering their own Provinces expended their Resources to maintain the Carnatic against all its Enemies, and that they assist the Company with an annual Burthen to relieve our Distresses, that Memoirs convey a just Impression of these Exertions to the mind of your Excellency that consistently with a proper Attachment to the power, which maintains you in your Possessions at every Risk you must be Zealous and liberal in joining your best Contributions to the general defence and Security - they conclude by positively directing us to establish a Committee of Assigned Revenue and to vest them with full Authority to collect the Revenues of Tanjore, should your Excellency any longer hesitate to pay your just proportion to the public Service, or to comply with the Arrangements ordered by the Company.

Since the date of my letter to
Bengal

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Bengal your Excellency has paid Pagodas 30,000 to our Resident in part Arrears of Subsidy and by a letter lately received, you promise 2 Lacks of Pagodas within two months on further account of Arrears, and the remaining 2 Lacks of Arrears within the year – your Excellency must however be convinced that no Latitude remains with this Go= =vernment for longer Forbearance should the other Arrang= =ments be rejected for paying the Arrears and Current Pai= =ment by Instalments and entering into the Treaty ordered by the Company –

A public and formal Requisition to this Effect will eventually be made to your Excellency – The inevitable Consequences of a Refusal have been fully explained to you, but I have suspended this public Requi= =sition that I might first expostulate with you privately as a true Friend, who takes a real Interest in your Re= =putation and Happiness – Your Excellency cannot but perceive that it is in that Character, and from the impulse of those feelings I now address you – From the same motives I have kept secret the nature of the Orders received from Bengal in order to spare you the pain of a public declaration of the Consequences of disobedience and to prevent the Triumph of your Enemies; and that I may the more firmly convince you of the necessity of complying with the Company's late Arrangements enforced, as before stated, by the Government of Bengal, I have resolved to send to you Mr. Baker my Confidential Secretary – he is acquainted with my whole mind on the Subject of Tanjore, and will repeat to you how much I have it at heart to save you from the discredit of being deprived of the Administration of

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your Affairs - He will exhort you in my name to listen to the advice I have given - He will enforce this certain Truth that your future Prosperity essentially depends on the Line you may adopt - Ill Health and the domestic misfortune with which it has pleased Heaven of late to visit you, are ascribed as the Cause of your late Inattention to the Con=cerns of your Government - 'Tis the Philosophy of a wise man, and ought to be yours, to sustain with fortitude the eventful Crosses of human life - Time which softens the severest affliction will sooth and restore your mind and your health will I hope soon be reestablished - the business of the World however cannot meanwhile stand still, nor the Ties which unite your Interests with those of the Company be disregarded -

By this private, and, I trust you will consider it, friendly Communication I have put it in your Excellency's Power to comply with the Company's Requisitions as an Act of your own grounded on your Attachment and the complicated distress of their Affairs - but if deaf to every admonition you should be so ill advised as to refuse complying with these Arrangements it will no longer be in my power to stand between your Excellency and the positive orders of the Supreme Government for taking upon ourselves the management of your Country - your Excellency would then have to reflect, when too late, on the Rashness & folly of that advice by which you had suf=fered yourself to be guided - in such event, tho' in no other, I should make public their Address, which your Excellency will force would operate to your disadvantage as much as I now trust it is calculated to promote your honor & happiness.

Once again let me entreat your Excellency to listen to the Voice of Friendship, which would warn

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warn you of impending danger & defeat the pernicious Counsel of evil minded persons, who would encourage you to discredit the Consequences I have announced to you of Resistance against the Arrangements of the Company, & believe me nothing could make me happier than to be instrumental in restoring to you a Confidence in the attachment of the Company to their true friends and Allies, and inspiring you with a suitable dependance on their Protection.

As this Communication is perfectly private I thought it most proper to send a Person to you immediately from myself rather than make use, on this particular occasion of the Services of the public Minister for at the same time that your Excellency may, and I hope will confer with Mr. Baker on any matter you wish to communicate, as unreservedly as you could do to one whose Representative he is, yet I wish you to understand that I mean not any interference with the public duties of Mr. Hudleston, on whose Zeal and Fidelity, this Government place an entire dependance — Mr. Baker will thank, bring to me the welcome news of your consenting to enter into the Treaty and paying by Instalments the balance, and growing Kindness to the Nabob with Subsidy to the Com=pany — your Acquiescence in these general Points being obtained, his Commission ceases, and the publick buriness will be carried on, and settled between your Ex: =cellency and Mr. Hudleston as if no such Commission had existed.

Mr. Baker will have the honor of delivering a letter from the Honorable Governor General to your Excellency.

What can I say more?

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16th January 1786

/ Signed / Alex. Davidson

Translation

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Transkation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjour to the Honble Alexr Davidson; dated 26th January 1786.

From the Rajah of Tanjore, in answer, complains of the Treatment he has meth with and declares his inabelity to meet the wishes of the Governor.

Your Excellency having sent Mr. Baker hither, he accordingly arrived, & on the 22d January paid me a Visit - After some complimentary Conversation, he deli=vered the letter, which your Excellency, and the Governor General, have done me the honor of addreſsing to me, and told me that I must give an answer to them - He then said he would take another opportunity of waiting upon me, and departed - The Conversation, that paſsed on the following day, when Mr. Baker, accompanied by Mr. Swartz, waited on me, - the information, he communicated, & the letter your Excellency wrote, have given me the most painful concern - I should not have been reserved for this affliction, had I died in the defence of my fort, when the Nabob, unmind=full of the continued favors, I had shewn him, attacked, and took it; - but the Company's Sardars preserved my life and treated me with respect - After this, the Company were pleased, from their favor towards me, to reinstate me: since which, I have considered my Life as a Loan, which they themselves have fed; - As they have restored me, my Character is in their keeping - at present I have no health of body, no happineſs in my family, no Satisfaction in my Government: in this situation is it right, that unkindneſs should be pointed at me alone? As the Company have taken me by the hand, I have hitherto endeavoured to promote their welfare by giving them every assistance which my Life, or property could command: I shall con=tinue doing the same: To convince your Excellency of this truth, let me draw your attention to the exertions, I have made in paying 2 Lacks p Annum in part of the balance, which was contracted during the War; and which it was not just, that I should pay, because the Enemy

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Enemy with uncurbed wantonness ravaged my Country, and collected my Revenue - and to my desire of asserting them, in the promise, which I have made the Resident in consequence of his repeated exhibition of the Company's distresses, to alleviate which, and to give your Excellency satisfaction, I agreed to pay two Lacks in two months and the remaining two Lacks in one year; as I had written this for your Excellency's information, I conceived any further settlement unnecessary - In four months I am to pay 4,00,000 on account current Subsidy and 2,00,000 on account balance, and the same for the following year - When I have no resource, equal to this Weight, if your Excellency thinks proper to heap up heavier burthens upon me, how shall I be able to sustain them? Let me request that your Excellency will not deceive yourself by supposing I have promised to pay 2 Lacks on account of the balance, from any fund, which could be formed from the Collections of the present year - I have made the promise, from a wish of settling the dispute; and I must pay the money by borrowing, and using other means, which I sought not - Amid this my care and regard for the Company's affairs, your Excellency has been pleased strongly to insist on my paying the Nabobs Peishcush - When Lord Pigot Bahauder, came to Tanjore, and restored my Country to me, the Subject of the Peishcush was discussed - I told him that when my two districts, Arnee & Hanmuntgooby, should be delivered up to me, I would pay the Peishcush - Lord Pigot replied that a Settlement should be made at his return to Madras, but the confusion, which ensued prevented it - I wrote several Letters to Europe, but no Settlement has taken place, and the dispute has continued to this day - If my two districts had been delivered up to me, would the Nabobs Peishcush have fallen in arrear? I will candidly tell you my Sentiments. I do not positively refuse to pay the Peishcush; I should be glad if your Excellency

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Excellency would wait until a finial Settlement of these disputes arrives from England; but, if your Excellency thinks an immediate Settlement absolutely necessary - let there be brought before you an account of what the Nabob has collected from my two districts since they have been in his possession, and let the amount be brought to my credit: if then upon a just enquiry it shall appear that I owe any balance to the Nabob, I am ready to pay it; but if it shall appear that the Nabob owes me a balance, your Excellency must effect its being paid to me. - If however the whole weight is now, at once, thrown upon me, where shall I find resource? When the Company's balance shall have been paid, your Ex= =cellency may then settle, as seems proper to your own mind - As for the current Peishcush. Whenever your Excellency shall think proper to put my two districts into my own possession, - from that time I will pay the just tribute. It is unnecessary for me to write much about what may seem proper to your Excellency.

Your Excellency was pleased to write, that, in the event of a War happening, after deducting what may be necessary for our respective private expences, the remainder of the revenues should be appropriated to the expences, which would be incurred in the common protection of the Company, the Nabob, and my own possessions. I have never in the smallest degree, deviated from the Treaty, into which I have entered with the Company, nor shall I ever. at the time I am paying the Company for what the Enemy plundered and carried away, what necessity is there for any new Treaty? My life & property is at the Company's disposal.

In the three Conferences, which passed between Mr Baker and myself, he communicated every

every thing according to your Excellency's orders; and I fully explained my Sentiments to him – Your Excellency will be informed of every thing from his communication – Your Excellency, I am persuaded, could never have written in so harsh, a Style, as your letter is dictated in, without Instructions from the Company: And if they have been pleased to give you directions of this nature, what can I do? to whom can I complain? Eshwer is my only recourse? I looked for protection no further, than to the English Nation, and to the Company – Whatever seems just in your Excellency's eyes, that you will do! Your Excellency has for a long time past, been my friend & favourer; I look to you for protection: I have therefore every confi=dence that your Excellency will shew attention to a Government, famed for Charity – That your Excellency may require fame in the world, and live in happiness is my continual prayer –

What more can I say? –

A true Translation

Josiah Webbe Mar: Trans.

President commu=nicates to the Board the Rajah's Sentiments as expressed to Mr. Oakes.

In addition to the information contained of the Rajah's disposition in the above Letter, the President acquaints the Board that in the conferences which his Excellency had with Mr. Oakes, he declared, Sentiments similar to those expressed in his Letter, and appeared averse to acquiescing in the demands made upon him in conformity to the orders of the Court of Directors –

In the Letter addressed to the Rajah (entered in C.C. No. 76 & dated the 2d of August) the President minutely informed his Excellency of the decision which

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Minute of the Board on the Conduct of the Rajah, and of the Steps to be taken –

which the Company had given upon the points in dispute between the Nabob and him, and stated that, as the Subjects had been investigated with the greatest attention to Justice & to the Interests of all Parties concerned, the Board expected to find both in his Excellency as well as in the Nabob a chearfull acquiescence in the decisions given & in the Arrangements directed to be made by the Company –

Instead of acquiescing the Rajah ever since the notification of the Company's orders has arraigned the justice of their decisions, & has inveighed in pointed terms against the Orders which they have sent to their Government – he has with great reluctance at length offered a satisfactory mode of liquedating his Arrears of Subsidy, but he still asserts his claim to the Districts of Arnee & Hanamant-goods, & expresses his disinclination to enter into any Arrangement for the payment of the Arrears of Peishcush to the Nabob until His Highness accounts to him for the Revenues of those districts, while in his possession –

Although the Rajah has before him the decision of the Company, which confirms to the Nabob the Districts abovementioned, he pertinaciously asserts his claim to them, & thus upon frivolous and fallacious Grounds affirms he has a Demand upon the Nabob for the Revenues of Countries of which His Highness is the acknowledged Sovereign by an express Avowal thereof upon the Records of this Government which is particularly noticed in the General Letter from the Court of Directors of the 9th December 1784 wherein

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they have declared the Sovereignty of these Countries, after the clearest Investigation, to be in the Nabob of the Carnatic. With respect to the Peishcush, it is true, that in his last letter the Rajah declares he does not positively refuse to pay it, but wishes to postpone an acquiescence in any Arrangements, until an Answer is received to a further Appeal, which he has made to the Court of Directors since the receipt of their Orders of the 9th of December, he also affirms, that if this Government think an immediate Arrangement necessary there ought to be a previous Settlement of Accounts between the Nabob & him - As to the Treaty ordered by the Company, the Rajah persists in declaring it to be unnecessary, since, as he says, his Life and Property are at their Disposal -

The Rajah having in his last letter given an explicit declaration of his Sentiments and Intentions, it is necessary that the Board should record the whole of their proceedings relative to him, in which they trust it will appear to their Superiors that in every part of the Negociation with the Rajah they have observed the greatest delicacy, & have manifested particular attention to his Situation without departing from the Orders before them - They acceded to the Provident proposition of sending a confidential Servant to Tanjore in the hope that this last mark of their disposition to conciliation & forbearance would be productive of good effect, & would be the means of obtaining his chearful Assent to an Arrangement, to which he must ultimately conform - In this hope the Board have been disappointed, & they observe with Concern a Spirit of Contumacy in his last letter, similar to what he manifested, when the Company's orders were first notified to him, altho he has been made acquainted with

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the serious Consequences that await her nonacquiescence -

The Rajah's proposals accepted.

The Board agree to accept the offer made in his Excellency's Letter of the 26th January for the liquidation of the Arrears of Subsidy, & it is accordingly Resolved that the Resident be advised thereof, and that he be directed to signify this Resolution to the Rajah informing him at the same time that the President will take an early opportunity of replying fully to the Letter lately received from his Excellency.

When the Board consider the Rajah's present disposition towards the Company and the necessities of the Times, which render it absolutely requisite to ensure the payment of the Sums promised by his Excellency, they are of opinion, that it is expedient to send directions to the Resident by which any failure in the Rajah's Engage-ments may be prevented - Resolved in consequence that Mr Hudleston be desired to take the necessary Steps for the securing such proportion of the Government Share of the Crop now on the Ground, as shall be equal to the Six Lacks of Pagodas, which are to be received from the Rajah in the course of the four ensuing Months -

The President informs the Board that he purposes negociating with some Soucars the payment at the Presidency of such proportion of the abovementioned Six Lacks, as can be appropriated to the use of the Presidency, after Provision shall have been made for the Disbursements at Tanjore - Agreed that the Resident be desired to specify the Sum necessary to be retained for the Garrison of Tanjore.

Resolved that a Letter be written to Bengal advising the Governor General and Council

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The foregoing to be communicated to the Governor General & Council

Council of our Proceedings relative to the Rajah of Tanjore and informing them that as soon as the Rajah shall have completed his present Engagements, he will be required to make provision for the payment of the Arrears & of the Current Peishcush, agreeably to the Orders of the Court of Directors—

Read the following Proposals for supplying the Out Garrisons and Cantonments with Bengal & Bencoolen Arrack.

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President & Governor &ca Council

at Fort St. George

Nagapah Chitty, proposals for supplying the Out Garrisons & Cantonments with Arrack.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Agreeable to the Advertisement of the 18th of January 1786 I now take the liberty of offering to contract for supplying all the Garrisons and Cantonments in the three Divisions on this Coast with Bencoolen and Bengal Arrack for five Years certain at the rate of Seventy Cash pr. Dram—

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I remain,
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your very humble
& Obedt. Servant
/ Signed / Nagapah Chitty

To

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.r

President & Governor &.ca Council

at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Singaree Nurdarajah proposals for the same –

With Submission I beg leave to propose your Honor &.ca for supplying by Contract the European Troops &.ca at all the Out Garrisons and Cantonments on the Coast with the best Bengal or Bencoolen Arrack from the 12.th February 1786 to the 12.th February 1791 at the rate of 65 Cash p.r dram – Should my Proposal be the lowest I hope your Honor &.ca will accept of it –

Fort St George
1.st February 1786

I am Honble Sir & Sirs &.ca &.ca

(Signed) Singaree Nurdarajah

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esq.r

President & Governor &.ca Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

M.r Cochranes proposals for the same –

In Consequence of Notice published by

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by Authority of your Honor &ca dated the 18.th Current,
for supplying by Contract the European Troops
and others at the Out Garrisons and Cantonments
on the Coast with Bengal and Bencoolen Arrack
either collectively or in three Divisions as specified therein
- I have the honor to propose to your Honor &ca to
contract for supplying the Out Garrisons and Can=
=tonments of the three Divisions from Palamcotah
to Ganjam at the rate of 50 Cash per Dram and
forty Drams to a Gallon, at all the Garrisons
and Cantonments on the Sea Coast, and at 60 Cash
p dram at all the Garrisons and Cantonments in
Land - on the Conditions stipulated in the Publick
Notice to commence from the 12.th February 1786
and ending on the 12.th February 1793.

Being informed your honor &ca have
under Consideration a Plan for better regulating and
decreasing the expence of keeping up a Stock of Provisions
in the different Garrisons on this Coast, I beg leave to
offer my assistance in partly contributing to the
same, by agreeing to receive into my charge all the
Spiritous Liquor now in Store at the different
Garrisons, which Stock I will engage to keep up
at no charge of Wastage or Servants wages to the

Honorable

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Honorable Company – All I request is, the use of the Store Rooms for holding the same.

Should the above Proposal meet with the approbation, and be accepted of by your Honor &c.a I have only to assure you, that the same motives that have actuated me in introducing the manufactures of our own Colonies in preference of that of Batavia (though hitherto at a considerable loss to myself) shall ever be my Guide, and you may rely on my taking the most effectual and speedy method of totally overcetting the consumption of Batavia Arrack on this Coast.

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31.st January 1786

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
/Signed/ Basil Cochrane

Mr Cochrane's Proposals accepted.

Resolved that Mr Cochrane's Proposals which are the lowest, be accepted, and that the Company's Solicitor be directed to draw out the necessary Contract, agreeably to the Terms mentioned in the Advertizement and in Mr Cochrane's Letter –

Resolved

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The Board's intention to declare a Dividend to the Nabob's Creditors, to be published.

Resolved that a Publication be made of the Board's intention to declare a Dividend to the Nabob's Creditors so soon as the necessary Adjustments can be made in consequence of His Highness's having paid upwards of half his Second Kist at Trichinopoly and Tinnevelly.

Alex. Davidson

W. C. Jackson
Dep. Sec.y

" John Dalling

Charles Boyers

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Recd the following Letter from Bengal

To the Honble. Alexander Davidson Esqr

President &ca Council at

Fort St George

Gentlemen

We have to acquaint you that

from Bengal the Eagle Packet touches at this Presidency in her way to Europe to convey dispatches to the Court of Directors –

We have taken up the Eagle Packet to be dispatched from hence on the 1st of Febry with leave by Charter Party to touch & stay at your Presidency fifteen days – We have chartered this Vessel for the express purpose of conveying your dispatches to the Honble Court of Directors, (the Season being too far advanced to allow of any of the Honble Company's Ships touching at Fort St George) and particularly to afford you an opportunity of transmitting home the Completion of your Arrangements for the Payment of the Arrears due to the Troops, a Subject, which we deem of the highest Consequence to the Company

Fort William

9th January 1786

We have the honor to be &c.

John Macpherson

Signed / R.Sloper

Chas. Stuart.

Received

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Received the undermentioned Letters (entered in MB. for the Month of February Nos 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-

From Major Hughes, dated 25th Janry stating that the proper Stoppages were made for the 12th Battalion, while under his Command, & requesting that his Claim to half Mounting may be allowed-

From Major Hughes

Ordered accordingly (Vide MB. No 12)

To, in answer.

From Mr Battger, Merchant at Tranquebar, dated 23d December, representing that Captain George Mackay is indebted to him a Sum of Money, the Payment of which he cannot obtain; & requesting the Boards Interposition-

From Mr Battger

From Colonel John Elphinston & Captain Hugh Montgomery, dated 21st January requesting that the Claims of the Captors of Pulicat & Jaggernaickporam, may be included in the Liquidation of Army Arrears-

From Colo Elphinston & Captn Hugh Montgomery

Ordered that the above Officers be informed, that the Board have already made a Reference to the Court of Directors on the Subject of their Letters; and that nothing can be done, till their decision arrives (Vide MB. No 13)-

To, in answer

From Mr Commissioner Jackson, stating, that he shall not have compleated his Audit of the Southern Accounts by the 31st March.

From Mr Commr Jackson

From Lt Colonel Gibbings, requesting Permission to resign the Service, & offering to carry dispatches to the Court of Directors--

From Lt Colonel Gibbings--

Ordered

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Ordered that Lt Colonel Gebbings be informed that his Resignation is accepted, and that the Board would avail themselves of his offer of carrying Dispatches, did they think it necessary at this moment to send them - (Vide MB. No 14)

To in answer

From Lieut Kiefselbach, Commandg at Nellore, stating the best modes of sending to the Presidency, the Stores remaining in his Garrison -

From Lt Kiefselbach

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing be sent to the Committee of Stores - (Vide MB. No 15)

To the Committee of Stores -

From General Horne, enclosing copy of a Letter from the Engineer, representing that the Wall surrounding the large Tank has fallen in, and a Life lost, & recommending that it be again raised -

From Genl Horne

To in answer.

Ordered accordingly (Vide MB No 16).

From the Secretary at Masulipatam, representing that Mr Surgeon Kennedy's claims to Allowances while serving with a Detachment of the 82d Regt in that District, are ill founded - Mr Norton being entitled to them -

From the Secretary at Masulipatam

Ordered that Mr Kennedy be informed of the same - (Vide MB. No 17) -

To Mr Kennedy, in consequence thereof

From Mr Arthur Sinclair, Surgeon in Consequence of Mr Hormans being appointed a Member of the Committee of Surgeons -

From Mr Sinclair

From the Chief of Anjengo, enclosing Letter to the Governor from the Rajah of Travancore, stating the probability of a Rupture between him and

From Anjengo

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5 and Tippoo, and requesting that his Sepoys stationed in the Tinnevelly District may be returned, and that the English will afford him Support should Hostilities commence.

N.B. For the Rajah's Letter (Vide C. C. N° 18)—

Received the following Letter from the Committee appointed to investigate the Claims of the Officers, late Prisoners in Mysore—

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &ca Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

The General Orders of the 4th Instant, granting a latitude to Officers, who suffered confinement under the Nabobs Hyder Ally & Tippoo Sultaun, to send in claims of every denomination, We beg leave to inform you, that in consequence thereof, We have received a variety of demands for Allowances of the different Staff of Brigade Major, Persian Interpreter, Adjutant &c &c also for Horses killed or lost on Service, Sepoy allowances, Stationary, Candles &ca

From the Committee for investigating the Claims of the Officers, late Prisoners in Mysore, stating that demands have been made to them for other Allowances than Batta, & requesting to know if such are to be considered by them—

On perusing the Extract of the Letter from the Governor General &ca dated 14th November 1785, it appears to us that their intention is to make an allowance of Batta only, to Officers and others Prisoners in a certain proportion, and that the Orders published by Government 28th Ultimo are in conformity thereto—

Doubtful

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Doubtful therefore, whether we are to confine ourselves to the investigation of claims for Batta alone, or to accept and admit of the several demands above enumerated, We are to request the decision of your Honorable Board upon the Subject for our guidance.

We have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St George
19th January 1786

John Elphinston &c.

/Signed/ Fs Lind
Robt Geo: Latham
B.t Close

Sent the following Answer -

To Colonel Elphinston,
President
& to the Committee for investigating the Claims of the Prisoners under Hyder Ally & Tippoo Sultaun -

Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter of the 19th Ulto

To, in answer nothing but Batta to be allowed -

I am directed by the Board to inform you that they consider the Officers, who were Prisoners under the Nabob Hyder Ally & Tippoo Sultaun as entitled by the Arrangemt from Bengal to Batta only, and you are therefore to reject all Claims for Staff Allowances &ca &ca &ca

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I am Gentlemen &c. &c.

/Signed/ John Charnier Secy

Sent the following Letter to the Resident at Tanjore. -

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To John Hudleston Esqr.

Resident at

Tanjore.

Sir.

To the Resident, at Tanjore, the Rajahs offer for the liquidation of his Arrears of Subsidy accepted - to take measures to secure a proportionate Share of the Government Crops, as shall be equal to the Six Lacks of Pagodas to be paid by the Rajah - Instructions will be hereafter given to him, relative to the Treaty to be entered into with his Excellency -

I am directed by the Honorable President and Council to inform you that they have resolved to accept the offers of the Rajah of Tanjore for the liquidation of his Arrears of Subsidy as specified in your letter of the and in His Excellency's last letter to the President, of which I enclose a Copy for your Information -

The Board are making Arrange=ments for the payment at the Presidency of the 6 Lacks which are to be received in the four ensuing Months, & that they may be certain of receiving the Money, which the exigencies of the Publick Service render absolutely necessary, they desire you will take such measures as may be requisite to secure such proportion of the Go=vernment Share of the Crop now on the Ground as shall be equal to the six Lacks abovementioned

Altho' in complying with the desire of the Board as above expressed, it is their Wish, and will of course be your Study, to make the measure of securing the Rajah's Grain on the Ground, as little offensive as possible to his Excellency, yet you are not to be deterred from carrying into certain effect, the direc=tions of Government, for, when the Rajah's present disposition

towards

towards the Company & the necessities of the Times are considered it becomes expedient to be provided immediately against all Events -

After having secured the Crop against any defalcations you will be pleased to inform the Board what part of the expected Six Lacks must remain at Tanjore for the disbursements under your direction, that the necessary provision may be made in the arrangement now under consideration -

You will be pleased also to suggest to the Board any Plan that may occur to you by which whatever part of the Rajah's payments on account of the Arrears, or of the Current Subsidy realized by you, may be remitted with the least loss to the Presidency -

The Board desire you will notify to the Rajah their Acceptance of his offer for discharging the Arrears of Subsidy, & you are also to inform him that their Letters of the have been received by the President, who will take an early opportunity of replying fully to them -

You will hereafter receive the directions of the Board respecting the Arrears of Peishcush due from the Rajah to the Nabob & the Treaty to be entered into by the former - These Points still remain to be adjusted, in conformity to the Orders of the Court of Directors which have been lately enforced in the strongest manner by the Governor General and Council.

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the 5th Febry 1786

Sam Jer pca pca pca

Signed / John Chamier Secy

Received

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6th Received the following Letter & Enclosure from Colonel Nixon, Commanding at Nellore.

To John Chamier Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir,

As I never yield an ill founded or easy belief to reports, I have pursued every measure in my power to arrive at the truth of those prevalent ones of Tippoo's having been killed, which I have the pleasure to say, in spite of the late Reports to the contrary, is matter of fact; Having last night received authentic Accounts by two trusty men in fifteen days from Seringapatam; Their Report is contained in the Malabar Paper, which I have the honor to enclose for the Information of the Governor and Council.

From Col. Nixon with certain Intelligence of the death of Tippoo

I am Sir &c

Nellore
3d Febry 1786.

/Signed/ Eccles Nixon

Intelligence communicated by Faker Mahommed and Cirdar Caun, Jemidars, who returned from Seringapatam after having remained there for seven days.

Ayot Caun having in a general Battle with Tippoo adjacent to Gotagoo killed 9000 of Tippoo's Troops by Amburhment of a large quantity of Ammunition, in which Action Tippoo also died, by the Wounds of 2 balls, the one in his Neck, the other on his waist - Aoat Bake who was formerly at Arcot, &

lately,

Cutely in Tippoo's Service in the Capacity of a Sirdar. was made prisoner by Ayot Cawn - The dead Corps of Tippoo has been carried to Seringapatam under an Escort of 12000 Horse, but the place where it was buried is not publickly known - those persons who had conversed on the subject of Tippoo's death were executed - The Detachment, which was encamped near Godagoo still remains in the same place - a party of Cavalry & Infantry is encamped at Soamaurauppettah - the people are positively prohibited from entering into the Fort - a strict Search is made, even on the pitcher or Water pots which are carried by the Women - Tippoo's Mother has sent a letter to Meer Saibs Son, who was at Nargondah, informing him with the death of Tippoo, but he suspecting the News cut off the head of the Bearer; afterwards another letter was sent to him by Tippoo's Mother, advising him with the above consequence, which he likewise suspected, & put the Bearer to death; whereupon Meer Saibs Wife wrote him a letter, advising him of the reality of the death of Tippoo, on the receipt of which letter, he proceeded to Seringapatam with a Body of 200 Horse (about 5 days before our arrival at that place) & appointed Tippoo Saibs Son to succeed to the Government - Meer Saibs Son has taken upon him the Command of the Army - Cazem Saib remains quiet at his Palace - a party of the Mahratta Troops came to Nurgundy and committed Hostilities and Disturbancies there -

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ja. -}

Mahomurga Cawn was ordered to proceed with a Detachment at Auwalpully Durgam against the Pollam, situated adjacent to Trippatty -

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6th The Inhabitants of Cudapah abscond from the place, in order to take refuge in some strong holds—

The People are greatly alarmed in the Balaghaut, through the apprehension that the English would make Incursions into the Mysore Country

Dated at Vellore
3d February 1786

Sent the undermentioned Letters (as entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 17 18–19

To the Honorable Baird Cochrane

E. Mr. Cochrane

her Proposals for supplying the Coast with Bengal and Bencoolen Arrack, accepted—

To Dr James Anderson, Surgeon

To Dr Jas. Anderson

General— The Balance due to him, on account of the Hospital will be discharged by a Bengal Certificate to be exchanged by the Governor General and Council for a Bond—

To Brigadier General Horne,

To Genl Horne & To Mr Soriano

and to the Paymaster at Vellore, desiring them to furnish Lieutenant Colonel Davies with as many Lascars as can be spared from the Duties of their Garrisons, to assist in the execution of the Cantonment at Shiveram—

At

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At a Consultation Present

Tuesday 7th February 1786

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President

Lieut General Sir John Dalling Baronet

Charles Floyer Esq.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved —

The Commander in Chief delivers

in the following Minute

Commander in Chief's minute on the absolute necessity of making a Provision for the current Monthly Payments to the Troops and of a speedy liquidation of their Arrears —

In the present State of the Company's finance at this Presidency, it is a duty particularly encumbent on my Station, as Commander in Chief, to move the Honble Board for an immediate Consideration of the Sums of money necessary to be specially appropriated for the current payments of the Army, and further, that no claims or demands of any nature whatever, shall be satisfied, until a clear provision is ascertained for the future payment of the Troops — the distresses they have hitherto undergone are well known, as also their meritorious behaviour under such Sufferings, to another Trial of which, I trust in God, they will not be exposed, but on the contrary, that full confidence may be restored by the immediate payment of their Arrears from the Monies already remitted, & orders of liquidation, for that purpose

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expres purpose by the Supreme Board, and that their attachment shall be retained by our monthly regular payments in future. This appears to me as a matter of the first magnitude, to which all other necessities of the State must give way, and should the Honble Board not concide with me in this representation my duty to the Public, to the Army, and to myself renders it necessary to declare, that, if such ideas are not adopted, I shall not hold myself, in any degree, responsible for the consequences.

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7th Febry 1786

/ Signed / John Dalling

Read the following Letter from

Dr James Anderson.

To the Honble. Alexander Davidson Esqr
President & Governor &ca Council

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From the Surgeon General, enclosing a Report of the Committee of Surgeons on the medical Regulations transmitted to them by Government

Enclosed I have the honor to transmit you the result of the deliberations of the Medical Committee on the new Regulations for Hospitals.

Your Orders appointing Mr. Hortman a Member, shall be complied with at our next Meeting.

I am with all due respect &c &c

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/ Signed / Jas. Anderson M.D.
Surgeon Genl

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At a Committee of Surgeons held this 3d day of
February 1786 after different Adjournments.

Doctor James Anderson Surgeon General.
President

Mr Colley Lyon Lucas
&
Mr Arthur Sinclair
} Members.

The Committee having assembled in compliance with the Orders of Government & taken the proposed Plan into serious consideration are of opinion that it will prove considerably more expensive than the Contract, which has subsisted near thirty years past, without affording equal benefit to the Sick.

The Committee would be happy to furnish any hints to the Honble Board, which they thought would be really serviceable. But as the 69 Articles are so full, and already perhaps too voluminous, they do not see a necessity to make any addition. It will however give them the highest Satisfaction, to put them in execution, and at all times comply with the Regulations established by the Honble Board, to the utmost extent of their Abilities.

The Committee beg leave to decline acceptance of the Victualling Contract on the terms held out to them, as far as relates to themselves. It can only depend on the other Medical Gentlemen to reject or accept the terms as they shall think proper

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proper –

Inclosed they have the honor to send a List of the Stores at present in use in the Hospitals under their care, that they may be valued according to the intentions of Government and they take the liberty to enclose also a List of the Servants employed, whom they mean to clear off on the 28th Instant, when the present Contract is ordered to cease – also a Letter and list of Hospital Effects from the Surgeon of the 11th Hanoverian Regiment at Arcot –

Ja.s Anderson M. D.
Surgeon Genl.

/Signed/ Colley Lucas
Surgeon Major

Arthur Sinclair
Surgeon –

Minute thereon
Mr. Surgeon Major Davis appointed Surveyor of the Hospitals –

The Committee of Surgeons having declined engaging to victual the General Hospital for 4 Fanams pr Diem, it is Agreed that Mr. Surgeon Major Davis be appointed Surveyor of the Hospitals upon the Terms proposed in the Medical Regulations transmitted to the Committee of Surgeons by the Secretary in his Letter of the 31st Ultimo –

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Recommendations for Military Promotions –

Recommended

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Recommended by the Commander in Chief.

Commander in Chief's Recommendations for Mil.y Promotions —

Lieut Col. Gibbings permitted to resign the Service —

— Cornet John Stuart to be Lieutenant, Vice McAlester promoted, date of Rank 30th December 1785 —

To complete the Four Regiments of Cavalry to the new Establishment, the following Promotions and Appointments to take place —

			Date of Rank
Cornets.	— Alex.r Grant,	to be Lieutenant —	26. Janry 1786
"	W.m F. Hudleston	D.o	27th D.o
"	Thomas Fonblanque	D.o	28th D.o
"	Augustus Floyer	D.o	29th D.o
"	William Eliot	D.o	30th D.o
"	Thomas Burrows	D.o	31st D.o
"	James Geekie	D.o	1st Febry
"	Bernard Delmonte	D.o	2nd Febry
Ensigns.	— W.m Ogg	Cornet —	30th Nov.r 1785
"	James Dunn	D.o	1st Dec.r
"	Edward Butcher	D.o	2nd D.o
"	Patrick Walker	D.o	3d D.o
"	George Forbes	Lt.e	4th D.o
"	John Doveton	D.o	5th D.o
"	W.m Lumsdaine	D.o	6th D.o
"	Henry Montgomery	D.o	7th D.o
"	G.e Keppen	D.o	8th D.o
"	W.m M.c gregor	D.o	9th D.o
"	Thos. Nuthall	D.o	10th D.o
"	Richard Rideout	D.o	11th D.o

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Date of Rank

Lt Terence Mc Coby — to be Comet — 12 Dec 85

" Chas Dallas — Do — 13th Do

" Hugh Mackay — Do — 14th Do

" John Maxtone — Do — 15th Do

Major Lidingtoun to be Lieut Colonel Vice Gibbings, resigned — date of Rank — 7th Febry 1786 —

Captain Jno S. Ward to be Major, Vice Lidingtoun promoted, date of Rank 7th Febry 1786 —

Mr Kenneith McKenzie and Mr Francis Lahagan, appointed Conductors of Stores —

The following Captain Lieuts to be full Captains of Infantry, to rank from the date of their Captain Lieuts Commission, and to continue to do duty as at present without any additional pay or allowance —

Edward White

Robert Brounker

Carey Lelande

Francis Cookson

Thomas Smith

Crom.l Massey

Richard Chase

Jno P. Atwood

Walter Anderson

Andrew Read

David Campbell

Jno Forbes

Alex.r

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Alex.r Macpherson
William Meuth
George Hodson
Stephen Swain
James Dalrymple
Jn.o Richardson
Alex.r Read.

By the above Promotion the Officers who were Cadets of the List of 1770 & 1778 will be brought in, and as they are to rank from the date of their Captain Lieutenants Commission, they will not gain a day's rank, it will be no detriment to either Kings, or Company's Officers, make no difference of expence to the Service, and be an evident advantage to the above Gentlemen; it is to be hoped, therefore, the Honorable Board will be pleased to comply with this Request.

Agreed that the above be published in General Orders.

Agreed to

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores with Enclosure entered in the Miscellany Book marked A

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &ca Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We had the honor to lay before you, in our Proceedings of the 26th November 1785 a letter from Colonel Moorhouse accompanying a List of the Stores wanted for this Establishment, which not yet being complied with, We now lay before you those most immediately wanted of that List, without which We are unable to equip a Battalion for the Field. They amount only to about Pagodas 14,000 and will require six Months to make up. We therefore hope Government will find no difficulty in making an advance in that proportion for those essential Articles —

From the Commee of Stores, requesting to be furnished with a Sum of Money for the purpose of making up Stores immediately necessary.

We have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St George
28th January 1786

Jos. Moorhouse
B. Scottney
Capper
Patrick Ross

/Signed/

Agreed to inform the Committee of Stores that Pagodas 1500 will be advanced monthly for

1500 Pags Per Mensem to be granted —

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for the purpose of making up such Stores as are immediately necessary.

Rajah of Tanjore's Vackeel presents to the President a Memorial respecting the payment to be made by his Excellency.

The President informs the Board that having since the last Meeting conversed with the Rajah of Tanjore's Vackeel respecting the Payments to be made by his Excellency, he had offered Terms which were expressed in a Memorial entered in the Country Correspondence No. 13.

Accepted.

Agreed that the Terms offered by the Vackeel be accepted, and that notice be immediately given to the Resident, in consequence of which the following Letter is drafted, and approved.

To John Hudleston Esq.

Resident at

Tanjore

Sir.

To the Resident at Tanjore, enclosing a Memorial from the Rajah's Vakeel, proposing Terms for the payment of the Balance, which have been accepted by the Board.

I am directed by the President and Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 30th Ultimo.

In Consequence of a Memorial from the Rajah of Tanjore's Vackeel, the Board have entered the Arrangement, which was in agitation for the payment at this place of the Money due from his Excellency, and they have acceded to the Terms offered by the Vackeel, on the part of the Rajah

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I enclose Copy of the Memorial, to which you will observe that the Nacked engages to complete the payment of 4 Lacks before the 31st March, and the remaining 2 Lacks in the 2 following Months, in equal Proportions monthly.

That the Board may not be exposed to any disappointment from the Non performance of the above Engagement, they desire you will continue to secure such proportions of the Government Share of the Crop now on the Ground, as shall be equal to the Sums due, in order that you may be able, in case of failure, to sell a quantity of Grain proportioned to such failure, which you are to obtain the Rajah's authority to do, without any loss of time. – After the Rajah shall have completed the payment to be made previous to the 31st March, it will be only ne- -cessary to secure Grain equal to the two Lacks, which will remain unliquidated, and which must be realized in like manner with the failure of payment, of any part of the beforementioned four Lacks.

The Board desire you will explain this Arrangement to his Excellency, apprehending him at the same time, that they are very unwilling to interfere in the internal management of his Country; but as the present exigence of

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of the Company's Affairs, would render any Risks unjustifiable, they have been obliged to give the above Orders, which they trust he will render it unnecessary to enforce, by a punctuality in fulfilling his Engagements.

In consequence of a Representation from the Rajahs Vackeel, relative to the erection of a Bank, by which the Waters of the Cavery are forced into a new Channel, & the Cultivation of the Tanjore Country thereby impeded, the President has addressed His Highness the Nabob, who has been desired to give such orders to his Amuldars, as may remove the Causes of Complaint.

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7th Febry 1786

I am Sir &c.

(Signed) John Chamier Secy

Read the following Letter from the Superintendant of the Jaghire.

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

From the Superintendant of the Jaghire, recommending that the Shotrum of Pudoowil be restored in favor of the late Sir Eyre Coote's Dubash.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I had the honor to receive your Commands of the 11th Ultimo, referring to my

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my Consideration a Petition presented to you by Mun=
-gapah, head Dubash of the late Sir Eyre Coote, praying
you to confirm a Shotrum granted him by the Nabob
in the District of Peddapollam, belonging to the Com=
=pany's Jaghire -

This Shotrum is the Village of
Pudoovoil, given by the Nabob Peruanna dated
the 17th June 1778 at the favorable Rent of 300 Pags
P Annum - As the Nabob at that time was only
the Farmer of the Jaghire himself, he had no authority
to extend an Indulgence of this kind beyond the period
of his own Management - yet there are some Circum=
=stances in this Mans Claim which give him pre=
=tensions to the favor of Government, superior to any
that have or can be urged in behalf of others standing
in the same predicament - He was, I understand, many
years in the capacity of a public Servant to Sir Eyre
Coote during his different Commands in India, and
conducted himself with so much zeal & Fidelity in that
Station, as to be considered by his Master highly
deserving of public Compensation - It was on this
account he received the Shotrum as a Reward from
the Nabob, and after the death of Sir Eyre Coote, (in
Lord Macartney's Administration) his Claim was
taken up by Government with a view to favour
him by a particular Distinction -

From an Account, which I
have procured of the Revenue of the Village of
Pudoovoil

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Pudoocoil, the Government Share of the produce at an average of the next seven years will be about 678 Pags pAnnum, provided the Seasons are good.

If your Honble Board should think proper therefore to comply with the Petition of Rungapah, in consideration of the late Sir Eyre Coote's Services to the Company, & the Man's own particular Merits, the Allowance to be made to the Renter of the Peddapollam District ought not in reason to exceed 378 Pags pAnnum, which is the full value of the favor asked by the Petitioner.

I would beg leave however in this case to recommend, that the Shotrum be granted anew as an Indulgence from the Company, & not in Confirmation of the Nabob's Perwanna, which was irregular; and that in the new Grant it be expressed "that the Village of Pudoocoil is given by "the Company to Rungapah at the favorable Rent "of 300 Pags pAnnum, as a mark of their Approbation "and in testimony of their Regard to the Memory "of the late Sir Eyre Coote, by whom he had been "particularly distinguished for his long and faithful Services".

Fort St George
31st December 1785.

I have the honor to be &c.

Signed / Chas Oakeley

Agreed to -

Agreed that the Shotrum be renewed in favor of Sir Eyre Coote's Peshcash and that the Superintendant be desired to express in the Grant the Words he has suggested in his Letter -

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Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore —

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &ca Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Resident at Tanjore, expressing his Sentiments on Mr. Baker's late Deputation to the Rajah of Tanjore

I was a few days since honored with the Secretary's Letter of the 4th Instant, directing me to afford Mr. Baker the means of access to the Rajah of Tanjore in consequence of his being charged with private dispatches for his Excellency —

To these Orders I paid, as was my Duty, the most implicit obedience — I attended Mr. Baker, & introduced him to the Rajah on his first visit of ceremony, & he had afterwards two Conferences with his Excellency seperately, & apart from me —

Permit me now with the utmost deference & respect, to offer a few words to your Consideration on the Subject of the Mission, which your Honor &ca have thus been pleased to entrust to Mr. Baker, to whose disparagement I hope nothing that I shall say can possibly be construed, as no one is better acquainted with the merit, & talents of that Gentleman than I am, or can be more ready to acknowledge them —

Having in every step that I have taken here, whether in the execution of your

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your Commands, or at my own discretion, been unin-
formly honored with your approbation, & knowing
that my Conduct has been such as to defy Male-
volence itself to fix a stain on any part of it,
I will not be so unjust to your Honble Board as
to suppose that the measure in question has ori-
ginated from any want of confidence in me-
Notwithstanding therefore that the appointment
of another Person to negociate, or communicate with
the Rajah of Tanjore on matters relating to the
Interests with which I am charged, cannot fail
to be regarded by the Public as a supercession of me
in the most important duties of my Station; I can
assure your Honor &a with great Sincerity that I
would not trouble you on the Subject if I thought
this were the only consequence to be expected from it-

I have found from experience
that the success of a Residents endeavours here for the
public welfare depends in a great measure on the
Rajah's intimation of his weight & influence with
Government - To the advantages I proposed in these
respects when I entered upon this Office, & in parti-
-cular to the confidence with which I was known
to have been honored by the late Right Honorable
President, I chiefly attribute what I have been so
fortunate as to accomplish here towards the relief
of the public exigencies - I cannot help lamenting
therefore, that your Honor &a should have thought
it necessary to adopt a measure, the natural ten-
-dency of which, I humbly conceive must be to x x
weaken my Influence with the Rajah, & to impress

him

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him with an Idea that your confidence in me is with=
=drawn - If the private, or confidential nature of the
communication be supposed to constitute the expediency
of making it through another person, and even of keeping
the matter communicated a Secret from me, whom
the Rajah has been accustomed to consider as the
confidential Agent of the Company on the Spot, I
entreat your permission to submit to you whether
the reason itself must not lower me in the eyes of
the Rajah, and whether he can draw any Inference from
it that will not be to my disadvantage -

In presuming to address your Honor &c
on such a Subject, I place my reliance on your candid
consideration of the Predicament in which I stand; con=
=scious that the Interests of the Company have not
suffered under my care, & that I have done my utmost
to fulfill every Instruction you have honored me with.
- I cannot be insensible to what has lately happend.
- I am aware at the same time that the feelings of
an Individual ought not to be regarded when they
come in competition with the public good, but what
ever may have been the event of the late Mission, while
possessed of your Confidence and Support & with the
material advantage of being acquainted with the
peculiar disposition and habits of the Rajah, I should
think myself unfit for my Station if I failed in
my endeavors for any point at this Durbar, that
another person, without the latter advantage, could
accomplish -

I have the honor to be &c &c

Tanjore
31st January 1786

/Signed/ Hudleston

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Ordered to lie on the Table.

Read the following Letter from the Acting Paymaster at Palamcotah with Inclosures entered in the MB. N° 207.

To John Chamier Esqr

Secretary to the Military & Political Dept.

Sir.

From the Acting Paymaster at Palamcotah on the Subject of Exchange.

In Consequence of the Orders of the Honble Board contained in your Letter of the 7th Janry and of the promise made by the Nabob's Agent here to withdraw his interference in the regulation of the Exchange - I endeavoured to ascertain the current Rate, the 1st and 6th day after the receipt of my Order -

With the Cawn's permission I assembled the Soucars and Shroffs of Tennevelly & Palamcotah, told them of his intention to allow the Exchange to take its course, and then called on them for the rate of the day - They replied they could give me other Exchange than the one ordered by the Circar; - that the Cawn had not taken off the restraint, and that I must not expect them to disobey his Commands -

They then delivered the enclosed Statement, which is equal to the old fixt Exchange

of

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of 16 ½ fanams per Star Pagoda, that the Troops have long suffered by and so often complained of -

These Circumstances I represented to the Cawn, as inconsistent with the Orders I had received, and Imagined, with the intentions of Gov-ernment and the Durbar -

I pointed out to him many instances of the fluctuation of the Exchange, but particularly in the Camp where the Shroffs and Buzar people from Trichinopoly and Madura, were not subject to his power (and only within one Mile of Tinnevelly) reported the Exchange, & transacted their Business, between 18 & 15 p Cent, more than he would acknowledge, which Exchange was known to agree with the rate privately negociated in the Town & Fort of Palamcotah, & was on a par with the Current Exchange in Travancore, Tutecorin & Madura where the same Coin is in constant Use -

Tho the Nabobs Agent positively refused to admit of any other Exchange in the Town, he advised me to ascertain it, by the rate of the Camp, the necessity of the Case indeed, left me no alternative - I had already procrastinated a payment, as long as the Troops could bear it, and accordingly addressed a letter to Sir Henry Coote, a copy of it you enclosed with his Answer and the rate of Exchange -

To accommodate as much as possible with the Cawns views & expectations of the Troops, we pitched upon the Lowest, Viz.t 18¼ fanams

per

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per Star Pagoda, & have the Satisfaction to find it, within the rate, Current throughout the Southern Countries.

This confirmation of the Camp Exchange, & the Cawn's undue influence over the Shroffs & Soucars will we hope acquit us for having recourse to such means, & relieve us, from all responsibility of the present payment, that would admit of no delay nor any other rate of Exchange.

I must now Sir, request the Board's further orders upon this Subject, as you will perceive the impossibility of complying with those of the 7th and the impropriety of the present mode of ascertaining the Exchange.

Palamcotah
29th January 1786.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Benj Torin

Minute thereon.

Agreed that Mr Torin be informed that all Payments to the Troops are to be made at the Exchange of the day.

Colonel Sir Henry Corby & Mr Torin appointed to meet two Delegates from the Nabob for arranging the future Exchange

In order if possible to regulate the Exchange to the Southward in such manner that neither the Company nor the Nabob may be losers, it is Agreed that Colonel Corby & Mr Torin be appointed to meet two Delegates from the Nabob for the purpose of arranging the future Exchange. Agreed also that the Nabob be requested to give the necessary Orders in order to carry the above Plan into Execution.

Read the following Letters (entered in MB. Nos 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28.)

From

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From Colonel Kimbold transmitting

From Col. Kimbold

Copy of a Letter addressed to him by Mr Schmeltz

the Surgeon to the Hanoverians, and recommending

in the strongest manner that his Bills for the

months of Augt Septr Octr & Novr may be passed.

In consideration of the long

Minute thereon

period during which Mr Schmeltz has been in

Arrear, and of the peculiar Circumstances attending

his Situation, it is Agreed that his Request be

complied with -

From Captain Hugh Montgomery

dated 19th Janry, requesting to be allowed one years

From Captain Hugh Montgomery

Cloathing for a Company of Cadets & Volunteers drilled

and disciplined under his Command -

As a similar Allowance was

granted to Captain Burrington, it is Agreed to

Minute thereon

extend it to Captain Montgomery -

From Mr Tallofield, dated 1. Instt

requesting that he may be permitted to receive at

Nagore, the Allowances due to him as Commissioner

From Mr Tallofield

at Pondicherry, & that he may have a similar

Allowance for the fourteen days, during which

he acted as Commissary for the delivery of Karical

and the four Maganams -

Ordered accordingly -

Ordered

From Captn Alexr Montgomery

Commanding at Angole dated 5th Janry, stating

From Captain Alexr Montgomery

the Petition of Jerome Reddy & Barker Naig for

a continuance of their Pension &c

Resolved

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per Star Pagoda, & have the Satisfaction to find it, within the rate Current throughout the Southern Countries.

This confirmation of the Camp Exchange, & the Cawn's undue influence over the Shroffs & Soucars will we hope acquit us for having recourse to such means, & relieve us from all responsibility of the present payment, that would admit of no delay nor any other rate of Exchange.

I must now Sir, request the Board's further orders upon this Subject, as you will perceive the impossibility of complying with those of the 7th and the impropriety of the present mode of ascertaining the Exchange.

Valamcotah
29th January 1786.

I have the honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ Benj Torin

Minute thereon.

Agreed that Mr Torin be informed that all Payments to the Troops are to be made at the Exchange of the day.

In order if possible to regulate the Exchange to the Southward in such manner that neither the Company nor the Nabob may be losers, it is Agreed that Colonel Casby & Mr Torin be appointed to meet two Delegates from the Nabob for the purpose of arranging the future Exchange. Agreed also that the Nabob be requested to give the necessary Orders in order to carry the above Plan into Execution.

Colonel Sir Henry Casby & Mr Torin appointed to meet two Delegates from the Nabob for arranging the future Exchange

Read the following Letters (entered in MB. Nos 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28.)

From

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the Surgeon to the Hanoverians, and recommending

in the strongest manner that his Bills for the

months of Augt. Septr. Octr. & Novr. may be paid.

In consideration of the long

Minute thereon. — period during which Mr. Schmidt has been in

Arrear, and of the peculiar Circumstances attending

his Situation, it is Agreed that his Request be

complied with —

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dated 19th Jany, requesting to be allowed one years

Cloathing for a Company of Cadets & Volunteers drilled

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granted to Captain Burrington, it is Agreed to

Minute thereon. — extend it to Captain Montgomery —

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Nagore, the Allowances due to him as Commissioner

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Allowance for the fourteen days, during which

he acted as Commissary for the delivery of Karical

and the four Maganams —

Ordered accordingly —

Ordered

From Captn. Alexr. Montgomery

Commanding at Angole dated 5th Jany. stating

From Captain Alexr. Montgomery — the Petition of Jerome Reddy & Barker Naig for

a continuance of their Pension &c

Resolved

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Minute thereon

Resolved that it be continued until further Orders.

From Messrs Benjamin Sulivan and John Balfour, Attorneys to Mr John Sulivan

From Messrs Sulivan & Balfour

dated 4th Instant, enclosing an Account Samounting to Pagodas 1093-30.66 of a Balance due from the Company for Disbursements at Ramnadpooram and Tripattore, and requesting that the same may be discharged.

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Balance when certified by the proper Officers be discharged by a Certificate for a Bengal Bond.

From Mr Ruding, Surgeon, dated

From Mr Ruding

3d Febry, representing his bad State of Health, requesting leave to proceed to Bombay, China, & from thence to Europe, and desiring permission to draw his Pay during his Stay at Bombay.

Ordered

Ordered accordingly

From the Import Warehousekeeper

From the Import Warehousekeeper

dated 7th January, enclosing his Deputy's Report of 207 felt Hats rejected, as unmerchantable by the Agents for European Military Cloathing.

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Import Warehouse-Keeper be directed to sell the above Hats to the best advantage in his power.

From the Surgeon General dated

From the Surgeon General

7th Inst. requesting that the Balance due to him on Account of the Hospital Contract may be liquidated.

Agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed that Dr Anderson be informed that his Accounts when properly certified will be discharged by a Certificate for a Bengal Bond-

Oath of Secrecy administered to the respective Members of Council to the Commander in Chief & Mr Floyer Secretaries & to the Mahratta Translator-

The President representing the propriety of administering the Oath of Secrecy to those who had not yet taken it, and to whom occasional Communications were made of Papers in the Political Department- The Oath is in consequence administered by the Secretary to the President, and by him afterwards to the Commander in Chief and Mr Floyer- Mr Aberdein and Mr Cooke Secretaries to the Commander in Chief and to Mr Floyer, and Mr Webbe Maharatta Translator, are also called before the Board, and Sworn-

Alex Davidson

Wm Dallas

W. C. Jackson
Dep. Sec.

Charles Floyer

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8th

Received the following Letter and
Enclosure from the Superintendant of the Saghire -

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &ca Council

Fort St George

From the Superintendant of the Saghire with copy of a Letter to him from the Resident, on the Saghire, relative to materials for the Cavalry Cantonment to be erected at Sheveram -

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having sent to Mr Dighton a Copy of Mr Secretary Chamier's Letter to me of the 26th Ultimo, respecting Materials for the Cavalry Cantonment intended to be built at Sheveram, I now have the pleasure to transmit a Copy of his Answer, and have the honor to be,

Honble Sir & Sirs &c &c

Signed Chas Oakeley

Fort St George
6th February 1786

To Charles Oakeley Esqr

Superintendant of the Company's
Saghire Lands

Sir

In Answer to your Letter of the 25th January, enclosing copy of a Letter from the Honble Board, I have to acquaint you that Valamyras are not sold in this part, but that they must be cut down with infinite Labour from off the Company's Lands, which will reduce the yearly

Revenue

8. Revenue of the Company and I imagine the present Renters will expect a deduction for the same. I am also informed that the greatest part of those that were fit for building have been already cut down for the use of the Shiveram Cantonment, and I have likewise to observe that the price of the labor of cutting this Tree, and the carriage of it, should it be above two Miles, exceed its value.

Straw may be procured at this Season of the year to any quantity at the rate of 30 Bundles 1 Pagoda - Persons who cut the long Grass pay a trifling Tax to the Government, therefore the Labour will be the only Cost.

Tiles may be had in this place at the rate of 3500 1 Pagoda; they are of smaller dimensions than the Company's Muster at Madras being only 9 Malabar Inches -

Thin Bamboos are from 8 9 & 10 Bundles of 30 each Bamboos for a Pagoda -

Long Bamboos from 25 to 30 Bamboos 1 Pagoda -

The above Articles, except Tiles, Straw, & Long Grass are not to be procured in sufficient quantities in the Jaghire for the purpose of erecting a Cantonment for the Cavalry but much

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To be sent for from a Place called Moolicod, about Seventy Miles distant from the Spot.

Conjeveram
4th Febry 1786

I am Sir &c.a.

(Signed) Richd Dighton

Resr in the Sagheir.

(a true Copy)

Landon

Clk to Sup.r of Sagheir.

Sent the undermentioned Letters

(entered in MB. Nos 29. 30. 31. 32 33. 34. 35. 36.)

To the Committee of Stores, 1500

To the Committee of Stores

Pagodas p Mensem to be advanced them, for making up such Stores as are immediately wanted.

To Colonel Rumbold, Comman=

To Col.t Rumbold

=ding at Arcot, the Hanoverian Surgeon's Bills for August, September, October and November 1785, will be discharged.

To the Garrison Storekeeper to

To the Garrison Storekeeper

lay before the Board an account, containing a War and Peace Establishment of Stores in her De=

=partment; and what are necessary at all times for the use of the Garrison.

To the Commandant at Angole

To the Commandant at Angole.

directing him to continue the Pensions to the two Poligars, 'till further Orders.

To

To the Paymaster & at Angole.

To the Paymaster at Angole, informing him of the above.

To the Resident at Nagore, the Board consent to his receiving at Nagore the allowances due to him as a Commissioner at Pondicherry; and to his drawing similar Allowances, while he was employed in delivering up Karical, and the four contiguous Maganums to the French.

To the Resident at Nagore.

To the Import Warehousekeeper.

To the Import Warehousekeeper; to dispose of, to the best advantage, the damaged Hats rejected by the Agent.

To the Chief Engineer, the Inspector of Godowns, and the Barrack Master, directing them to report what number of Godowns or Casemates can be appropriated to the reception of Stores.

To the Chief Engineer, Inspector of Godowns & Barrack Master.

To the Superintendant of the Sagpiere, the Board consent to renew the Shotroom granted to Sir Eyre Coote's Detash, in consequence of his meritorious Services.

Dispatched the following Letters.

To Dr James Anderson, Surgeon General, & to the Committee of Surgeons.

To the Commee of Surgeons directing them in future not to give their opinion upon the principles of the new Plan for the Medical Department Mr Surgeon Major Dans appointed Purveyor for victualling the Sick in consequence of their declining to take it themselves.

Gentlemen.

I am directed by the Honorable President and Council to acknowledge the Receipt of

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8 of your Letter of the 31st Ultimo, and to acquaint you that in your future Addresses to them on this Subject they do not expect you to give your opinion upon the Principles of the Plan they have thought proper to adopt for the better Management of the Sick on this Coast, but merely to confine yourselves to the Letter and Spirit of your Instructions from the Board.

They are thoroughly convinced excepting in times of great Scarcity, or some other extraordenary Emergency that the Sum of 8 fanams per day is an ample Allowance for the victualling of the Sick in the Hospital, and I am therefore to inform you that as you have thought proper to decline victualling them upon the above terms, they have appointed Mr Surgeon Major Davis Surveyor of the Hospitals, where he is to attend after the 20th of the present Month.

I am Gentlemen &c.

/Signed/ J Chamier Secry

Fort St George
7th Febry 1786.

To Colonel Sir Henry Cosby

To Coll Sir Henry Cosby directing him in conjunction with Mr Sorin, to settle the Rate of Exchange to the Southward the Delegates will be appointed by the Nabob to meet them for that purpose.

Sir,

In order to prevent in future any Complaints on the Subject of Exchange to the Southward, the Board have requested the Nabob to appoint two Persons on his part, who are to meet yourself

& yourself and Mr. Torin for the purpose of settling the Exchange on a permanent footing, and for establishing if posible a Rate which will not be attended with loss either to the Nabob or to the Company—

You will be pleased therefore, in conjunction with Mr. Torin to meet such Delegates as may be appointed by His Highness and you are desired to lose no time in arranging the business in question—

I am Sir &c &c &c

Fort St George
8. Febry 1786

/Signed/ J. Chamier Secy

To Mr. Benjamin Torin
Acting Paymaster
at Palamcotah

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters dated the 20th & 29th Ulto and to inform you that, whatever difference has arisen between the Specie & the medium of the last month, must be carried to the Debit of the Nabob's Account — The Troops are always to be paid at the Exchange of the Day —

In order to settle equitably, and finally the business of the Exchange to the Southward

The

To the Paymaster at Palamcotah on the same Subject as the foregoing letter — To carry to the debit of the Nabob's Account the difference between the Specie and the medium of the last Month, & to pay the Troops at the exchange of the day —

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8 the Nabob has been desired to appoint two Persons on his part, who are to meet Sir Henry Losby and yourself for the purpose of arranging and establishing a Rate of Exchange, which may if possible prevent loss either to His Highness or to the Company - otherwise a just medium Exchange must be fixed, and the loss or gain carried to the debit or credit of the Nabob.

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8. Febry 1786

Sam Sir &c &c &c

/ Signed / P Cramer Secry

9th

Ensign Johnson Browne withdraws his application for proceeding to Europe on half pay for three years.

Ensign Johnson Browne, who obtained permission on the first Ultimo to proceed to Europe for three years on half pay, having made application to the Board for a Repeal of such permission, it is repealed accordingly -

Received the undermentioned Letters / entered in MB. Nos 37-38-39-40-41-42-43-

From Captain Hugh Montgomery.

From Captain Hugh Montgomery enclosing an Account of Cash expended by him in the years 1781 and 1782 in procuring Intelligence, amounting to Pags 1126, for which he requests a Reimbursement.

From the Chief Engineer, dated 16th Decr enclosing Copy of a Letter to him from Ensign Engineer Russell at Pondamallee, stating the necessity of placing Sentrys at the Angles of the unfinished Barracks

From Colo Ross.

& Barracks, to prevent the loss of Materials—

Ordered in Consequence, that the

Minute thereon. Commandant of Pondamallee, be directed to furnish

the Sentrys (Vide MB. N°44)—

From Captain Daniel Kennedy

&c.

From Captain Daniel Kennedy & other Officers— and other Officers, captured by the French during the late War, praying, that the same Indulgence, in respect to Allowances, as have been granted by the Governor General and Council to the Mysorean Prisoners, may be extended to them—

Ordered that a Copy of the above

Copy to Bengal —mentioned Letter be transmitted to Bengal—

From the Honble Basil Cochrane

From Mr. Cochrane dated 7th Instant, suggests some Alterations in the Articles of Agreement for the Arrack Contract, by which he conceives the Company's Instructions, on that head, will be strictly attended to—

From Captain Urban Vigors,

From Capt.n Vigors commanding the 21st Battalion, to the Adjutant General, states his reasons for not paying implicit Obedience to the Orders of Government of the 19th Dec.r

Ordered that a Copy thereof

Minute thereon be sent to Mr. Digby, and that he be directed to inform the Board, why he did not grant Certificates to the 21st Battalion—(Vide MB. N° 45)—

From the Chief at Pulicat,

From the Chief at Pulicat— &c. dated 26th January, & Febry, stating, that he cannot deliver

11 deliver up any Deserters, who come under the description of Subjects of Holland; and enclosing copy of the Cartel established on the 1st. April 1785.-

From the Commandant at Vellore

From Col. Nixon. dated 7th Instant, enclosing the Engineer's Report and Estimate of Repairs.- Ordered that the same be referred

Minute thereon to the Chief Engineer.-

17. Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal.-

To the Honorable John Macpherson Esq.r

Governor General &c.a Council

at Fort William.

Gentlemen,

To Bengal enclosing Extracts from the Records stating the Arrangements lately made with the Rajah of Tanjore -also Letter from the Officers taken by the French, claiming Batta during their Imprisonment.-

We have been honored with the receipt of your Letter dated the 9th January.-

We now enclose Extracts from our Consultations, which will demonstrate the line We have taken since the receipt of your Letter of the 11th. November, relative to the Rajah of Tanjore and the Arrangements which have been made in consequence.-

We trust that the moderate Conduct which We have observed towards his Excellency will be honored with your Approbation.-

We

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We have the pleasure to inform you that the last letters from Colonel Sir Henry Colby give us reason to expect a satisfactory and speedy ter-=mination of the Service on which he is employed-

We beg leave to send you Copy of a Letter addressed to us by several Officers who were made Prisoners by the French, and who solicit the allowance of Batta, which you have been pleased to grant to the Prisoners with Hyder Ally and Tippoo Sultaun-

Reports from all Quarters cor-=roborate the account of Tippoo's Death, which We have now the strongest reason to believe has actually taken place-

We have the honor to be &c.

Fort St George
12th Feby 1786

/Signed/ Alex Davidson
&c Council

Sent the undermentioned Letters
(entered in MB Nos 46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55.)

To Captain Hugh Montgomery

To captain Hugh Montgomery — informing him that his Claim for cloathing a Company of Volunteers, is admitted-

To Colonel Brathwaite - His application to the Board, thro' the Adjutant General for permission to visit the Presidency, for the re-=establishment of his Health, admitted - To be continued on the Returns, as Commanding Officer, while absent-

To Col. Brathwaite

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To Manulipatam 15

To Manulipatam advising them of the above.

To Gent. Horne.

To Brigadier General Horne, informing him that the Lascars at Trichinopoly and Tanjore are to be placed under the Charge of the Paymaster, to be delivered upon Indents countersigned by him (the General).

To Mr. Falk

To Mr. Falk, enclosing copy of the foregoing Letter.

To Mr. Surgeon Major Davis

To Mr. Surgeon Major Davis, informing him of his Appointment, as Purveyor for victualling the General Hospital, which he is to attend from the 1st March next.

To Mr. A. Sinclair

To Mr. Arthur Sinclair, stating why Mr. Horsman was appointed a Member of the Medical Committee.

To the Civil Storekeeper

To the Civil Storekeeper directing him to debit the Committee of Works for the Sum of 336 P. 2 Fs. 18 C. for Stores supplied. Mr. Edward Garrow, Contractor for Repairs.

To the Committee of Works

To the Committee of Works directing them to debit Mr. Edward Garrow for the above Sum.

To the Paymaster at Arcot

To the Paymaster at Arcot, to pay Ensign Heatland the customary Allowance to Officers acting with the Pioneers, while he shall continue with that Corps at the new Cantonments.

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Received the following Report

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The Report from the Committee of Surgeons -

Proceedings of a Committee of Surgeons held at Fort Saint George this 13th day of February 1786.

From the Committee of Surgeons with Observations on the fifth and Sixth Paragraphs of the new Medical Regulations, recommending that each Surgeon be allowed a Monthly Writer & that those who may be stationed at expensive Quarters be allowed an additional Salary of fifty Pagodas & enclosing Letter from Mr Adderton Surgeon at the Mount -

For the reasons pointed out in the fifth Paragraph of the new Regulations, it appears to the Committee that no time should be lost in appointing Surgeons and Assistants to the different European Corps, in the Honble Company's Service, as therein directed - His Majesty's Surgeons being already prepared to provide their own Sick, conformably to the Regulations.

In regard to the sixth Paragraph the Committee think the Surgeon General, or Surgeon Superintending the General Hospital should first be furnished with Indents from the different Surgeons, whose Sick are to be sent into the General Hospital, after the 28th Instant, before he can give in the necessary list of Cots, Bedding & Cloathing therein required.

From the great deal of time which every Surgeon will require in keeping his Books, writing Indents, Returns of the Sick &c receipts for Medicines constantly renewing Tickets for the Cots, of the newly admitted Patients &c. without including attendance on Families, or Officers; it appears impossible that Patients can have that justice done them, which will be expected, unless some assistance is granted; and do therefore recommend that each Surgeon be allowed a Writer, in order

that

It that they may in other respects be enabled to pay the proper attention to their Sick Officers & Men.

It is also the opinion of the Committee, that Surgeons stationed at Madras, Pondamalee, Cantonments & other expensive quarters, with strong European Regiments, require the addition of 50 Pagodas p Month for the same reasons in a greater degree, both with respect to the number of Officers they have to attend and the dearness of Provisions, as given for Mr. Adderton.

In order to prevent any inconveniencies arising to the Sick, We would beg leave to recommend, that all Surgeons receive orders to make out the necessary Indents immediately, so as to have every accommodation ready for their Hospitals, at the time required.

The Committee beg leave to assure the Honble President and Council, that they have carefully attended to every part of the new Regulations, and, excepting the few additions which they have offered to recommend, think that they are in every respect agreable to the Plan so complete, as at present to put it out of their power to propose any thing more, but at the same time it appears to them that amendments will certainly present themselves upon the Plan being put in practice. when the

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H. Honble Board may rely on the greatest attention
of the Committee —

Jas. Anderson M. D:
Surgeon Genl. Forces

/ Signed / Colley Lucas
Surgeon Major

Wm Horsman Surgeon
73d Regiment

Since signing the above, the
Committee have just received a Letter from Mr. Ad-
Adderton Surgeon of Artillery, which they beg leave
to enclose —

/ Signed / Jas Anderson M.D.
Surgeon Genl. Forces

To James Anderson Esqr. Surgeon General
and President of a Committee of Surgeons
Fort St George

Sir

Conformably to the late General
Orders respecting Hospital Regulations, I think it
necessary to inform you, that no Contract Hos-
pital having existed in this Cantonment, every
kind of Cloathing, Bedding &c. will be required
in order to carry into execution the intended
System — A proportion of Sick Cotts, equal to the
number of the Sick, were furnished by the Military
Paymaster

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to
14 Paymaster General about three Months since, and
are under charge of the Quarter Master of the Corps.

I have the honor to be &c.

Jer. Idderton
Surgeon Artillery.

Cantonment
at the Mount
12th Febry 1786.

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Sent the following Answer.

To Dr James Anderson, Surgeon General
& to the Committee of Surgeons

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Board in reply to your Letter of the 13th Instant to inform you that the Senior Surgeons now with the differ=-rent European Corps are to be appointed to act with them as Regimental Surgeons - That you are to form your Calculation of the number of Cotts, Bedding & Cloathing necessary for the General Hos=-pital upon the number of those Articles that you would have thought necessary if you had con=-tinued to furnish them - That the form of keeping Books for making Returns of the Sick, of giving Receipts for Medicines, & of placing Tickets on the Cotts of the Patients are such as are observed in all well regulated Hospitals in Europe, in which no Allowances are given for Clerks for those purposes nor can the Board think of allowing Writers to

do

N.B. in answer - The Senior Surgeons with the European Corps to act as Regimental Surgeons. To form their Calculation of the number of Cotts &c wanted for the General Hospital upon that which they should have thought necessary had they continued to furnish them - No Writers to be allowed. Allowances now esta=-blished not to vary. - I have every thing ready for the reception of the Sick on the 1st March - Cotts &c will be provided for the Artillery -

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15. do what is properly the duty of the Surgeons & their Assistants and which in their opinion may be performed without interfering with their attendance upon the Officers or the private Families.

I am further to signify to you that the Board have given ample Allowances to the Surgeons, to which they do not think it necessary to make any addition, that the Surgeons have already in the General Orders been directed to have every thing ready for the reception of the Sick on the 1st of March, and that a non-compliance with those Orders will be considered as a neglect of Duty.

With respect to the provision of Cotts &c. for the Artillery Corps proper measures will be taken.

I am Gentlemen &c. &c.

(Signed) John Chamier Secy

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Sent the undermentioned Letters
(entered in the Miscellany Book No. 56. 57. 58. 59.
60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70.)

To Dr Ruding. To Dr Ruding, with permission to go to Bombay and China, and to draw his Allowances till his departure from the former Place.

To Mr Welch. To the Paymaster at Arcot, to discharge the Hanoverian Surgeon's Bills for Hospital Charges from the Month of August to the Month of November 1785 inclusive.

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To Col. Cosby — To Colonel Sir Henry Cosby, to transmit to the Presidency the Receipts in his Possession for the Arms delivered to the Nabobs Agents.

To Edward Hay Esq.r Secretary to the Governor General and Council, transmitting the Records of this Department from the 1.st October last to the end of the year.

To Mr. Falk — To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly to receive from the Nabobs Amildar such quantities of Grain, as may suit the Sepoys to receive in part payment of their Pay.

To Genl. Horne — To General Horne informing him of the above

To Mr. Taring — To the Garrison Storekeeper, to deliver over to the Arrack Contractor 150 Leaguers now in Store, together with a Godown for the reception of the above quantity.

To Mr. B. Sulivan — To Mr. Benjamen Sulivan, the Attorney General, enclosing a Case respecting Dutch Deserters, Natives of Holland, upon which he is requested to give his opinion.

To subordinate Out Garrisons — Circular Letter to the Out Garrisons & Subordinate Settlements enclosing a Copy of the Arrack Contract entered into with Mr. Cochrane

To Canton — to the Chief & Supra Cargoes at Canton, recommending Captain Muirhead to their Attention during their Stay with them.

To

16. To the Deputy Military Naymaster General, enclosing that part of the Medical Regulations, which relate to him.

To Mr. J. Garrow

To Captains James Russell & David Muirhead with permission to go to Europe for three years on half Nay.

To Capt.ns Jas. Russell & David Muirhead.

To Captain Hugh Montgomery — His Charge for Secret Intelligence during the War, considered as exceedingly irregular, and therefore not admitted.

To Capt. H. Montgomery.

17th To the Committee of Stores to assist Captain Mitchell in the execution of the duty entrusted to him of the Demolition of the small Forts in the Carnatic.

To the Committee of Stores.

To Vizagapatam, enclosing a List of Invalids & Pensioned Artillery embarked on the Chichester for their Settlement.

To Vizagapatam

Received the undermentioned Letters (entered in MB. Nos 71-72-73-74-75)

From the Surgeon General, dated 11th Instant, declines victualling the Sick; states his Belief that Mr Horsman would accept it on the Terms proposed by Government — And encloses Letter to him from Mr Sinclair.

From the Surgeon General.

From the Naymaster at Vellore dated 9th Instant, enclosing a Return of Lascars in his Garrison.

From the Naym.r at Vellore.

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From Manulepatam, enclosing a
From Manulipatam proposed Draft for the French Resident there, in respect
to the Rights & Priviledges of his Nation, & requesting
the Sentiments of the Board thereon.

Ordered that the Chief & Council be
To, in answer. informed that the Board approve the Draft (Vide MB. 1st Feb.)

From the Resident at Cuddalore,
From Mr Hoyland enclosing a List of unserviceable Stores, & advising of
his having purchased 8 Garce of Paddy for the Con-
=sumption of the Month of February.

From the Surgeon at Chingleput,
From Mr Gillespie stating the impracticability of being able to victual
the Sick on the terms proposed by Government -

NB. Ordered that Mr Gillespie
be informed, that if he continues to decline vic-
To, in answer =tualling the Sick on the Terms proposed, another
Surgeon will be appointed in his Room (Vide MB No 7th)

Received Letter from Dr Davis
From Dr Davis (as entered in MB No 7th) requesting the Board
will obtain from the Nabob a Pantuck for his
Shipherds to pass & repass to Trincomalee & Gingee
to purchase Sheep.

Minute thereon Ordered that His Highness
be requested to furnish the Pantuck accordingly -

Recd Received the following

Report from the Committee of Surgeons -

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Proceedings of a Committee of Surgeons held at Fort St George this 17th day of February 1786.

Dr James Anderson Surgeon General
President

Surgeon Major Colley Lyon Lucas
Surgeon William Horrman
of His Majestys 73d Regiment
} Members

The Orders of Government bearing date the 15th Instant being read. The Committee find the Subject with which they are immediately concerned is a List of Stores, which they would have thought necessary to keep up, supposing they had continued in the management of these matters, & as the Hospital is only capable of containing commodiously 336 Sick, think the Stores at the Presidency should ever be kept compleat for that number, & in this Climate it is absolutely necessary the Patients should be at least shifted twice a Week—

from the Committee of Surgeons, stating the number of Cotts. Bedding &c necessary to be kept up for the use of the General Hospital—

The Committee therefore recommend 336 Cotts and 1008 Setts of Bedding and Cloathing to be kept in constant repair as a proper Establishment of Stores for this Hospital, Understanding that Doctor Anderson and Major Lucas on the 3d Instant gave in to the Honble Board a List of their Stores then in use the necessary addition

for

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10 for such Establishment, will only amount to the difference between their Stores on the 28 Instant, and what they have now the honor to recommend.—

Sal. Anderson M. D.
Surgeon General

/ Signed / Colley Lucas
Surgeon Major

Wm Horsman Surgeon
73d Regiment.—

Received the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore.—

To John Chamier Esq.
Military Secretary.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit you Copy of a Letter, which I received the 3d Inst from Col. Stuart in consequence of his being made acquainted with the orders of the Honble Board for deducting the Poundage from the Gratuity of the Kings Troops.— for the reasons stated by the Colonel I have consented to the Gratuity's being issued agreeably to his proposition, & the poundage will accordingly be detained till I am honored with the Board's orders with respect to the period when the deduction is to commence.—

I have the honor to be &c &c

/ Signed / J. Hudleston

Dear

from the Resident at Tanjore, enclosing copy of a letter to him from Col. Stuart in consequence of the order for deducting the Poundage from the Gratuity paid to the Kings Troops—

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My Dear Sir,

Mr Hippesley has shewn me a Reso-
-lution of the Honble Board dated in August, directing
that the amount of the Poundage should be deducted
from the Gratuity of the Kings Troops, the Resolution
however does not say from what day such deduction
is to take place, and I know there is a representation
gone in to the Commander in Chief from the Comman
-ding Officer of the 23d Light Dragoons, 36th & 73d Regts
on this subject - I should be glad until this point
is decided that the Gratuity to the 31st December was
issued to the 78th in the way it has formerly been
done, and I shall direct that the poundage from
25th June to the 24th December last shall be de=
-tained in the Regimental Paymasters hands, and
be answerable to you for refunding on the shortest
notice, whatever Stoppage ought to have been
made, whenever Government fix a period from
whence it was to commence - My reason for this
is, that our Gratuity Rolls have been made out, &
given in to 31st December and our Mens Accounts are
already settled crediting them for their Gratuity as
usual to that period; but the Poundage from
the 25th June to the 24th of December is not cre=
-dited to them in that Settlement, and for
the Satisfaction of the Men it will be necessary
for the Commander in Chief to mention the
alteration in General Orders to the Kings Troops
before

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19 before we make any alteration in the credit for Gratuity usually given them.

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Sam dear Sir &c &c &c

Signed J Stuart

P.S. I shall write to the Commander in Chief to day on this Subject.

A true Copy
Wadderton.

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From M.r Digby

Recived Letters from M.r Digby and M.r Benjamin Sullivan / as entered in the M.B. N.os 79 & 80 / the former stating why Certificates were not granted to the 11.th Battalion of Sepoys, as ordered by Government: and the latter represen-ting the Impropriety of delivering up Deserters who should prove to be Natives of the Nation to which they deserted.

From M.r B. Sullivan

Circular Letter to Out Garrisons Cantonments & Subordinacies.

Dispatched Letter to all the Out Garrisons, Cantonments, and Subordinacies (as entered in the Miscellany Book N.o 81) enclosing a Copy of the New Medical Regulations, to commence from the 28.th Instant.

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