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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President

Tuesday 21st February 1786.

Lieut General Sir John Dalling Baronet

Charles Floyer Esqr

Member of last Consultation

read and approved.

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute with Letters from Colonels Mackenzie, Floyd, & Knox.

The Commander in Chief solicitous that the just Claims of His Majesty's Troops should be fully satisfied, and equally anxious that the finances of his Honble Employers should not be improperly wasted, submits to the consideration of the Board the following Statement respecting the allowances made to Kings Regiments under the heads of Poundage to the Infantry & Grass money for the Cavalry, payable to the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates serving in India.

Commander in Chiefs Minute with Statement of Allowances made to the Kings Regiments on account of Poundage to the Infantry & Grass Money to the Cavalry.

Grass Money to a Regiment of Dragoons.

Serjeant, Corporal, Trumpeter, Private Trooper	to each p Annum	£ 2. 12. 6

From the above is an annual deduction from each Serjeant, Corporal, Trumpeter and Private.

For

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For the Paymaster ---- £0.5.0
For the Surgeon ---- 1.0
For the Riding Master ---- 1.11.8
£ 1.0.8
Remains due ---- 1.11.10
£ 2.12.6

Poundage to a Regiment of Infantry—

Serjeants Corpl & Drums Private Soldier	} to each p Annum	£0.8.8 0.6.6 0.16.6

Deduction

From each Serjeant to Surgeon & Paymr £ .8.8
From each Corpl & Drumr to Do ---- .6.6
From each Private to Do ---- 8 ---- .4.4

By the above Account it may be perceived that the whole Poundage of the Infantry, Non Commissioned Officers and Drummers is entirely stopped, and that the Balance remaining to each private Soldier is p Annum £.12.2— the Stoppages are directed by the Kings Warrant, from which arose the emoluments of the Paymasters & Riding Masters, besides constituting a part of the Sum of one Hundred Pagodas p Month, to which the pay & allowance of a Surgeon has lately been restricted—

The whole Amount of the demand for the Kings Troops now serving in India agreable to the last General Monthly Return will appear as thus.

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His Majesty's 23d L.t Dragoons

Serjeants	24		
Trumpeters	6	@ £ 1.11.10 each	£ 558.13.6
Corp.ls & Privates	321		
	351		

Infantry

His Majesty's	36th Regiment	476
52d	Regt	501
73d	Regt	815
78th	Regt	867
15th	Han.r Regt	340
15th	Do	Do	354
		3353

Total number of His Maj.ty Troops 3353
@ £0.12.2 each, valuing the Pagoda
at the rate of 8/ 4d is Pag.s 16296 and in
Sterling Money ---------- £ 10319.14.10

The Allowance of Poundage
to the Kings Soldiers is of four score years standing
and has ever been considered both at home & abroad
as an extra Gratuity, or Legacy to perpetuate the
memory of the good Queen Anne, (who may be con-
-sidered as the English Soldiers saint,) and it is
specially provided for by Parliament for that par-
-ticular purpose -

By the Letter of Agreement
concluded between His Majesty's Ministers and the
Court of Directors, which has received the Sanction
of Parliament, the Kings Troops serving in India
are

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are to receive Pay and allowances on the highest ratio with the Company's Troops wherensoever they may serve, — a perfect equalization of these allowances has never yet been ascertained, and perhaps may be impracticable — the claim however on the part of the King's Troops, has been often in contemplation, as they apprehend that their allowances, including all Ranks, are much inferior to the Honorable Company's —

In a Statement of the expence to the India Company, between His Majesty's and their own Troops, no consideration is made for the difference of enlisting Bounty, as the Honorable Company's Soldiers are not enlisted under a Bounty of 10 Guineas and being enlisted but for the term of five years, receive at that expiration the same bounty again, while that allowed for the reinlistment of the King's Troops here, does not exceed 5 Pag.s or £2 Stg.d — the Gratuity of 2d a day to raise the pay of the King's Soldier to an equality with that of the Company's, hath been allowed to run so much in arrear (nine or ten Months) so as to lessen its value almost one third, while the Company's Soldier receives his month-ly in one entire sum — if that part of the account were to be fairly stated, a most considerable saving would be found by the low bounty advanced to the King's Troops, far more considerable than the annual saving of the Poundage, that but barely exceeds £2000 Stg.g p Annum, and having hitherto been admitted is now considered as an absolute right, which at

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the present period might not be good policy to withdraw - the above is now producing much heart burning -

I shall therefore move the Honble Board, in consideration of what has been stated, that the Poundage to His Majesty's Troops may be permitted to be drawn in the same manner as heretofore -

(Signed) John Dalling

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20th Febry 1786

To Sir John Dalling, Baronet, &c &c &c

Sir,

We understand that Orders are issued to strike off the Queen's Bounty from the Private Soldiers of His Majesty's Regiments and also £20 per Annum paid from the Non effective fund to each Captain of a Company -

From Col. Mackenzie Knox, & Lloyd in support of their Claims to the above Allowances

We beg leave respectfully to lay our reasons before you why such stoppages ought not to be made -

On the arrival of Kings Regiments in India, Major General Stuart fixed the Gratuity of the Officers and Soldiers - General Stuart's order particularly specified that the Men should continue to receive her Majesty's Bounty of £1 half yearly, and the Captains of Company's £20 p Annum from the Non Effective funds -

So

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So much of this Order as concerned the Non Commissioned and Privates of His Majesty's Troops was inserted in the orderly books, so that (to make use of General Stuarts words) every one might know with precision what was his due —

In consequence of this order,

Her Majesty's Bounty has been regularly paid to the private Soldiers, and we know the impossibility of persuading them that they have not an equal right to it, as to the remainder of their Pay —

Most of the Kings Soldiers have lately reenlisted, avowedly to remain in India. the Inducement was the superior Pay enjoyed by the Soldiers here: if then any part of this pay is struck off, may not the Soldier fairly say, "I have given up my native Country, I have bound "myself for life to an unhealthy Service for certain "Emoluments, which have been uniformly received "by Kings Soldiers in India; if those Emoluments are diminished, is it not a breach of Compact?"

Such an Argument we conceive can be urged by the Soldier, and we confess our Inability to answer it.

In respect to the £6 p annum received by every Captain of a Company from the Non effective fund, We are not only of opinion that they ought still to receive it, but we are convinced that if any alteration is to be made

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on the pay & Allowances of Kings Officers, it ought to be in their favour –

There is no rank of Officers on the Kings Service, who receive equal pay & allowances with the same rank in the Company's.

The Kings Field Officers have already urged their claim to participate equally with the Company's field Officers in the Dewannee fund – it was refused by the late Government, & has been referred to the Court of Directors. –

The Company's Field Officers, Senior Captains of Infantry & Captains doing duty with Sepoy Corps receive a large annual Allowance, said to arise from Clothing: but whether it arises from the non effective or the Clothing fund, it matters little. This we know, that parity of allowance is not preserved, when a Kings Captain receives £70 from the former, and a Company's Captain £200 from the latter –

An additional Allowance is made to Subalterns of Infantry in the Company's Service, doing duty with Sepoy Corps: this, from frequent Changes & other causes, circulates among the body of Subalterns in the Company's Service: The Kings Subalterns are entirely precluded from it.

We have now, Sir, stated our reasons in favor of continuing the Queen's bounty to the private Soldiers, & we have endeavoured to shew that the Allowances to Kings Officers of all Ranks

diminished

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Ranks ought rather to be encreased than diminished

Before we conclude, we think it necessary to mention a Report, (to which however we are unwilling to give credit) that what has already been paid to the Kings Regiments on account of Queen's bounty & more effective money for the year 1785 is to be stopt from the Arrear of Gratuity; of which eleven Months is due to the Officers and nine to the Men.

We have the honor to be &c.

[Signed] Geo. Mackenzie Colonel Commanding 73d Regt
J. Knox Lt Col 36 Regt

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27th Janry 1786.

To Lieutenant General Sir John Dalling Bart
Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

Sir.

I have the honor of stating to you that the Paymaster of His Majesty's 73d Regt was refused payment of the Grass Money due to the Regiment, at the door of the Pay Office in Fort St George without any previous notice.

The Regiment has to my knowledge the most undoubted right to that Money over and above any other pay & allowances made to the East India Company's Troops.

For the correctness of this I beg

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beg leave to refer you to the Statement of Pay & allowances issued in public Orders here, & which was arranged with the Court of Directors, previous to the sailing of the Regimt for India –

I request you will be pleased to take such measures as you see fit for procuring us the Gratuity Money, which ought to have been paid the 25th December last –

As to Arrears & Claims on the Pecaunee, & the difference of Allowance to Captains, our pretensions are the same as those of His Majesty's Infantry –

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) J. Floyd Col.

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27th Janry 1786.

Minute thereon.

The Board having attentively perused the Subject of the Commander in Chief's Minute together with the Arguments adduced by the King's Colonels in favor of their claim, Resolve, that no deduction be made, for the present, from the Gratuity, and that the Poundage be drawn for as practised before the determination of the Board in Consultation the 9th Augt 1785.

Resolved also to refer the Subject to the decision of the Court of Directors, & to explain to them minutely the State of the Case, and the Grounds upon which the Resolution of the Board in Consultation the 9th Augt 1785, was founded with the reasons that now induce this Government to waive the enforcing their Resolution –

Agreed

The above Allowances to be referred to the Court of Directors for decision –

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Agreed also that Letters be written to the Military Paymaster General and to the Resident at Tanjore, directing them to pay the Gratuity as before, without making any de= -duction on account of the Poundage until the pleasure of the Court of Directors be known=

Read the following Letter from Colonel Sir Henry Corby.

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &c Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I have the honor to inform you that the Chocumpetty Poligar is at last come in & as I conceive that every thing is now settled with the several Poligars as far as relates to the settlement of the Peiscush, & an appearance of an intention on their part to fulfil their engagements at the different periods appointed by the Cowle for the receipt of it. I should be wanting in my duty were I not to suggest to your Honble Board, that a considerable Saving may immediately take place by cantoning the De= -tachment in & about Palamcotah, which with your permission I can do in such a manner as to be able to take the field again at the shortest notice, & which when the Poligars are sensible of will have

From Colo. Sir Henry Corby, the service entrusted to him, nearly completed; recommends that the Detachment be cantoned for a while in the Neighbourhood of Palamcotah till the Crops be gathered in=

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have every good Effect I am persuaded that can be wished for: I should not have taken upon me to point out the cantoning the Detachment here in particular, had not His Highness the Nabobs Manager represented to me the propriety of keeping it still in this Country, for he observes that however well disposed the Poligars may appear to be, and altho' as much so now as at any one period since the Nabobs Government, yet, they are by nature & long habit ever averse to paying their Tributes, & are often extremely backward when they know the means of forcing them is not at hand; - He also says, that this Province has seldom or ever been without a considerable force in it --

The Detachment is now pretty compleat in Tents, Stores &ca so that by keeping it together in the manner I have had the honor to mention, no new Expence would be incurred should any of the Poligars fly from their Engagements and oblige a force to take the field for the protection of the present Crop, which will not be got entirely in before the end of March --

Should your Honble Board approve of what I have stated above, I shall on cantoning the Detachment discharge all the Draught & Carriage Bullocks, Lascars &ca others can be easily procured here on a short notice --

As I have reason to think

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His Highness's Manager will wish to have at least half a Battalion stationed at Chevilapatore by way of more effectually covering the Country I shall be glad to know how far you approve of my complying with that or any similar requisitions he may make towards facilitating the receipt of the Revenues—

Should I not be able to find Choultries & public buildings sufficient to cover all the Officers, I request to know if your Honble Board will have any objection to those, who may not be provided, drawing House Rent, it will be, I conceive, the least expensive plan & I shall confine it to as few as possible—

Camp near Palamcottah 7th Febry 1786.

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) H.A.N. Cosby

The Board observe with satisfaction that the Service entrusted to Colonel Cosby is nearly accomplished and it is in consequence Agreed that he be directed to canton the Detachment under his command in the Neighbourhood of Palamcotah, according to the Plan proposed in his Letter, and that he be desired in so doing to observe the strictest Oeconomy—As soon as the Crops shall be gathered in, it will be a matter of consideration, whether it will be expedient to continue the Detachment any longer in the Districts of Palamcotah and Madura—

The Board agree in opinion with Colonel Cosby.

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Read the following Letter from
the Resident at Tanjore —

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

From the Resident at Tanjore strongly recommending that no coercive measures be adopted towards the Rajah of Tanjore; & stating his reasons for such opinion —

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I have been honored with your Commands signified to me by Mr. Secretary * * Chanier in his letters of the 24th Ult. & 4th Instant;

The approbation of my Conduct expressed in the former of those letters would ensure to your Honor &ca even if I had no other motive the continuance of my sincere and unwearied endeavors to deserve it —

In deliberating upon the measures necessary for me to adopt in order to fulfil your directions for securing a sufficient part of the Rajahs revenue to make good the amount of his late engagement, and of the Current Subsidy, the following points appeared to me to demand my serious attention —

At this advanced Season of the year I much doubt if by taking possession of the Crops on the Ground, or any other coercive measure, so large a Sum could be obtained within the Time that the Rajah has engaged to complete the payment

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of the whole, and still less would it be possible to secure the receipt of the several Rents at the periods, when by the Rajahs engagement they will become due - for it is to be considered that the measure of taking possession of the Crops by force, however I might endeavor to palliate, or qualify it, must, to make it effectual, involve a temporary suspension of the Rajahs authority throughout his Country, and every opposition that his established influence could create, must be reckoned upon - In such a case, Resentment would wholly occupy his Mind, and excite him to use every means in his power to render the measure abortive, regardless of the consequences to his own immediate Interest -

The Aumils, and Monegars in the several Districts, and the principal Inhabitants, would join in the Plan, not from affection to the Rajah (for they groan under the weight of accumulated exactions) but from dread of his future displeasure - even the people that I must necessarily employ, at a great expence to the Company in the Superintendance and collection of the Government's share of the Crops, would secretly assist the Rajahs views, from the double motive of ensuring themselves, & obtaining his favor -

The Engagements entered into by the Inhabitants for the purchase of the Circar Grain, both parties would consider as no longer binding; it would in consequence be found impracticable

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practicable to realize the Revenues in money without considerable loss, or to effect it at all so soon as the publick necessities would require —

Upon the whole, there is nothing of which I am more fully convenced than that any violent, or coercive step, at this particular juncture, would plunge the Coentry in confusion & defeat the object meant to be attained by it — From these considerations it appeared to me that a measure more conformable to the Spirit of your Instructions, and at the same time of a nature less offensive to the Rajah, would be to place twenty Coneoplies over the Amuldars of the different Districts with authority to keep exact accounts of their collections, and of the Sums dispatched from time to time to Tanjore and to advise me regularly of the latter that I might demand & receive them of the Rajah, immediately on their Arrival —

Accordingly, in a conference with his Excellency the 11th Instant, I proposed to him this measure in the way that I judged most likely to obtain his concurrence. I introduced the Subject by observing to him that the great benefit the Company would derive from the pecuniary aid which his Excellency had engaged to supply in three Months made it of infinite importance, & a point of much anxiety with the Honble Board, to secure the absolute certainty of the receipt of it by the time stipulated — that of his own intentions on this head I was fully * * * persuaded

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persuaded, but as those intentions might be frustrated by his Servants, I hoped he would acquiesce in a measure which I was going to propose to him, & consider it in no other light than as affording additional Security to his own, as well as the Company's Interest.

The Rajah seemed extremely hurt, and agitated on my mentioning the Proposal and all my endeavours to reconcile him to it were ineffectual - after asking me with great emotion whether from the date of his agreement with Lord Pigot, he had ever violated his word to the Company, or any engagement he had entered into with them - whether from that date to the Commencement of the late War, and from the conclusion of Peace to the present hour, he had ever failed in the punctual payment of his stipulated four Lacks of Pags. p Annum, and lastly, whether since my arrival here he had in any instance failed either in discharging the current Subsidy, or in making good the several Sums which he had agreed to pay me in part of the Balance, - his Excellency desired me to receive the following, as his only, & final answer to what I had proposed to him - that he had already paid me one Lack of Pagodas of the Subsidy of the present year - that he now pledged to me his word that another should be paid at the end of this month, a third by the end of March, & the fourth by the 30th April - that of the two Lacks

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in part of the balance he had just paid me — 50,000
that I should receive on the 25th of this month — 50,000
on the 15th of March — — — — — — — — — — — — 50,000
and on the 31st Ditto — — — — — — — — — — 50,000
or perhaps the two last payments sooner than he now
mentioned — that if this should not be satisfactory to
the Board, to say, or do any thing further, was not
in his power and it remained with them to do
whatever they should think just towards him; but
that if I put in execution the measure I proposed,
or any other similar to it, he should from that moment
consider himself totally released from the engagement
he had entered into, and the promise he had just
made me, both with respect to the current Subsidy
and the balance, and that I, (for the Company) must
be responsible for the remainder of the 6 Lacks —

To this answer the Rajah most
pertinaciously adhered, and as the doing what I
proposed, without his consent, would to all intents
and purposes be a coercive measure, and produce
all its consequences, I think it my duty to defer
proceeding any further in the execution of your last
orders until I shall have been honored with your
answer to this address — In the mean while I
beg leave to submit it to your Honor &c as my
sincere opinion that you may safely rely on
receiving the full amount both of the Current
Subsidy, and of the sum the Rajah has agreed to
pay in part of his balance, at the periods stipulated
without having recourse to any severe, or coercive
measure

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measure – With regard to the former he has during my Residence here been hitherto very regular in his payments, and in some instances (particularly in Sept.r & Oct.r last) has at my request, to accommodate the public Service, made advances in part of his Kists before they were due – In respect to the balance, it has certainly been very difficult to bring him to consent to make any payment on that account, but I must at the same time, in strict justice to the Rajah, acknowledge that having once consented, he has, in every instance that has occurred since I have held this Station, most punctually performed his Promise –

Indisposition has obliged me to delay the writing this letter for several days – tomorrow I hope to address your Honor &ca in answer to the other parts of the Secretary's letter of the 4th Instant –

I have the honor to be &c.a

/Signed/ Hudleston

Tanjore
14th Febry 1786

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

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs.

From the Resident at Tanjore with Statement of Cash required for the Disbursements of Tanjore out of the six Lacks of Pags expected from the Rajah –

I now proceed to lay before you the Information directed in the Secretary's letter of the 4th Instant concerning the proportion of the expected

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expected 6 Lacks which it will be necessary should remain at Tanjore for the Disbursements under my direction —

My last letter informed your Honor &c. that of those 6 Lacks I had already received one lack, being the amount of the Novem.r December & January Kists of the Subsidy for the present year and 50000 Pagodas (paid a few days since) in part of the 2 Lacks which the Rajah has engaged to discharge of the Balance —

After having paid the Troops up to the end of December and His Majesty's 78.th Regiment, to the 24.th February, there remain in my hands of the one lack abovementioned about 10,000 Pagodas, besides the 50000 received in part of the Balance — The whole amount therefore at present in my hands is Pagodas ——— 60,000

and there is still to be paid by the Rajah by the end of April ——— 450,000

Total 5,10,000

After the Rajah shall, by the payment of the remainder of the 6 Lacks, have completed his engagements for the present year (ending 30.th April next) there will be nothing due from him till the 30.th November. I enclose therefore an Estimate of the expenditure here from the 1.st January to the 30.th November next, amounting to Pagodas 227,609 supposing the Garrison including His Majesty's 78.th Regiment to continue of its present Strength, the three

first

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first Articles may be looked upon as ascertained, ex=
=cepting the Sum of 10,000 Pagodas inserted in the
Paymaster's Estimate as the probable expence of
transporting from Negapatam the vast quantity
of Military Stores arrived, or expected there for this,
and the other Southern Garrisons - If the quantity be
so great as it is said to be, the expence I believe is not
overrated -

The loss by exchange on remit=
=tances to the Presidency, which is the next
Article in the Statement is estimated very mo=
=derately at 6 p Cent, precisely, at this period it
is not quite so much, the price of Fanams being
very low which of course makes the exchange
more favorable to the Company, but in general
it amounts to 7 or 8 p Cent -

The Commanding Officer have
has I understand recommended a very considerable
addition to be made to the present Stock of Grain
in this Garrison, which now amounts to about
70,000 Cullums - I have not as yet been honored
with any Instructions from you on this head, but
should your Honor &c. wish to have the present
Stock of Grain increased, the price may be reckoned
at the rate of about 1200 Pagodas p lack of Cullums.

Your Honor &c. will also per=
=ceive that in the enclosed Statement no allowance
is made for the various incidental calls for money
that may always be expected at Tanjore - occasional
orders

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orders, or small drafts from the Presidency - Interest on Monies &c^a nor does it include any provision either for unforeseen events or for circumstances that may be expected to occur in the common course of things - such as reinforcements coming to the Garrison - equipping detachments for Service and applications for assistance from other Stations - From experience it may be pronounced with certainty that some of these will happen, though We cannot foresee which; and a more important reason for leaving a sum of Money in this Treasury over and above the amount of the established, or ordinary Disbursements, will suggest itself to your Honorable Board in the consideration that in case of any sudden emergency, or dangers threatening any part of our Southern possessions, Tanjore will be immediately looked to for aid, and support in Money, Troops and Stores -

I should be extremely happy to have it in my power to suggest to your Honor &c^a any plan by which the heavy loss that the Company now sustain on remittances to the Presidency might be prevented - I had thought to of proposing to you Honor &c^a the investing a considerable Sum in Grain to be dispatched to Madras from Nagore, Negapatam, & Trinkinopoly, but on enquiry I found that the time it would require to convey it from the Districts to the Sea side, and from thence to Madras, & to realize it in

your

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in money, when there would be an insurmountable objection — A Mode less disadvantageous than that of Bills of Exchange would be the sending the Money in Bullion; but to accomplish this I fear would also require more time than you would at present conveniently afford for that purpose; — as much Bullion as I found upon enquiry could be soon procured, I ordered to be engaged for immediately on receiving the Secretary's Letter of the 4th Instant — I have hopes given me that it will amount (with some Pagodas) to about 20,000 Pagodas, and be ready to be dispatched to the Presidency in two or three days — In the mean time as your Honor &c have already engaged with the house of Soobaroy Ramah Sawmy for the remittance of 2 Lacks, I have on the urgent application of their Agent, paid him the Sum of 30,000 Pags at the stipulated rate of exchange & his receipt for that Sum goes enclosed — After the above Engagement shall have been completed I will, if your Honor &c should approve of it, endeavor to procure Bullion, & Pagodas for such further Sums as you may determine on drawing from this Treasury —

Your Orders of the 7th Instant this M. Secretary Chamier did not receive till the day before yesterday, the 15th Inst I shall do myself the honor of addressing you tomorrow on the subject to which they relate —

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) J Sudlerton

Secretary

Tanjore
17th Febry 1786

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Statement of Money that will be wanted at Tanjore for the public expenditure from the 1st of January to the 30th November 1786 Viz.t

For the Disbursements of the Garrison from 1st January to 30th November 1786 as p Paymaster's Estimate sent heretoith ---------- 145000

The Subsistence of His Majestys 78th Regiment according to its present Strength from 24th February to 24th of Decr 1786 £12403,12,- or ---- 31209

Bills accepted (& due in March) in favor of different persons in consequence of the Arrangement by which the Paymaster was enabled to pay off the Arrears of the 4 discharged Battalions of Sibbendies ------ 35000

Expected Loss by exchange on remittances to Madras supposing 2½ Lacks of Pagodas to be remitted, reckond at 6 p Cent ---- 15,000

Arrears due to Sied Ibrahim Commandant of the 4th Regt of Cavalry ordered by the Board to be discharged ---------- 1400

Tanjore
15th Febry 1786

Pagodas 227,609

(Signed) J Huddleston.

Estimate

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Estimate of the probable expenditure of the Garrison &c.a at Tanjore from 1st January to 30th November 1786 on a medium of the last eleven Months with the addition of the 10th Battalion since arrived in Garrison, & Batta for one Battalion on the Rajah's Collections.—

From 1st January to 30th April	47.000 . .
From 1st May to 30th November	82.000 . .
Balances due for Cloathing, & half mounting to the Sibbendies for 1785 — Accoutrements provided agreeably to the Indents & by order of Government, & arrears to Revd Mr Swartz	6.000 " "
For the transportation of Powder, Guns, Carriages, Shot, & other Military Stores, no accurate Estimate can be made, but if the whole of the large Indent made in consequence of Genl Horne's survey be complied with, less cannot be estimated than —	10.000 " "
Pagodas —	145.000 " "

A true Copy
Signed Hoxe Hippesley Dpy
H Hudleston —

To John Hudleston Esq. Resident.

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that agreably to your request that the estimate of Subsistence for His Majts 78th Regt for 304 days that is from 24th of Febry instant to 24th of Decr ensuing may be taken at £ 12.403.12 Sterling —

I have the honor to be &c.

Tanjore
13th Febry 1786

(a true Copy)
H Hudleston,

Signed H. Hippesley
Dpy Adjt Genl of His Majestys Forces to the Southward —

After

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After an attentive Consideration of the above Letters, the following Reply is drafted and approved.

To John Huddleston Esqr.

Resident at Tanjore

Sir.

To the Resident at Tanjore, in consequence of the Arguments adduced by him, for abstaining from coercive measures, the Board resolve to adopt the mode recommended by him. - Will hereafter receive directions in regard to the disposal of the Sums he may receive from the Rajah -

I am directed by the Honorable President and Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters dated the 14th & 17th Instant with their Inclosures.

After an attentive Consideration of the reasons stated in your Letter of the 14th for abstaining from any coercive measures and for relying upon the Rajah's promise for a performance of his Engagements, the Board have resolved to observe towards his Excellency the Conduct you have recommended, and this they are the more inclined to do from the confident opinion you have given that the Rajah will punctually discharge the Current Subsidy as well as the Arrears within the period fixed by his Excellency -

You will be pleased in consequence to notify this Resolution to the

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the Rajah and you will avail yourself of the opportunity, which it will afford you of impressing his Excellency with a proper Sense of the Board's confidence on his good faith, on which they rely at a time when the Company's Affairs are much distressed, and when a disappointment would be attended with very serious consequences —

Although the Board have thus adopted your opinion and placed their dependance on the assurances of the Rajah, they think it necessary to recommend your keeping a watchful Eye over the proceedings at Tanjore, of which you will make such report occasionally, as may be in your judgement necessary.

You will hereafter receive particular directions respecting the disposal of the different Sums, which you are to receive from the Rajah —

I am Sir &c &c

Signed / John Chamier Secy

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Read the following Letters from the Governor General and Council —

To

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Ca Council

at Fort St George

Honble Sirs & Sirs,

From Bengal enclosing a form of a Certificate, which they direct to be issued, instead of granting Bills upon them, with their Reasons for such Directions.

Having found it expedient to adopt one general and impartial Rule of Payment for the discharge of all the Demands upon us We resolved, on the 20th Ultimo that ~~there~~ should be invariably paid in future according to priority of the Dates on which they became accepted by us, and, as We have long been much embarrassed by the Inconvenience of having a number of Claims upon us all equally due in Law, We have determined that in future the nature of the acknowledgements given for such Claims shall be such as to accord with the Spirit of our late Regulation for the discharge of them —

As We are determined to adhere invariably to this Regulation, your granting Bills upon us payable at any fixed period whatever might prejudice the Confidence which our Creditors ought to repose in the assurances which We have given to them of our rigidly adhering to the Order, which We have established for the Satisfaction of their Demands — We must therefore desire that you will, instead of granting

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Bills upon us (when authorized so to do) issue Certificates agreeably to the accompanying form. And we trust that you will be able to explain the object of this Change to the Satisfaction of those Persons to whom you before granted Bills of Exchange convincing them that it must very soon operate as much to their Satisfaction as to the convenience of the Company. The Certificates are to bear an Interest of 8 ₰ Cent from the date on which the Sums for which they may be granted shall have been paid to you. This is a real and a new advantage to those who take them. They have every convenience necessary to the negociation of them from one person to another, that belongs to a Bill of Exchange, and they only differ from Bills of Exchange in that point, which is essential to secure us from being compelled to deviate from that rule by which they will be discharged and which could not be departed from without injustice to those Persons, who had before accepted Demands upon us; and as this Rule must place some of those, who have hitherto supplied you with Money in a more certain prospect of Payment than could have been assured to them, We trust that you will be able to obtain Money on these Certificates upon Terms as favorable to the immediate Interest of the Company as you obtained it upon Bills.

Our

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Our Resolution of 20th December is not in the least to affect the preference which we had before that time pledged ourselves to give to the Drafts, which we allowed you to draw for the Moiety of the Arrears due to the Soldiery and Subaltern Officers of your Establishment. You may be assured that we are determined rigidly to adhere to every promise that we have made to the Creditors of the Company. We shall cautiously avoid giving assurances that we can have the least reason to apprehend, we may not have the ability to perform; and We doubt not but that the Effects of the Resolution, which we have adopted, will soon tend to raise the Company's Credit throughout India.

We have to request that you will keep us regularly advised of the Certificates, which you may grant payable by this Government.

We have the honor to be &c &c

Fort William
16th January 1786

John Macpherson
R. Sloper
John Stables
Chas. Stuart

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Fort William 178

No of 178 For Current Rupees

There are to certify that the Honorable the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies are indebted unto the Sum of Current Rupees to be paid at the Presidency of Fort William in Bengal, to the said Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, or to their Order, with Interest at the rate of eight per Cent per Annum from the conformably to the Regulations established by the Orders of the Honorable the Governor General & Council of the 20th December 1785, for discharging the Demands on the Treasury according to Priority of Date.—

Three Certificates being granted of this Tenor & Date, on payment of One, the others to become void.—

Accountant Generals Office

Registered as No of 178

By Endorsement on the Back of the Certificate

For William,

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Received from the Principal Sum of this Certificate, Current Rupees

Together with the Interest due thereon 7br M. D.

Current Rupees

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

From Bengal on the Subject of a regular discharge of the Annual Interest upon the Company's Bonded Debt in India —

As We are convinced that a regular Discharge of the Annual Interest upon the Company's Bonded Debts in India would tend greatly to raise their Credit, We have determined to make an offer to the Bond Creditors of your Presidency, that they receive from you Certificates bearing an Interest from their dates of 8 ℘ Cent payable by us in the order by which they may be registered on their arrival in Bengal — These Certificates should be issued by you on the annual Returns of the periods at which the Transactions took place for which your Bonds were granted, and they should bear the dates of such Returns — By this, we mean, that if a Sum of Money was lent to you on the 15th May 1780 the annual Interest of the Bond granted for the same becoming due on the same day of every following year, it should be the date of the Certificate granted in discharge thereof, if required on that day, but if not, whenever it may be taken up whatever may be the date on which it may be granted it should bear Interest from that day on which if applied for it would have been granted —

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We cannot judge as how far this Rule, by which the Annual Interest of your own Bond has ever been paid, accords with or differs from the Practice that has obtained at your Presidency, but to any other Practice, we could not conform, because, if we did, we should have Certificates to a very large amount to register nearly at the same time and this would occasion a long delay in the discharge of those, which would immediately follow them in the Register of demands upon us, Whereas if they are granted as we have before pointed out, we shall have but a certain monthly portion of the whole to register, in any particular Month.

We request therefore, that, as soon as possible after the 30th April 1786, you will if necessary make up the Interest that may be due at 8 P Cent P Annum on each of your Bonds from that day to the annual Return of the period on which the Transaction took place for which it was granted, giving a Certificate for the amount, which we shall regularly discharge as it may be registered on its arrival in Bengal.

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And as we wish as far as it is in our power to prevent the exaction of fees of Office from depreciating the value of the Certificates to be issued by our Offices, we have directed that on the first instance, they may be granted for

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any Sums not under three Hundred Pd. in which their Amount may be required, but that when ever any may be required of smaller Sums, in exchange for those first granted, a fee of one Secca Rupee is to be taken on all such Certificates and the produce of it deposited in the Company's Treasury first to answer any loss the Company may be subject to either from the Inaccuracies of those who issue or of those who register them, whenever the Certificates shall have been discharged and found to have been correctly granted & registered the Officers employed on this duty are each to receive a Moiety of the fee. But in detailing the Practice which we have prescribed for our own Officers we do not mean to desire you to confine yours any further to it than may suit your Convenience as we are aware that the annual Interest of some of your Bonds may fall short of the Sum below which we do not mean to issue any. In all such Cases whatever may be the Sum in which a Set of Certificates may be required that should determine its amount and perhaps might be more advisable for you to grant only one Set of Certificates for the annual Interest of each Bond. We must however request that you will keep us regularly advised of the Certificates which you may grant payable by us. Having referred the Governor General's Plan for discharging all the Company's Bonded Debts in India to the Consideration of the Honble the Court of Directors, We cannot

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cannot at present take upon ourselves to suggest any Rule by which the principal of these will be discharged especially as although this Plan was transmitted to you by us on the accompanied by a Request to be furnished with your opinion regarding its adoption, We have not yet been favored with your Sentiments upon the Subject.—

Fort William
25th January 1786

We have the honor to be, &c.

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

As it is probable that the late Advices from the Court of Directors under date the 15th September will oblige the Gentlemen at Bengal to make some Alterations in the Arrangements transmitted to this Presidency it is Agreed to defer carrying into execution the directions contained in the above Letter, untill the receipt of further Orders on the Subject.—

The Instructions contained in the foregoing Letters not to be executed for the present.

Read the following Letter from the Superintendant of the Saghire.—

To

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President & Governor &ca Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From the Superintendant of the Saghire, recommending that the Inhabitants of the Saghire be exempted from furnishing the new Cantonment at Sheveram with supplies of Sheep, & enclosing Extract of an Agreement entered into with Neera Pormael in respect to his Engagements for supplying Sheep & Hogs for public Exigencies.—

In the Cantonment of Troops now forming at Sheveram will, when completed, stand in need of large & regular Supplies of Sheep. I think it necessary in behalf of the Inhabitants of the Saghire to express my hope that means may be found for obtaining those Supplies without imposing any burthen upon them. The Flocks in the Saghire are as yet but very scanty, & the Manure acquired from the Dung of Sheep is so necessary to the Improvement of the Soil, that any considerable diminution of their number would materially affect the Prosperity of the Lands.—

I beg leave to propose therefore as a Measure not less necessary to cultivation than to the future Increase of the Breed of Sheep, that the Inhabitants of the Saghire may be exempted by a public Notification from supplying any Sheep for public Consumption for the next three years, and that all Persons be strictly prohibited from seizing them under any pretence whatsoever.—

I am the more induced to take this Step in favor of the Saghire from a belief

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belief that much of the Districts of the Carnatic as suffered little by the War, and particularly the Northern Provinces are capable of affording material Supplies of Sheep for the new Cantonments and a considerable Resource will no doubt be found in the Engagements entered into by Vera Vermaut, as the Condition of his holding the District of Chickercolah at a favorable Rent - a copy of these Engagements as far as they respect the Supplies of Sheep & Hogs for public Exigencies, are herewith enclosed for your perusal. —

By shewing the Indulgence I have above proposed to the Inhabitants there is every reason to expect that at the end of three Years the Breed of Sheep will be so far increased as to yield material Supplies both to this Settlement and to the Cantonments, without breaking in upon the Stock necessary for manuring the Lands.

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt.
humble Servant

/ Signed / Chas. Oakeley

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Extract

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Extract from the Mulchulca signed by Nana Vernaut for the Farm of Chickenicotah.-

Sixteenly- I will procure & constantly maintain at my own expence from the end of the year of Fearly 1794 Twenty Thousand Sheep large and small, Five Hundred Hogs with their annual Breed, with other Stock for the Supply of the Markets at Madras; & in case of public exigency, any number of Sheep and Hogs not exceeding the above quantity shall be ready for the Companys use. The Sheep to be delivered at Madras at the rate of four and half ℔ Pagoda in time of Peace, and Three Sheep ℔ Pagoda in War time - The Hogs to be delivered also at Madras at the rate of four Pagodas for each Hog in War time and 3½ Pag.s in time of Peace - The Company to be at the charge of keeping them after they come to Madras.

(A true Extract)

Landon

Clk to Sup.t of Saghere

The Recommendation of the Superintendant attended to.

Agreed that the Exemption recommended by Mr Baseley in favor of the Inhabitants of the Saghere be allowed, & that he be desired to make the necessary Notification accordingly.

Read the following Letter from the Committee for investigating the Nabobs Debts.

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &c.a Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Since We did ourselves the
honor of addressing you on the 4th Ulto We have received an Answer from His Highness the Nabobs Agents, under date 27th Ulto. to the Claim of Brigadier General Horne, which We referred through them in a copy of the General Letter to your Honble Board. The Account with the Interest upon it stated in that Address is acknowledged to be just - precluded as this Claim is from the specific Provision made for the three Classes of Debts under date 9th Decemr 1784 and all other claims being, under that arrangement, shut out, we cannot help stating this Case as particularly hard. The clear & plain manner in which it is shewn to have originated elucidates the Considerations of His Highness granting the Bond to General Horne more fully, than any thing we can possibly say on the Subject, and under all its circumstances we beg leave to recommend it to your most favorable attention. -

From the Committee for investigating the Debts of His Highness the Nabob recommending Brigr General Horne's Claim to the favorable attention of the Board, it having been acknowledged to be just by the Nabob

We take this opportunity

of

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of informing you that no other private demands (this one excepted) are returned us from the Nabob nor the account of the Cavalry Loan—

The Committee have been unavoidably at some small Expence for Writers, Office Rent, &c. the Accounts for which they will make out and request to have an order for Payment—

We are with respect &c.

Fort St George
9th February 1786

Edwd Garrow
Wm Webb
James Landon

To be recommended to the Court of Directors—

Agreed that copy of the foregoing be transmitted to the Court of Directors, and that General Horne's Claim be recommended to their favourable Consideration—

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores—

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

From the Committee of Stores, recommending that the Stores at Nellore be not removed but that the Nabob do take them upon his own account.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the honor to acknowledge the

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the receipt of your Secretary's Letter of the 15th Instant enclosing copy of one from Lieut Kilpatrick proposing to remove the Stores now laying at Nellore to Ganjapatam or Ketnapatam and from thence to be conveyed to the Presidency.—

Having considered the above, We are of opinion that the Expence of removing the Stores would far exceed their value, & therefore recommend that they be left where they now are, & that the Nabob be requested to take them on his own Account at the established Prices. Afterwards to be debited for the amount in the Company's Books.

We have the honor to be &c

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Signed / J Kepper
Patrick Ross
B. Scottney
P. Moorhouse

Their Recommendation adopted.

Agreed that the Stores at Nellore be offered to the Nabob upon the usual terms agreeably to the recommendation of the Committee of Stores.—

Read the following Letter from the Garrison Storekeeper.—

To

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President & Governor &ca Council

at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Garrison Storekeeper, recommending that a Committee be appointed for the Inspection of Godowns, for the appropreation of Stores necessary for the Garrison of Fort St George.

I have received Mr. Secretary Chamiers Letter of the 8th Instant, desiring me to lay before you a War & Peace Establishment of a Garrison Store, & an account of what Stores are absolutely necessary at all times for the use of the Garrison --

In December last, I had the honor to present you with an Estimate of Stores required, as a Stock for 6 Months for a Garrison of 2000 Europeans & 8000 Native Troops, & altho' few of the Articles may be deemed absolutely necessary at all times not being wanted for public Use, but in case of the place being actually invested or besieged, yet I am humbly of opinion so important a Fortress as Fort St George should never be left without a complete Store of all kinds for at least three or four Months as a Peace Establishment.

Referring to my Letters dated 13th & 17th December wherein I have communicated my Ideas upon the different modes to provide & keep up a Garrison Store, I find I have omitted to mention my apprehensions that there are not at present

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present Godowns & Casements in the Fort sufficient to lodge all kinds of Stores & to accommodate the Troops in case of a Siege - The Contractor for Garrison Stores will of course stipulate to be provided with Godowns, & I beg leave to submit the expediency of a Committee to inspect & report what accommodation may be wanted, and what can be most conveniently appropriated for different purposes -

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) John Turing

Gar.n Storekeeper

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To lie on the Table.

Ordered to lie on the Table -

Mr Torin appointed an Assistant to Tanjore. Mr Place appointed Clerk to the Commee of Stores.

Mr Torin is now appointed Assistant at Tanjore, and Mr Place Clerk to the Committee of Stores, in the room of Messrs Brown and Gambier gone to Europe.

Read the following Letters (entered in MB Nos 82-83-84-85 86-87-88-89-

From the Surgeon General dated the 20th Instant recommending that the two Surgeons Major, the Surgeon of the 73d Regt & the Surgeon Superintending the Medical Stores should each take charge of one Quarter of the General Hospital, that five Assistant Surgeons be ordered to the Presidency, and stating that as

From the Surgeon General -

he

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he will not by the above mode be attached to any Ward, he will be able to render himself wherever his Services may be most wanted—

Minute thereon

Agreed that the two Surgeons Major be directed to take charge of the Company's Soldiers in the General Hospital, and that the Kings Troops be attended by the Regimental Surgeon, to whom a distinct part of the Hospi=tal must be allotted— Agreed also that Dr Anderson be excused from attending the General Hospital and that the Committee of Surgeons be advised of the above Resolutions—

From Lt Wilson

From Lieutenant Wilson, enclo=sing Bills for sundry Charges incurred during the time he had the Command of the Post of Combum, and stating that Mr Gardiner refuses to pay the above Bills—

Minute thereon

Agreed that Lieut Wilson be informed that the Bills cannot be paid unless he can produce proper authority, for the disbursements of which he requests a Reimbursement—

From Mr Porcher

From Mr Porcher dated the 16th 17th & 21st Instant, the letter dated the 16th enclosing Copy of a Note of Hand granted to Mr Harry Taylor by Mr Sullivan late Resident at Tanjore for Pags 8581. 11. 5D and requesting that a Company's Bond may be granted for the Prin=cipal and that the Interest may be discharged

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in Money - the Letter of the 17th enclosing an account Current between the Company and Capt.n Flint, and requesting that the Balance in favor of the latter be discharged with an Interest of 12 p.C.t

the Letter of the 21st Instant inclosing an Account of Pay and Batta due to Captain Lieut.t Rutledge now a Prisoner in the Mysore Country, and requesting that the Balance which appears by an annexed Account Current may be liquidated

Minute thereon. Agreed that the Letters of the 16th and 17th be laid on the Table, and that the President be authorized to make occasional Advances to Mr Vereker on account of Captain Lieutenant Rutledge -

From Mr Charles Darke. From Mr Charles Darke dated the 6th Instant stating his distressed Situation on account of large Sums owing to him from the Nabob's Family for which he has as Collateral Security some Bonds of the Rajah of Tanjore, and requesting that the Board will receive his Securities, and give him a Company's Bond payable when Money shall be recovered by Government from the Nabob & Rajah of Tanjore -

Minute thereon. Agreed that Mr Darke be informed that the Board are not authorized to interfere in any claims similar to his, and that,

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that they would not be justifiable were they to grant the Company's Security for Money transactions in which they have not any Concern.

From Mr William Balfour Military Agent dated 13th Instant, stating the Balance due to his Employ and the great inconvenience which arises by his not receiving the Stoppages, requesting that a Sum of Money equal to the discharge of the urgent Demands upon him be issued, and that he be allowed Interest at 8 p Cent for the advances he has made for the Years 1783. 1784 & 1785.

From Mr. Wm. Balfour.

Agreed that a Bill on Masulipatam for Pagodas 3500 be granted in favor of Mr William Balfour in part of the Stoppages for 1785, and that a Certificate for a Bengal Bond be given for the Interest (being Pagodas 207 ⅓ 10. 61) upon the Sums advanced by him on account of this Employ.

Minute thereon

From the Officers who served at Pellicherry, during a part of the late War, dated 30th January claiming the same allowance (double Batta) that was granted to the other Officers belonging to the same Detachment;

From the Officers serving at Pellicherry, during a part of the late War.

and

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and enclosing an Abstract of the Sums due to them on that Account.

As the Board are unable to ascertain with Precision, the Sums due to the abovementioned Officers, it is Agreed that a Letter be written to the President & Council of Bombay, enclosing a Copy of the Abstract, and requesting that they will call upon the Paymaster at Tellicherry to certify the respective Claims of each Person, when the Board will take the Subject into Consideration.

Minute thereon.

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

Alex.r Davidson
John Dalling
Charles Floyer

21st Sent the undermentioned Letters

(entered in Ltr Nos 90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98
99-100-101-102-103-104-105.)

To Messrs Balfour and Sulivan

To Messrs Balfour & Sulivan. The Balance due to Mr John Sulivan will be liquidated by a Bengal Certificate - But his Claim for Interest is inadmissible -

To the Chief at Tuliacat - A Guard sent to receive the Deserters -

To Mr Blankammer

To the Subordinate Settlements

Circular to Out Garrisons & Subordinates and to the Paymasters at Out Garrisons, directing them to receive such Cotts, Bedding, and Cloathing as may be tendered to them by the Surgeons of the Garrisons, to which an equitable Valuation must be affixed - And a List thereof transmitted to the Presidency -

To the Milty Pay. General

To the Military Paymaster General - the Board have resolved to issue the Gratuity to the Kings Troops as heretofore; he is directed in consequence to pay the Regiments to 31st Decr last -

To Colonel Brathwaite

To Colonel Brathwaite; the Surgeons at Illore are fully to comply with the new Medical Regulations; if they refuse their Acquiescence, they will then be removed from their Stations

Circular Letter to the Paymtrs

Circular Letter to Paymasters - immediately to transmit a Statement of their expected Disbursements for three Months, commencing from the 1st of March -

To

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To Mr Darke

To Mr Darke - The Board decline any Interference in his pecuniary Affairs with the Nabob of the Carnatic or the Rajah of Tanjore.

To the Surgeon General

To the Surgeon General - The Board consent to his being excused from an Attendance at the General Hospital; - Messrs Lucas & Davis with proper Assistants, will be sufficient to attend the Company's Troops there - a distinct part of which, will be allotted for the Sick under Mr Norman's Care.

To the Committee of Stores.

To the Committee of Stores, informing them that Mr Place has been appointed their Clerk.

To Mr Place.

To Mr Lionel Place, informing him of his Appointment.

To Mr Wm Balfour

To Mr William Balfour. Military Agent; 3500 Pags to be granted him in a Bill on Masulipatam on account of Stoppages for the year 1785 - His Claim for Interest to be liquidated by a Bengal Certificate.

To Mr Huddleston

To the Resident at Tanjore. - Mr Benjn Torin appointed an Assistant under him.

To Mr Torin

To Mr Torin, informing him of the same.

To Lt W. Wilcox

To Lieut W. Wilcox; the Bills he has presented for Expences while Commanding the Fort of Bombarn, cannot be discharged, unless he can produce Authority

22 Authority, by which they were incurred.

To Mr. Josias Du Pré Porcher, the

President will make occasional advances of Cash, for
To Mr. Porcher the purpose of assisting Captain Lieut Rutledge, on
account of his Claims on the Company - The Board
will shortly reply to his letter respecting the Claims
of Captain Flint and Mr. Harry Taylor.

To the Paymaster at Chingleput

To Mr. Taner - to supply Lieut Colonel Davies with as many
Carpenters as can be spared from the Garrison -

To the Chief Engineer - To give his
To Col. Ross opinion upon an inclosed Estimate of Repairs for the
Fort of Vellore -

Dispatched the following Letters

To John Hudleston Esqr

Resident at

Tanjore

To the Resident of Tanjore, the Board have rescinded their Resolution relative to the deduction of the Poundage from the Gratuity to the Kings Troops 'till the pleasure of the Court of Directors can be known.

Sir.

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 6th Instant and to inform you, that as they have resolved to admit the claim of Poundage from the Kings Troops until the pleasure

Fort St George February 1786

22d.

Pleasure of the Court of Directors can be known you are not to make any Deduction from the Gratuity, which is to be paid as heretofore to the 78th. Regiment at Tanjore—

Fort St George
21st February 1786.

I am Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Signed John Hamilton Secy

To Colonel Sir Henry Cosby

Sir,

To Colonel Sir Henry Cosby. The detachment to be cantoned in the Neighbourhood of Palamcotah agreeably to his Recommendation.

I am directed by the Honble President and Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 7th Instant and to inform you that they approve the Mode you have suggested for cantoning the Detachment under your Command which you will accordingly do in the most economical manner after discharging the Draught and Carriage Bullocks, Lascars &c. per &c.

— To

Fort St George February 1786

22d

To such Officers as cannot be provided with Quarters the Board consent that the usual Allowances for House Rent be made.

The Board have not any objection to your stationing half a Battalion at Shevelapatore, if the Nabobs Phoudar should requst it, or to your complying with any similar requisitions for the Protection of the Revenue, in all which Cases, they rely upon your discretion, and prudent Arrangement of the Force under your Command.

As soon as the Crop shall be gathered in you will be pleased to make a Report to the Board and to state to them the particular Situation of Affairs in the Tinnevelly and Madura Districts.

I am Sir,

Fort St George
22d February 1786

Your most obedient
humble Servant
/Signed/ John Chamier Secy

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To 22d Brigadier General Horne

Commanding the Southern Forces

Sir

I am directed by the Board to

To Brigr Genl Horne, enclosing Copy of the foregoing Letter, & informing him of the reasons that induced the Board to adopt the Recommendation of Col. Coxby.

enclose Copy of a Letter this day addressed to Colonel Sir Henry Coxby, and to inform you that the Troops forming the Detachment under his Command are to remain in the Districts of Tinnivelly & Madura until the Security of the Crop and the State of Affairs in those Provinces shall render it unnecessary to keep the Detachment together, when the Troops now forming it will be immediately ordered to join their respective Corps—

All Appointments of Staff Offi-
=cers &c. that have been made for the above De-
=tachment are to continue till further Orders—

Fort St George
22d Febry 1786

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

Signed / John Chamier Secy

To Doctor James Anderson, Surgeon General,

& to the Committee of Surgeons.

To the Committee of Surgeons
Messrs Lucas & Davis with a proportionate number of Mates to do duty in the General Hospital
Mr Horsman to have a distinct part allotted him for the care of the Sick of his Majs 73d Regt

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honorable

Board

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22 President and Council to inform you that Messrs Lucas and Davies with a proper number of Aserlants are to attend the Company's Soldiers in the Genl Hospital.

There being no place to be procured at this time for a Regimental Hospital for His Majys 73d Regt the Board desire you will allott a distinct part of the General Hospital with suitable Conveniencies as a temporary accommodation for the Sick of that Corps till another place can be procured for them; while in the General Hospital they are to be under the sole care & direction of their own Surgeon -

I am Gentlemen &c &c &c

Fort St George
22d Febry 1786

/ Signed / John Chamier Secy

To the Honble John Macpherson Esqr
2d
Governor General &c Council
at Fort William

Gentlemen

We have had the honor to receive your Letters dated the 16th & 25th Ult. The Enclosure mentioned in the former was by some accident omitted to be sent -

We have deferred taking any measures on the Subject of the above Letters until We shall be favored with such directions as you may think

To Bengal - their last Letters deferred the Consideration of till their directions can be received in consequence of the Arrangements made by the Court of Directors 15 Sept. 1785 - enclosing Correspondence with the Resid. of Tanjore, subsequent to the 12th Inst. with an account of the operations of Colonel Corbyn's Detachment.

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23. think it expedient to give in consequence of the Arrangements made by the Court of Directors & communicated to you in their Letter of the 15th Sept. 1785

We had the honor to address you under date the 17th Instant and to transmit to you Extracts from our Minutes of Consultation relative to Tanjore. We now beg leave to enclose Copies of our Correspondence with the Resident subsequent to the 17th Instant.

We have the Satisfaction to inform you that Colonel Sir Henry Coby has reported to us the Situation of Affairs in the Tinnevelly and Madura Districts from which it appears that the Nabobs Phoudar Sibatar Cawn has settled with the Polygars and that there is the fairest prospect of their fulfilling their Engagements. We have in consequence directed Colonel Coby to canton the Detachment under his Command for the present, as We think it would be imprudent to withdraw it entirely from the Provinces until the Crops are gathered in. We beg leave to enclose Copy of Colonel Coby's last Letter to us.

We have the honor to be,
&c &c
Signed / Alex Davidson
for Council

Fort St George
23d Febry 1786

Received

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23 Received the following Letter from
the Resident at Tanjore –

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

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs.

From the Resident at Tanjore giveing it as his opinion that there will be more advantage & less risk in trusting to the Rajah's fulfilling his present Engagements, than to execute the measure of securing as much Grain, as may be equal to the Sums due from – The Rajah makes a further payment of 45000 Chuckrums

Since the receipt of the Secretary's Letter of the 7.th Instant enclosing Copy of the Memorial of the Tanjore Vackeel, I have again endeavored to prev=vail on the Rajah to acquiesce in the measure proposed to him in the preceding conference, as stated in my letter to your Honor &c.a of the 14.th Instant, but entirely without Success – his Excellency seemed very averse from entering again upon the Subject, and excepting some expressions of complaint and dissatisfaction, said little more than to refer me to his former answer, and to intimate his having written to the Honble President and his intention to address him again in conse=quence of the renewal of my Application.–

In my Letter of the 14.th I submitted to your Honor &c.a my opinion at large of the consequences to be expected from any coercive measure at this particular period, or any interfe=rence, against the Rajah's consent, in the Manage=ment, or control of his Revenue – I beg leave now to add that those consequences have been since stated

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23 stated to me in a much stronger point of view by
Mr Swartz, whose concurrent Sentiments I am sure
your Honor &c. will not disapprove my mentioning
on this occasion, as they are founded on a perfect
Knowledge of the Subject, and are the Sentiments of
a Man, who I need not inform you, is revered where-
ever he is known —

Your Honor &c. desires me to secure
as much Grain as shall be equal to the Sums due
from the Rajahs, that I may be able, in case of failure
to pull a quantity proportioned to such failure;
Sect I beg leave humbly to submit to your Honor &c.
that if a quantity of Grain equal to the full amount
of the Rajahs present engagements were to be taken
possession of, and set apart as a Security for his per-
formance of them, your Honor &c. must place your
whole dependance on that measure for realizing the
remainder of the 6 Lacks, unless there be Grain
enough on the Ground to admit of such a quantity
being set apart, and still to leave sufficient with
the Rajah to enable him to pay his Rents, which
I humbly conceive cannot be the Case —

To keep possession of so vast a
quantity of Grain, dispersed over such an extent of
Land, & to prevent defalcations, or embezzlement, it
would be necessary to employ some hundreds of people
who must be all of this Country, & consequently all
(unless the Country were to be permanently under
the Company) subject to the influence of the Rajah
& his Servants — I am therefore, & for the other reasons
not mentioned

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23. submitted in my letter of the 11th Instant fully of opinion that there would be greater risk in this measure than in trusting to the Rajahs fulfilling his present engagements; but should your Honor &c. renew your Orders for the former, no endeavor on my part shall be wanting to render it effectual - should you on the other hand determine on the latter, I shall not fail to keep a watchful eye on the Rajahs conduct, & on the first instance that shall occur of his failing to make good any one of the Kists mentioned in his promise made to me the 11th Inst. (unless your Honor &c. should allow him the periods of payment stated in the Vackeels memorial) I shall proceed to take the necessary Steps for securing the amount of such Kist -

Of the 50,000 Pagodas which I received in part of the Balance, 30,000 are as I mentioned in my last, paid to the Agent of Sebaroy &c. and 20,000 inverted in Bullion & Pagodas to be forwarded to the Presidency in a very few days. - yesterday the Rajah made a further payment of 45,000 Chuckrums, so that after the Paymasters Indent shall have been completed for the last month there will remain in my hands a Balance of about 15,000 Pagodas -

Tanjore
19th Febry 1786

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
Signed / Hubleston
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Sent the undermentioned Letters
(entered in MB Nos 106 - 107 - 108 - 109 - 110.)

To Mr Oakeley

To the Superintendant of the Saghire. the Inhabitants of the Saghire will be exempted from supplying any Rice for public Consumption for the next three years —

To Mr Lorin

To the Acting Paymaster at Palamcotah, enclosing Extract of a Letter addressed to Colonel Sir Henry Coby, relative to cantoning his Detachment, and directing him to report what Supplies of Cash have been sent to Trichinopoly & Madura, with the amount of his Receipts from the Nabob's Phoundar, and the Balance of Cash remaining in his hands —

To the Officers serving during a part of the late War at Tellicherry

To the Officers serving during a part of the late War at Tellicherry; their Claim to double Batta has been referred to the Governor of Bombay —

To D.P. Deighton

To Lieut John Deighton, with permission to go to Europe for three years on half pay —

To the Paymr &c Chinglepute Trichinopoly & Cuddalore.

To the Paymasters at Trichinopoly, Chinglepute, & Cuddalore, to furnish Capt Mitchell with materials for executing the demolition of the small Forts in the Carnatic —

25th

Received the undermentioned Letters (entered in MB Nos 111 - 112 - 113 - 114 - 115 - 116 - 117.)

From

25th

From Brigadier General Horne

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From the Paymaster at Trichi-

From Mr Falk

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From Mr John Anderson, one

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From Mr George Tyler, at Calcutta

From Mr Tyler

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From the Acting Paymaster

From Mr Torin

at Palamcotah — the Nabobs Manager makes another Advance of 27000 Chuckrums —

From Captain Hamilton

From Capt.n Hamilton Sen.r 73.d Regt

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From

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From Captain Byres of the Engineers requesting that the same Indulgence may be granted to him, as have been to the Officers late Prisoners in Mysore, during his Captivity with the French

From Captain Byres.

Sent the undermentioned Letters

(entered in MB Nos 118-119-120-121)

To Brigadier General Horne directing him to inform the Surgeons at Trichinopoly must conscience to do duty in their present Stations till further orders.

To Gen.l Horne

To Lieut. Kilpatrick, Commanding at Nellore, directing him to deliver over to his Highness's Manager, the Stores under his Charge taking a receipt for the same, as also the Stores received from the Nabob.

To D.o Kilpatrick

To Ganjam, to separate on their future addresses, the Military & Political Subjects, from the Civil & Revenue — Captain Hodson, of the Invalids, appointed to do duty in their Garrison

To Ganjam

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly, directing him to pay Mr. Hippesley 2000 Pagodas, which he advanced for the Troops during the late Mutiny at Trichinopoly —

To the Paym.r at Trichinopoly.

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Sent the following Letter to

Bombay — Via Anjengo —

To the Honble Rawson Hart Boddam Esq.r

President & Governor &c.a Council

at Bombay

To Bombay, respecting a Claim of the Officers serving during a part of the late War at Tellicherry for full Batta —

Gentlemen

We have received Applications from the Officers, who served at Tellicherry claiming double Batta, which was paid to the other Officers belonging

26 belonging to the same Detachment, and stating that their detention at Tellicherry was the Source of great Expence, and was attended with many Hardships, that were not experienced by the part of the same Detachment, which proceeded to Bombay —

It We are unable to ascertain with precision the Sums, which are due to the Officers, who have addressed us. We request you will be pleased to direct the Paymaster at Tellicherry to certify the respective Claims of each Person, after which We shall consider in what mode, We can grant to them an equitable Compensation. —

We enclose Copy of an Abstract delivered to us, and We beg leave to refer you for particulars to Captn Muirhead who sailed a few days ago for your Presidency —

We have the honor to be Gentlemen,

Your most Obedt humble Servts

/ Signed / Alex Davidson

Jas Council

Fort St George
26th Febry 1786

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At a Consultation Present

Monday
27th Febry 1786.

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esq President
Lieut General Sir John Dalling Bart
Charles Floyer Esqr
Member of last Consultation

read & approved

Read the following Letter from the Mily Paymr Genl with Enclosures lodged on the Table

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr
President & Governor &c &c &c

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From the Military Paymr General with a general Abstract of the Military Arrears of this Establishment.

I have the honor to lay before the Board a general Abstract of all such Rolls of Arrears as have in consequence of the G. O. issued by Government on the 16th December 1785 been transmitted to me by the different Paymasters, & also an Abstract of the sums due to Contractors, Paymasters, Captains, & all others that Rank included in those Rolls, amounting to Pagodas 484610. 20. 28. the whole of the Arrears of the Detachments countersigned by the Commandants of Corps as per this Abstract amount to Pags 389.12. 32. 37 - Copies of the several Rolls are nearly finished -

It is necessary that I should explain to the Honble Board the reason that I have not included the Arrears due to the 6th Battn of Sepoys, but have estimated it at Pagodas 30,000 - the Account of Arrears transmitted is made out in such a manner, that it is out of my power precisely to ascertain the Amount, & from information which I received from the Paymaster of the Southern Army, I understand the claims of the Battalion or the Company are still unsettled, as the Commandants

unsettled

&c &

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did not chuse to give up the Pay Rolls, which has prevented Certificates being granted and the amount due to the Company for Rice is not yet adjusted with the Paymaster - The Arrears to the 21st Battalion are not stated as that Battalion have not received Certificates - nor can I form any Estimate of the Sum due -

The Amount of Gratuity about Pagodas 26,000 lately ordered to be paid to the Privates of the Kings & Hanoverian Regiments must also be deducted from the above Sums, as it has been included in the Account of Arrears delivered in by the Paymasters.

I have also enclosed an account of Cash advanced by the different Paymasters since the 14th December last, being for Arrears prior to the 1st January 1786 - These Sums were paid for the Arrears of Current months, I have made a deduction of the amount paid to Captains, & others above that Rank -

I have in consequence of the orders of the Board of the 22d Ultimo granted Receipts for Certificates that have been transferred & delivered in to me prior to the 20th Instant (& which Certificates have been bought from the original Holders) to the amount of Pagodas 146,416. -- There are a number of Certificates which were delivered in before the 20th Instant, for which I have not as yet granted my Receipts, as their amount, owing to their numbers

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is not yet precisely ascertained, but I conceive they will amount to Pagodas 150,000 making in all Pagodas 296,416 - I request the orders of the Honble Board in what manner these Receipts are to be discharged and whether I am to grant orders for their amount in Certificates on Bengal.

I have also the honor to lay before the Honorable Board an Abstract of the Accounts transmitted by the several Surgeons in consequence of the Orders of Government, being for Arrears due to them amounting to Pagodas 59,615 - Some of the Surgeon's Accounts have not yet been examined by the Commissary, which will be necessary previous to their being discharged - I also wish for the orders of the Board in what manner they are to be liquidated -

I have to observe to the Honorable Board, that there are many Sepoys, Bullock Hairstrics and others, who still hold Certificates for old Arrears, in their own right, that are not included in the Rolls from which the Abstract enclosed, is taken, owing to their having been discharged from the Service on the reduction of the Establishment; these Men, as also Officers and Men, who are in the Service of the Nabob, but who during the continuance of the

Assignment

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Assignment were in the pay of the Company, and have Arrears due to them, will naturally claim the attention of Government, who, after having provided for the liquidation of the Sums due to those, who have continued in, and are now actually with the several established Battalions, will arrange matters so as to include the disbanded Men who still have Claims —

I would wish to suggest to the Board that the Accounts of the liquidation of Arrears be kept totally seperate in the Accounts of Paymasters from their other Disbursements, as the amount of every Certificate has already been brought to Account in the month of August 1784 by each Paymaster, and should now be considered as so many Bills of Exchange, out against the Company, and charged when paid, the Paymaster giving credit to the Military Paymaster General for the Sum of money received, and debiting him for the amount of the Vouchers — The Rolls, specify the names of the Persons who hold each Certificate which agreable to the Orders of the Honorable Board should bear the Countersign of the Commandant of the Corps, and the date, when so countersigned — nor should any be admitted to be charged, but such as are of this description, and to be found in the Rolls transmitted —

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With respect to the Certificates to be given to Captains, and all above that Rank, for a Bengal Bond, it may be proper to direct whoever has the payment of these Arrears to receive the Certificates from the Holders, debit for them, & give an order on the Paymaster General for the Amount, which will be brought to the Credit of the Account, which order on being presented may be passed for a Bengal Certificate —

The Pay Rolls of the Battalions that have not received Certificates should be delivered to the Paymaster, whose province it was to have given them, that he may adjust the same, & grant them, otherwise they will not be brought to Account in the same manner as was ordered to be observed, regarding the others —

There are still claims, which come under the description of the Orders of Government, & should have been included in the present Account, but owing to the Corps not being compleat the Paymasters have not been able to transmit them in time — when they are sent in I shall have the honor to deliver them in, in an after Abstract — as I judged it more consonant with the wishes of the Board to deliver in what has already been sent, than to wait untill the whole was compleated, which may be some time before it is quite effected —

I have the honor to be &c &c

Pay Office
Madras
27th February 1786.

/Signed/ John Turing
Mil. Pay General

Before

Fort St George 27th February 1786

Minute thereon.

Before the Board proceed to give the necessary Orders for carrying into final Execution the Arrangements made by the Bengal Govern=ment for the liquidation of the Military Arrears at this Presidency, they are desirous of ascertaining whether any Officer for discounting the Bills on Bengal can be opened, & what responsible Merchants will engage for the above purpose—

Agreed that the President be requested to make application to the principal Merchants in the Settlement, & to report the result to the Board.

Alex. Davidson

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28th

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From Mr Baker

From the Paymaster at Palamcotah, enclosing Extract of a General Order issued by Sir Henry Cosby, relative to Repairs of Tents, which interferes with his Department)

Minute thereon

Ordered, that Colonel Sir Henry Cosby be informed, that the General Orders issued by him, militates, in the Opinion of the Board against the established Customs of the Service, and that in consequence all Repairs of Tents are to be executed by the Paymaster only (Vide MB No 21)

March 1st

From Mr Blaankaner

From the Chief of Pulicat, delivers up the Deserters, who come under the Description of those mentioned in the Cartel-

&c. in answer

Ordered that the aforementioned Letter be replied to, and that the liberal manner in which he has restored the Deserters be fully acknowledged (Vide the MB No 22)--

From Capt.n Alex.r Montgomery.

From Captain Alexander Montgomery

Fort St George March 1786

1st Montgomery, dated 23d and 28th February; the former gives advice of the Motions of the Mahratta Army, and of the Soubah's – The latter of Seif Jung's having halted with a Detachment in His Highness the Nabob's Territories, bordering on the Guntoor Circar.–

From the Commandant and Paymaster at Palamcotah dated 23d February stating that Vencaty Royaloo was not accessary to the Death of Vencaty Soubiah –

From the Commandants at Angole, Chingleput, Permacoil, Arcot, Vellore, Arnee and Pondamalle, stating the quantity of Arrack in Store, and what Stock ought to be kept up in those Garrisons –

From Maneliputam, dated 28th Ultimo, the Snow Duncan, with Military Stores for their Settlement, runs on shore at Mootapillie – The Stores saved –

From the Military Storekeeper dated 1st March, enclosing a List of Military Stores taken out of the French Prize, the Sartine, and requesting that the amount of those, which were received into the Arsenal, may

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We must confess that We expected from your Board a Communication more explanatory and less general than that which you have made to us on so very important a Subject You have not only omitted to lay before us the particular objections of your Bondholders to the Governor Generals Plan, and thus deprived us of the means of considering them, but you have not sent us any Copy of your Letter to the Court of Directors concerning it — If that Letter contains no more than what you have stated to us the Court of Directors would be at a loss to determine on what Grounds the Plan was found ineligible by the Bondholders at your Presidency —

We desire that immediately upon your receipt of this Letter you will furnish us with an entire copy of your Proceedings on the Subject of the Governor Generals Plan for liquidating the Bonded Debts in India together with a Transcript of your Letter to the Court of Directors — Your Inquiries we doubt not were as full as the Nature of the Subject required and you certainly had full time to investigate it as our Letter, which made it known to you was dated the 7th Augt 1785 and your Reply not given before the 14th January 1786.

We also request that you will be pleased to furnish us at the same time with

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a List of the Bondholders under your Presidency, & a State of the Amounts due to them respectively from the Company as well as with the Names of those who objected to the Plan and of any who may have approved it —

We have the honor to be &c &c

Fort William
8th February 1786

John Macpherson
R.c Stoper
John Stables
Chas Stuart

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

We have the honor to acknowledge our Receipt of your Letters of the 3d & 14th Ulto.

From Bengal on the Subject of the Detachment plac'd under Colonel Cosby to enforce the Payment of the Tribute due by the Polygars of the Southern Provinces — their Resolution relative to sending Paymasters to the Coast rescinded.

Agreable to the Wish expressed in the former we have not deputed any Paymr from this Government to disburse the Money sent for the liquidation of the Arrears of your Troops.

Your Letter of the 14th Janry encloses Extracts of such parts of your Consultations as relate to a Detachment lately formed on a Requisition from the Nabob, and now in the Field under the Command of Colonel Sir Henry Cosby —

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Your Resolutions for forming
this Detachment appear to have been passed
so long ago as on the 9th of November 1785 The
Measure was admitted to be of much importance
and liable to produce a disaffection of the Polygars
which in case of a future War with any Country
Powers might be attended with the most serious
Consequences to the Safety of the Carnatic, yet you
delayed until the 11th of January 1786 to send us
any advices on the Subject. We wish that you
had been pleased to advise us before your Reso-
lutions relative to this Military Expedition was
ultimately passed particularly as the Emergency
does not appear to have required your instant
Decision. You are well aware of those Clauses
of the late Act of Parliament which require a
speedy Communication of such Measures and
we doubt not but that a farther explanation
of the Causes & Result of this Expedition will suf-
-ficiently account to us for what shall appear
very reprehensible in setting it on foot.

We have the honor to be &c.

John Macpherson

/Signed/ R Sloper

John Stables

Chas Stuart

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following Letter from the
Chief Engineer.

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President & Governor &ca Council

at

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Honble Sir & Sirs.

From Colonel Ross on the Subject of the General Defence of the Carnatic—

Finding by your directions to the Committee of Stores for withdrawing the Guns &ca from Nellore, that it is your Intention to abandon the place, and considering that event to be one of those things that will materially affect the defence of the Carnatic, I take the liberty previous to its taking place, to lay before you my Reasons for holding that opinion—

With this view I beg leave to request your attention to the advantages of its local Situation, it being by Colonel Pearse's Route of 1781 one hundred and twenty seven Miles from Madras and Seventy five from Angole; The high road passing directly through the Fort. The distance from Angole to Masulipatam is, by the same account ninety eight miles, so that a Chain of communication with your Circars is kept up for 300 Miles by means of two Ports only, and such a degree of Protection has thereby been given to these Countries as to have preserved them through the whole of the War, in a much higher degree of Cultivation than almost any other part of the Carnatic, they now yielding

yearly

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yearly upwards of five Lacks of Pagodas. Viz.

Nellore	350,000
Palnaud	50,000
Ongole	60,000
Districts about Pulicat	10,000
Tripety	70,000
Callastry	10,000
Vencatagurry Tribute	20000
Payt.	570,000

I have inserted the Revenues arising from Tripety Pagoda & the Vencatagurry Tribute, as I see little probability of our being long able to collect the former, after the adjoining defenceless Countries have fallen into the hands of a powerful Enemy - and we cannot well suppose that since we have allowed Tippoo on his Claim as Nabob of Cuddapah, to wrest from the Vencata-gurry Rajah the important Post of Chanagurry a Key to the Ghauts, together with a considerable part of his other Possessions, that he will be again disposed to endanger the whole of his Country by a contention with Tippoo in order to support us, for whom he has already so severly suffered, and who by abandoning Nellore will have withdrawn even the appearance of Protection from him -

The Post of Chanagurry

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taken from the Vencatagurry Rajah by Tippoo the last War, is 18 Cos. South and West from Ongole. It is situated at the South end of the Range of Hills which come from Pandatty in a South west direction, from whence it is eight Cos distant; It consists of a large Pettah and fortified Hill said to be five Cos in Circumference, & enclosed within it a Valley of about half a Mile in length & a quarter in breadth. The Hill is in very few places accessable, there are secured by Walls defended by Guns. It commands a most extensive Prospect over a well cultivated Valley, and being well situated to secure a Communication with Cumbum was what protected our Convoys to the Army, when surrounded by Cumeraldean Cavalry in Cumbum, from which it is by our Road over the Yelconda Hills, but 10. & by Perlapaud, 12 Cos.

accessible

With these advantages, it is probable, that should a War happen, an Attack on Ongole will be from that place, & from what I have before stated it is likewise evident, that Nellore is our only Post from whence Ongole can be supported, or to which the Garrison of Ongole, can with any probability of Success retire. There not being a Post in any of the Countries I have enumerated, into which they could throw them-selves with any prospect of making a good defence.

It must therefore appear to every person acquainted with the Country that, after abandoning Nellore, whatever Garrison you have

have in Ongole must fall into the Hands of the Enemy on the first serious attempt against it. It being so totally unequal to a Defence that it never was thought advisable to reck Stores in it. And there is but little Prospect of such a Force being able to make it's way to Manulipatam thro' the Guntoor Circar in the hands of the Nizam, whom we know to have been at the head of the late Confederacy against us, and who, if not now our Enemy, would not probably, under the Circumstances described, hazard a Quarrel with so powerful a Neighbour in the Field to save that Detachment: And from the whole tenor of his Conduct towards us, it is not impossible but that to save his own Country, he would rather chuse to make a merit of delivering them up.

Having offered to your Consideration my reasons for holding Nellore an object of Importance in the general defence of the Carnatic, I shall before I speak of it more particularly as a Garrison give you my Idea of the general defence of the Country.

Which is shortly this, that there should be in it certain established Posts of Strength, so amply supplied with Stores & Provisions of every kind, that an advancing Army may be supplied from any of them while in the Enemy's Country, and they so situated that whatever is taken from them for that purpose may be readily replaced by us.

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These Posts should be of such Strength that in case a Check be given to the Army, the retiring Troops may there find an Asylum where they can defend themselves and cover the Country until a Force can be again collected in the Field - And should it become necessary even to withstand a Siege before the protection of the Country is given up.

It is necessary that such Posts should be sufficiently large, not only to contain Stores and Provisions for the Army, but to yield a temporary Protection to such of the Inhabitants of the Country as may occasionally seek to shelter themselves, and Property from the depredatory Incursions of irregular Horse, when the lesser Forts are dismantled, which I understand to be your Intention -

The situation of most of these superior Posts is already in a great measure fixt by the resort of the Inhabitants to particular places, and by the State of our finances that renders advisable as little alteration as possible in what has been formerly done; It therefore behoves us to avail ourselves of the present Posts as far as we can in justice to the Service -

Our Attention therefore will be naturally directed towards Palamcotah, or Madura, for the most Southerly Provinces - To Trichinopoly or Tanjore for those immediately South

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South of the Coleroon - And it remains with us to fix on one between Trichenopoly and Vellore for the Center Provinces - It should be well in advance to serve as a Key to the Mysore Country, & nearly to divide the distance between Vellore & Trichinopoly - somewhere about Trinamallee may be thought a fit place - as by the Passes West of it an Army can readily penetrate towards Seringapatam - And Troops in this situation can at all times equally form a junction with our Southern Army, or with the Troops in the Vicinity of Vellore, by means of the inferior Forts already established Nigh Tiagar and Volconda to the South, and Pollore & Dobygur to the North, there being only about 40. Miles distance between the farthest asunder of them - Should they be occupied by small Guards only from our main Body, & kept in such condition that, in case of a superior hostile Force in the Field our Convoys may there wait relief: The Communication will at all times be complete, and as all the Intercourse between the Mysore Country & Pondicherry is by these Forts, it must be our own neglect if it ever is allowed to be carried on to any dangerous extent - And in case of any future Designs against Pondicherry, there can be no more favorable place to fall back from, and, at the same time, to prevent any junction of the Mysoreans with the French - Should you wish for a Post of Observation still more to the Westward - there is Karch Vellore within eight

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of the Attoor Pass. an impregnable one made to your Hand. capable of being defended against any Army, if garrisoned by a Company and an half, or two Companies of Sepoys only - situated within 13. Miles of Cheinganah. & only 7 from the Ramdurgum Pass.

As at first sight the distance from Madras may be thought an Objection to this situation, I wish it should be observed that it is not my intention ever to leave the Protection of Fort St George to chance - At the same time I am sensible of its being a bad place for the discipline of Europeans, to obviate this Inconvenience, there may be one Thousand five Hundred, or two Thousand Men cantoned at Poonamallee - Five hundred of whom together with a Detachment of Artillery from the Mount, and one, out of three, or four Battalions of Sepoys to be always kept in the Neighbourhood, will be sufficient for the ordinary Duties of the Garrison, and on a sudden Alarm, the whole Force in the Cantonments at the Mount and Poonamallee may in a few hours be marched on. - There will effectually secure it against Surprize, or Assault, and the probability is, that Fort Saint George will never be besieged, whilst We have an Army in the Field -

To suppose that all the small Forts in the Carnatic are to be garrisoned at an expence, is the farthest thing from my thoughts - I would however submit to you the propriety of

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of dismantling them immediately, or of waiting until you can get an Army in the Field in condition to move with such facility as to cover the Country and whether the unfortunate Inhabitants will not otherwise be left without alternative between the necessity of submitting to the first oppressive hand of Power that chuses to assume a Superiority over them, or, without the means of Defence, to submit themselves again to all the Calamities of War, which they have so lately and so severely experienced. I should hope this might be prevented without any great Inconvenience to the Service, as it would tend greatly to the benefit of the Country by an increase of Population, & of course of Cultivation also, by relieving the minds of the people from the dreadful Apprehension of again seeing their Wives and daughters polluted & carried into Captivity, & their darling Sons, the Comforts of their Age, forced from them and compelled by horrid Cruelties to embrace a new Religion. Can Cowardice be expected whilst such horrid Spectres haunt the Imagination, or will any one, who can find a more hospitable Country, expose all that is dear to him to such Misfortunes? Surely not! Neither is it to be expected that the cautious moneyed Men will risk their Property under such inauspicious Circumstances.

I therefore flatter myself this protection may be yielded by withdrawing from some

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some of the Garrisons that now have more Troops than they can well accommodate, some part of the Sepoy force to place in the most important of these Forts, which may, perhaps, give the Room at present wanted for the accommodation of the Europeans out of Arcot, and by stationing in the Forts next of Consequence, Invalids and Pibbendies under twenty Officers of whom there are now plenty to spare - These Places may then be held at little or no additional Expence, and defended against any irregular Attempt with the assistance of the Neighbouring Poligars & Villagers, who, while you can protect, will be in your Interest. - In case of a serious Invasion of the Country, these Garrisons can retire with the Inhabitants, their Cattles & Effects to a place of more protection, which will insure us their Services, & the whole Resources of the Country, our Influence with the Neighbouring Powers will be considerably encreased - Were the Commandants of Districts instructed to demolish these Forts, as the Troops are withdrawn from them, I imagine they might be held until that time with little or no risk to us, as some fixt Ammunition and the requisite Stores for their Demolition is all that should be entrusted in them - -

Such of the other Forts as do not yield protection to the Natives, and are not essential to the defence of the Country may be now

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now destroyed if you think proper — The Propriety of having them previously examined by your own Officers, instead of destroying them by a Durbar Act, I leave to the decision of your better Judgment —

Having given you my Sentiments on the General Defence of the Country, I shall return to Nellore, in respect to which I am more particularly qualified to speak, having been there in May last. — It is of all the principal Forts I have mentioned perhaps the best calculated to answer the proposed Purpose —

Its Town is square, having the greatest side 933 & shortest 707 Yards in length nearly, with a Gateway in the middle of each Face, two of which, the South & North only, are in use. — The Rampart including the Parapet is about 25 feet high all of Earth, except two of the angular Bastions, and the South Gateway which are revetted — Before the Rampart there is a Berme with an Earthern Breastwork on the Escarp of the Ditch — This Ditch chiefly cut in the Rock, serves as the Channel by which the Inhabitants convey water to the Paddy Fields around the Fort, and if kept clean, will at all times give health and protection to those, who live within the Town —

To avoid the heavy expence that must attend the revetting an Extent of Wall required to surround the larger Forts, I propose to defend them

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them by Redoubted Bastions, on the Plan of those for the Black Town of Madras, the designs for which accompany this - By them, it will appear each becomes a small independant Citadel, supported by and yielding support to those adjoining that when garrisoned by an hundred or an hundred and fifty Men, cannot be taken without Ground being opened before it - And supposing the first that is attacked, breached, the Garrison if it be not judged expedient for them to stand a Storm in this, may retire and strengthen the next, against which the Enemy must begin anew their operations, and be again disappointed in their aim until several are lost; the repeated Attacks on which must require much time, be attended with a great Expence of Ammunition and a considerable Loss in Men - This Mode of Defence has the farther advantage of rendering the Garrison perfectly secure against Treachery on the part of the Inhabitants, they being quite distinct from them, with an entire Command over the Town - For, supposing them to admit the Enemy, neither can maintain themselves there under a Continued Shower of Shot of all descriptions pouring on them in all directions from the Artillery of the Bastions - But of this attempt I have very little apprehension, for no Men in their Senses will hazard an Assault by the Courtains whilst the Flanks of the Bastions are entire - And although the Courtains

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be not rivetted there are not any of them in the Princ=
=cipal Places I have enumerated that have not a
sufficient quantety of Earth left for forming any ex=
=ceeding good Parapet, even after it has fallen to
its natural Slope, from behind which the Polygars
in your Interest, & the People who will have retired from
the Country for Protection, may keep up a constant
fire, & we have more than once proved, by exact
Experience, that those People are very equal to the
Defence I have assigned them — But, in this partic=
=ular, the Wet Ditch of Nellore gives it a singular
Security —

On an Attention to the Plans
of Nellore, it will appear, that Eight Bastions are
the most that can be wished for its defence, & that
if four Spacious ones only be made on the Angles
& the flanking defence of the Gateways substituted
for the others, it will in that case become more
formidable than any other of the large Garrisons
in the Carnatic, Fort St George excepted — Therefore,
admitting that these Bastions with their Counterp
may cost twelve or fifteen Thousand Pagodas each,
nay, I will suppose Forty Thousand, surely one half
year, or even one Year's Revenue is not too much to
insure such a Possession —

I shall conclude by instancing
from the Experience of the late War, the importance
this Post was of to us at that time beyond the mere
benefit of its Revenue, from the immense quantety
of Cattle thereby conveyed to us from the Northward
amounting

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amounting to not less than thirty five or forty thou-
=sand for the Supply of the Settlement, the Victualling
of the Navy & the Carriage & Slaughter of the Army,
without which Assistance the latter could not
have moved from the Presidency - When this is
remembered, & that the Nellore Country was the
nearest to give Food to the Thousands of poor people
that were driven from Madras by Famine, it may
fairly be inferred, that if it did not actually save
Madras last War, it contributed very much towards
it -

I beg pardon for intruding so
long thus unasked upon your time, but the duty
of my Station will, I hope, plead in excuse as I
thought it incumbent on me to make my Honble
Employers acquainted with my Sentiments on a
Subject immediately in the line of my profession, &
of so much importance to their Concerns, & which
the delay in going out of the Committee appointed
for the inspection of Forts, makes now necessary - I
am therefore to request you will be pleased to trans
=mit this Address to the Honble Court of Directors
a separate number in the Packet by your next
Dispatches, & likewise to the Honble Governor General
& Council before this measure is carried into execution,
that both may see, however much I feel the Mor-
=tifications entailed on me by the limitation of my
Rank, nothing shall ever be wanting in the dis-
=charge of my Duty to them, or in that which I
owe my Country as a Briton -

I have the honor to be &c &c

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28th February 1786

/Signed/ Patrick Ross
Lieut. Col.: & Chief Engineer

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W. B. Jackson
Dep. Secy.

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To Brigadier General Horne,

To Genl Horne directing him to detach four Companies of Sepoys with two Guns under a careful Officer to collect the Peishcush due from the Polegars of Munnapary

To Colonel Nixon Commanding

To Colo Nixon at Vellore, to direct Mr Norris Practitioner Engi=neer, to proceed to Shiveram, and to remain there till he shall be ordered to return to Vellore by the Commander in Chief -

To the Superintendant of the

To Mr Oakeley Jaghire, to make the necessary Inquiry into a Spot of Ground upon the new Cantonment at Shiveram, said to belong to His Highness the Nabob -

To the Commandant at Arcot

To the Commandant to furnish Ramarow the Amuldar with 2 Companies at Arcot of Sepoys for the purpose of assisting the Collections of the Revenues, and the same number to the Amuldar of Polloor - An Order enclosed from the Nabob to the Amuldar to supply the Troops with Rice, for which he, (the Commandant) must give Receipts agreeably to the Buzar price of the Day

To the Chief & Co at Masulipatam

To Masulipatam in Consequence of the Removal of Mr Hodges - Mr Statham is appointed Surveyor for Cotts & Bedding to the Sick at Masulipatam -

At

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President

Wednesday 8th March 1786. Lieut General Sir John Dalling Bart:

Charles Floyer Esqr

Minutes of last Consul-

-tation read and approved-

The Board having

Yesterday taken into Consideration the Letter from the Military Paymaster General with the Abstracts entered in Consultation the 27th Ultimo. also the Letter from Bengal dated the 14th of November last and now resuming the Subject thereof, the President enters the following Minute-

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President's Minute on the Subject of a liquidation of the Arrears to the Army with his Recommendations thereon.

The Supreme Council &c having furnished 8 Lacks of Rupees &c to be paid to the Subalterns and Sepoys in part of their Arrears and directed that the remainder due to them should be liquidated by Bills on Bengal, Steps were immediately taken for complying with there Orders, but while the Arrangement was making for distributing their Money, the Mutiny at Trichinopoly reduced us to an extremity of danger, which made it absolutely necessary to make instant Payments to the Sepoys on account of their Arrears — so long as this Spirit of Revolt prevailed which had appeared in a very serious manner on several Occasions destroying &c Subordination, and exposing our Power

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to Contempt, it was not possible to stop payment precisely when the exact Quota of the 8/s Lacks had been issued – the Revolters were in possession of the Rock – they would not receive one Month's Pay, and even refused Pay for two Months till they were promised that Measures should be taken without loss of time for paying the remain=der of the Arrears – their hard Condition we were forced to submit to – a general liquidation of Arrears required that the Troops should be paid up to a certain day, and so great were our appre=hensions, grounded on past Experience, that it was thought unsafe to allow of any Distinctions in these Payments – the Sum of Rupees therefore instead of the 8/s Lacks sent from Bengal was absorbed in equalizing the Payments to the 31st. of December – the disturbances among the Troops happened as before observed, previously to the Arrangement being made for paying the 8/s Lacks as prescribed by the Supreme Council, who judged it most advisable to begin with the oldest Arrears, of course that the Certificates granted to the Sepoys 1ca previous to the 31st. of August should be paid off as far as the Money sent from Bengal made us competent to do so, but we had no option left – we could not withhold by any means we possessed of satisfying Troops in a State of actual Mutiny, and were obliged to deviate from the Line laid down by the Supreme Board

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much to our Inconvenience, because we had ex-
-pended Pagodas more than we received
from Bengal, consequently the Sepoys were in a
better situation than the arrangement of the
Supreme Board would have placed them in, and
of course it is less a Hardship to them to receive a
Bill on Bengal in lieu of the Certificate, that
had been granted - The President is aware it
may be urged that when the Certificates were granted
in August 1784 a Promise was likewise passed
that the Current Pay should be regularly discharged
but the Exigencies of the State forbad it - Current
Arrears are now however cleared off, & there remains
due to the Sepoys only the Amount of the Certificates
- the President desires the opinion of the Board
whether on a review of what has passed they appre-
-hend any dangerous Consequences would follow
the Disappointment to the Sepoys in being told
that the Certificates will be paid by Bills on
Bengal in 6 Months - Should it be thought
too great a hazard from the late Temper of the
Sepoys, it would become a necessity of so pressing
a nature that Money should be borrowed to clear
the Arrears immediately - that necessity however
would not extend beyond Payment to the Native
Troops, whom it would be difficult, perhaps impra-
-practicable, to divert of the Idea that this Govern-
-ment had been guilty of a breach of Faith & meant
now to deceive them - at the same time it is necessary

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to state that the Loss on the Loan of the amount of 3 Certificates due to, and in the possession of Sepoys, would not be less than 70,000 Pags. too large a Sum to sacrifice to any other consideration, than that of preventing another Mutiny - Upon the other hand, no such Disorders are likely to break out, and the President is inclined to hope there is no cause to apprehend it. He proposes that the mode laid down by Bengal be notified to the Native Troops, expressing our hopes that the large Pay-ments of Arrear, which have been made to them in the last few weeks, will have relieved them in a degree to permit their waiting till the Bills shall become due, when Payment will certainly be made not only of the full amount of Certificates but of Interest likewise at the rate of 12 p Cent - but should they prefer converting the Certificate into ready money, that for their Convenience, Offices shall be opened where those Certificates shall be immediately discounted at a rate not exceeding 20 p Cent - that these were the best Terms, which the public Exigencies left us at liberty to offer - they were such however as we trusted would con-vince the Troops of the Sense we entertained of their Services & that nothing less than total Ina-bility to do more at present, could have induced us to propose any other liquidation than in ready Money -

The President proposes that a Bill for the amount of Arrears due to the Subaltern Officers & Sepoys of each Battalion be

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Drawn on Bengal in favor of the Captain Commanding
—that it be required that money be ready at the
said Offices to be opened at the different Stations
of the Troops to discount such Bills immediately
at a Rate not exceeding 30 P Cent leaving the Troops
at liberty to have recourse to private Negociation
if it can be obtained on more favorable Terms—
that the Paymaster General calculate the discount,
deducting the amount from each Claim, a compleat
List to be delivered to the discount Agents, who
are to pay the amount to each person in the
presence of the Commanding Officer or a Committee of
Officers, taking a Receipt for the sum so paid on the
back of the Certificates, which are afterwards to be transmitted
to the Military Paymaster General, as Vouchers on which
the Bill on Bengal will then be transferred to the
Discount Agents—

The President further proposes
to the Board that this Representation should be made
to the Sepoys on the most conciliating terms by the
different Commanding Officers of Garrisons & Canton-
=ments, in order to make it the more formal &
shew the greater Solicitude to convince the Troops
of the Good Faith & favorable Intention of Govern-
=ment towards them: however much necessity
may for a time retard fulfilment of their Promis
—and that the above Order, for their greater Satis-
=faction, should be translated into the Malabar
& Moorish Languages—

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/Signed/ Alex Davidson

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The Board approve the Measures recommended in the President's Minute, which conveys their unanimous Sentiments, resolved on at the last Meeting, respecting a liquidation of the Arrears to the Army — It is with great Concern however they perceive from the late Mutiny of the Troops stationed to the Southward, that they were at that critical period, compelled to the necessity of deviating in some respects from the Plan transmitted from Bengal, to which they were determined strictly to adhere, there remains only at present to notify to the Army the Arrangement made by the Governor General & Council, and to give the necessary Orders for carrying it into Execution, in the manner recommended by the President.

Minute thereon — The President's Recommendations approved —

Resolved that a General Order be published accordingly, and that a Circular Letter to all the Subordinates and Out Garrisons be drafted, detailing the original Plan with the deviation, which has through necessity been made from it —

a circular letter to be written & a G. O. to be published announcing the intention of Government with respect to the liquidation of Arrears —

The President informs the Board that, in Conformity with their desire at a former Meeting, he has applied to the principal Merchants at Madras, and has proposed to them the opening Discounting Office under the Sanction of Government — in

Re Messrs Porcher & Medhead & Mr John Mercies opened for discounting Bengal Certificates under the Sanction of Government at 30 p Cent —

Consequence

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Consequence of which Messrs Porcher and Sedham and Mr. John Menzies have made offers — The House of the former having engaged to discount to the Amount of 200,000 Pagodas, and the latter 50,000 Pagodas — both at 30 p.Cent discount, which they declare to be the lowest Terms upon which they can advance Money —

Agreed that the Proposals of the above Gentlemen be accepted, and that the same be notified to the Troops informing them at the same time, that although the above Merchants will execute Penalty Bonds, restricting them to a Discount of 30 p.Cent, the Troops will not thereby be precluded from discounting with any Persons, or at any places, where more favourable terms may be procurable —

A Letter to be written to the Court of Directors by the Eagle Packet —

As the Eagle Packet is now in the Roads in her way to Europe, it is Agreed that a Letter be drafted to the Honorable the Court of Directors, and that the necessary Papers be immediately prepared to accompany it —

Read the following Letter from Colonel Martin —

To

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &ca Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Colt. Harding requesting to be admitted to a Participation of the Gratuity Fund, during the time the Nabob's Assignment was in existence -

Reduced to the necessity of addressing your Honble Board, I approach it with a confidence of obtaining that Indulgence which has been constantly experienced by those, whose situations have appeared to deserve it -

For several years previous to the last War, His Highness the Nabob, in order to render the Pay of his Officers equal to that allowed to the Honble Company's, made an allowance monthly to the Captains & Subalterns of extra Pay, & to his Field Officers of the Rank of Colonel 20 Pags 14 7 & Month Gratuity -

During the last War, I had the honor to command in the Maravar District, the Inhabitants of which revolted immediately after the Enemy had invaded the Carnatic, from which circumstance all communication with the neighbouring Garrisons, was entirely cut off; so that for a long time I could neither receive orders from His Highness or your Honble Board; of course I knew nothing of the Assignment made of the Revenues, or that the Troops under my Command were to be paid by the Honble Company -

after

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the Communication became open, Mr Sullivan
the Resident at Tanjore, took charge of the Revenues
and received orders sometime after from the Pre-
sidency to settle the Military Accounts of the
Maraua District agreeable to the Honble Company's
Regulations, which was accordingly done. The
Captains and Subalterns received the allowance
of Extra Pay, the same as those of the Honorable
Company, but when I mentioned my Gratuity to
Mr Sullivan as being entitled to it, he said, that it
could not be granted as there was then an Order
from Government, which withheld it from their
Field Officers; in consequence of which I only drew
my nett Pay and Batta - Mr Sullivan did not
explain to me the nature of the abovementioned
Order at that time, nor did I say anything more
on the Subject, while I continued to the Southward -
but since my Arrival at the Presidency, upon
an enquiry, I find that such Order was issued by
Government sometime after the Month of Sept.
1783, suspending the payment of Gratuity to the
Field Officers untill the pleasure of the Honorable
the Court of Directors should be known, and I
find also that the Honble Company's Field
Officers have received their Gratuity to the 25th of
September 1783 -

As I had the honor to serve
under

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under the Honble Company's Authority from the
time the Revenues were assigned over the 1st Decr 1781
to the 30th June 1785 and as I flatter myself I
have discharged my duty to the Satisfaction of
the Gentlemen at the head of Affairs to the South-
=ward under whose Orders I had the honor to act,
I hope it will appear to your Honble Board that
I am entitled to receive equal Pay & Allowances
with the Officers of the Honble Company -

Should my Statement meet
with the approbation of your Honble Board, I
humbly hope you will be pleased to order my
Accounts to be passed accordingly - and I shall
ever entertain the most grateful Sense of your
kind Indulgence -

I have the honor to be &c &c

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25th February 1786

/Signed/ M. Martinz

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a Commission in the Company's Service, the Board
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him to a participation of the Gratuity Fund at the
same time they think his Services merit every
attention from Government - his Exertions in the
publick Cause have been repeatedly mentioned in
terms of great approbation by Mess.rs Sullivan and
Irwin, whose testimonies in his favor entitle him
to be put on an equal footing with the Company's
Officers of the same Rank with himself - Agreed in

Minute thereon

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Consequence

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Consequence that the Paymaster General be directed to give a Certificate for a Bengal Bond to Colonel Martenz for the amount of Gratuity received by the Company's Colonels from the 1st December 1781 to the period of the last Payments to them & that the same be carried to the head of Second War with Hyder Ally –

Read the following Letters entered in the Miscellany Book N.o 32-33 –

From Mr Joseph Garrow.

From Mr Joseph Garrow, Surveyor of Colts & Bedding

Surveyor of Colts and Bedding to the General Hospital, enclosing an Account of Hospital Stores received from the Surgeons on the 1st Inst. with the Prices settled by a Valuation, amounting to Pags 2436. 138 proposing that an hundred feet of a Shed at the Hospital be fitted up as a Godown, which is wanted for the Stores –

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Shed be fitted up as above recommended & that the Committee of Works be desired to have it done in such manner that it may be converted, if necessary, to the uses of an additional Ward for the Sick –

From Major Hughes

From Major Hughes dated 7th Inst informing the Board of his intention to proceed to Europe on the Eagle Packet, offering to take charge of the Despatches, & requesting that his Arrears of Pay and Off Reckonings be liquidated in Cash –

Agreed

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Agreed that Major Hughes be informed that the Board will entrust their Dispatches to the joint Care of himself and of the Commander of the Eagle, that his four Months Arrears of Pay will be liquidated, and that his Off-Reckonings will be discharged in the usual Manner.

Alex. Davidson

W. C. Jackson
Dep. Sec.y

Jno. Dalrymple

Charles Rogers

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Sent the undermentioned Letters

Entered in the MB. Nos 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39 40 41

To the Committee of Works

To the Committee of Works, di-
=recting them to order a part of the Shed erected
on the General Hospital to be converted into a
Godown for the depositing of Hospital Stores -

To Major Hughes

To Major Hughes the four
Months Arrears of Pay due to him will be discharged
on Cash - His Off Reckonings to be liquidated in
the usual manner - The Dispatches to the Court
of Directors by the Eagle Packet: will be entrusted
to the joint Care of himself & the Commander of the
Vessel -

To Capt.n Mitchell

To Captain Mitchell, with
Instructions, relative to the demolition of the Mapeli-

To Mr Welch

To Mr Thomas Welch, to receive
the Accounts of Captain Mitchell's Detachment, &
discharge them agreeably to the Company's Regulations
and to supply him with such Artificers as may
be necessary -

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To Col.o Martinz

To Colonel Martinz, informing
him that as he has no Commission in the Com-
=pany's Service, he cannot be admitted to a partici-
=pation of the Gratuity Fund; but in consiquance
of his Exertions in the Publick Cause, he will be allo-
=wed his Gratuity for the time the Revenues of the
Carnatic were assigned to the Company, & which will be
paid him by a Certificate upon Bengal -

&c

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To Capt.n Lieut Thomas Bowser

To Capt.n L.t Bowser

with permission to go to Europe for three years on

half Pay -

To General Horne, enclosing a

To Genl Horne

Memorial from Captain Luke Pococke, upon which

he is to give every information in his Power -

To Mr Edward Garrow - His Propo-

To Mr Edwd Garrow

-sals for the building the Cantonments of the 23d

Regt of Light Dragoons accepted - To execute the same

as speedily as possible -

Sent the following Letter to

the Military Paymaster General -

To John Turing Esqr

Military Paymaster General

Sir

I am directed by the Board to

To the Military Paymastr Genl - the Resolutions of Government with respect to the liquidation of Military Arrears stated -

acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 27th Ulto

enclosing Sundry Abstracts of Accounts of Arrears, & in

reply thereto to inform you that the Board have taken

the same into Consideration & have resolved that the

Receipts you have already granted for transfered Certifi-

-cates shall be received by you & Orders granted for Certi-

-ficates for Bengal Bonds for their Amount, & they

are also pleased to direct that should any Certificates

be hereafter presented to you of a similar description

that you do receive them & grant Orders for their

Amount also -

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of this payment thro' the Kings Paymaster General at an established rate of Exchange viz.t £10 0/0 for 100 Star Pagodas & for which he insures it against every risk, a considerable saving will be effected, and those embarrassments will be removed, which have arisen between the different Officers & Merits of both Governments.—

Should you at the same time choose to have the Sums, which are to be remitted for the Payment of the Kings Troops, paid directly into your Treasury, & from thence be issued to the Kings Paym.r as you may think it necessary to advance him, or should you wish to make any alteration in an Arrangement, which We have adopted merely for your Relief, & at your recommendation, We shall be glad to receive your Opinion on this Subject, & shall be always ready to pay due attention to it.

We request your particular attention to the Company's Orders, by which, the King is to be debited with the Amount issued to his Troops, as Subsistence, & the Company are to be debited with such Sums as are issued as Gratuity, and Company's Allowance.

We have resolved that your Presidency shall be debited with the Sum Total that may be advanced on account of the Kings Troops serving in the Carnatic.

Fort William
16.th February 1786

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

John Macpherson
R Sloper
John Stables.
Chas Stuart
Ad.l

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President

Wednesday 15th March 1786

Lieut General Sir John Dalling Baronet

Charles Floyer Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved -

The President delivers in the following Minute -

President's Minute on the Subject of a Dividend to be made to the Nabob's Creditors - proposes that a Lack & a half of Pagodas be made on the 1st of April -

"Before I proceed to state to the Board my opinion on the Orders of the Honble Court of Directors of the 9th December 1784, respecting the Creditors of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, I hope, I may be indulged a moment in mentioning them as a Body of Men individually known to me many years, respectable not less from their Characters than their Numbers, & among whom are many whose Friendship I highly value. - under such Impressions it is impossible not to be attached to their Interests, nor can any one be more solicitous than I am to realize to them as early as possible the benefits of the Arrangement the Company have been pleased to make in their favor -

The Reasonings of the Court of Directors, and the opinion they entertained of the different Claims of the Debts of His Highness the Nabob are to be found at large in their Letter to this Government under date the 9th Decr 1784, in the 85. 86-

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87. 88 & 89 Para. They proceed in the 90th Paragraph to direct that the Debts be made up in the following manner.

The Debt of 1767 - to the end of 1784 with 10 ₱C. Int.

The Cavalry Loan to the same period with 12 ₱C. Int.

The Debt of 1777 to Nov.r 1781 with 12 ₱C. Int.r & from thence to the end of 1784 with 6 ₱C. Interest -

The grop Amounts of the three Classes of Debts are then brought up to the end of the Year 1784 -

Par: 91 "The 12 Lacks annually to be received are "then to be applied.

1st "1. To the growing Interest on the Cavalry Loan @ 12 ₱Cs

"2d To the growing Intt. on the Debt of 1777 @ 6 ₱C."

Par: 92 The remainder to be equally divided - one half to be applied to the payment of growing Intt. at 10 ₱Cent, & towards the discharge of the principal of the Debt of 1767 -

New Consolidated Debt, Principal Rup.s	5,49,8,300 ..	@ 6 ₱C. Int.t	329910 ..
Cavalry Loan supposed to be	690,624.21.10	@ 12 ₱C.	82874.32.64
Old Debt	796,455.23.2	@ 10 ₱C.	79645.23.8

"Proportion of the 12 Lacks - as follows.

Interest of the New Debt	329910 ..
D.o of the Cavalry Loan	82874.32.64
	412,784.32.64
Company's Share	393607.19.48
Old Creditors Share	393607.19.48
	12.00.000 .. ..

The Honble Court say on the 102d Paragraph of their said Letter of the 9th

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of December 1784 - "if any Deficiency shall arise in the
"Nabob's Payment of 12 Lacks of Pagodas annually, the
"whole of what shall be received is to be divided in the
"same Proportion, which would have obtained in the
"Division of the whole 12 Lacks had they been
"received" - thus it most clearly appears that the
Honble Court did not mean an intermediate, and
partial, but an aggregate Payment of the Creditors
share of the 12 Lacks or such part of that sum
as should annually appear to have been received -

I grant that on completing the
2d Kist 5,00,000 Pagodas have been received belonging
jointly to the Company & the Creditors & by the
Letter as well as the Spirit of the Arrangement that
Sum with as much more as shall be received by the
end of the Year is to be divided amongst them - this
appears to me obviously the meaning of the Company
& applies expressly to the mode of following their
Orders for observing the same proportions whatever
the annual Deficiency may be - when can this
deficiency be ascertained but at the end of the year -
The Company could not possibly know into how
many Kists the Payments to be made by His
Highness the Nabob would be divided - whether they
would be specifecally divided or not - nor the periods
of Payment -

On the foregoing Construction
I ground this Argument that as the Company
mean a Dividend shall be made annually, or, which
I understand to be synonimous, when the year is
completed

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1st Feb — The urgent Necessity which obliged the
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/ Signed / Alex. Davidson

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Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of next Month a Dividend will be made at the Treasury of ₱ 50,000/ One hundred and fifty Thousand Star Pagodas in part of the ₱ 12/ twelve Lacks of Pagodas to be paid annually to the Creditors of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic — Timely Notice will be given respecting the Distribution of the above Sum —

By Order of the President and Council —
Sign'd John Chamier Jr

Mr Floyer delivers in the following Minute —

When Government issued public Notice on the 16th February last, that a Dividend would be made to such of the Creditors of the Nabob as came within the description amplified in the Orders of the Court of Directors under date the 9th December 1784, for the liquidation of the Nabobs debts, as soon as the Amount of the 2d Kist of 600,000 Pagodas, which had then been received from His Highness could be adjusted; I conceived it to have been the intention of the President, to have followed up this Resolution of Government, with a Statement of the Resources from

Mr Floyer's Minute on the same Subject recommends that a Dividend of 204,777 Pagodas be made —

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from which alone, such proposed Dividend could be made — But, upon the President informing me some days ago, he feared he should not be able to produce one, before the present Dispatch, I deemed it of much consequence, that the Court of Directors should, by this conveyance, be as fully apprized, as the nature of the Case would admit, of the Ability of this Government to execute their Orders respecting a liquidation of the Nabobs debts; as well, for their own Information, as for the Satisfaction of the Creditors in Europe; who, doubtless must be very solicitous as to the effect which the late Arrangements, respecting their several Claims, may have produced in India —

For this purpose, and with a view to adhere as strictly as Circumstances would admit, to an observance of those Regulations, I have furnished myself with such Documents from the public Offices and the Records as sufficiently enable me to offer my Opinion upon the Proposal now made by the President, of declaring a Dividend of 150,000 Pagodas to the Creditors of the Nabob —

I beg leave to lay before the Board, the undermentioned Papers to shew the Grounds upon which I have formed an Opinion, as to the present Dividend to be made to the Creditors —

N.o 1. State of the Madras Treasury on the 14th March 1786 & general Estimate of its probable Receipts & Issues, to 31st May inclusive —

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No 2 Separate Estimates of Receipts & Disbursements from 16th March to 31st May 1786.

No 3 Account Balances & Rents due from the Home-farms from 16th March to 31st May 1786.

No 4. A Statement of Interest &c and of Dividends proposed to be made now, Upon the receipt of the full Sum of 120.000 Pagodas from the Nabob.

To these Estimates & Statements are subjoined such explanatory Notes as have occurred to me, as being necessary to remove any Apprehension, as to our future Receipts, within the periods therein stated: and I shall be happy if the Board will be pleased to signify any doubts which may arise from an inspection into them, of any Articles there inserted.

It was from a thorough conviction in my own Mind, of the many advantages which would result to this Settlement, from bringing forth so large a Sum into circulation: and from an earnest desire to promote the wishes of our Employers to grant relief on the Premises to Individuals, who have so long groaned under accumulated distresses, that I sought for information, as to the means this Government actually possessed of performing so desireable a Task. And it is from these Researches, that I have ventured, with perfect Safety to this Government, to propose, that a Dividend be made to the Creditors of His Highness

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the Nabob of one half years Interest on the 1st of this Month, amounting to the Sum of 2,04,777 Pagodas: and that the Residue of the growing Interest & the proportionate Sums which will be due to the Company and to the Creditors of 1767, shall be paid upon the Nabobs discharging in full this first years Engagements, for the payment of 1,00,000 Pags as stated in my Letter N.2.

As I agree with the President, that the Revenues of the Carnatic, from which alone, the Creditors of the Nabob can ever be paid, must in case of hostility be solely appropriated to the defence of our Possessions; so, in times of Peace & Tranquility (which he admits to be our present Situation, and that from a general review of our Finances, a portion of the Nabobs payments may be now distributed without risque to the public Cause) it surely behoveth Government, in such a Situation, to measure the distribution of its Justice, by the means which it possesses -

The Creditors, within the description of the Orders from the Court of Directors, derive additional Security of their property, from very solemn Engagements, which have in consequence of those Orders, been concluded between this Government & His Highness the Nabob: and which Engagements having been ratified by the superior Government in India, became to us a Law -

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To this Government is committed the Guardianship of those Rights, and it is bound to protect them, as far as may be consistent with the public Safety — I conceive it should be a part of our attention, to convince them that we mean to discharge our Trust towards them, so long as we shall have the means of so doing — We should also convince them, that the Company's Arrangements for the Liquidation of the Nabobs debts having been formally promulgated, and accepted by them, the Public Faith is as sacredly pledged to them, as to the Company's own Creditors: and that no distinction except in times of Hostility, ought in Law & Justice to be made in the payments to both Classes —

The President, in his Proposal now before us, has also thought it necessary to make some deviation, in the first instance, from the Arrangements of the Court of Directors — The times have rendered such a deviation indispensible — Either We must preclude even the Sum proposed by him, from coming into circulation, or we must adopt, for the relief of the Claimants under the three Classes some equitable distribution of the Sum which the Board shall now resolve to issue from the Treasury —

These Arrangements, I conceive, establish a priority in the payment of the growing Interest upon the Cavalry Loan & the Debt of 1777 — The former not having yet been adjusted, or admitted

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admitted by the Nabob, can, of course, have no Claim, in the present participation of a Dividend; and of course, has not been brought forward, for an immediate Share in a Dividend to the Creditors, as proposed by me to be made to them, in my Estimate N.o 2 –

Having offered it as my opinion that the Arrangements of the Court of Directors have established a priority in favor of the Creditors on the Cavalry Loan, & that of 1777, so far as it relates to the payment of the growing Interest, which may become due to them at the conclusive adjustment of the respective Participations, which are to be made, upon the full Sum payable annually by the Nabob, I think it necessary to adduce some reasons in support of this my Opinion and of the proposition I have grounded upon it –

Tho' the Creditors of the Cavalry Loan, and of 1777, stand first in the order of those Arrangements, it is, to me, evident, that the debt of 1767 is placed upon a footing, which giveres a very considerable, and decided Superiority – While the two first named Claßes of Creditors are receiving simply their growing Interest, the Sum of Pag.s 273.000 as stated in the Estimate I have the honor to lay before you N.o 4 will be this year applied to the extinction of the Debt of 1767, which puts the Principal of that Debt into a rapid course of Liquidation, & holds out to them a moral certainty of the full extinction thereof, within the given period of 3 Years.

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To compensate the other Clasper of private Creditors for a preference thus given, and for the advantages which the Company are to derive from the said Arrangements in the Liquidation of their own Claims, it appears to me, that a provision on the first instance, is made for the payment of the growing Interest to the other two Clasper of Creditors - This Compensation appears to be but reasonable: and with respect to those of 1777, very moderate indeed; when it is considered, that to obtain such priority of Payment, they have acquiesced in a reduction of Interest from 12 to 6 p Centum -

I am equally aware with the President, that, by the 102d Paragraph of the above quoted letter from the Court of Directors they have supposed, and guarded against a possibility of a failure on the part of the Nabob, in the full payment of the fixed Sum of 1200000 Pagodas in liquidation of his debt to his public and private Creditors; and that they have directed, in case of deficiency, that the whole Sum actually received shall be divided in the same proportions as would have obtained in the division of the full Sum of 1200000 Pags if received -

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I have only to observe upon this

Paragraph, that wherever any such failure shall happen there can be no other public inconvenience, than a short delay, accrue therefrom - But surely, there can be no reason at present to apprehend a defeciency, from the late punctuality observed by the Nabob in his payments of the two first Kists of his Engagements, even before they became due; or from the present Situation of his Country - This Government, as I have said before, has by a ratified Engagement with His Highness, obtained a Mortgage of a part of his Countries, in Securety for the Sum by him stipulated to be annually paid. to suppose, under such a Circumstance, a possibility of a deficiency in times of tranquility, would be tantamount to a declaration, as well to His Highness, as to the Company, that you did not mean, at the time His Highness so pledged himself to you, to keep them to his existing Engagements

Conceiving therefore, that the Creditors of the Cavalry Loan and those of 1777. have a just Claim to the priority, which,

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in my Opinion, was intended them, as far as may regard the full discharge of the growing Interest which shall be due to them; I think the mode now proposed by me for making the first Dividend of one half years Interest, should not, if adopted by the Board, become a Precedent in any future Dividend to be made to the Creditors; but that the Arrangements of the Court of Directors should be strictly adhered to, by first dividing to those two Clases of Creditors the full of their growing Interest, and then by dividing the Residue of the Sum of 12,00,000 Pagodas annually between the Company and the Creditors of 1767.

I have only further to add at present, upon the Subject of the President's Minute a few Remarks upon his calculation of the Interest, which he conceives will be due to the Creditors of the Cavalry Loan, and those of 1777: the third Clase being already provided for by the said Arrangements.

There two Clases of Creditors are,

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are by his Estimate entitled only to receive one years Interest upon the next Dividend, which I perceive, can only be made upon the full Payment of the Nabobs D.d Hist. which will expire on the 31st July next.

By what Orders, or by what Arrangement, the President has grounded his Calculation, I am at a loss to conceive.

The Court of Directors, when they ordered the Interest to be made up, and to become the Principal of the Nabobs debt, on the 31st of December 1784. must, I am free to say, have had an Idea that the payment of the growing Interest upon those two Classes of Creditors, would have been made annually from the 1st January ensuing to the 31st December 1785

This Government has since the receipt of, and acting in a strict conformity to those Orders, entered into certain Engagements with the Nabob, by which it is stipulated that he cannot be called upon for full payment of 1,200,000 Pagodas untill after the 31st of July 1786.

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The Orders of the Directors taken in their Literal Sense and meaning, are, as I conceive them to be, that the Creditors of the Cavalry Loan and those of 1777. shall first be paid the growing Interest due upon their respective Debts, before any other distribution shall be made, of the beforementioned Sums — To suppose therefore, that only one Year's Interest which became due on the 31st. of December 1785. should be paid to those two Classes, and no more, although the payment of that Year's Interest was not made until the 31st. of July 1786; and that the Company, and the Creditors of 1767 were equally to participate in their Monies of the Revenues, would be to suppose, that the Directors had sunk for ever the seven months Interest which the other two Classes, were just entitled to receive — The case is not so aware, as probably our Superiors were, of the Instalments, which might more commodiously be agreed upon in India they have not confined themselves by saying that an annual Interest, (a word upon which the President has seemed to lay great Stress, tho no where to be found among the Articles of Arrangement,) but have said that the growing Interest

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Interest from the 31st December 1784, shall be paid to the Creditors of the Cavalry Loan, and those of 1777, previous to any participation taking place, on behalf of the Company, conjointly with the Creditors of 1767 - This has therefore occasioned a very material difference between the Estimate, which has been made by the Presi-dent, and that which I have the honor to lay before you in the Paper N.o 4, and to which I crave your earnest Attention - my Interpre-tation of the Orders before us, goes to the Cre-ditors of the Cavalry Loan (whenever their Claims shall be admitted by His Highness the Nabob) & those of 1777, receiving in the first instance, the growing, not annual Interest upon the Prin-cipal of their Debt on 1st January 1785 to the day of actual payment of the Interest, & then, that the Company and the Creditors of 1767 shall receive each their Moiety of the Residue - Such is my Opinion, upon the Orders of the Court of Directors under date 9th Decr 1784 for the Liquidation, in part, of the Debts of His Highness the Nabob -

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/Signed/ Charles Floyer

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State of the Madras Treasury on the Mor & Issues from that

Balance in Cash & in the Treas.	189,802.34.39	
In Bills due	22533.15.-	212,336 - -
Paymaster at Palamcotah in his hands		43,091 " "
Paymaster at Vellore ——— do ———		2900 " "
From the Sale of Import Goods & Naval Stores A		12,000 " "
From Nagore & Negapatam		30,000 " "
Jaghire after deducting the Charges, in Cash, & in Bills due by the 30th April		82,695 " "
Home Farms, in Bills due before 1st of June		52,714 " "
Sea and Land Customs		10,375 " "
From the Circars after their Disbursements & the Bills drawn from hence falling due within the above period are paid. B		160,000 " "
Resident at Tanjore in Cash, & to be received by him by 30th April next, as p the Resident's letter of 17th Feby 1786		160,000

B Vide Letter from Maculipatam dated wherein they say that Pags 40,000 were then lying ready for Remittance - By the Estimate received from Vizagapatam there will be an Excess of their Receipts on 31st May 1786 of Rupees or about P.
the remaining Sum of about Pags to to be rec.d from Maculipatam & Ganjam (from which places no Estimates have yet been received) in without a doubt, far short of the Excess of their Receipts on 31st May 1786 -

A Vide annual Estimate from 1st May 1785 to 30th April 1786 sent to the Gov.r Genl & Co.a by their order on Sept.r last: under this head the annual Receipts are there stated at Pags 180,810 which on an Average is Pags 45,202 p Quarter - this being a dead time for the Sales, I have only estimated the Receipts at Pags 17,000.

Pags 1,065,911 " "

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-ning of the 14th March 1786 & Estimate of its Probable Receipts
day to 31st May 1786 inclusive —

Madras

Military Disbursements including the Pay and
Expence of all the Troops & Garrisons in the Carna
-tick to the Northward of the Coleroon. Vizt

Remains unpaid of the Mil.y Paym.r
Genl Indent for the Month of Febry - 57,575. - -
his Indent for - - March 115,000. - -
for - - April - - 90,000. - -
for May which will
not be wanted till 1st June } 90,000 - - -
352,575. - -

For the New Cantonment at Chuveram - - - - - 15,000. - -
Military Storekeeper & Superintendant - - - - - 5000. - -
Civil Paymaster his Monthly Subsistance 1500 - - 13,500. - -
Interest on the Company's Bond
debts & Deposites due 30th April next - - - } 30,500. - -
Trichinopoly & Cantonments thereunto Indent - - - 29,578. - -
Palamcotah - - - - - do. - - - - - - - - - 26,045. - -
Madura - - - - - - - do. - - - - - - - - - 9616. - -
Tanjore - - - - - - - do. - - - - - - - - -
Paymaster from 1st Janry to 31st May 58,000. - -
Subsistance to the 78th Regt for 3 Months 9362. - -
67,362. - -
Bills due in March for Arrears of the Establishment
accepted by the Resident - - } 35,000. - -
Arrears to said Graham ordered to be discharged 1400. - -
103,762. - -
605,576. - -
Excess of Receipts - - - - - - - - - - - - 460,335. - -

Pag.t 1,065,911. - -

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State of the Treasury on the 14th March 1786 & Estimate of its Probable Receipts and Issues to 31st May 1786

Receipts from 14th to 31st March

Balance in the Treasury & Cash & Bills receivable		130.533
From the Jaghire Landsex= =clusive of Pags 10000 paid early in this Month		35000
From the Home Farms in part of Pags 52714. being balance now due		20000
From Manulipatam, being ready for Remittance, and which, with an additional Sum of Pags 10000 ordered to be sent hither by Land *		60000
From Tanjore, to be paid here by Sobaroy, 10 days after the arrival of his Agents Receipts for that Sum recd there		100.000
31st March		345,533
Amt disbursements as p Contra		124,500
Balance on 31st March Pags		221033
Proposed Paymt to Creditors		204.777
Balance 1st April Pags		16.256

Disbursements from 1st to 31st

Military Paymts Gunls Indents for March	115.000
New Cantonments	5.000
Civil Paymaster	4500
Pagodas	124.500

NB. I have not inserted the Military Disbursements for Madura & Palamcotah; neither have I brought into this State= =ment the Balance remaining with the Paymaster at Palamcotah - How it stands -

Balance in his hands	43.091
Amount Disbursements at Madura & Palamcotah for March, April & May	35.661
Balance still in his hands 1st June	Pags 7,430

I Propose that an 8 Years Interest be paid to the Old, as well as other Creditors on 31st March, out of the Nabob's 2d Kist of 5 Lacks rec'd by Government -

To those of 1777	164.955
To those of 1767	39.822
Pags	204.777

* Vide Letter from Manulipatam

The Cavalry Loan not having been yet adjusted or admitted by the Nabob, makes no part of this proposed Dividend -

Receipts from 1st April to 31st May 1786

Balance	16.256
Jaghire to compleat the Kist ending 30th April	47.000
Carr over Pags	63.256

Disbursements from 1st to 2d

Military North of the Coleroon	180,000
New Cantonments	10.000
Military Stores & Sepoy Cloths	5000
Carr over Pags	195000

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Receipts brot over —	63.256	Disbursements brot over	1.95.000
		Civil Paymaster — — —	9000
Home farms to compleat the Balance between 1st March and 31st May — — — — — —	20.000	Interest on Company's Bonds due 30th April —	30,500
Sea & Land Customs for three Months to 31st May — —	10.000	Cash to be reserved in the Resident of Tanjore's hands for the following disbursements for March, April & May viz.	
Sale of Import Goods to Do. —	12.000	Trichinopoly — 49.578	
From the Circars — — — —	120.000	Tanjore Mil.a Dep.ts 67.362	
		Arrear Bill & Attorney 35.000	
		Arrear to Ibrahim 1400	
		153.340	
		Pagodas 2,34,500	

From Nagore & Negapatam taken from an Estimate of Mr Hallofield about 9 Months ago: supposed Collection 68,000: Pags p Annum — Since when, no Cash has been remitted by him and only one Bill drawn upon him payable at a long date for Pagodas 5000 This Estimate was made up to 30th April 1786 — — — 30.000

I propose that the Residue of the growing Interest to the Nabob's Creditors shall be paid only at the price at which the Nabob has engaged to pay the Sum of 12 Lacks in full —

From Tanjore, deducting the Sum proposed to be reserved as p Contra in the hands of the Resident for Military Disbursements South of the Coleroon, for March, April and May X — — — 2,06,660

31st May Pags. —	4,70,916
Amt Disbursemts as p Contra.	2,34,500
Balance — Pags. —	2,37,416

X Vide Mr Huddleston's Letter 17th Febry 1786.

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Balance due from the Renters &c. to be received from 15th March to 31st May

Pauperiah Braminy an old Balance		1334 12 -
Trevingadyah and Chocopah Renters of the Salte & Tobacco Farm due 1st Feby 1786	9583.12	
Cash received	3100.	
	6483.12	
Do for 3 Months	15000.	
		21483 12 -
Chocopah Chitty Renter of Arrack and Toddy Licenses due 1st Feby for 2 Mo 3750.		
Do for 3 Months	5374.	
		9125 . "
Myla Mura Labay Mackay Renter of Po Thonie due 1st Sept 1785	2307	
Deduct for a deposit	2000	
	307	
Do due 1st March 1786	2947.12	
		3254 12 "
Panagangary Trevengada Pallah Renter of Meat duty due the 31st December 1785	2570.	
Do Bankraul duty due do	1300.	
		3870 " "
Pauperiah Renter of Paddy fields & Salt Pans due 1st April 1786		625 . "
Natchapah Modely Renter of Ruby Brokerage due 1st February 1786		360 . "
Do Renter of Tours brokerage due 1st Feby.	185	
Do due 1st May	185	
		370 . "
Nagapah Chitty Renter of Pondicherry due by him		2817 2 12
Nagapah Chetty & Bommoo Chetty Renters of Peramboe Egmore & Trevatore due 28th Febry 1786		8665 " "
Nagapah Chetty for Ramsawammy the late Renter of Arrack Toddy Licenses due 1st Augt 1785 for 9 Mo/ths	15750	
Deduct a Secretary's Note as a deposit	12000	
Interest on Do	2880	14880
		870 . "
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A Statement of Interest which will be due to the Nabobs Creditors on 31st July 1786 that being the Expiration of the Term in which he has engaged to pay the full Sum of Twelve Lacks of Pagodas —

Supposing the debt to be adjusted by the 31 July 1786

To the Cavalry Loan Creditors

1 Years Int. due 31st Dec. 1785 —	82.874. 32.64	
Int. from 1st Janry to 31st July 1786 —	48.366. 26.10	1.31.241. 16. 74

To the Creditors of 1777

1 Years Int. due 31st Dec. 1785 —	329.910	
Int: from 1st Janry to 31st July 1786 —	192.447. 21.-	522.357. 21.-
		6,53,568. 37. 74

Residue to be equally divided between the Comy & the Credrs of 1767

To the Company — — — —	2.73.215. 23. 3	
To the Creditors of 1767 — —	2.73.215. 23. 3	5,46,431. 4. 6
	Pags	12,00,000. .. —

NB. The Sum to be issued from the Treasury in the manner proposed amounts to Pags 2,04,777 — The Residue of the 5 Lacks already received being Pags 2,95,223 remains unappropriated in the Treasury, until the whole 12 Lacks are paid — When the Company will receive for their Moiety of the Surplus Pags 30,822 more than the Creditors of 1767. who now receive that Sum in part of Interest —

The Question being put on the Motion contained in the President's Minute

"President's Proposal put.

Viz: "that a Dividend of 1,50,000 Pagodas" (according to the Notice annexed) "in part of the" "12 Lacks annually to be paid by the Nabob be" "made on the 1st of next Month" Mr Floyer is of Opinion for the Reasons contained in his Minute, that the Dividend should be declared

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Mr Sloyer against the President's Motion

for Pagodas 2,04,777 instead of 1,50,000 - he is therefore against the President's Motion -

Commander in Chief in opinion with the President

The Commander in Chief coincides in the opinions expressed by the President, & approves the Notice proposed to be given of a Dividend of 1,50,000 -

President's Proposal adopted.

Resolved accordingly that the Notice be issued, declaring a Dividend of Pags 1,50,000 -

Alex, Davidson

J. M. Dallas

Charles Sloyer

W. C. Jenkins
Dep. Sec.

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President

Friday
17th March
1786

Lieut General Sir John Dalling Baronet

Charles Floyer Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

The Commander in Chief's

delivers in the following Minute -

The Appearance of the Mahrattas

and the Nizam at Nagoody near the N.W. frontier

of the Carnatic, seems to call upon us to make some

preparations for our own safety, and indeed it ap-

-pears necessary to me to enquire into the destination

of those Armies - We have every reason to believe they

are intended to attack Tippoo Sultaun, which in

the present unhappy state of their Country we cannot

prevent - We can only observe a strict neutrality

and endeavour thereby to preserve the Company's

Territories, and the Nabob's Dominions from Invasion

- However, as in the desultory kind of War, which

is likely to be carried on between these Country

Powers, we have every reason to apprehend that

some bodies of Horse may pass the boundaries of

Tippoo's Country, and plunder the poor Inhabitants

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Commander in Chief's Minute, recommending that an Army of Observation be formed to watch the Motions of the Armies around us. & that the frontier Garrisons be reinforced & stored with Grain.

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on the frontiers of the Carnatick; In my Opinion we should lay in a good Supply of Grain & also reinforce the Garrisons adjacent to the Paps: but, in order to avoid any Possibility of our being involved in disputes that may end in furnishing a plea for further hostilities, we must give strict orders to the Officers commanding those Forts to act entirely on the defensive, & to afford shelter, and protection to the Inhabitants of the Country, and their property, but by no means whatever wantonly to attack the Troops of any of the contending parties, - as a further Security for those, who are likely to be molested, and also to avoid a possibility of any mis= =understanding happening between our Troops, and those of the powers now in Arms, I beg leave to submit to the Consideration of the Board, whether it would not be prudent in Government to write Letters to the Chiefs of the several Armies, setting forth our pacific disposition, and wish to observe a strict neutrality declaring also that although we have thought proper to put our Garrisons near the Paps, into a proper State of defence, we have no object in view, but to defend the Inhabitants of the Carnatic from the predatory excursions of their irregular Troops.

/Signed/ John Dalling

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The Board approve the Commander

Minute thereon in Chief's Recommendation for storing Grain and will take his Minute into Consideration immediately after the Dispatch.

The President begs leave to lay before the Board the following Letter addressed to him by Mr Porcher.

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President & Governor

at

Fort St George

Honble Sir.

Lest the Discount of 30 p Cent.

From Mr Porcher stateing why he engaged to discount Certificates for Military Arrears at thirty p Cent. at which I am willing to engage to pay Certificates for Arrears to Subaltern Officers & Sepoys under the Bengal arrangement, should appear to yield me an unreasonable Profit, I beg leave in my own Vindication to lay before you a Statement of the Loss and expences, I must necessarily incur in fulfilling my engagements.

I must draw on Bengal at an Exchange of 460 Arcot Rupees p 100 which compared to that allowed by the Board of Current Rupees 415. 12. 0 is a Loss to me of 5 p Cent.

Including

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— Including the expence of Coinage, and the Loss consequent on that Coinage, also Freight and Insurance, remittances on Specie from Bengal have, seldom of ever, been out less than 7 per Cent Loss —

One and an half per Cent must further be allowed for Commission in Bengal, one p Cent to the Southward, and ½ p Cent for the expence of Servants, which I must necessarily employ here, — it thus appears, that of the 10 p Cent allowed me, one half is absorbed in necessary expences, leaving only a Profit of 5 p Cent.

I will declare to you Honorable Sirs, that the motives, which led me to enter into this engagement with Government, was not so much the expectation of any pecuniary advantage as the Credit, which I hope to derive from it in affording every assistance in my Power towards executing their Plan for the liquidation of Arrears.

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Jos. Cutbert Porcher

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President's Information to the Board on the subject.

The President observes to the Board, that although the foregoing Letter is perfectly satisfactory to him, yet as Reports have been circulated tending to impress the Idea, that the Offers of Messrs Porcher & Redhead for discounting Bengal

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Bengal Bills at 30 p Cent, are exorbitant, he has desired the principal Merchants to attend, & to give personal Information to the Board on the Subject — The President has taken this measure for the Satisfaction of Government, having himself conversed with the Merchants previous to the Re=port, which he made to the Board on the 8th Inst.

Messrs Holland, Ewing, De Fries de Souza, and Edwd Raphael being called in, the President explains to them the offers of Messieurs Porcher & Redhead, & of Mr Menzies, & desires to know their opinion of the Terms offered, & whether any of them will discount at a cheaper Rate —

Principal Merchants of the Settlement called before the Board to give their opinion of the Terms offered. & whether they will discount the Certificates at a cheaper Rate —

The Gentlemen abovementioned in answer inform the Board, that they adhere to their resolution of declining to discount the Certi=ficates for Bengal Bills, & further declare that if they were inclined to make Offers to the Board they certainly could not propose Terms lower than those already offered —

The Merchants Reply

The Gentlemen having withdrawn, the Secretary lays before the Board the following Drafts —

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G. O.

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General Order on the Subject of a liquidation of the Military Arrears of this Establishment, agreeably to the Arrangement of the Governor General & Council —

The Honble President & Council are pleased to notify to the Army, that the Governor General & Council have adopted a Plan for the general Liquidation of the Arrears of the Company's Troops in India, which are to be cleared to the 1st January 1786 —

This Plan was received at this Presidency the 16th December last, and the G. O. of the 19th of the same Month, was issued in order to procure the necessary Accounts, which would enable this Government to carry into full execution the Arrangement made by the Governor General and Council —

The Plan of the Governor General and Council, specified that a Moiety of the Arrears to the 31st December 1785 due to the Subalterns, Commissioned, Non Commissioned & Privates would be liquidated in Cash, and that the remaining Moiety, would be discharged by Bills on Bengal payable in eight months from the 1st of Janry last, with Interest at 8 a Premium of 8 per Cent, and to be discharged in preference to all other demands —

The Arrears to Captains, & to all above that Rank, also, to all Paymasters, Contractors, Agents, &c. to be liquidated by Certificates

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for Bengal Bonds, which Bonds are to bear Interest from the 1st Janry 1786 at 8 p Cent p Annum, with a Condition in each Bond, leaving it optional to the Bond-holders to receive 8 p Cent in India, or a Bill on the East India Company, for the Interest of the said Bond at 5 p Cent: the Rupee at such Exchange as shall hereafter be determi-ned by the Governor General and Council, pay-able one year after Sight, and annually at plea-sure till the principal is paid, either in Bengal or in London—

The Sum of Money allotted for this Presidency, and sent from Bengal in Decr last, was 8 p Lacks of Current Rupees, which the Governor General and Council declared to be the whole Amount of Specie, that would be procured at that time, they have expressed their conviction that this Sum would be inadequate to the entire discharge of the Arrears even to the Soldiery, but they wished it to be considered as an assurance, that more was to be expected, and that every resource of the controlling Government, was understood to be justly bound for the payment of all the Arrears of the Company's Troops in every quarter—

While the Accounts directed to be furnished in the G. O. of the 16th December were preparing, the distresses of some Corps of the Native

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Native Troops to the Southward, occasioned a Mutiny and obliged the Government to make instant Payments, in order to put them upon the same footing with the other Native Battalions — To effect this, and to equalize the payments to the 31st December to all the Native Corps the Board expended upwards of 12 Lacks of Rupees, absorbing thereby, not only the 8 Lacks remitted from Bengal, but also a large Sum from funds appropriated to other purposes —

The Current Arrears to the Subalterns, and Privates to the 31st December, being then in a certain & immediate State of Liquidation, if not already discharged, there remains at present due the Amount of Certificates granted for Arrears previous to the 31st August 1784 — These Certificates are to be liquidated by Bills on Bengal, payable in 8 Months from the 1st January, & bearing an Interest of 8, with a Premium of 4 p Cent —

In order however to assist the Subalterns and Privates to the utmost, in realizing the amount of the Bills upon the Bengal Government, which are to be given to them, the Honble the Governor General & Council have desired, that a discount Office be opened at this Presidency, & the President and Council in conformity

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conformity to such desire, have stipulated with Messrs Porcher & Redhead, and Mr Menzies, who have engaged to discount the Bills abovementioned at 30 ℔ Cent.

Although the Board have agreed to the Terms abovementioned, which after application to the principal Merchants in the place, were the lowest that could be procured, they are so sensible of the heavy loss which will accrue by a discount of 30 ℔ Cent, that they are willing to hope the mode will not be adopted by the Subalterns and Privates, more especially when they reflect that they have so certain and so speedy a prospect of receiving the full Amount of their Claims—

The President and Council think it necessary to inform the Subalterns and Privates, that althó the Discounters are bound to demand no more than 30 ℔ Cent, — it is perfectly optional on the part of the Subalterns and Privates to accept those terms, and they are at full liberty to apply wherever better Terms can be obtained—

These Gentlemen are to supply their Agents at all the different Cantonments and Garrisons with Money sufficient to discount the Amount of the Certificates, which are in the possession of the Subalterns, Commissioned, Non Commissioned, or Privates, and which (excepting those in the possession of Subalterns) are countersigned by the Commanding Officers of Corps, as directed

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directed in the G. O. of 19th Dec.r - every Subaltern, Commissioned, Non Commissioned, or Private, will therefore have it in his power, immediately to discount the amount of his Claim, or should he prefer waiting the expiration of 8 Months from 1st Janry last, he will receive the full amount of the Certificate in his possession, and be inclu=ded in a Bill upon the Bengal Government which will be drawn in favor of the Military Paymaster General, on account of such Batta=lion, or Corps -

If the Subaltern, Commissioned Non Commissioned, or Private chuse to discount the Sum due upon the Certificate in his possession he will receive the Amount from the Discounters Agent, after deducting 30 P Cent, and he will deliver to him the Certificate now in his possession which will be the Discounters Voucher for the Bill to be granted in his favor, on the Bengal Government -

The President and Council assure the Army, that it is the determination of the Governor General, and Council, in which they will have the most hearty cooperation of this Government to see every Private Soldier paid the amount of his just demands, as far as

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the ability of the Company in India, or in Great Britain, can command the means of discharging the Debts - It is considered that the Company are particularly bound to apply all their Resources in India to the discharge of the Claims of the Army for it's meritorious Services, and to reward the attach=ment of the Sepoys - The Bengal Government having exerted itself to the utmost in the arrange=ment now communicated; and the Subaltern, Commissioned, Non Commissioned and Privates are informed, that if they will wait the period fixed for the payment of the Bills, which will be tendered to them in liquidation of the remaining Moiety of Arrears, they will receive the full Amount of their Certificates, with an Interest of 12 pCent, from the 1st January last, as before stated - They are likewise informed, that although the Governor General and Council have lately resolved to pay in future all Demands upon their Government, according to priority of the Dates, on which they became accepted by them, they do not mean this Resolution should effect the preference, which they have pledged to give to the Drafts, which are to be made upon them by this Government, for the Moiety of the Arrears due to the Soldiery, and Subaltern

Officers

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Officers of this Establishment.

In Conformity therefore to the Arrangement made by the Bengal Government, the President and Council give Notice, that the Arrears due to Captains, and all Officers above that Rank, will be liquidated by Certificates on the Governor General and Council, for Bengal Bonds; and that all such Officers who wish to avail themselves of this mode, are to present their Certificates to the Paymaster General, who is ordered to grant Certificates for Bonds on the Governor General and Council for the Amount of the respective Claims. To prevent any delay in the granting the Certificates for Bengal Bonds, all Officers who have any Certificates for Arrears due to them while serving with the Southern Army, are hereby informed, that such Certificates must be countersigned by Mr. William Jackson, Commissioner of Accounts, previous to their being passed by the Paymaster General.

All Paymasters, Agents,

and Contractors, who may have demands on the Company, and whose Accounts have been

examined

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examined and passed either by the Commissioners of Accounts, or the Commissioner to the Southward, (of which they must produce a Certificate) may also on application to the Paymaster General receive an order for a Bengal Bond, for the amount that appears to be due them - Bullock Masters, and all others, who have received Certificates for Arrears, may, in like manner, obtain Certificates for Bengal Bonds, on applying at the Military Paymasters Office in Madras -

The Surgeons also upon producing their Accounts properly audited, may receive orders for Bengal Bonds. for the Arrears due to them -

Such Persons as may at this time be in possession of Receipts, given by the Paymaster General for transferred Certificates, delivered in previous to the 20th Ulto may on presenting the Receipts at the Pay Office in Fort St George, receive an order for a Bengal Bond for the amount of the same -

The Honble President & Council having been informed, that there are Corps in the Service, that have not as yet received Certificates for their old Arrears from the Paymaster, are pleased to direct, that the Pay Rolls of such Corps be immediately delivered to the Paymaster, who

should

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should grant Certificates, who is hereby directed on receipt thereof, to ascertain the amount due to such Battalion, to grant Certificates to each man having Arrears due to him, & bring them to account as before directed in Government Orders on that Subject - The Commandant of the Corps, must counter-sign the Certificates, as he delivers them to the people, who are present with the Battalion, and note the day when he so countersigns them -

Messrs. Porcher & Redhead and Mr. John Menzies, have appointed at the following places the undermentioned Persons as their respective Agents -

At Trichinopoly

For Messrs. Porcher & Redhead - Mr. W. Jackson

For Mr. Menzies - - - - - Patchapah Moodeliar

At Tanjore

For Messrs. Porcher & Redhead, Mr. Martin

For Mr. Menzies - - - - - Patchapah Moodeliar

At Madura & Palamcotah

For Messrs. Porcher & Redhead - - Mr. Tonin

For Mr. Menzies - - - - - Mr. Blackader

At Arcot & Nellore

For Messrs. Porcher & Redhead

For Mr. Menzies - - - - - Mr. Tonnano -

By Order of the Honorable

President & Council,

/ Signed / John Chamier Secy

To

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Circular to Subordinates & Out Garrisons

I am directed by the Honble

President and Council to inform you that the

Governor General and Council of Bengal have

adopted a Plan for the general Liquidation of

the Arrears of the Company's Troops in India, which

are to be cleared to the 1st of January last -

This Plan was received at this

Presidency the 16th December last, and the G. G.

of the 19th of the same Month was issued in order

to procure the necessary Accounts, which would

enable this Government to carry into full exe-

-cution the Arrangement made by the Governor

General and Council -

The Sum of Money allotted

for this Presidency, and sent from Bengal was

8 1/2 Lacks of Current Rupees, which the Governor

General and Council have declared to be the

whole amount of Specie that could be procured

at that time - They have expressed their conviction

that this Sum would be inadequate to the entire

discharge of the Arrears even to the Soldiery, but

they wish it to be considered as an assurance that

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Circular Letter to the Subordinates & Out Garrisons with Instructions in respect to the mode of liquida-ting the Arrears of the Army -

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more is to be expected, and that every resource of the controlling Government is understood to be justly bound for the payment of all the Arrears of the Company's Troops in every Quarter -

While the Accounts directed to be furnished in the G.O. of 19th Dec.r were preparing, the distresses of some Corps of the Native Troops to the Southward occasioned Mutiny and obliged the Government to make instant payments in order to put them upon the same footing with the other Native Battalions - To effect this, and to equalize the payments to the 31st Dec.r to all the Native Corps the Board expended upwards of 12 Lacks of Rupees, absorbing thereby, not only the 8 1/2 Lacks sent from Bengal but also a large Sum from Funds appropriated to other purposes - This measure rendered unavoidable, from the Situation of Affairs made some alteration in the Arrangement from Bengal, from whence it had been intended that the 8 1/2 Lacks should be appropriated as far as they would go to the liquidation of the old Arrears, whereas, by the abovementioned payments, this Money was applied to the discharge of the Current Arrears, which proved a more efficacious relief to the Service, to compleat the payment of Current Arrears to the 31st. December last, they received at least a third more than the 8 1/2 Lacks sent from Bengal -

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The Current Arrears to the Subalterns & Privates to the 31st Dec.r being thus in a certain & immediate state of liquidation if not already discharged, there remains at present due the amount of Certificates granted for Arrears previous to the 31st. August 1784 – These Certificates are to be liquidated by Bills on Bengal payable in 8 Months from the 1st. Janry last & bearing an Interest of 8 with a Premium of 4 p.Cent – In order however to assist the Native Commissioned Non Commissioned and Privates to the utmost of their power, the Board have made agreement with the Houses of Messieurs Porcher and Redhead and Mr. John Menzies for the purpose of discounting the above Bills at 30 p.Cent, which, after an application to all the principal Merchants were the best terms, that could be obtained – These Gentlemen are to supply their Agents at all the different Cantonments & Garrisons with Money sufficient to discount the amounts of the Certificates which are in the possession of the Native Commissioned Non-Commissioned or Privates, and which are countersigned by the Commanding Officers of Corps as directed in the G.o O.s of the 19th December – every Native Commissioned, Non Commissioned or Private will therefore have it in his power immediately to discount the amount of his Claim, or should he prefer waiting the expiration of 8 Months from the

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the 1st January he will receive the full amount of the Certificate in his possession, and be included in a Bill upon the Bengal Government, which will be drawn in favor of the Military Paym.r General on account of such Battalion or Corps of the Natives Commissioned, Non Commissioned or Private chuse to discount the Sums due upon the Certificate in his possession he will receive the Amount from the Discounters Agents after deducting 30 p.Cent, and he will deliver to them the Certificate now in his possession which will be the Discounters Voucher for the Bills to be granted in his favor on the Bengal Government.-

You are strictly directed to explain in the fullest manner to the Native Commissioned, Non Commissioned and Privates what is above recited, and you are to assure them that it is the determination of the Governor General and Councils, in which they will have the most hearty cooperation of this Government, to see every Sepoy paid the amount of his just demands as far as the ability of the Company in India, or in Great Britain can command the means of discharging the Debts: - it is considered that the Company are particularly bound to apply all their Resources in India to the discharge of the Claims of this Army for its meritorious Services and to reward the attachment of the Sepoys -

You

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You will in the strongest manner and in the most forcible terms explain to the Sepoys that the Government of Bengal in the arrangements now communicated to you, has exerted itself to the utmost, and that if they will wait the period fixed for the payment of the Bills, which will be tendered to them, they will receive the full amount of their Certificates with an Interest of 12 p Cent from 1st Janry last; you will likewise state to them that although the Governor General & Council have lately resolved to pay in future all Demands upon their Government according to priority of the Dates, on which they became accepted by them; they do not mean this Resolution should affect the preference, which they have pledged to give to the Drafts, which are to be made upon them by this Government, for the Moiety of the Arrears due to the Soldiery and Subaltern Officers of this Establish-ment -

The Board have the fullest Confi-dence that the above, if minutely explained, will prove satisfactory to the Sepoys, and they place the greatest reliance upon you for this purpose - you are to attend in person during the whole of the Bu-siness, & to require the presence of the Officer next in Command to yourself, with the one who commands the Corps in possession of Certificates - you will see the Money paid to each man by the Discounters Agent, taking care that no loss arise to the Sepoy in bringing the Tanams to account, & receive the

Certificate

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Certificate in return, which you will deliver to the Agents, as mentioned in the first part of this Letter.

You are to explain to the Native Commissioned &c. that a greater Discount than 30 p Cent will not be demanded by Messrs Porcher and Redhead, and Mr. Menzies, who are under Ingagements to discount all Certificates at that rate - at the same time, the owners of Certificates are left at full liberty to discount, wherever the most advantageous Terms can be procured -

I enclose Copy of the Letter addressed to Messieurs Porcher and Redhead, and to Mr. Menzies, and am directed to inform you that the former have appointed Mr. and the latter Mr. their Agents at

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I am &c &c.

(Signed) John Chamier Secy

To Messrs Porcher and Redhead

To Messrs Porcher and Redhead & Mr John Menzies, their Proposals for opening Account Offices at 30 p Cent accepted. Instructions in Consequence -

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Honble President and Council to inform you that they have been pleased to accept of the Offer you have

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have made for discounting the outstanding Arrears due to the Commissioned, Non Commissioned and Privates, and to constitute you their Agents for their purpose; and I am further directed to explain to you, the mode in which it is the wish of Government, that the intended purpose should be effected.

You will receive from the Military Paymaster General, a general Abstract of the Sums of Arrear due to each particular Battalion, with a Notification of the Station at which the amount of those Arrears will be required to be discharged; - you will also be furnished with a Copy of the Rolls transmitted by the different Paymasters, on which are specified the name of each Holder of a Certificate, which bears the name of the Commandant, and the day on which counter-signed; such alone are to be considered by you as within the intention of Government, and included in the present arrangement. - You will inform the Government of the time when you will have so arranged matters, to have a sufficient Sums at every Station, and have appointed Agents to transact this Business, that no disappointment may happen on that account; after which a G. O. will be issued, declaring that all Agents, whom you may have appointed are authorized by Government to receive Certificates so countersigned from such Holders,

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as are willing to agree to the Terms at which you have proposed to discount the same - Your Agents will then receive the Certificates, and pay out the Spot in presence of the Commandant, and two other Officers the amount of such Certificate, deducting therefrom 30 ℔ Cent - they will afterwards as often as may be convenient or necessary transmit an Account of the full Sum of the Certificates on one Column, and the amount of the Sums paid, after deducting 30 ℔ Cent. in another, which you will produce, together with the original Certificates to the Paymaster General here, who will without delay grant you an order for a Bengal Certificate payable in eight Months, with Interest at 8 and Premium of four ℔ Cent to be dated from the day of discount for the full Sum of such Vouchers so delivered to him - It is the wish of Government also, that should it be in your power to advance a further Sum than will be necessary to pay the Native Commissioned, Non Commissioned and Privates, that you do instruct your Agents to receive any Certificates for old Arrears of all Officers under the rank of Captain at the same rate of Discounts, taking care that every such Certificate for Arrears incurred with the Southern Army, bear the signature of Mr William Jackson, Commissioner of Accounts, for all which a Certificate will in like manner be granted -

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I enclose a Penalty Bond, which the Board request you will execute as a Security for your not receiving a greater Discount than thirty p Cent. upon the Certificates in possession of the Subalterns, Native Commissioned, Non Commissioned and Privates of the Army -

I am Gentlemen &c &c

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/ Signed / John Hamilton Secy

NB. The same to Mr John Menzies -

Ordered that they be transcribed fair and dispatched, and that Copies be sent to England as Numbers in the Packet -

Copies of the foregoing Drafts to be sent to England by the present Dispatch.

Read the following Letter

from Lieutenant Colonel Fraser -

The Honorable The Governor
and Council &c &c &a &ca

/ Fort St George

From Lt Col. Fraser enclosing an address to the Court of Directors, requesting that his Eldest Son may be appointed a Writer, & the Second a Cadet in the Company's service -

Honble Sir & Sirs

My anxiety for an Establishmt in behalf of some part of my young Family will I hope plead my excuse for the liberty I take of requesting the favor that you will be pleased, not only to forward the enclosed Address to the Honble

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the Court of Directors, but to support the application contained in it, in such a manner, as is most likely to ensure its Success -

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I have the honor to be &c &c

Signed / C. Fraser. Lt Col.

Ordered that Lieut Colonel Fraser's Letter addressed to the Court of Directors, be forwarded by the present Despatch: and that it be recommended to their favorable Notice -

Minute Thereon.

Alex. Davidson

Wm C. Jackson
Dep. Sec.

Jno. Dalrymple

Charles Boyer

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Received the following Letter

from Bengal -

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Co Council

at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

We have been honored with your Letter of the 31st of last Month. - We regret that you have not yet had it in your power to ascertain and communicate to us the exact amount of Military Arrears at your Presidency, because, as it was proposed to liquidate those Arrears on the 1st of January, any delay not absolutely necessary in attending closely to the Arrangement, which we had adopted, might hazard the Credit of this Government, and implicate yours in consequences of a disagreeable Nature -

The Certificates in favor of Mr Light and Mr Edward Garrow have not yet been presented to us; nor have you yet acquainted us for what departments of your Military Service they have been granted. But when they are presented to us, we shall shew them due honor, not doubting that they

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For Bengal; recommending that there be no delay in ascertaining & communicating to them the exact amount of the Military Arrears of this Establishment - The Certificates in favor of Mr Light and Mr Edward Garrow will be duly accepted - The Sum mentioned in the Arrear Role transmitted by them to this Presidency was arbitrary & was merely meant as a form of general Observance, not as an Exchange between a certain number of Rupees & Pagodas agreeably to a supposed rate granted therein - Their reason for taking upon themselves the payment of the Kings Troops was to enable this Government to carry on their Investment -

B engage for no more than the Governor Generals Plan for liquidating Military Arrears actually apures - We cannot however avoid observing that you have been led into an error in imagining that the Exchange between a certain number of Current Rupees and a certain number of Star Pagodas was intended to be allowed according to the rate supposed to have been granted in the Arrear Roll transmitted to you with our Letter of the 16th Nov.r for the Sum of Current Rupees supposed in that Arrear Roll for a Sum of Pagodas was totally arbitrary, & altho Curr.t Rupees 116 3 3 were considered in that Roll as an equivalent for Pag.s 100, our purpose would have been fully answered had the number of Rupees or of Pagodas been double the number written down: The Form of the Arrear Roll was merely sent to you to be a Form of General Observance, and to specify in different Columns, Reductions from one Specie to another, without meaning that the exact number of one Specie supposed for that of another should be the real Guide for your determination on the Exchange - With respect to Certificates granted in future, we shall approve of your making the Exchange entirely determinable by their Government, as the Court of Directors have been pleased to order in regard to the Bills to be drawn on them from Bengal for the Payment of the Bonded & other Debts at the several Presidencies.

This Letter which you have transmitted

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18th transmitted to us from the principal Merchants at your Presidency on the Subject of the Exchange on those Bills, as far as it respects Fort St George, will come under our Consideration in the Public Department, from whence we shall have the honor of advising you of our Resolutions on this Question —

We have acquainted you in our Letter from that Department bearing date the 16th Instt that one of the Objects of the Resolutions — which we paged for paying the Kings Troops at your Presidency by Supplies from Bengal was to enable you to carry on your Investment: We desire that you will consider this Observation as extending also to the provision of the Investment proposed in the Gov.r Genl.s Plan for liquidating Milit=tary Arrears as necessary to be sent home, under the denomination of Military Arrear Debt In=vestment, to be a Fund for paying off your Pro=portion of 5 p.r Cent Interest on Bengal Bonds granted for the Discharge of your Arrears, & to be a Fund gradually collecting for paying off a part of the Principal of them —

We request that you will advise us in due time of the wishes of your Officers on the Plan proposed for liquidating the Military Arrears that what yet remains to be done by us may be effected to carry that Plan into com=plete Execution —

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

John Macpherson
A. Sloper
John Stables
Chas. Stuart

Fort William
Secret Department
22.d Feby 1786

/ Signed /

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The Commander in Chief having sent in Circulation the following Proposal of Mr. Garrow for building a Barrack for the 23d. Regiment of Light Dragoons, it was agreed that it should be accepted—

Proposals.

Mr. Garrow's Proposal for building a Barrack for the 23d. Regt. of Light Dragoons accepted—

Two Field Officers Quarters each 70 Feet long & 38 Feet wide including Verandas as p. Plan

To have each — One Godown, 16 by 12
One Cook Room 16 by 10
and a Privy

The Rooms of the Quarters & Godowns to be thatched, the Verandas and Cook Rooms Tyled — Floor to be raised one Step laid with Brick flat.

For four Captains & Fourteen Subalterns as p. Plan will be 360 Feet in length & 36 feet wide including Verandas, but as only one Veranda will be 27 feet wide—

Each Captns Quarter Every two Subalterns 2

to have — One Godown. 16 by 12
One Cook Room 16 by 10
and a Privy

Rooms & Verandas &c. to be covered as above mentioned — Floor raised one Step and laid Brick flat.

For six Quarter Masters, and Six More Rooms and six Gram Binns with Veranda as p. Plan will be 210 Feet long and 24 Feet wide,

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every two Quarter Masters to have

One Godown 16 by 12
One Cook Room 16 by 10
And a Privy

For six Troop of Dragoons, and an Hospital will require seven separate Buildings equal to 700 feet in length & 36 feet wide } Thatched Roof Veranda tyled

N.o 7 Cook Rooms tyled each 30 feet by 10 feet
7 Privys - - - - each 30 feet by 8 feet

One Guard Room 40 feet by 12 with a Veranda about 6 Feet wide & to be Thatched -

Two Conjee Rooms 16 Feet by 12, to be tyled -

A Shed - - - - - 40 Feet by 12 to be tyled, and to have a brick jelly Floor -

The floors of the Barracks, Hospital, Guard Rooms, & Conjee Rooms to be laid with brick flat

The Officers Quarters to have Teak doors & Windows from Madras -

The Quarter Masters Rooms & Store Rooms to have common Ledged doors and Windows -

The Gram Buins and Godowns to have common ledged doors -

The Windows and doors for the Barracks to be furnished with strong Bamboo Matts, or what the Country will easiest afford -

To be supplied with what Bamboos may be upon the Road, or in the Cantonments that are not wanted.

If done with one Veranda to the Officers Quarters the Price will be 5706 Pag.s - if with two Verandas the Price will be 6000 Pag.s which I am ready to receive as follows - - 1/3 (Pag.s 2000) in money

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2/3 - - - 4000 by Bill on Nagore payable in 4 Months -

(Signed) E Garrow

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2000 Pag.s advanced Mr. Garrow. & a Bill on Nagore for 4000

Ordered that 2000 Pagodas be advanced to Mr. Edward Garrow, and that a Bill be drawn in his favor upon Nagore for Pagodas 4000 payable in four Months.

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Sent the following Letter to

Bengal.

To the Honorable John Macpherson Esq.r

Governor General &.ca Council

of Fort William

Gentlemen,

To Bengal, explanatory of the Reasons for the speedy adoption by this Govern.t of the measure of sending Colonel Corbyn's detachm.t against the Southern Polygars.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 12.th of February from your Secret Department.

We are much concerned to find from the tenor of your abovementioned Letter that our proceedings on the Subject of the Detachment sent against the Polygars have not been honored with your Approbation. We are perfectly aware of those Clauses of the late Act of Parliament, which direct a speedy Communication to your Board, of what relates to Military Operations, and We should not have passed ultimate Resolutions without

20 without previously having obtained your
Concurrence, had We not thought the
Application of the Nabob was of a Nature
that required immediate determination —

We flatter ourselves that
on a reperusal of our Minutes, you will
acquit us from any Charge of having devi=
=ated from the Line prescribed to us — After
the Nabob had declared that if there was
any delay in bringing the Poligars to a
Sense of their duty, his payments to the
Company would be retarded, after We had
reflected, that as the Crop was on the Ground,
our refusal to give the desired Assistance,
might expose it to depredation, and that
We should consequently be deprived in such
Event of that pecuniary Aid upon which We
depended for the Monthly payments to the
Troops, We conceived ourselves warranted from
the necessity of the Case, in acquiescing in His
Highness's requisition, and the more so, as We
believed, and were assured by the Nabob, that
the Appearance of a Detachment in the Sou=
=thern Districts (consisting of about 1700 Men)
would be sufficient to recall the Poligars
to Obedience —

We took every precaution
in

persons.

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20 in our power to prevent any bad consequences, and We have the Satisfaction to report that none have resulted, & that the Nabobs authority has been supported without the exertion of any Force & without the dispossession of any Polegar.

With respect to the delay in sending our Proceedings to you, it was entirely owing to the weight of business, & to the inadequate assistance in the Secretary's Office.

We beg leave to assure you that a speedy Communication of Measures will on no occasion be less dictated by our own wishes and the respect becoming Subordination, than by the Manner which enforce it in the late Act of Parliament.

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We have the honor to be &c
(signed) Alex Davidson
for Council

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To the Honorable John Macpherson Esqr
Governor General & Council
at
Fort William

To Bengal stating the particular objections of the Bondholders to the Governor Generals Plan for liquidating the Bonded Debt in India.

Gentlemen,

We have now the honor to reply to your Letter dated 8th Febry from your Secret Department of Inspection

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21st We did not enter into a particular detail of the Objections which were made by the Bondholders at this Presidency to the Governor Generals Plan for liquidating the Company's Bonded Debt in India, because We did not conceive any more than a general opinion was required by your Board and we were strengthened in this opinion from having received information that the Plan had not only been digested and published without any Reference to this Government, but had been transmitted to England three or four months before it was communicated to us.

In conformity to your Directions We have now the honor to transmit a List of the Bondholders at this Presidency and an Extract from our Letter to the Court of Directors on the Subject of the Governor Generals Plan. We shall proceed in reporting to you the objections which were made to it agreeably to your Request.

1st It was supposed that the amount of the Bonded Debt was 6 Millions Sterling instead of 4 Millions as stated in the Governor Generals Plan & that this Error would essentially alter the whole System.

2d The Profit rated at 8 p.c was likewise supposed to be greatly exaggerated the Average Profit was not thought to exceed 2½ p.c

2d twenty five p.c. in which Idea a proportional deduc-
-tion would be necessary -

3d The Plan stated that the Com-
-pany value their present Indias Imports at 100
p.cent profit on the Invoice, but as this Increase
of Import might in some degree lower the value,
the Profits were estimated at 80 p.cent - The
Amount of the Bonded Debt therefore being 6
not 4 Millions, in order to render this Plan
efficient, it would be necessary, to encrease the
Import still farther, & on the principles of the
Plan it proportionally lowers the Rate of Profit.

4th The Idea of providing until
the pleasure of the Directors was known, an In-
-vestment of Bengal Silks Piece Goods to the
amount of 8 Lacks for the Bombay and Surat
Markets was disapproved, because it was con-
-ceived to have been for some years past a losing
Trade to Individuals, & which, to adopt an
acknowledged maxim, must therefore be ruinous
to a great commercial Body -

5th The advantages expected to
accrue from the Plan seemed to be confined
to Bengal, Bombay, & China - Six Ships being
destined for those places, not one for Madras - in
this there appeared a manifest partiality, for altho
Madras would certainly participate in the general
advantage, should the Plan be adopted, and be
attended with Success, still it would be in an
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N. inferior degree, because more indirectly, whereas it was considered, that the Coast of Choromandel was entitled to a preference on account of its Long Cloth, which next to the productions of China, & Pepper of Bencoolen, had always been esteemed the most profitable Articles of Trade exported from Asia --

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We have the honor to be &c.
/Signed/ Alex Davidson
for Council

Received Letters (as entered in MB's Nos 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. --

From the Chief Engineer,

From the Chief Engineer — dated 7th March, recommending that the Repair of the Parapets at Vellore & Keeping the Works clean, be the only things immediately attended to.

From Manulipatam, dated

From Manulipatam — 22d Febry, enclosing Copies of their Correspondence with Col Braithwaite in respect to the Force necessary to be stationed in the District --

From the Paymaster at

From Mr Falk / Mr B: Forin — Trichinopoly & the Acting Paymr at Palamcotah, dated 3d March, enclosing Letters to them from the Surgeons of the Garrison respecting the articles of the Medical Department to be delivered over to the Storekeeper --

From the Commandants

at Tanjore, Madura, & Palamcotah, stating

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From the Commandt of Madura Palamcotah & Tanjore.

21. the quantity of Arrack necessary to be kept up in their Garrisons, and the number of Godowns for the reception of it.

From General Horne

22 From Brig.r Genl. Horne, dated 17th March, stating the Insufficiency of Sepoys in the Cantonment, after detaching four Companies for the purpose of collecting the Peishcush due from some Polygars - and recommending that part of the Troops in Tinnevelly be sent to Trichinopoly.

From Mr. Falk

From the Paym.r at Trichinopoly dated 17th March, desiring to know if he is to comply with Captain Stevenson's Indent, for furnishing his Regiment with Artificers.

From Mr. Johnston

From the Paym.r at Madura requests that an order may be sent to the Paym.r at Palamcotah to remit him the Sum of 12000 Chuckrums for the use of the Garrison -

From D.r Anderson

From the Surgeon General, recommending that Mr Bell be appointed an Assistant Surgeon to the Native Cavalry -

From Col. Wintle

From the Commandant at Arcot, has acted agreeably to the Orders of Govern.t in furnishing the Amildar of Vellore with two Companies of Sepoys, which has left the Cantonm.t insufficient of Native Troops for the necessary duties.

From M.r Comm.r Jackson

From M.r Comm.r Jackson, desiring to be furnished with the Orders of Government to Col.o Fullarton while Commanding the Southern Army, authorizing him to enter into a Contract with M.r Digby for the Carriage of 30,000 Sheep & Oxen for the monthly Sum of 9,000 Pagodas -

From

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From the Paym.r at Illore, inclosing
From the Paym.r at Illore — a List of Colr. Bedding &c.a received by him from
the Surgeons at that Place —

From the Surgeons at Vellore,
From the Surgeons at Vellore. dated 10.th March with observations upon the
new Medical Regulations —

From Masulipatam, dated
From Masulipatam 5.th March, advising of their having advanced
a Sum of Money to the Native Commissioned and
Non Commissioned Officers of the late reduced
Battalions to enable them to proceed to their
March to the Presidency —

From the Commandant of Angole
From the Command.t at Angole dated 13.th 17.th & 20.th March, states the Depredations
committed in the Angole District by a Detachm.t
of the Soubah's Army, & the Steps taken by him
in Consequence.

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Sent the undermentioned
Letters (entered in MB's Nos. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65.)

To the Civil Paymaster, enfor-
To the Civil Paymaster -ming him that as Arlandow has been reestablished
in the Post of Cuttwall at St Thome, he is to receive
his former Allowance of 25 Pags p.r Mensem —

To Mr. Commissioner Jackson.
To Mr Commissioner Jackson stating that the Records, relative to the Contract
said to have been entered into by Mr Degby for the
Carriage of Rice, afford no information on the Subject.

To General Horne, enclosing
To Genl Horne Extract of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob
representing that the Tanjoreans during the
Administration of Lord Macartney, constructed

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23. a Gardun on a Piece of Ground belonging to Treche=nopoly, & desiring that the General may be di=rected to make enquiry and cause the same to be restored to His Highness

To the Paymasters at Palamcotah & Madura, directing the former to forward to Madura 12000 Chuckrums, & to the latter in=forming him of the same -

Sent the following Letter to the Resident at Tanjore -

To the Paymasters at Palamcotah & Madura -

To John Huddleston Esqr

Resident at Tanjore

Sir,

To the Resident at Tanjore to pay as soon as possible to Soobaroy's Agent the remainder of the two Lacks of Pagodas, as the Board are in want of pecuniary Supplies at the Presidency

I am directed by the Board to desire you will as soon as possible pay to Soobaroy's Agent, the remainder of the two Lacks of Pagodas agreeably to the engagement communicated to you in my Letter of the 23d December last.

The Board desire no time may be lost in completing this Agreement, as they have occasion for pecuniary Supplies, which will be afforded here by Soobaroy upon the transmission of the Receipts from his Agent at Tanjore -

You will be pleased to furnish the Agent with such Escort as may be necessary for the Security of the Money, which will be sent by him from Tanjore to the Presidency -

I am Sir &c &c

Signed / John Hamilton Secy

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At

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President

Thursday 23d. March 1786.

Lieut General Sir John Dalling Bart.

Charles Floyer Esqr.

Minutes of last Consulta-

-tation read and approved

The Commander in Chief

delivers in the following Minute.

In addition to my Minute

which I had the honor to put before the Board

the day before yesterday, I shall add, that

circumstances seem strongly to indicate the

necessity of assembling a small body of Troops,

as a Corps of Observation - That every Tent, whether

in possession of the public, or in the hands of

Individuals be collected; That in addition thereto

more should be immediately made up, sufficient

to cover two companies of Artillery, 1500 European

Cavalry and Infantry, 2 Regiments of Native

Cavalry, and 8 Battalions of Sepoys - That the

whole should be in readiness to rendezvouz on

the Plain at Chittiburg a few miles West of

Vellore - That a Troop of Cavalry be moving from

the Cantonment at Arcot to the Northward;

another

Commander in Chief recommends the assembling a body of Troops as an Army of Observation & delivers in an Estimate of Camp Equipage -

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another from the Cantonment at Warriore to the Northward also, watching the Mahrattas & Myso-reans, and attending their Motions; but positively to remain within the Limits of our own Dominions and on no account to attack - but at the same time to protect our own Subjects, and their pro-perties against all Invaders -

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(Signed) John Dalling

Estimate of Camp Equipage necessary for an Army of Observation of the following Strength -

		Field Officers Palanquins	Officers Marquees	Private Tents	Sepoy Tents	Bell Tents
European Cavalry 1 Regiment		2	13	45	"	"
European Artillery 2 Comps. with their Lieutenant Gunners		"	11	30	"	10
European Infantry 2 Regiments		6	56	108	"	44
Native Cavalry 2 Regiments		2	16	6	32	"
Do Infantry 8 Battalions		"	56	16	80	160
Staff	Brigadiers 2	2	2	2	"	"
	Adjutant & Qr. Mr. General	2	2	2	"	"
	Deputy Do Do	"	2	"	"	"
	Brigade Majors	"	2	"	"	"
	Surgeon Major	1	"	2	"	"
	Surgeons 4	"	4	4	"	"
Total		15	169	215	112	214

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The above Minute together with Sir John Dallings Minute entered in Consultation the 17th Instant, being taken into Consideration,

Minute thereon

the Board express their entire Concurrence with the General upon the propriety of making as soon as possible, such provision of Camp Equipage as will enable a respectable Force to take the Field, if it should be necessary -

Agreed in consequence that

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the Tents mentioned in the Estimate annexed to the Commander in Chiefs Minute be provided at the established Rates and that the Paymaster at Vizagapatam be directed to make up one half of the Quantity - the other half to be furnished in equal proportions by Masulipatam & the Military Storekeeper at the Presidency -

The Board proceed to take

President proposes that the Committee for investigating the Nabobs Debts be directed to calculate the proportion of the Dividend of 150,000 Pags to be received on each Bond -

into consideration the Distribution of the Dividend of 150,000 Pagodas, which is to be made to the Nabobs Creditors on the 1st April, upon which the President proposes that the Committee appointed to investigate the Nabobs Debts be directed to calculate the proportion to be received on each Bond -

The Board acquiesce in the

The Presidents proposal agreed to.

Presidents Proposal of employing the Committee in this Service - with respect to the Distribution, Mr Floyer begs leave to enter the following Minute.

In

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In my Minute of the 15th Inst.

Mr Floyer's Minute repeating the distribution of the Dividend —

and on the Papers, which accompanied it, I have stated that the Company's proportion to be received from Her Highness the Nabob, upon her compleating her forth Annual payment of 12,00,000 Pagodas, in part liquidation of his public and private debts will amount to 2,73,285 Pagodas —

The President having on that day moved, and carried by a Majority the Question for making a Dividend to the said Creditors of 1,50,000 Pagodas on the 1st of next months, and proposed that timely notice should be given of the distribution of the abovementioned Sum; I shall, in offering my opinion upon the Subject of such a distribution, adhere strictly to the Letter & spirit of the orders of the Court of Directors bearing date 9th Decr 1784, as the temporary deviation, which I had proposed at a former Consultation for the greater relief of the several Classes of Creditors is, from the late Resolution of the Board, become unnecessary —

Of the Sum of 3,00,000 Pagodas already received from the Nabob on account of his Creditors, it hath been resolved to divide £30,000 — That the Company can have no claim to a participation of this Dividend, when Government will still have so very large a Sum as 35,000 Pags to account for, to the public & private Creditors of His Highness, will surely not be disputed; & that the Creditors of the Cavalry Loan can have no demand upon the Nabob, until his debt to them shall be admitted is undoubted — It therefore follows, that the distribution

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distribution of the said Sum of 150,000 Pag.s should be made in the respective proportions, to the Creditors of 1777 in part of the growing Interest due to them, & to those of 1767, in part of the Principal & Interest of the Nabobs debt to them, in the same proportion that would have obtained, if the whole Sum of 1,20,000 Pagodas had now been received.

Upon this Principle, the Dividend now proposed, will yield,

To the Creditors of 1767 in part of the Princ.l & Interest due to them — — — — — — — — } 51,810.—

To the Creditors of 1777 in part of growing Int.t — 98,190

Pag.s — 150,000

I would propose that a new Head should be established in the General Books, of public & private Creditors of His Highness the Nabob That this Head should be credited with the Sum of 5,00,000 Pag.s lately received from the Nabob; and debited for the amount of the Dividend now about to be made: and that this Rule should be observed in all future Receipts & disbursements on this ac= =count — There will then remain, as I have before stated in the hands of Government, in trust for the public and private Creditors of the Nabob, a balance of 3,50,000 Pagodas, to be adjusted in any future Dividends to be made in this Year.

I would further take the Liberty to propose, that the Registers of Bonds delivered to us by the Committee of Nabobs Bond Creditors, should be sent to the Accountant with directions to him to make up, conformably to the above proposed distribution, the specific Sums due upon each Bond, in the present

Dividend

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Mr Floyer's Minute repeating the distribution of the Dividend -

In my Minute of the 15th Inst.t and on the Papers which accompanied it, I have stated that the Company's proportion to be received from Her Highness the Nabob, upon his compleating his first Annual payment of 12,00,000 Pagodas, on part liquidation of his public and private debts will amount to 2,73,215 Pagodas -

The President having on that day moved, and carried by a Majority the Question for making a Dividend to the said Creditors of 1,50,000 Pagodas on the 1st of next months; and proposed that timely notice should be given of the distribution of the abovementioned Sum: I shall, in offering my opinion upon the Subject of such a distribution, adhere strictly to the Letter & spirit of the orders of the Court of Directors bearing date 9th Decr 1784, as the temporary deviation, which I had proposed at a former Consultation for the greater relief of the several Classes of Creditors is, from the late Resolutions of the Board, become unnecessary -

Of the Sum of 3,00,000 Pagodas already received from the Nabob on account of his Creditors, it hath been resolved to divide 1,50,000 - That the Company can have no claim to a participation of this Dividend, when Government will still have so very large a Sum as 3,50,000 Pags to account for, to the public & private Creditors of His Highness, will surely not be disputed; & that the Creditors of the Cavalry Loan can have no demand upon the Nabob, until his debt to them shall be admitted is undoubted - It therefore follows, that the distribution

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distribution of the said Sum of 150,000 Pag.s should be made in the respective proportions, to the Creditors of 1777 in part of the growing Interest due to them; & to those of 1767 in part of the Principal & Interest of the Nabobs debt to them, in the same proportion that would have obtained, if the whole Sum of 1200,000 Pagodas had now been received.—

Upon this Principle, the Dividend now proposed, will yield,

To the Creditors of 1767 in part of the Princ.l & Interest Due to them — — — — — — — — — — } 51810.—

To the Creditors of 1777 in part of growing Int.t — 98.190

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I would further take the liberty to propose, that the Registers of Bonds delivered to us by the Committee of Nabobs Bond Creditors, should be sent to the Accountant with directions to him to make up, conformably to the above proposed distribution, the specific Sums due upon each Bond, in the present

Dividend

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Dividend - and that, at the time of payment, the Dividend should be issued in numerical Order from No 1 upwards: and that such payments be made to one Class of Creditors first -

And to avoid Mistakes & delays in the Issues of payment, I would recommend that printed, instead of written Receipts be prepared, leaving Blanks for the respective Sums, which, after being duely executed, may be kept in charge of the Committee of Treasury -

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/Signed/ Charles Floyer

Minute thereon.

The Board approve Mr Floyer's Proposal of raising a new Head in the General Books of Publick & Private Creditors of His Highness the Nabob, and of having Receipts printed for the acknowledgement of the payments made to the Nabobs Creditors -

Mr Floyer moves that the Distribution of the Dividend be made agreeably to his Minute.

Mr Floyer moves that the Distribution of the 150,000 be made conformably to the manner specified in his Minute -

President's Observation thereon -

The President begs leave to observe that he is not prepared to give a final opinion upon the matter contained in Mr Floyer's Minute, & he therefore moves the previous Question -

moves the previous Question -

The previous Question being put, in consequence,

Mr Floyer against it

Mr Floyer is against it

Sir J. Dalling for it

Sir John Dalling is for it

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President for it

The President for it —

Carried for the previous question.

Carried in favor of the previous

Question —

The President moves that Mr.

Floyer's Minute, entered as above, be sent in Circulation

for the further Consideration of the Board —

Ordered accordingly —

Letter from Bengal in the subject of the payment to the Kings Troops by the Government General taken into consideration.

The Letter from Bengal dated

the 16th Ult. entered in Diary & Consultation 16th Inst.

being taken into Consideration, the Board are of

opinion that the mode proposed by the Governor

General and Council of making the payments to

the Kings Troops direct to the Kings Paymaster

Board's opinion thereon —

General ought to be adopted, and it is therefore

Agreed to write to Bengal advising the Government

there of our Sentiments —

If any Inconvenience should

hereafter arise, the Board conceive they may rely

upon the same liberal proceeding on the part of

the Bengal Government, which has actuated them

in making the reference, and that such alteration

in the Plan as may be necessary, will in that

case be adopted —

The following Letter received

from Bengal the 26th Ult. is now entered —

To

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Bengal;
The Honble Lieut
Colonel Cathcart
deputed to the
Governor General
of the French
possessions in
India, with a
view of propo=
=sing an amic=
=cable arrange=
=ment of the
differences, which
have happened
in respect to the
interpretation
of the 13th Article
of the late Definitive
Treaty with France

The difficulties, which have
arisen in the Interpretation & Execution of the 13th
Article of the late Definitive Treaty between the
Courts of London & Versailles have induced us to
resolve on a Deputation to his Excellency the Govr
General for the Establishments of his Most Christian
Majesty on this side the Cape of Good Hope, with
a View of proposing an amicable Arrangement,
of the differences, which have happened, & to negociate
such other Affairs as may occur, & require to be ad=
=justed between us & the French Government General

We have chosen the Honorable
Lieut Colonel Cathcart to execute this Commission:
He has received our Instructions to proceed on the
Fox Packet to Mauritius, where we understand
the Vicomte de Souillac actually resides, & in case
of his Excellency's departure to any part of India,
he has been directed to follow him thether.

If M: de Souillac should
have been relieved in the charge of French affairs,
or should have gone to Europe on Col Cathcart's
arrival at Mauritius, our Minister's Instructions
direct

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direct him to negociate with the Governor General for the time being, and in case of appearances of preparations for a sudden Rupture with Great Britain, or if the French Governor General should decline entering into the proposed Negociation, and receiving Colo Cathcart, our Minister is authorized, & ordered to proceed to Europe, & give the necessary Informations to the Secret Committee of the Honorable Court of Directors —

We request that you will furnish us with precise Communications of all points that have occurred or may occur, which require the Intervention of this Government, on adjustment with the superior Government of the French in India, & we also request that you will send Copies of such Communications to Colo Cathcart, after you shall have heard from him of his arrival & reception at Mauritius that he may be enabled to discuss the necessary points agreeably to our Instructions and Decisions —

You will also furnish him with such Intelligence as may occur in respect to the French, & you may judge proper for his Information —

We have not for obvious reasons yet committed our Resolutions to Record concerning Colo Cathcart's Mission & we beg leave to recommend an observance of the same precaution to your Government for two or three Weeks —

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

John Macpherson
R. Sloper
John Stables
Chas Stuart

Fort William
Secret Departmt
31st January 1786

Signed

Ordered

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

Read the following Letters from
the President at Tanjore —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Presidt at Tanjore, with Copies of his Correspondence with the Presidt at Karical in respect to the Encouragement & protection given by the French to the Natives of Tanjore who desert from the Rajahs Territories.

Since I addressed your Honor &ca the 7th September last enclosing my Correspondence with the Commandant of Carical, further disputes have arisen between the Inhabitants of the Mahanems lately ceded to the French, and those of the Rajahs dis=tricts contiguous to them, — as those disputes however have been amicably adjusted from time to time by my obtaining in every instance of well founded Com=plaint, the speediest redress that could be procured at a Durbar where procrastination is part of the established System, I have forborne to trouble your Honor &ca with the particulars, but the terms in which the Commandant at Carical has lately chosen to express himself (and more especially in his last Letter, which gives me reason to expect that on the next occasion of dispute, he may take upon himself to offer violence to the Rajahs people) makes

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it incumbent on me to lay before your Honorable Board the enclosed Papers, which are copies of my late Correspondence with Mr Mainville excepting his two last Letters of which I judge it best to send the originals, as they are written so inaccurately that it would be difficult to make exact copies of them—

Your Honor &ca will observe that in Mr Mainville's last Letter he desires me to intimate to the Chiefs of the Villages, that he shall be obliged to inflict an exemplary punish=ment if they return again to attempt to carry off any of their people, who shall have claimed protection of the French Flag— The Circumstance, which gave rise to this declaration constitutes a distinct motive with me for addressing your Honor &ca on this occasion— The emigration of the Inhabitants of this Country, which I have taken notice of in former Letters, is encreased to an height that makes it a Subject of very alarming consideration— The fugitives are received with open Arms by the French and I have no doubt are secretly encouraged by them to desert; while on the other hand, I have the strongest grounds to believe that if the Resident at Nagore had not observed a very different conduct towards the French, a great number of the Inha=bitants of the large and populous Town of Trinau=pauze Pattam, when the possession of that place reverted to His Most Christian Majesty, would gladly have removed themselves to Nagore in order to

continue

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continue under the English Government - as the welfare of this Country is inseparably connected with that of the Company, the French - I conceive, ought to adopt the same liberal procedure towards the Rajah of Tanjore that they have experienced from the Company's Representative at Nagore, & I beg leave to submit to your consideration, whether it may not be advisable to propose to the French Government, on behalf of his Excellency as well as the Honble Company, the establishing a Cartel for the mutual delivery of such native Inhabitants as shall fly from, and take re=fuge in the Countries of either of the parties respectively.

Such an Arrangement, if it could be effected, would remove one great source of contention, and dispute between the French at Karical and the Rajahs Amuldars, and what is of little more importance, would check the emigration above mentioned, which immediately succeeding the Ca=lamities of War, threatens to complete the ruin, and depopulation of this Country - In a Conference last night with the Rajah I sounded his Excellency upon this Subject, and he not only expressed his ready concurrence, but of his own accord, desired that the Company might settle the matter for him with the French, as he wished to have no sort of intercourse with them -

Tanjore
2d March 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c
/ signed / J Hudleston

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Karical 18th Janry 1786

Sir,

I solicit you in behalf of one named Camapoulé, who passed by the Village of Naravendi-mangalum, & was detained by the Amuldar, Coipah Thagaraja Moodeliar, under the pretext, that her Father owed him about two or three hundred Pagodas - The Son has no concern in the Account which that Braman may have with the Amuldar; I therefore request you will give your orders that he may be given up to us -

The Aumildar may with the utmost confidence, apply to me, & he may be assured of the speediest Justice -

I have the honor to be &c&c

(Signed) Le Bn de Penmarck

A true translation

Chase French Translator.

To Mr Mainville Baron of Penmark

Commandant at Carical

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th Instant, & to inform you that I have represented its contents to his Excellency the Rajah, whose Minister has promised that Orders shall be sent to release the person confined -

I have also the pleasure to

inform

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inform you that the Government have consented to indemnify the owners of the Boats taken by Mr Mackintosh by payying them fifty Pagodas per each boat, the price at which they are esti=mated by that Gentleman.=

Tanjore
31st Janry 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c

Signed J Huddleston

A true Copy
J Huddleston.

Sir,

I received yesterday the letter you did me the honor to write me - I was very certain that you would have found the demand I made a just one, but it is very hard that Ramapoullé who is not at all culpable, should have been de=tained, & that he is so still. You ought to think it natural to ask some endemnity for this unfor=tunate man, who has been sent to prison, contrary to every law -

The Chelinguen are either worth 100 Pagt or they are not worth it, & in the last case, you me back my nine Chelinguen, that is what I would say, if they belonged to me -

I have acquainted the proprietor with your answer, they accept the 50 Pagt

To whom shall I address myself

that I may have them?

J

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I thank you, Sir, for the Interest you have taken in being willing to terminate this affair -

I have the honor to be &c &c

Karical
3d Febry 1786

/Signed/ Le Bon de Penmarch

/A true translation/

Chase French Translator

To Mr Mainville Baron of Penmarck

Commandant at

Caricat

Sir

I have the honor to commune=
=cate to you a representation made to me by his
Excellency the Rajah stating that part of the In=
=habitants of two Villages in the Trecklaucherry
Magan belonging to Tanjore had deserted to the
Carecal Magan - that afterwards returning they
prevailed upon the remainder of the Inhabitants
to accompany them, and took the Cattle with them,
which coming to the knowledge of the Amuldar
of the Trecklaucherry Magan, he sent some of his
people to endeavour to overtake them before
they reached the Carecal Magans, and to bring
the Cattle - and as they had escaped with the Cattle
into

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into the Carical bounds, the Tanjore people proceeded to Carical to make their Complaint to you - but on their coming into your presence (or near you) that you ordered them to be confined, & they now remain so -

That there must be some mis-representation on the part of the Rajahs people in this affair. I have not the least doubt for I cannot believe it possible that you would order people belonging to another power, who came before you with a Compliant to be confined, but as the circum-stance of the confinement seems clearly established I must conclude that some person has without your knowledge made use of your name & authority to compass so violent an act - In the fullest confi-dence that you will make enquiry into the mat-ter & cause the persons confined to be immediately releasd, I remain with perfect consideration & esteem.

Tanjore
9th Febry 1786

Sir &c &c &c

Signed / Hudleston

(A true Copy)
/ Hudleston

To Mr Mainville Baron of Kenmark,
Commandant at
Carical

Sir,

I have been honored with the receipt of your letter of the 3d Instant -

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Mr Mackintosh, who dispatched the Boats from Tranquebar, and who is extremely well acquainted with Naval affairs, having estimated them at fifty Star Pagodas each, I have no authority to allow more, whatever might have been their value, or cost, when new - He also told me that the number dispatched was eight - It must doubtless occur to you that Mr Mackintosh is uninterested in the Affair, and that the Owners of the Boats are not so -

At present the state of my Cash is very low but I hope in a short time to send you the amount of the Boats reckoning them at the price abovementioned -

I have the honor to be &c &c

Tanjore
10th Febry 1786

(Signed) Wedderburn

(A true Copy)
Wedderburn

Sir,

You are in the right, it is a little unfortunate that the conduct of the people at Karical has been misrepresented to the Rajah -

The antecedent Conduct of the Tanjore people, (which I had the honor to write you of before,) had determined me to post some Sepoys in our frontier Villages, it was they, who arrested the Brahmins, Taillards, & Peons, or Sepoys not coming to Karical to make any representation, but

but

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but going to Tanjore with Cattle belonging to those, who claimed the protection of the french flag, & my Conduct. I beg of you to observe, Sir, in a very different act from that of His Excellency—

The Son of Camapoully, whom I have demanded, is still in preison, & what is his Crime? The Bramins had the audacity to come into the French possessions, and wanted to employ Force — What did I do? I was content to put them en charge of the Vedador. I set out to day for Pondecherry, where I shall take the orders of Mons. de Cosigny, & by them I shall act —

Karical
11th Febry 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c.

Signed / Le Br. De Tenmarch.
de Mainville

A true translation

Hhate
French Transl.

Sir,

I have ordered Mr Dupeat to release the Bramen, the Sepoys, the Peons and Talliars, whom you claimed, immediately that Camelapoulé's Son shall be restored at Karical —

Will you inform the Chiefs of the Villages that I shall be under the necessity of inflicting exemplary punishments, if they again attempt

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attempt to seize any of the people, who put them=
=selves under the protection of the French flag=

Pondicherry
18th Febry 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c

/ Signed / Le Bon Le Penmarch
Le Mainville

A true translation

Hhase
French Translator

To M.r Mainville Baron of Penmark
Commandant at
Carical

Sir.

I have had the honor to
receive your Letters of the 14th & 16th Instant—
by which I acquainted you in my
Letter of the 31st Ultimo that the Rajahs Minister
had promised that Orders shall be sent to release
the person confined, I was much concerned to find
by the first of your abovementioned Letters that it
had not been done, but I must now inform you
Sir, of the cause of the detention of Ramapoullie
which I have been at some pains to investigate—

The Rajahs Minister assured
me in the first place that Ramapoullie was
reckoned an Inhabitant both of your Village
Carombassoreum

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Carombacoram, and of Comagogoody, a Village in the Tanjore Country, and that his Uncles, and his whole family were, and had long been in the same predicament, living indiscriminately at either Village - and secondly that he had been detained on account of a considerable debt due from him to an Inhabitant of the Tanjore Village of Vadavathy Mungalum, which circumstance the Minister said he had been ignorant of at the time he ordered him to be released - nevertheless as I understood that Ramapoullie was present in Tanjore, I determined to examine him myself, which I accordingly did yesterday in the presence of several Gentlemen, who, as well as myself, heard him acknowledge in the most explicit manner the truth of the particulars above stated. & on being questioned regarding his debt, he said it amounted to 325 Chuckrums, and was due to Teagaroy Moodaliar of the Village of Vadavathy Mungalum - this declaration of Ramapoullie was afterwards taken down in writing, and signed by him -

Even the above facts have not prevented me from obtaining of the Rajah the release of Ramapoullie whom I have accordingly

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accordingly sent to you under the charge of an Hircarrah, but I have done it, Sir, in the fullest confidence that as he is now taken from the power of his Creditor, you will cause the amount of the debt to be made good, after you shall have received the Bond, and other papers that relate to it, which will be forwarded to you in a few days.

Permit me now, Sir, to express my concern that notwithstanding the attention I have in every instance paid to your representations, and your own acknowledgements on that head, you should have judged it necessary, or suitable, to give me the intimation contained in your last Letter.

From the particulars I have stated to you, and Ramapoullies own confession of the truth of them, you will clearly perceive that the persons have been guilty of a misrepresentation, who told you that Ramapoullie was confined by the Amuldar under the pretext that his father owed him 200 or 300 Pags. & I trust you will think it worthy of your consideration what consequences may ensue, should a similar misrepresentation at any future period obtain your belief, & induce you to execute the intentions announced in your Letter of the 18th Instant.

I have the honor to be &c &c

Tanjore
25th Febry 1786

(Signed) J Hudleston

(A true Copy)
J Hudleston

To

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &c. Council

at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Resident at Tanjore, states the Subject of his Conferences with the Rajah on the Encroachments of the Laulgoody People; & of the hardships his Excellency labors under of being charged with the Batta of Sepoys employed in collecting the Revenues of the Country —

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Commands of the 28th Ultimo thro' Mr Secretary Chamier —

In a Conference with the Rajah the night before last, I communicated to his Excellency your determination to rely on his good faith for the punctual discharge of the Current Subsidy and the half of the Balance within the period he himself had proposed, and I endeavoured to do it in such a manner as to impress him with the strongest sense of his obligation to justify that confidence. His Excellency in reply desired me to return to your Honble Board his thanks, and to express his hope that you would treat him in all other points with equal justice — On my requesting of him to mention the other points to which he alluded, his Excellency answered that he would now mention those, which required immediate attention — he then said that notwithstanding his frequent Complaints of what was doing at the Anicut, and notwithstanding the Company's orders to support his rights, & the assurances

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that had been given him on that subject, the Paulgoody people were still suffered to continue their encroachments - that they had lately returned again with a guard of Sepoys to the great Cavary and proceeded with their work, and that their Dam, or Bank, was almost completed - that this notorious violation of his rights, and of all former custom could be of no service to them, but would be extremely injurious to his Country, & that his enemy did it merely to afflict him.

I begged leave in reply to remind his Excellency that on my first arrival here the Paulgoody people (or the Trichinopoly Renter) were attempting a work of a similar nature but were prevented by Mr Irwin at my intercession - that I had also at his Excellency's desire, gone in person to the Anicut, & after having made myself acquainted with the circumstances that related to his Excellency's complaint of total inattention on the part of the Trichinapoly Renter to its necessary repairs, had represented them to Mr Irwin, who thereupon in my presence reprimanded the Renter severely, and inserted on his giving immediate redress - that on receiving from his Excellency's Minister his late Complaint of the Paulgoody people having begun afresh to erect a Dam, or bank, I had written to General Horne, whose answer together with that of the Nabobs Manager

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Manager, I communicated to the Minister, & was on the point of addressing the Honble Board on the Subject, when I received their Letter informing me that in consequence of a representation from his Excellency's Vakeel, the President had addressed His Highness the Nabob, & desired him to give such orders as might remove the cause of Complaint -

To this the Rajah replied that, the gaining time until the Injury should have taken place was all his enemy had in view - that while Letters were passing to & from the Presidency on the subject, the work proceeded, & his Country continued to suffer - that the only effectual way to do him justice in this particular would be for the Board to empower me to hinder the further progress of the Dam, or destroy it, if already ended, and to give me authority to prevent any further encroachments; and then his Excellency entreated me to represent to you on his behalf -

With respect to the above matter of complaint I have only to observe that altho' it's extent, & importance, may be, & probably are exaggerated, I believe there is not the smallest doubt that what the Nabob's people are, or have lately been attempting is an encroachment, & similar to that which, Mr Irwin on enquiry, found to be such that year, & caused to be discontinued on my representation - The answer of the Nabob's manager merely amounts to a denial of the fact as to former

Custom

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Curtoor - Mr Swartz's literal translation of it goes enclosed.

With regard to the authority the Rajah wishes me to be invested with, I beg leave to assure your Honor &ca I am not ambitious of possessing it.

The Rajah next proceeded to state that he had understood from Madras, & also from me, that a Battalion of Sepoys had been ordered to Tanjore for the purpose of being employed accor=ding to his requisitions for the protection of the Revenue -

I replied that it was very true a Battalion had not only been ordered, but had actually arrived here some time since for that purpose & had been and still was, in readiness to be so employed on his Excellency's requisitions - that some time after its arrival his Excellency's Minister had applied to me to have the Battalion sent into the Coun=try, and I had told him in answer that it was in readiness to proceed immediately to what=soever Place he should point out, but that it was proper to remind him that the Batta to the Sepoys must be paid by his Excellency, or carried to his account, agreeably to the repeated orders of the Honble Board - and that the Minister had in consequence declined to have the Battalion sent into the Country -

The Rajah repeated his declaration that he never would consent to being charged with the Batta to the Sepoys exclusive of the Subsidy of 4 Lacks of Pagodas - he said it was contrary to his agreement with Lord Pigot, by which it was stipulated that 6 Battalions of Sepoys should be always stationed in

in his Country for the protection of his Revenues, which had accordingly been so stationed for several years without his being asked to pay any Batta - that those Battalions were afterwards exchanged by Sir Thos. Rumbold for three Batt.ns of Sebbendies, which had also been paid by the Company for 8 years, but that they had been lately taken away, and discharged - that when he concluded the agreement with Lord Pigot for the payment of 4 lacks annually, he was in posession of Nagore, & Rivalor the tribute from the Dutch for Negapatam, & the 4 Magans near Carical - that the two first he had chearfully given to his friends the Company - that the second (the tributes) had never been paid him since the Company had been in posession of Negapatam, & that the Magans near Carical had been given to the French - but that still the full amount of the 4 Lacks of Pagodas was expected from him out of his remaining Country, & was it right, (he asked) to charge him with Batta to the Sepoys besides, or possible for him to pay it?

The Rajah concluded a long recapitulation of which the above is the substance, with earnestly requesting of me to represent the particulars to your Honor &ca on his behalf. I told his Excellency that the Honble Board did not consider the expences of protecting the Collections as comprized in that of defending his Country, and were in consequence of opinion, that he ought to pay it exclusive of the 4 Lacks, but that I would make a faithful report to them of what his Excellency had stated, and that in the mean while the Battalion should be sent immediately to the different places where he might chuse to have it distributed - The latter his

Excellency

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Excellency declined, unless I would consent that he should not be charged with the Batta, which I told him it was not in my power to do.

On this Subject I have only to submit to your honor &ca my former opinion that as the Sepoys can purchase every necessary of life at a cheaper rate in the Districts, and Villages, than in Tanjore itself, there seems no good reason why they should be allowed Batta in time of peace, except while they are marching from Tanjore to their several Stations.

The above point having been dis-cussed, his Excellency next proceeded to represent to me that the Danes at Tranquebar no longer treated him with the respect they owe him, & which in former times they did not dare to deviate from - that they used to consider themselves, as they really were, dependent on his Government, & never attempted any innovation, & more especially any addition to their fortifications, without first applying to him, & obtaining his permission, but that they have lately determined, as he is informed, to erect additional works to the Fort of Tranquebar, and the preparations for it are already in considerable forwardness, tho they have neither asked his leave, nor even apprized him of their intention - that he has in consequence sent orders to them to desist, and that he is without power or Troops to inforce those orders; he now claims the assistance of the Company for that purpose, should it prove necessary -

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Not knowing what the Danish Government at Tranquebar may have to urge in oppo=sition either to the claim, or to what the Rajah al=ledged regarding their present conduct, I could only reply to his Excellency that I should not fail to lay his representation before the Honble Board, & request their orders upon it - adding however that his Excellency would doubtless in justice to the Danes re=member the assistance they had rendered in the late War, by giving shelter, & protection to several thousands of his Subjects, who must otherwise have been among the number of those who perished, or were carried to the Mysore Country -

From the enquiries I have since made respecting this matter I understand the Rajahs claim to be founded not on any existing Treaty, but on the established usage before the Rajahs con=nection with the Company, when his power, and authority, were such as to enable him to exact from the Danes the most implicit obedience -

Another point that was dis=cussed at my last Conference with the Rajah I have already communicated to your Honor &ca in a separate Address -

The Rajah paid me on the 26th Ult.o the 50,000 Pags.s of the Balance due, by his promise, the 25th and I have also received 50,000 of the first of 9 one Lacks, due the 1st Instant -

I have the honor to be &c &c

/ Signed / J Huddleston

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An Account by the Nabobs Manager of the Custom in respect of watering the Trichinopoly Country –

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In this manner the Affair concerning water has been adjusted –

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Minute on the Letter from the Resident of Tanjore 8th March

The Board concur in opinion with the Resident, that it is unnecessary to allow Batta to Sepoys when fixed in any Station for the purpose of assisting the Collections, & it is therefore Agreed that Batta shall only be drawn by the Sepoys for the time they are marching, on which Batta shall be charged to the Company's Account.

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With respect to the Amicut, the Board hope that the Applications they have made to the Nabob, & the Orders given to General Horne of this date will remove the Causes of Complaint.

Minute on the Letter from the Resident of the 2nd

Agreed that a Letter be written to Pondicherry on the Subject of the Encouragement and protection, which the Commandant at Karical is reported to give to the Natives of Tanjore, who desert from the Rajah's Territories.

Read the following Letters (entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72)

From Colonel Sir Henry Cosby

From Coll Cosby & Mr Torin

& from Mr Torin both dated the 6th Inst with several Enclosures, stating the particulars of a dispute, which has arisen between them relative to the duties of their respective Stations.

Minute thereon.

As the Dispute stated in the above Letters seems to be of a private nature, it is Agreed that it be recommended to them to observe a moderate & conciliating line of Conduct towards each other, by which means the publick Service will be carried on with

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with advantage to the Company, & with Credit to themselves.

From the Resident at Tanjore, dated

From the Resident at Tanjore.

20th Ultimo, stating the particulars of an Account Current between Mr Digby and the Residency of Tanjore, for the Balance of which Mr Digby has now made application —

As the Sums in the above Account are within the description of Military Arrears, it is

Minute thereon.

Agreed to inform Mr Digby, that the Balance must be liquidated in the manner stated in the General Orders of the 17th Instant —

From the Chief and Council of

From Manelipatam

Manelipatam dated 19th Ultimo, transmitting an Account Current between the Company and the Paymaster at Angole, & explaining Mr Gardenier's Conduct in the execution of his Office —

From Mr Gardenier dated the

From Mr Gardenier

26th Ultimo with full Explanations of his Receipts and Disbursements —

Agreed that Copy of Mr Gardenier's

Minute on the 2 preceding Letters

Letter be transmitted to the Chief and Council at Manelipatam, and that they be informed of the Board's determination to refer Mr Gardenier to them for the Supply of the Sums necessary for his Monthly Disbursements —

Agreed

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Agreed that Mr Gardiner be
informed of the above Resolution, and that he be
directed to send Copies of his Accounts to Masulipatam

Minute thereon

From Mr Surgeon Major Davis

From Mr. Surgeon Major Davis dated the 11th Instant, enclosing an Account of the Expences encurred in repairing the House purchased for an Hospital at the Mount, whereby the Sum of Pagodas 53 appears to have been expended more than the Estimate - recommending also from the opinion of the Commandant of Artillery that a Wall be erected to enclose the Buildings which Mr Davis offers to execute for 400 Pags

Agreed that the Sum of

Minute thereon

Pagodas 53 be paid to Mr Davis, and that a further advance of 400 be made to him upon the absolute Condition that the Wall be constructed upon the proposed Plan for the above Sums, which is not to be exceeded on any account whatever -

From Captain Flint dated

From Capt.n Flint,

9th Instant, stating that the Renter at Madura has applied to him for a Gun in addition to the 4 Companies of Sepoys ordered on the Letter of the 8th Instant, in order to attack the Poligars if he

should

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should find any difficulty in collecting the Peiscush and desiring to have the Boards orders on the subject.

Agreed that Captain Flint be informed that although the Board, at the Nabob's Requisition, have ordered some Companies of Sepoys to assist the Renter at Madura, they by no means intend that any Guns should be sent with them, or that they be suffered to com-mence Acts of Hostilities against the Polygars.

Minute thereon

Alex. Davidson

W. C. Jackson
Dept. Sec.y

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To the Honorable John Macpherson Esq.

Governor General &c. Council

at Fort William

Gentlemen

To Bengal —
enclosing copy
of the Proceedings
in respect to the
liquidation of
Military Arrears

In our Letter of the 20th Dec.r
last We had the honor to inform you, that We
should implicitly obey the directions transmitted
to us in your Letters of the 4th November, respecting
the appropriation of the Money to be sent by
your Presidency for the liquidation of Mil.y Arrears —

Upon the receipt of the
Arrangements made by your Government for the
above purpose, We published such General Orders, &
gave such directions to the Paymasters at the Dif-
-ferent Stations, as We thought most likely to pro-
-duce the exact Statements, which were necessary
before We could carry into full & final execution
your Orders delivered to us by Mr. Oakes —

Whilst the Paymasters were
preparing the above mentioned Statements, the
distresses

26th distresses of the Native Troops to the Southward, occa-
-sioned a Mutiny & rendered it necessary to make
such immediate advances of Cash as would equalize
the payments to the 31st Dec.r to all the Native Corps
upon the Coast —

We shall beg leave to refer you
to the Extracts from our Proceedings now sent to you,
& to the Copies of the Letters received from Brigadier
General Horne for the particulars of this Mutiny,
which occasioned an unavoidable deviation from
the Arrangement made by your Board —

The abovementioned Disturbances
among the Troops happened before the Statements
were prepared, which would have enabled us to ap-
-propriate the 8 p.r Lacks, as prescribed by your Board
who had intended that the Certificates granted to
the Sepoys &ca for Arrears previous to 31st Aug.t 1784
should be first liquidated — but, We had no Option,
& we were obliged to discharge the Current Arrears
in full, without being able to stop the Payments
when the exact Quota of the 8 p.r Lacks was issued —
This was attended with material inconvenience, for
it obliged us to expend 11233 Pagodas more than
the Amount of the 8 p.r Lacks of Rupees — It was
however some Satisfaction to us to find that
as the Sepoys received the whole of their Current
Arrears they were in a better situation than

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2d they would have experienced had no deviation from your Arrangement taken place.

We beg leave to refer to the Extracts and Papers enclosed for particulars on this Subject - We trust these Documents will prove to you that We have given every due attention to it - Previous to the receipt of your Letter of the 22d Febry, We had determined to make the Exchange in the Certificates to be granted for Bengal Bonds entirely determinable by your Government - We are happy to find that We had anticipated your directions on this head -

Having now issued the necessary Orders for the complete Liquidation of the Military Arrears of this Establishment, We hope soon to advise you of the termination of this Business in which We acknowledge with great pleasure the liberal Support received from your Government -

We shall attend to the directions contained in your Letter of the 22d Ulto respecting the Certificates to be granted upon your Presidency -

The Eagle Packet sailed from hence on the 20th Inst with our Dispatches & with Copies of the Papers which are now transmitted to you -

We have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St George
24th March 1786

/ Signed / Alex Davidson
&c Council

To

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26.

To the Honorable John Macpherson Esq.

Governor General &ca Council

at Fort William

Gentlemen,

We have been honored with the receipt of your Letter of the 16th Ultimo.

To Bengal; the Board feel much Satisfaction at their taking upon themselves the payment of the Kings Troops — Recommendation in consequence —

The determination of your Board to take upon yourselves the future payment of the Kings Troops serving on this Coast has afforded us much Satisfaction & demands from us those acknow=ledgements, which so essential a Service to this Go=vernment merits, & as you have been pleased to desire our opinion on the Resolutions you have taken We lose no time in informing you, that the propos measure of making the Payments to the Kings Pay. General direct from your Treasury is satisfactory and agreable to us —

If any inconvenience which We do not foresee, should arise from the above mode, We shall beg leave to state it to you in the Confidence that the same Liberal proceeding, which has actuated your Board in the reference to us, will direct any alteration in the Plan, which may appear to be necessary —

We shall pay due attention to the other parts of your Letter. &

Have the honor to be &c &c

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24th March 1786

/ Signed / Alex Davidson
&c Council

To

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To John Hudleston Esqr

Resident at
Tanjore

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 20th Ult° 2d & 3d Instant, and to inform you that in future when any Sepoys shall be employed on Revenue Service in the Tanjore Country, they are to be allowed Batta while on their March only — The Batta to be charged to the Company's Account —

To the Resident at Tanjore, all Sepoys employed on Revenue Service to be allowed Batta, whilst marching — the Rajah's Complaint against the Saligoody People referred to the Nabob — Mr Digby's Claim considered as a Military Arrear & liquidated accordingly.

The Board have made applic= -ations to the Nabob on the Subject of the Rajah's Complaints against the Saulgoody People. They have also given directions to Genl Horne, by the Nabob's desire to enquire into the matter —

The Contents of your Letter of the 2d Instant will be the Subject of a Letter to the French Government at Pondicherry, whose Answer will be communicated to you —

With respect to Mr Digby's Claim, I am directed to inform you that the Board consider it as a Military Arrear, which must of course be liquidated in the mode specified in the Govr C.'s of the 17th Instant —

You

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26. You will be pleased to communi=
=cate the purport of the three first Paragraphs of
this Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore, and to inform
him that the President will reply in a few days
to his several Letters —

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24th March 1786

I am Sir &ca &ca
(Signed) John Chamier Secy

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To Monsieur De Cosigny
Governor of Pondicherry
&c &c &c

Sir.

To Mr De Cosigny on the Subject of a Complaint preferred by the Rajah of Tanjore against the Commandant of Karical, for encouraging & protecting the Natives of Tanjore, who desert from his Excellency's Territories —

We have the honor to inform you that the Rajah of Tanjore has complained to us of the encouragement, and protection, which is given at Karical to the Natives of the Tanjore Country, who desert from his Excellency's Territories. —

We have likewise received from our Resident at Tanjore the Copies of his Correspondence with Monsieur De Main=
=ville in which, We observe on the part of the latter a disposition to act in the manner above described —

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We have the honor to inclose a Copy of Mr. Maineville's last Letter to which We allude.

We flatter ourselves that such a procedure, if it really exists, will meet your disapprobation, since it is not founded on those liberal principles, which ought on all occasions to actuate our respective Governments towards each other.

We have given positive orders to our Resident at Tanjore to pay every possible attention to the Letters he may receive from the Commandant at Karical, & to cultivate to the utmost of his power that harmony, which cannot but tend to the advantage of Hir Most Chrstian Majesty as well as of the English Nation.

Being fully persuaded, Sir, that your Sentiments accord with ours We trust you will be pleased to give such directions to your Commandant at Karical, as will effectually prevent any future Complaints from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore.

We have the honor to be with distinguished Consideration, &c. yr &c.

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/ Signed / Alex Davidson
&c Council

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To Dr James Anderson Surgeon General
& ca Committee of Surgeons

Gentlemen,

For the Reasons set forth in the 20th Article of the New Medical Regulations, The Honble President & Council have been pleased to order that a proper number of European Ajutants under Mr Bulman, shall regularly attend the Medicine Godowns at the Presidency twice a day between the hours of 8 and 12 in the forenoon, and 4 and 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—

To the Committee of Surgeons the Duty of the Ajutant Surgeons under the Superintendant of Medical Stores laid down— In what manner Indents for Medicine &c are to be made out— Their Proceedings to be laid before the Board every Month—

You will please to inform the Board if this Article of the Regulations has been regularly complied with, and in order to avoid any possible evasion of it, you are in future to direct that the Book of Regulations be laid before your Committee once a Month, which is to be compared by you with the Accounts of the Medicines issued during that time and should any Ajutant neglect to attend and do his Duty in the manner above mentioned

28 mentioned you are immediately to make a Report thereof to the Honble President and Council —

You no doubt have very carefully examined all Indents for Medecines and curtailed the Demand when it appeared to you exorbitant, but in order to introduce as much Regularity and Oconomy as possible into that branch of the Medical Department which relates to Indents for Medecine &c and which in many instances have hitherto been left to the discretion of Surgeons Assistants of no Experience, you are to draw out the Form of a Quarterly Indent for a Regiment consisting of 500 Men, or for Hospitals containing on an average 50 Patients, and to lay the same before the Honble Board, when you make a Report of your other Proceedings, which the Board expect to receive punctually every Month until such Regularity is introduced into every Branch of the Medical Department as to render a constant attention to the Detail no longer necessary. —

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I am Gentlemen &c &c

/Signed/ John Chamier Secy

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President

Tuesday 28th March 1786.

Lieut General Sir John Dalling Baronet

Charles Stoyer Esqr.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved –

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute –

Commander in Chief recommends that the Native Supernumerary Commissioned Officers of the reduced Corps be put upon half pay until they succeed to Vacancies

The heavy expence of the Native supernumerary Commissioned Officers of the reduced Corps, induces me to repeat my wish to the Board to have them put upon half-pay, until they succeed to Vacancies – a saveng of 1200 Pags p Month will be produced, which will enable the Board to give some attention to the claims, which the Officers of the Tanjore Sibbendies, & Southern Independent Corps have on the Service, many of whom were men, selected from the regular Battalions to be employed on these particular duties – A Board of Officers is ordered to ascertain their merits, & the pretensions they have to a provision in the Company's Service –

By retaining the most deserving of them, & allowing only half-pay (exclusive of their clothing) to the whole of the Supernumeraries, the expence will be considerably less than at present.

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(Signed) John Dalling

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Approved.

The Board approve the Recommendations of the Commander in Chief, and it is in consequence Agreed that a General Order be published in conformity thereto.

The President delivers in the following Minute.

President's Minute stating his opinion of the arrangement made by the Company, in respect to the mode of distribution of the Dividend to the Public and Private Creditors of His Highness the Nabob, and replying to Mr Floyer's two Minutes on the Subject.

Finding it impossible to coincide with Mr Floyer in his Constructions of the Company's arrangements respecting the mode of Distribution to the Public & Private Creditors stated in his Minute of 15th of this Month, I will as briefly as possible deliver my opinion in regard to it, and I shall take the same occasion to say a few words in reply to his Minute of the 23d Instant.

Mr Floyer conceives that the Company's Orders establish a priority in favor of the Creditors in the Cavalry Loan, and that of 1777 as far as relates to the payment of growing Interest which he conceives should be fully paid to those two Classes previous to any distribution being made to the Creditors in the Debt of 1767 or to the Company — but let us suppose that the Government, desirous of assisting the Creditors by early intermediate payments, distribute in the first Dividend as much as would pay the years Interest on the Cavalry Loan & Debt of 1777 and that before it suits the Publick Convenience to make another Dividend a National War

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War breaks out or the Carnatic is invaded - all further Dividends would from that time cease of course, thus the Creditors in the two Clases above-mentioned would have received a full years Interest, and those in the Old Debt as well as the Company be totally excluded - how then can Mr Floyer maintain that "whenever any such failure shall happen there "can be no other public Inconvenience than a short "delay accrue therefrom" - this public Inconvenience must also involve private Injustice, and that too of a Nature, which in the case of Hostilities would certainly occasion more than a short delay, but why incur the Inconvenience at all, why not be guided impartially by the Commands of the Company who have expresly provided against the possibility as I should think, of such Construction or Effect by ordering, "that if any deficiency shall arise in the "Nabobs Payment of 12 Lacks of Pagodas annually "the whole of what shall be received into be divided "in the same proportion, which would have obtained "in the Division of the whole 12 Lacks had they "been received" - We have surely no right to argue "on the reasonableness of a Priority of Payment of "Interest, or the Superiority, which one Class of Debts "may still upon the whole possess over the others" - the Company could not be ignorant of the operation of their own Arrangement, We have their Instructions before us, and there can be no stronger Proof that Mr Floyers construction is erroneous than that it is

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liable as above stated to put the Classes of Creditors in a Situation respecting each other, which the Company by their orders have prumtedly guarded against, & made impossible to happen—

The merit of the Creditors in the Debt of 1777 in acquiescing in a Reduction of Interest or any other Arrangement over which they could have no Controul, is not very obvious, yet Mr. Floyer draws from it a Conclusion in favor of that particular Class of Debts to which the Company thought fit & doubtless for sufficient reasons to place lowest in rate of Interest & last in the order of Liquidation — with this obvious Predilection he says "either we must preclude even the Sum pro-"posed by him (the President) from coming into "Circulation, or we must adopt for the relief of the "Claimants under the three Classes some equitable "Distribution of the Sum, which the Board shall "now resolve to issue from the Treasury" rather therefore would Mr. Floyer prevent the proposed Dividend altogether though so strong an Advocate on another part for fulfilling our Guardian Rights than not adopt as he terms it some equitable Dis-tribution of the Sum — he explains his Sense of this equitable Distribution to be "that the Creditors in the "Cavalry Loan & those of 1777 shall first be paid the "growing Interest due upon their respective Debts "before any other Distribution shall be made" this Mr. Floyer says is his Conception of the Orders

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of the Directors taken in their literal Sense and meaning altho it is palpably contradicted in the 102nd Parag: of their Commands already pointed out, but before he concludes his Minute what he had at first only conceived to be the meaning of the Honble Court he aperts as their own Declaration — "Our Superiors" he observes "have said that the growing Interest "from the 31st December 1784 shall be paid to the "Creditors in the Cavalry Loan and those of 1777 pre- "-vious to any participation taking place on behalf "of the Company conjointly with the Creditors of 1767" — such a Declaration I pledge myself is no where to be found in the Company's Instructions —

I am of opinion that any inter- -mediate Dividends that may be made in the course of the year should be in the same proportion to all the Creditors public & private as if the 12 Lacks were divided at once at the end of the year. otherwise I should have proposed a Dividend of one Lack of Pagodas only, because I think more cannot at this time be spared —

It is true the Creditors in the Cavalry Loan can have no Demand upon the Nabob until his Debt to them shall be admitted, but as impartial Guardians of the Rights of all the Clases of Creditors, and doubtful as it is, and must be when another Dividend can be made, I think it would be unfair to take advantage of any difficulty that has occurred in adjusting the Accounts, & dispose ourselves

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ourselves of the means of satisfying the Claims when ascertained on the prescribed Ratio with the other Creditors; and I can see no Cause why the Interests of the Cavalry Creditors should in any shape be sacrificed, though but a time, to favor the other Classes – there cannot be a doubt that the Balance will be declared nearly, if not exactly, the Sum His Highness the Nabob acknowledged many years since – The Company say of this Debt that it is better entitled to their Protection than that of 1777 –

Mr Floyer is at a loss to conceive by what Orders or by what Arrangements I have grounded my Calculation of the Interest, which I conceive will be due to the Creditors of the Cavalry Loan and those of 1777 –

I will reply to Mr Floyer by quoting the Orders and Arrangement of the Company under date the 9th of December 1784 –

Para: 91. The 12 Lacks annually to be received are then to be applied –

1st To the growing Interest on the Cavalry Loan at 12 p.Cent –

2d To the growing Interest on the Debt of 1777 at 6 p.Cent –

By this I understand that the annual Payment from the Nabob, if complete, is to discharge the annual Interest or in other Words the Interest for 12 Months from the time the Account was made up – for if by growing Interest we are to understand all the Interest that has accumulated from the Period to which the Debts are made up, growing Interest in that Sense, will once for all be discharged within

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within the first year & afterwards there will be only annual not growing Interest - yet the Company speak of growing Interest after that Period -

Para. 96. When the Cavalry Loan shall be thus discharged there shall then be paid towards the discharge of the Company's Debt - 7 Lacks

Para 97. To the growing Interest & Capital of 1777 Loan - 5 Lacks -

Must not growing Interest & Annual Interest in this case be the same, for how can there be growing Interest (if meaning more than annual Interest) when the 5 Lacks exceed the amount of Interest for 12 Months &

the Company that the payment of 12 Lacks of Pags by the Nabob. & that they made the destinction Mr Floyer has done between growing & annual Interest, would it not have been most natural for them to have said pay the growing Interest within the first year & the annual Interest afterwards - but the Company speak of growing Interest beyond the period when according to Mr Floyer growing Interest by being cleared off would take the name & nature of annual Interest -

Had it been the intention of the Company having first directed the Arrangement, which is to continue till the Principal of the Debt 1767 is discharged they say,

Para. 96 The application of the 12 Lacks is then to be

1st To the Interest of the Debt of 1777 as above -

Para. 95 The Remainder to be then equally divided, one half towards

It will not be said that growing Interest can mean less than annual Interest - and if it is not more it must be the same - how can it be more if paid to

towards the discharge of the Current Interest & Principal of the Cavalry Loan, and the other half towards the discharge of the Compy's Debt.

Para: 96 When the Cavalry Loan shall be thus discharged, there shall then be paid towards the discharge of the Company's Debt Seven Lacks.-

Para: 97. To the growing Interest & Capital of the 1777 Loan - 5 Lacks -

Para: 99. If the Nabob shall be prevailed upon to apply the Arrears & growing Payments &c &c &c

to a period long after which, by Mr Floyer's acceptations, growing Interest will have been cleared off - but it is plain that the Company make no kind of distinction between Current Interest & Principal & growing Interest & Capital both being used in the 96th & 97th Paragraphs noted in the Margin, precisely in the same Sense.

From all these instances it is clear to me that the Company do not make the distinction with Mr Floyer between growing & annual or Current Interest - in further proof speaking of the Tanjore Peishcush they say. - -

On Receipt of those Orders the Account of Arrears would be made up to the end of the last year of Peiscush - the next year's Payment would be due twelve Months afterwards - this may surely be called annual as well as growing, or Current Payment - and even should the word growing abstractedly taken, be capable of bearing a different Construction from annual or current, the application of it throughout the Company's letter shews, I think, that they are Terms used indeterminately as having the same meaning -

I have before declared it as my

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my opinion that all Idea of Priority of Payment is destroyed by the Orders for preserving the same proportion to all the Claims whatever part of the 12 Lacks shall be received - in support of this opinion I will again quote from 102d Paragraph of the Com=-pany's Orders and place opposite to it Mr. Floyer's Interpretation of those Orders -

Extract from Company's Orders..	Extract from Mr. Floyer's Minute -
Para: 102d "If any de=-ficiency shall arise in the Nabob's Payment of 12 Lacks of Pags annually the whole of what shall be received is to be divided in the same proportion which would have ob=-tained in the division of the whole 12 Lacks had they been received" -	"My Interpretation of the Orders before us goes to the Creditors of the Cavalry Loan (whenever their Claims shall be admitted by His Highness the Nabob) & those of 1777 receiving in the first instance, the growing not annual Interest upon the Principal of their Debt on the 1st Jany 1785 to the day of actual payment of the Interest, & then that the Company and the Creditors of 1767, shall receive their Moiety of the Residue" -

On this I think it unnecessary to add any Comment - I shall therefore close my Minute by stating the Proportion of the Pags 150000 to be divided on the 1st of next Month -

Share of Debt of 1777 ----------	Ls 1238. 27. - -
Do Cavalry Debt to be reserved ----	10359. 13. 8
Company's Share ----------	9200. 33. 76
Debt of 1767 ----------	9200. 33. 76
Pags	150000. - . -

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In considering the foregoing Subject I have endeavored scrupulously to follow the Orders of the Company — perfectly unconnected, directly or indirectly, with any one of the three Claſes of Debts, my Judgement should at least be unbiaſed, and I hope it will not, on reference to the Company be found that I have departed from the Letter or Spirit of their Commands.

I have approved of what Mr Floyer proposed in regard to opening a Head in the General Books of Public & Private Creditors of His Highneſs the Nabob crediting it with the 500,000 Pagodas received on their joint Account and debiting it for the amount of the Dividend now about to be made — as likewise what he proposed respecting printed Receipts —

I think the Committee for investigating the Claims of the Nabob's Creditors should be directed to calculate the Sums due upon each Bond and transact all other Business respecting the Creditors until the Committee be dissolved, which should not be done while the Cavalry Debt remains unadjusted — it does not appear to me necessary that Payment be made to one Claſs first — the Claſses of Creditors being distinct and Funds provided for an equal Ratio of Payment to all of them — the Creditor of whichsoever Claſs may receive his Proportion immediately —

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Trusting that the Cavalry Debt will shortly be declared I would propose that the Committee be dissolved after the expiration of the period for payment of the 3d Kist — The Accountant should from that time be ordered to make up the Account of Sums to be discharged by future Distributions —

Having stated the Proportion in which I think the Pagodas 150000 should be divided, I move the Board that a Distribution in conformity to it be declared —

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(Signed) Alex Davidson

The above Motion in the President's Minute being accordingly put —

The Motion contained in the President's Minute put.

Mr Floyer objects to the Motion and will reply to the President's Minute at a future Meeting —

Mr Floyer dissents

The Commander in Chief concurs in opinion with the President, & agrees to this Motion —

The Commander in Chief differs in opinion with Mr Floyer.

Agreed in consequence that the Distribution of the Dividend of 150,000 be made conformably to the President's Minute. —

The President's Motion agreed to.

The following Notice being drafted is ordered to be published in the Madras Courier —

The Honble President & Council are pleased to notify that the Distribution of the 150,000 Pagodas, which are to be paid to the Nabob's Creditors

Notification to the Nabob Creditors of the mode of distribution of the 150,000 Rupees to be paid them on the 1st of April –

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Creditors on the 1st April next, are to be as follows –

Share of the New Consolidated Debt	£1238.27.–
Share of the Cavalry Loan (to be renewed until the Debt be acknowledged by His Highness the Nabob)	10359.13.8
Share of the Company	£9200.33.76
Share of the Creditors of 1767	£9200.33.76
Pags	150.000.–.–

The Sum due upon every Bond according to the above Distribution, will be paid upon application at the Treasury –

By Order

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Mr Floyer applies for the opinion of the Board in regard to the growing Interest due upon the Cavalry Loan & Debt of 1777 – after the first 12 Lacks are paid –

Mr Floyer begs leave to ask the Board, whether it is their opinion that the growing Interest, which will be due upon the Cavalry Loan and Debt of 1777, after the first 12 Lacks are received, ought to be included in the distribution of them –

The Commander in Chief proposes that a Reference be made to the Gov. Genl & Council

The Commander in Chief is desirous to obtain the Sentiments of the Governor General and Council on the above Subject, and therefore proposes that an Application be made to Bengal for that purpose –

The Presidents Opinion

In reply to Mr Floyer's Question, the President declares his opinion, that the 12 Lacks when received ought to be distributed according to the Ratio established in his Minute –

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The President has no objection on this, or any other occasion to desire the Sentiments of the Governor General and Councile—

Mr Floyer's opinion—

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The Proceedings on the foregoing Subject, to be sent to Bengal—

Agreed that Extracts from the Minutes, & Copies of the several Papers, which relate to the Distribution of the Dividend to the Nabobs Creditors be sent to Bengal—

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Works—

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &ca Council

of Fort St George

From the Committee of Works, recommending that a new Contract for Repairs be entered into with Mr Edward Garrow.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

As the Contract for Repairs has expired and as we wish to be at a certainty respecting the Cost of such as may be necessary in future, We beg leave to recommend to Your Honor

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President & Governor &ca Council

of Fort St George

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Honble Sir & Sirs.

As the Contract for Repairs has expired and as we wish to be at a certainty respecting the Cost of such as may be necessary in future, We beg leave to recommend to Your Honr

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Honor & Co. That a new Contract be entered into with Mr Garrow – The Hon.ble the President having informed us that it is not likely Government will have the means of paying Money on account of Work, which may be executed under the Contract, We beg to recommend to your Honor & Co. as the most eligible mode, which has occurred to us that such be paid for in Paper valued at the discount of the Day, or in such other as to your Honor & Co. may seem more advantageous to the Company – As soon as you shall be pleased to signify to us your Approbation of what We herein recommend, We shall draw out and submit to your determination Articles of Agreement with Mr Garrow –

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25th February 1786

We have the honor to be &c.

Alex Davidson
/Signed/ Pepper
Robt Barclay
Patrick Ross –

Agreed to, that Mr Garrow's Bills be liquidated in future by Treasury Orders payable at 6 Months Date –

The Board approve the Renewal of the Contract for Repairs with Mr Garrow, & agree to inform the Committee of Works that in future the liquidation of Mr Garrow's Bills must be made by Treasury Orders payable in Cash at 6 Months date, or receivable in payment for the Company's Staple Commodities at the market Prices of the day –

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The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute –

Commander in Chiefs Minute stating the most eligible Situations for forming Magazines in the Carnatic –

Having lately explained my Sentiments in general terms, regarding the propriety of throwing Supplies into our principal Garrisons and assembling an Army of Observation of sufficient Force to secure our Possessions from insult and make us respectable in the present disturbed and armed state of the neighbouring Country Powers, I now mean to speak more particularly on the former Article, by pointing out the quantity of Provisions, which in my opinion should be immediately deposited in the different Stations, with the view to prevent as much as possible in future the sad effects of scarcity, which were so fatally felt during the late War, and often served to render decided Victories on our part, of little or no advantage.

The great distance of the Southern Provinces from the Seat of Government, and their proximity to the Chief foreign Settlement upon the Coast, should dispose us in dubious times to be peculiarly solicitous for their welfare, I therefore, naturally advert first to the Ports in that Quarter, of which Tanjore is the largest and best fortified – Should this place be threatened by an Attack, its Garrison ought to consist of at least 500 Europeans, and 2000 Natives, I recommend therefore that one years Provisions

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Provisions be thrown into the Fort, for the above Force, in addition thereto four Months provisions for 6000 Men which would be found highly requisite, should the Troops South of the Coleroon take the Field —

Tritchinopoly being nearly equal in extent to Tanjore, and tho' inferior in Strength, perhaps of still greater consequence, as being directly in the Line of communication with the more Southern Country should be supplied with a like quantity of provisions as that I have mentioned for Tanjore, especially as the Warriore Cantonment is immediately in its Neighbourhood —

The present weak & decayed State of the Fortifications of Madura & Palamcotah, should make us cautious of stocking them with any extraordinary deposits, however they might come in aid under particular circumstances; I recommend therefore that those Places, and others of lesser Strength to the Southward, be supplied sufficiently for the number of Troops generally allotted for their Defence, and no more —

With regard to the Western Ports, Vellore appears to be the only one in which a Magazine can be with safety established — In this persuasion I recommend that it be furnished with one Years provisions for a Garrison of 200 Europeans and 1000 Natives, & also four Months provisions for 8000 Men, as a deposit for the use of the Wallajahabad Cantonment should the Troops of that Station move in a Western direction —

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for 8000 Men, should be likewise lodged in Chengleput for the Troops cantoned at Wallajahabad, which would answer for an immediate supply in case of scarcity & be very useful should there be a necessity for the above Force operating along the Coast—

Altho I conceive the Company's Circars to be less liable to invasions than the Countries I have already mentioned, I am nevertheless of opinion that Masulipatam should be supplied with at least 6 Months provisions for a Garrison fully equal to its defence, & as Ellore is a place of no strength, & often so circumstanced, as not to be supplied from Masulipatam without much difficulty— I think it highly proper that Six Months Provisions for 4000 Men should be thrown into Cunbapilly or some other secure Post nearer, for the eventual Support of the Ellore Cantonment, which, without such assistance, might possibly be reduced to Want—

+ Having now taken notice of the several Stations, which, from Situation and Strength, point themselves out as fittest for Magazines to be established at, I shall conclude with observing, that as it is in times of tranquility only we have the means of forming Supplies, the present favorable occasion, should on no account be neglected—

+ To the Account of Provisions to be laid up, must be added a stock for Lascars, Artificers, & Public Followers.

/Signed/ John Datting

Read the following Letter from the Commissioners of Accounts, & from Mr. Kenwothy (with Enclosures entered in MB. No 89)

To

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &ca Council

From the Commissioners of Accounts, with their Proceedings respecting Bullocks lost with Major Burn's detachment.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreeably to your Orders signified to us in a Letter from Mr Chamier of 25 Instt last. We have the honor to lay before you our Proceedings in the examination of Viva Voce Evidence respecting Bullocks lost with Major Burn's Detachment -

We are with great Respect &ca

/Signed/ Casper
Edwd Wm Holland
J. Balfour

Fort St George
9th March 1786

To John Chamier Esqr Military Secretary

Sir.

From Mr Renworthy late Deputy Agent, states the Mode by which he requests the Balance due on account of his Office may be liquidated -

The Commissioners of Accounts having finally passed my Accounts as Deputy Agent to the Grand Army, & it appearing that the Balance due on that account amounts to Pags 284.06.6..68 I beg leave to apply to you for Certificates for Pagodas 25,286.6.68 - the remaining Sum of Pags 30000, I propose shall remain as a Balance in the hands of the Company, to avoid all possibility of confusion, in the following manner Pags 19852 untill the Commissioners of Accounts shall have come to a determination respecting the Bullocks taken by the Enemy in Febry 1782 & the Sum of Pags 10148 untill the Agent shall have brought up & balanced the Books of his Employ to 30th April 1785, & made the Adjustments directed by the Commissioners of Accounts -

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26th March 1785.

I have the honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ J. Renworthy

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & ca Council

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From the Commissioners of Accounts - submitting to the Board the necessity of prolonging their appointments till the Business entrusted to them shall be finally adjusted -

In obedience to your Commands signified to us in a Letter from Mr Chamier of the 28th January, We have the honor to inform you that We have endeavored to bring up the different Accounts under our Examination, and to have them finally audited by the 31st Instant: but as We are waiting for explanations to Accounts from different Departments, on which Reports have been made, and we are also informed that Mr Commissioner Jackson will not be ready with his Audit at the abovementioned period, We beg leave to submit to the Consideration of the Honble Board, whether it will not be necessary to allow us further time for the final Adjustment of our Business -

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22d March 1786

We are with great Respect &c

J Kapper
Wm Wynch
/Signed/ Edwd Holland
J Balfour

Minute of the Board respecting the Bullocks lost with Major Burn's Detachment -

Agreed that the Commissioners of Accounts be informed that the Loss arising on the Capture of the Bullocks with Major Burn's Detachment is to be equally shared between

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between the Company and the Bullock Maintrees and that Certificates for Bengal Bonds are to be granted to them for the Balance due, after retaining Pags 10.148 as proposed by Mr Henneworthey.

The Commissioners of Accounts to continue their Office to the 30th April.

Resolved also that the period fixed for the finial Adjustment of the Business under charge of the Commissioners of Accounts, be prolonged to the 30th of April next.

Read the following Letter from Mr Theodore Corbett.

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &c Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr Theodore Corbett, repeating his Request to be appointed to the Paymastership of Ellore conformably to the orders of Government.

I have had the honor to receive your Commands communicated to me by Mr Chamier under date the 16th Augt 1785 purporting that you will take my application into Consideration when a Successor to Mr Westcott is appointed—

As Mr Westcott has been removed to Masulipatam, & as by the 27th Parag. of the Genl Letter of the 12th July 1782 from the Honble Court. I am expressly pointed out as his Successor, I trust you will excuse me, if I beg leave to repeat my Request to be nominated accordingly; I have heard it reported that one Paymaster is thought to be sufficient

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sufficient for the two Garrisons of Ellore & Samulcotah & that the expence of a Paymaster at Samulcotah, where there are not 100 Sepoys, may be spared. If such a reform should be in agitation I most chearfully offer myself to transact the Business of both places without any addition to the allowance of Paymaster of Ellore —

Ingeram
9th March 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Theod. Corbett

Appointed

Agreed that Mr Corbett be appointed Paymaster at Ellore, & that Mr Graham be directed to deliver over Charge of the Employ to him —

Mr Alex. Macleod appointed to reside at Calcutta to purchase all Articles of Provision wanted for the Coast, & to be allowed a Commission of 6 ₱ Ct. upon the whole amount of Sums advanced him by the Govr General & Council.

In order to facilitate the future provision of Supplies from Bengal, the President proposes that one of the Civil Servants of this Esta=blishment, be appointed to reside at Calcutta, & that he be directed to purchase all Articles of Provision, which may be indented for from hence, or ordered (without such Indent from the Governor General & Council — The President recommends Mr Alexr Macleod for the above Appointment —

Agreed that Mr Macleod be appointed & that he be allowed to draw a Commission of 6 ₱ Cent upon the whole Amount of such Sums as may be advanced to him by the Bengal Govern=ment for providing and transmitting Supplies.

Read the following Letter from Mr Commissioner Jackson with Enclosure entered in MB marked A)

To

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President & Governor &c. Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Mr Comms. Jackson states his Observations on the examinatn of the Military Payments and Disbursements of the Garrison of Trichinopoly.

I beg leave to inform your Honor &ca that I have examined the Military Payments & Disbursements of the Garrison of Trichinopoly from the 1st of May 1780 to the 31st December 1784.

The irregular Charges, which have been entered into there Accounts, including the Deductions made from the irregular Cavalry, amount upon the whole to the Sum of thirteen thousand, six hundred, and sixty two Pagodas, seven fanams and sixty eight Cash (13662-7-68) which has been refunded, and duly brought to the Credit of the Honble Company -

The Paymaster from the day he issued Grain to the Native Troops, has debited the Company, under the Head of Profit & Loss, for the amount of the Losses on this Article, & which has arisen from the difference of Price at which he credits, and the Price he issued it at to the Troops, the former being settled by the Collector of the Assigned Revenues, and the latter, by the Custom of the Service during the late War; this has caused a difference in his accounting for the Amount of the Sums, on which

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which the Paymaster has been debited for, in the Books of the Committee of Assigned Revenue, but which, according to the mode he observed in passing a Money Receipt, for the full Value of the Grain received from the Collector, could not be avoided, & I understand from the Paymaster, that this Mode was recommended by Mr John Sulivan, & authorized by Government - The Amount charged under the Head of Profit & Loss from the 1st June 1782 to the 30th June 1784 is Pags 30982.28.59 - in all other respects the Paymaster has accounted for the Grain, as well as the Cash received from Messrs Sulivan & Irwin -

With the Accounts for the Month of August 1784, Mr Palk sent me a separate Bill, in which he has debited the Company for Ps 15,321.28 being for Interest paid by him at ten & twelve p Cent p Annum for Sums of Money procured, as he informs me at different periods for the Publick Service, from 1st of January 1781 to 31st Decr 1785 - If it is true Honble Sir & Sirs, there appears a Balance due to the Paymaster at the end of every Month to 31st Augt 1784 & Money must have been procured by some means, independant of the Cash advanced to him on the Company's Account, to have defrayed the Disbursements which were made, but throughout my examination it no where appears in what Month, or Months, the specifick Sums are set forth in Mr Palk's Interest Acct were advanced, or lent to the Company, it is therefore

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a very difficult matter for me to decide on the propriety of Charges lately brought forward, that do not actually appear upon the Face of her Monthly Accounts, I cannot however avoid observing to your Honor &ca it appears to me irregular, that Mr Falk should have carried on an Interest Account against the Honble Company, after the 31st of Augt 1784, without your knowledge and approbation, because I conceive it was his Duty at that period, to have applied for Reimbursement of the different Sums he had procured for the Publick Service.

The Interest Account from 1st Febry 1781 to the 31st Decr 1785, as abovementioned is ..... Pags ₹ 15321.28.-

Whereas if Mr Falk had charged only to the 31st Augt 1784, it would have amounted to 10241.28

Difference Pags 5080.--

It remains with your Honor &c to decide, whether Mr Falk is entitled to Interest, after the period his Accounts are made up, or only to 31st Augt 1784. Your Honor &ca having determined on this point, I shall then be able to certify the Nett Balance due to the Trichinopoly Paymaster, to the Day he was directed to close his Accounts.

I beg permission to send herewith, Copy of a Letter which I received from Mr Falk with his Account Current for August 1784.

and have the honor to subscribe myself, with the greatest Respect,

Warriore
3d March 1786

Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedt Hble Servant
Signed / W Jackson
Comm.r of Accounts

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Agreed that Interest be allowed in

Minute thereon. Mr Palk's Accounts to the 31st August 1784 as stated in the above Letter, and that Mr Jackson be desired to certify the Nett Balance due to Mr Palk in conformity to this Resolution.

Read the following Letter from the Superintendant of the Jaghires (with Enclosure entered in Mem B, marked B)

To The Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &ca Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From the Superintendant of the Jaghire, requesting the Board will determine upon the Duties of the Buzar to the New Cantonment at Shiveram: & apply to the Nabob to send a Person thither to ascertain the Limits of the Ground & see that the Measurement is impartially conducted

In Obedience to your Commands of the 8th Instant, I sent directions to Mr Dighton to ascertain by particular Measurement the Ground belonging to the Nabob, which is occupied by a part of the new Cantonment; but as it will be necessary that some person should attend on behalf of His Highness to give authentic Information with respect to the Limits of the Ground and to see that the Measurement is impartially conducted, I request your Honble Board will be pleased to intimate the same to His Highness accordingly.

In Mr Dighton's Letter to me on this Subject (Extract of which I have the honor to enclose) you will perceive that some other claims are likely to be made by the Company's Renters

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Renters for Deductions on account of the seperation of some part of their Lands for the purposes of the Cantonment — In order to make this as easy and convenient to the Company as possible, I would beg leave to propose that the Line or Boundary of the Cantonment be ascertained and marked by a Fence, and that Mr Deighton be permitted to attend on this occasion to shew the Limits of the different Villages, and point out in what manner the line may be drawn with least prejudice to the Company's Revenue —

With regard to the latter part of the Extract from Mr Deighton's Letter to me I beg leave to observe that it will be necessary to come to some determination with respect to the duties of the Buzar to the Cantonment, which is situated within the borders of the Carantandelcam Renter, who claims the priviledge of collecting them, or a deduction from his Rent in case that Priviledge should be denied him — I have for the present directed that no Duty be levied by any of the Company's Renters within what are now con=sidered as the Limits of the Cantonment —

Fort St George
22d March 1786

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Chas Oakeley

Agreed

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Agreed that Mr Oakeley be desired to give his Sentiments on the mode of establishing the Buzar at the new Cantonment with as little prejudice as posible to the Company's Revenue—

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Mr Lewin—

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &ca Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Mr Thomas Lewin offering to enter into a Contract with Government for supplying the Troops with Arrack at the rate of forty Cash for each Dram—

Having observed in the Madras Courier of the 25th Janry last, an Advertisement published by Order of your Honble Board offering to receive Proposals for contracting to supply the Troops of this Establishment with Arrack, and conceiving that by engaging in such a business I might be fortunate enough to repair in some degree the expences incurred by living so long with my Family at the Presidency totally destitute of any provision from the Honorable Company's Employ; I set about making the necessary enquiries so as to enable me to lay before your Honor &ca Proposals formed upon principles capable of yielding me a proper compensation for the risque and trouble of the undertaking, without bearing too hard upon the poor Soldier— I beg leave to acquaint your Honor &ca that I have at length procured sufficient

Information

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Information upon the Subject to enable me to offer which I now do to contract for furnishing the said Article on the footing exposed in your Advertisement, and that I can afford to do it at the rate of forty Cash or one half of a Fanam for each Dram — Should this Offer appear to be the lowest and consequently the most favorable to the Company, and their Meletary Servants of all the offers made to your Honor &ca upon the occasion, I shall have no doubt of obtaining the Contract; since both the Interest of our Honble Employers, & Justice to the Troops serving under your authority, will naturally incline you to give the preference to the most moderate terms — And with respect to the duration of the Contract, as the Advertisement expresses but imperfectly the intentions of your Honor &ca upon this poent, I can only say, that should you be disposed to lengthen it beyond the period of the last Contract, which I understand was one twelvemonths, (although the public Notice rather implies a contrary intention) I shall be equally willing to take it at the rate abovementioned for any longer term, your Honor &ca may think advisable, not exceeding the space of ten Years —

The time for sending in Proposals is limited in the Advertisement to the 1st of February — But as that allows only six days for the purpose, & as the Madras Newspaper is often faulty in respect of dates & other mistakes of the Press, I have considered that it is far more probable there should be an Error in the Printer, than that only six days notice should have been designed by your Honor &ca to be given for the Community at

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at large to turn this extensive Subject in their Minds, a Subject that requires the maturest reflection ere it is resolved upon, as it may eventually involve the whole fortune of any individual, who is concerned in it.— Accordingly, judging that some Mistake of this sort hath arisen, & that the matter of the Contract may possibly not yet have been finally determined, I have ventured to submit the above Offer to your Consideration assuring you that I have not delayed the same one moment longer than was necessary for me, a Stranger as I was to the Business to satisfy my own Mind that I could make it good, & at the same time do Justice to the Honble Company, to the Soldiery, & to myself—

I am with great Respect &c &c

Fort St George
21st March 1786

/Signed/ Tho Lewin

To lie on the Table.

Ordered to lie on the Table—

Read the following Letters (as entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 90-91-92-93)—

From Mr Mitford dated 24th Ulto

From Mr. Mitford

stating that a Mistake has been committed in the Accountants Office in the calculation of Interest upon a Sum for which Bills on Bengal were granted in his favor on the 1st Augt 1783, & enclosing a Certificate from the late Deputy Accountant, in which the Error is declared to be Pags 1074.7.70—

As it appears from the above mentioned Certificate that Mr. Mitford did not receive a Bill for the whole Amount of his Claim, it is

Minute thereon:

Agreed that a Bill be drawn upon Nagore at 2 Months sight for Pags 1074.7.70 in his favor.—

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From the Town Major

From the Town Major of Fort St George dated 27th Instant, requesting the liquidation of the Accounts for cloathing the Invalid Sepoys for the years 1780 1781 1782 - 1783 & 1784 & enclosing the proper Vouchers - stating also the request of the Invalid Sepoys that they may receive back the amount of the Stoppages made for Sepoy Stops (which is Pag.s 517. to 544.

Minute thereon

Agreed that a Certificate for a Bengal Bond be given to Capt.n Sydenham in liquidation of his Accounts for cloathing the Invalids, & that the amount of Stoppages for Stops be refunded -

From the Commissary General -

From Col. Capper Commissary General, dated 7th Instant, reporting upon Mr. Cochrane's Accounts, which he was directed to examine and stating Mr. Cochrane's Claim for Interest, Commission, and Wastage.

Minute thereon

In consideration of the Circumstances mentioned in Colonel Cappers Report, it is Agreed that Mr. Cochrane be allowed 8 ₰ Cent with a Premium of 4 ₰ Cent - also 10 ₰ Cent. Commission on Goods sold, and a Wastage of 4 & 3/4 ₰ Cent on Grain sent to the Army, and that Colonel Capper be desired to certify the Net Balance due to Mr. Cochrane -

From Brig.r Gen.l Horne -

From Brigadier General Horne dated 11th of March, desiring an order for Reimbursement on account of some Huts built by the 10th Battalion, & enclosing a Statement from

Captain

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Captain Stevenson requesting Allowances for the com=
=pletion of Barracks for his Regiment —

Agreed that the Charge for
building the Huts be paid, and that the same Al=
Minute thereon =lowances, which have been given at Arcot for
Barracks to the Native Cavalry, be permitted to be
drawn by Captain Stevenson —

Alx. Davidson

W. C. Jackson
Dep. Sec.

Tho. Dallas

Charles Floyer

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29th Sent the undermentioned Letters
(entered in the Mil.y Nos 94-95-96-97-98-99-100
101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109-110.)

To Mr Hoisard, directing him

To Mr Hoisard to issue Pay to the two Companies of the 15th Battalion
and to transmit the Accounts to the Mil.y Pay.r General

To Mr. Corbett informing him

To Mr. Corbett of his Appointment to the Paymastership of Ellore;
and directing him to take charge of the Employ
from Mr. Graham -

To Mr. David Graham, dir=

To Mr. Graham -recting him to deliver over the charge of the Pay=
-mastership at Ellore, to Mr Corbett -

To the Resident at Tanjore.

To Mr. Hudleston 50 Sarcars to be sent to the New Cantonment -

To Mr. Milford, the Board

To Mr. Milford will grant him Bills on Nagore payable in two
Months for Pag.t 1074.7.70 being a Balance due to
him on account of an Error made in a former Cal=
-culation of Bills, drawn in his favor -

To the Superintendant

To Mr Oakeley of the Jaghire, desiring his Sentiments on the
mode of establishing a Bazar at the New Canton=
-ment; and enclosing for his Information Copy
of a Letter addressed to Colonel Davis by the Comman=
-der in Chief -

To the Commissioners of Accounts

To the Commissioners of Accounts acquainting them that the Sep.s arriving on the
Capture

29th Capture of Bullocks with Major Burn's Detachment
is to be equal between the Company and the Bullock
Maistries.

To Mr Commissioner Jackson.

To Mr Comm.r Jackson — the Board consent to allow Interest on Mr Palk's Accounts to the 31st Augt 1784 and no longer.

To the Honble Basil Cochrane.

To Mr Cochrane — the Board admit his Claims for Interest on Money Cent. for Commission on Goods sold, & for allowance on account of Wastage —

To the Commissary General

To Col: Capper — informing him of the above —

To Mr Macleod, advising him

To Mr Macleod — of his Appointment as Agent for this Presidency in Bengal, in order to transmit Supplies to the Coast, upon which he is allowed a Commission of 6 p Cent —

To General Horne, acquainting

To Genl Horne — him that the Board consent to the Liquidation of Captain Stevenson's Bill with the alteration of 50 Pagodas in lieu of 80 for the Erection of a Subaltern Barracks, the same having been allowed at Arcot —

To the Committee of Works.

To the Comm.ee of Works — informing them that Government approve of the renewal of Mr Garrow's Contract, & directing them to lay before the Board a Draft of Articles of Agreement to be entered into with Mr Garrow —

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To Mr Porcher, acquainting him

To Mr Porcher

that the Board consider Mr Harry Taylor res=
=ponsible to the Company for Pagodas 10,670. 3. 12 fan Ca
which Mr Commissioner Jackson has stated to
be irregularly brought to the Company's Debit;
in Mr Taylor's Accounts —

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To the Resident at Tanjore, di=

To Mr Hudleston

=recting him to issue a Sum of Money to the Pay=
=master at Tanjore, equal to the discharge of those
Bills, which he has drawn upon the Military
Paymaster General —

To the Honble Basil Cochrane

To Mr Cochrane

directing him to communicate in Writing the
Propositions he made to the Board on the
28th Instant —

To Mr Welch, Paymaster

To Mr Welch

at Arcot, the People under Captain Mitchel,
are to receive full Batta, till they join their
respective Corps — Each Cavalry Officer to
receive fifty Pagodas for the Provision of
Quarters at Arcot —

Received the following Letter.

To

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr
Governor General, & Gentlemen of the Council
of the Presidency of Madras

Fort St George

Gentlemen.

From M. Lopigny protesting in the name of his most Christian Majesty against any innovation that may be made upon the Claims of the French Nation, & enclosing Copies of a Correspondence between the Chief of Yanam, and the English Resident at Ingeram –

On the 25. October last year, you did me the honor to address to me a Reply to a Letter wrote you by the Vicount de Souillac on the 5th of the same month –

You inform me Gentlemen, in that Answer, that you deem the Vicount de Souillacs Claims inadmissible, that notwithstanding you will forward the representations of your Nation to the Governor General and Council of Bengal, who have a right, as being your Superiors, to controul your decisions –

You honored me at the same time with a promise of furnishing me with their reply. I had a hope that their Opinion would have been such that I might have expected their acquiescence to our claim; nevertheless 4 Months and a half have elapsed without your doing me the honor to write me; possibly the Gentlemen in Council at Calcutta did not conceive our Claims of sufficient Importance, to merit a fresh Determination on their part. not even so much as a simple answer – I must therefore abide, Gentlemen, by the determination contained in your

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31. your Letter of the 25th October; and after all the recital which is given me by Mr. Forestier Chief of the French factory at Manulipatam, who has received from the Council of that place, a decision by you, Gentlemen, relative to the demands made as duties exacted by you upon our Goods.

Considering that decision as being absolutely an infringement of the freedom and independence of our Trade, which we are so solemnly promised in the last Treaty of Peace, I protest in the name of His Most Christian Majesty, to every innovation made, or what you may make, according to your principles, that may be detrimental to the freedom of our Commerce.

Permit me Gentlemen, to make one Remark. Can it be possible that all the Claims (even all without exception) that we have made, can be of a nature inadmissible by any of the Council of your Presidency? that formerly we enjoyed such & such Dispensions, upon bills now reputed by you invalid; that we were able without any difficulty to follow such branches of Trade as you now think yourselves authorized to forbid us. in short Gentlemen, your Intentions are to place obstacles in the way of our Trade, in general, altho. both from the Letter and Spirit of the last Treaty of Peace, our Trade ought to be carried on free as it was by the old French East India Company.

I conceive, Gentlemen, that

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5. it is my duty to make another attempt to obtain
possession of the Lands belonging to us at Yanaon,
a Claim already made by Mr. Martin and always
looked upon by you, Gentlemen, as inadmissible,
although perfectly just — for that purpose, I think
I cannot do better than furnish you with the
representation sent me by Mr. Martin, and his
Correspondence with Mr. Hamilton — I have the
honor to send them you —

Honor me Gentlemen, with
your reply as soon as possible, that I may have
the opportunity of forwarding it to my Court,
by a Vessel, which sails for France between the
1st. and 10th of the ensuing Month —

It will afford me singular
Satisfaction to be able to announce, that acting
upon other principles, you have agreed to one of
our just Claims, which would at least leave me
a hope, to arrange amicably the greater part of
those we have already made, desiring nothing
with more Ardor, than to contribute to a long
duration of that good understanding, which at
present subsists between England and France —

I have the honor to be
with distinguished Consideration,
Gentlemen &c &c &c

Pondicherry
25th. March 1786

/ Signed / Cossigny

A true Translation
H Chase French Translator

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Copy of a Letter from Mr Hamilton Chief of Ingeram;
to Mr Marten, Chief of the French Factory of
Yanam, dated the 12th February 1786.

Sir,

I had the honor to transmit
on due time your several Claims to the Honble
the Governor and Council of Madras, through
the Board of Masulepatam, and in reply am
directed to communicate their opinion to you there-
upon:

With respect to the Paper
No 1 referred to in your Letter, and adduced by you
as a proof that your Nation received a Sunnud for
the Ground situated to the Eastward of Yanam,
which you now claim as your right, cannot be
admitted as such. That if it should be admitted
that the testimony of a former manager is
sufficient proof that such a Sunnud did exist,
yet as the paper referred to, neither defines the
limits nor situation of the Ground, which might
have been thus granted, no conclusion can in
their opinion be drawn from it, that the extent
of ground, which was in the possession of the
French at the commencement of the late war,
and which has been restored to them, is not
smaller, than what they might be able to
claim by virtue of their Sunnud, unless such Sunnud

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N. can be produced, — that it appears to them a little extraordinary that this Paper should not have been produced in the year 1765, when the former restoration of the french Factories took place, nor at any subsequent period previous to the breaking out of the late War, as it would certainly have been less difficult to prove the existence of such a Sannad at that time than now —

They think the Papers N.os 2 & 3 containing the testimonies of certain Inhabitants liable to the same objection

With respect to your claims founded on the authority of the papers marked N.os 4, 5, 6, & 7, relative to the grants said to have been made by Sugga petty Nawze & Rufsan ali Cawn, it is the opinion of the Honble the Governor & Council, that those people being Zemindars dependant on the Company's authority, had no right to alienate or grant any part of their Zemindaries without the knowledge & consent of Government, which of course renders such Grants invalid —

With regard to the grant from the Nizam N.o 8 they are of opinion, that it not having been produced to Messrs Whitehill & Dobbin, when they restored Yanam to the French in 1765, & the french not having been in possession thereof at the beginning of the last war, any Claim that could be adduced from it, may be considered as having ceased —

With respect to your proposal of changing the day on which the Nellapullee market is kept; the Board do not think it necessary that the day should be changed —

I have the H.r Signed) W. Hamilton

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Copy of 31. Mr Martin's Answer to Mr Hamilton's Letter of the 12th February 1786 -

Sir

I have received the Letter, which you did me the honor to write me of the 12th Instant, in which you state the objections made by the Council of Madras to my demands - I there see a part so decidedly taken, to refuse to us all that ought legally to return to us, that in my opinion it is useless to discuss at length there objections - all that I could say would be insufficient, since they will neither accept the written proofs, nor the evidences, which I produce and nevertheless, I do not know any other means in the world to establish a fact - I cannot however help making some observations upon the whole of what you state on the Subject of the Paper N.o 1. of which I had the honor to return you a Copy - It appears that the Council of Madras in confining themselves only to invalidate that Paper, believe by that to destroy our Pretensions as if there pretensions had been founded upon the evidence of Paper only -

I only sent it as by a superabundance of Proofs, it was a piece, which establishes without reply, our ancient property, since 1742. But it is not in virtue of that Paper that I demand the Land situated to the East of Yanaon, it is in virtue of the Treaty of Peace, which restores

31st restores to us all that we possessed at the commence-
-ment of the last War -

Besides that Paper is not new,
it was written by the old Dechapandiar of Ingeram
who has been dead these twenty years, & has been
-larly Mr Mast. who has been long dead, and who
has written with his own hand upon the back of
the Paper, what he conceived to be the object men-
-tioned in it -

If that Paper was not produced
in 1765, it was without doubt, found not necessary
to produce it, the English Commissaries at that
time made no difficulty in restoring Yanam to
Mr Panon, to deliver up all its dependencies, and
the words in question, made a part of them -
This Chief took possession of them, he made the
woods nearest this Village, be cut down, and set
up salt works and farmed out to our Villagers
all the land proper for culture, as fast as they
cleared it of wood - We only have cultivated this
part, and the culture of it has been carried into
the middle of the Woods, which still remain - In
so perfect a State of Agreement, what occasion
was there for producing this Paper, in order to prove
a Property, which was acknowledged, and which the
English Commissaries never disputed with us? - Can
it be imagined that Mr Panon, who protested
against the refusal, which was given to restore to
him the Island of Illatepia, and our factory of
Narsepour, would not have comprehended this
Land in his Protest, if the English Commissaries
had

51 had made any difficulty in restoring it to him? -
this Correspondence at that time with the Council
of Pondicherry, which I have in my hands, announces
the Possession of their land, and his projects for cultiv-
-ating the Peninsula, which he had no means of
extending further than he did: but it does not
follow that, because neither he, nor the other Chiefs
who had succeeded him, have been able to cultivate
all the land, that what is still covered with Woods
does not belong to us - This Paper, say the Council
at Madras does not determine our limits, nor fix
the situation of them - This Paper says that a Piece
of land worth 250 Pagodas of rent, has been granted
us and the Woods -

If there were two Woods it
would be equivocal, but there is only the one, in
question in all our territory, which on every other
side is quite bare, and consequently its situation
is fixed by its denomination only - When any
thing stands single, one cannot misunderstand it.
The limits are even determined - The woods belong
to us all them that is covered with Wood, is ours
and these Woods began close to Yanam, and still end
at present at the extremity of the Peninsula; It
appears that it is not the custom of the Indians
to determine boundaries otherwise; since, the land
which we possess to the West of Yanam, and which
is not disputed, has no other fixed limits in
all the pervannahs, than the value of the Rent
at which it was farmed, at the time of its acquisition
which was for 250 Pagodas; we should be deceived
if

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31 if we were to assimilate our Customs to those of the Indians, & this mistake would be entirely voluntary.—

The Council of Madras think it a little extraordenary that this Paper has neither been produced in 1765 at the time, the factory was reestablished, nor in the subsequent pereods before the Commencement of the last War—

I have answered the first of those propositions and in my turn demand what are the pereods at which we ought to have produced this Paper, we had the Property of this land fully acknowledged, no body disputed with us the most peaceable enjoyment of it for ten years—

Mr Sadlier at last in 1775

formed some doubts upon our Property, accused us of usurpation, as you mention to me Sir in your Letter of the 23d March 1785, but the assertion of Mr Sadlier without proof, & without foundation cannot militate against us, it proves on the contrary our enjoyment & Possession — If this Chief had taken it into his head to contest with us the west side also, would you in that case have refused us the whole 2

Nevertheless the Commissaries who came here to examine the conduct of Mr Sadlier did not bring their pretensions to an issue, but left us in the quiet possession of this land without any demand on their part — If they had made any it might then have been necessary to shew this Paper it was certainly in the hands of Mr Deman, who was then Chief of Yanam — But it was not wanted, because the difficulties ceased and this is the sole Cloud cast upon our Property from 1765 to 1778, the Epoque of the commencement

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4th of the last War, this Sir, is all that I have to say respecting that Paper upon which the Council of Madras appear to form doubts, but I repeat it, I do not ground our rights upon that Paper, but upon the constant possession of the Land from 1765 to the commencement of the last War, a possession proved by our Culture by the right of Sovereignty established by the French Chiefs over the Wood, which they prevented from being cut without their Order, by the unanimous testimony of all the ancient Inhabitants and in fine even by M.r Sadleir's Journal.

This in virtue of the last Treaty of Peace, which grants to us all that we possessed at the commencement of the last War. That I demand this Land, which we really possessed, the Savanan of Ottapelle was very anciently in the hands of the French and the Session of it which was made to them in 1765, by the Soubah Nizam, Ally, and by the Phoundar Hossein Ali Cawn, is prior to that, which was made to you of the Circars in 1766, consequently there could be no need of the consent of the Council of Madras for a Territory to which the English had no right, and which He could not give up. The Pervannah of Jaggapetty Manze makes no alienation of this Territory but a restitution of Land, which belonged to us, and which had been ceded to us by the Sovereign, the only one who then had a right to give it us. I will not enter upon this discussion so fully as I have done upon the Subject in Paper N.o 1, but refer it to the Governor of Pondicherry because

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N because the doubt, which the Council of Madras appear to point personally against me, as having presented an aprocrippal Paper -

When I proposed to you, Sir, to appoint another day for the market of Nellapille, my intensions were as I had the honor then to inform you, to prevent Jealousies disputes, and quarrels, which a Market held on the same day in two places so contegious as Yanam, and Nellapillee, occasioned between our Inhabitants, I saw besides another advantage in it, and a real advantage to both Villages, in having two Markets in a Week, when our res= =pective Inhabitants might be able to procure with more care and greater abundance the necessaries of Life; but the desire of refusing is so great, that it prevails over the Convenience and Utility, resulting from my proposal, for the two Establishments. I have nothing to say to that -

I am Sir &c.

Yanam
15. February 1786

/Signed/ Martin

/A true Copy/

/Signed/ Copeigny

a true Translation

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35. Translation -

Copy of a Letter from Mr Martin, Chief of the French Factory at Yanam to Mr Cossigny Governor of Pondicherry -

Sir,

I have the honor to send you a Copy of a Letter addressed to me by Mr Hamilton dated the 17th Instant, respecting our Claims, and the Answer I made him -

The Gentlemen in Council at Madras & Masulipatam do every thing in their power, to prevent our reaping any benefit from the possession of Lands, which are our property. all that I have, Sir, to assure you is, that my reply contains the whole truth, and that they cannot without great Injustice, refuse to comply with our demands -

Yanam
22d February 1786

I am &c
(Signed) Martin

A true Copy
(Signed) Cossigny

(a true Translation)
H Chase
French Interp.

From Mr Hamilton to Mr Martin.

Sir,

I have to acquaint you, that the Chief and Council of Masulipatam continue in the same Sentiments, that if even the Sanad of Hussun Ally Khan could be produced, it could not

31. not be deemed a sufficient authority for your possession of the Ground in question; as no person but the Soubah himself could alienate the Government Lands. therefore the simple testi-
-mony of a former Renter such as Hussan Ally Khan, is of course of much less authority, & cannot be addeced in proof of your Claims.

In compliance with the recom-
-mendation of the Chief and Council, I transmit you for your Information, a Copy of an attestation of the oldest Inhabitants in support of the Claim of the East India Company, and am to acquaint you further, that the object of the Commissioners sent to Ingeram in 1776, was not to ascertain the limits of the french possessions in Yanam, and of course their authority cannot be brought forward in proof of your Pretensions-

Some Regulations having taken place respecting the Customs demanded from french Subjects at Masulipatam, I now send for your Information a Copy of the Chief & Councils Letter on that Subject to Mr Torcheir, and shall demand your Compliance with the Spirit of those Regulations on all occasions, on Goods imported or exported on Vessels of your Nation at the Port of Corringa.-

I have the honor to be &c.

/Signed/ Wm Hamilton

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From Mr Martin to Mr Hamilton

Sir,

I have received the Letter you did me the honor to write me this day, as well as Copy of the Letter from the Council of Masulipatam to Mr Forrester — The opinion of that Council respecting the Lands that I claim, founded upon the motives you point out, does not weaken the Reasons I have given — but as I have submitted this business to the determination of the Governor of Pondicherry, every new discussion on my part would be superfluous.

I do not see what connection, the Ruler that the Council of Masulipatam desired you to communicate to me, have with our Situation at Yanam, settled by the last Treaty of Peace, and by so positive an act of Restoration — they appear to me quite contradictory to what the same Council desired you to write me on the 2d of January 1785 on the Subject of Duties; I beg of you to furnish me with a more explicit Interpretation of their intentions respecting us, in order that I may inform my Superiors, and receive their Instructions upon the Subject.

I am &c.

(Signed) Martin

A true Translation

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Copy of a N. Letter from Mr Marten Chief of the French Factory at Yanam to Mr de Cossigny Governor of Pondicherry

Sir.

I have the honor to send you Copy of another Letter written to me by Mr Hamilton and my Answer -

One of the Papers he mentions, is the Letter from the Masulipatam Council, which Mr Forstier wrote me, he had sent you - The other is written in Malabar, of which I have not yet the explanation, but from what Mr Hamilton says, it must be an attestation of the Inhabitants of Nellipelle, that the Land claimed by me, does not belong to us. - This piece has been drawn up a few days ago, & signed only by those who are dependant upon the English, & who were necessitated to subscribe according to the Orders, which they received -

What weight can such a Paper have against the facts which I point out? such as the cultivation of that Land by us, the prohibition to cut wood, without the permission of the French Chief, in fine our Possession of it, proved even by the demand of Mr Sadleir in 1775 -

This Possession is still further proved, by the Correspondence of Mr Vanon with

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...th with the Council of Pondicherry; it is certain that we have prospered it from 1765 to 1778 the epoch of the last War - This single circumstance is alone sufficient to cause it to be restored to us, since by the last Treaty of Peace, we are to enter into all that we prospered at the commencement of the Last War -

Lord Macartney in a letter to M. Coutenceau only asked for that proof: I have given it, & since the departure of Lord Macartney it is no longer reckoned sufficient -

Every year opens with new pretensions on their part; they now want to subject me to regulations made for Masulipatam; they will no doubt, with to take an account of all goods imported or exported from this establishment - We are however absolutely exempted from every duty, we have been so for the whole time which has elapsed, between the two last wars, this exemption is particularly specified in the reestablishment of this factory -

What then are their pretensions to subject us to their inspection, & render our trade dependent, contrary to the Clauses expressly inserted in the last Treaty of Peace -

I request, Sir, to have your ...anam order upon this subject -

11th Sept. March 1786

Sam &c

(Signed) Martin

(A true Copy)

(Signed) Cofreigny

A true Translation

J. Chase French Translator

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To the Hon^ble Alexander Davidson Esq^r
President & ca Council
at Fort St George

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

From Bengal: enclosing a copy of their Resolution in consequence of a Reference made by the House of Mess^rs Bayne & Colvin.

A Reference has lately been made to us by the House of Mess^rs Bayne and Colvin of this place, from which it would seem that an Idea had prevailed at Fort St George, that the Bonds to be granted by this Government in lieu of Certificates given by you in liquidation of Military Arrears were to be discharged here at the expiration of twelve Months, either in Cash or by Bills of Exchange to be drawn on the Court of Directors at the Exchange of £ 2/1 ₰ Current Rupee

As We think it material that our Intentions should not be liable to Misconception, We enclose to you herewith a Copy of our Minute on this Reference, that you may if you should think proper, notify the same to those at your Presidency, who may be interested in the Subject.

We have the honor to be &^ca

Fort William
Secret Department of Inspection
9th March 1786

John Macpherson
R. Sloper
John Stables
Chas Stuart

(Signed)

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Honble the Governor Genl and Council, dated 9th March 1786

Read the following Letter from Messrs Bayne and Colvin –

Enter it –

The Board observe that the Governor Generals Plan for liquidating the Military Arrear Debt of the several Establishments in India is clear, and precise: Bengal Bonds are to be issued for a Core of those Arrears such Bonds bearing an Interest at the rate of 8 p Cent per Annum, from the 1st January, but conditioning that it shall be optional to the Bond holder to receive 8 p Cent on India, or a Bill on the East India Company for Interest on each Bond at 5 p Cent, the Rupee being rated at 2 Shillings and a penny, and the amount of the Interest payable one year after sight, and so on annually at pleasure, till the Principal is paid either here or in London; and to enable the Company to discharge such Bills of 5 p Cent Interest, as the Bondholders may prefer to the India Interest, & to enable the Company in time to provide a separate Fund, for the final discharge of this Core of Arrears, it was agreed, to set apart an annual Sum, not exceeding 8 Lacs of Rupees, the India Interest of the Arrear Debt to provide a separate and choice Investment, which should be made in due proportions at each of the three Presidencies –

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It would seem from Mr Garrow's Letter to Messrs Bayne and Colvin, that as the Bonds are to specify a certain time of Payment - one year - a full payment of Cash will be actually insured for them at the expiration of that period; but the Board are no otherwise pledged to the payment of the Bonds at that time, than they are pledged to the due discharge of other Bengal Bonds issued for some years past, which are made payable at the same period - The Interest payable on Bengal on the Bonds granted for Military Arrears, will be regularly discharged, as the Interest is on other Bengal Bonds, but the one has no advantage over the other in the payment of the Principal, excepting that, which may accrue to the Bonds of Military Arrears in the means provided for their gradual discharge in England by an encrease of Investment at each Presidency - When a Fund is provided in England for such discharge the Governor Genl and Council expect to be advised thereof by the Court of Directors, and to receive their Sanction for drawing Bills on them which shall be paid from that Fund in liquidation of the Crore of Military Arrears -

The Board deem themselves pledged to the strict execution of the Plan which they resolved on for liquidating those Arrears, several months before the Company's Orders of the 15th September 1785 arrived, or were known in Bengal, but if the Gentlemen at the other Presi= =dencies, to whom Military Arrears are due, should wish

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5th. work in preference to take Bills for the Amount of those Arrears on the Terms specified in the Company's order of the 15th. September 1785 they are at Liberty so to do. and such Bills will be granted to them —

A true Extract
Signed / Hamden Sub.ry

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

Honble. Sir, & Sirs.

We have been honored with your Secretary's Letter of the 26th Instant — In our Address of the 3d of January last, We stated to your Honor &ca that the Service entrusted to us had met with Obstructions from the various Acts of Reform which the Army Establishment had undergone during our Revision of the old Military Regulations.

From the Committee for revising the Book of Regulations stating their Reasons for not having brought the Business entrusted to them to a speedy Conclusion.

At that Circumstance appears to have escaped your Observation, We beg leave here to repeat it in justice to ourselves & at the same time to note that for many Months past, & especially since the date of our Letter abovementioned, We have experienced further difficulty by losing almost entirely the assistance of Lieutenant Colonel Richardson, whom ill Health has prevented from

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from attending, and who by holding at present the Station of Adjutant General to the Army is rendered of peculiar consequence to us. The knowledge which, in the daily practice of that Office, Colonel Richardson acquires relative to the actual System & routine of the Publick Service, as also of every Military order that issues occasionally from your Honble Board, to all which We conceive the New Book of Regulations is expected to be conformable, is a point of essential Utility to Us, & one that our utmost Industry is unable of itself to supply. These reasons We apprehend will in a great measure account for the implied Delay in the execution of your Orders, a delay which your Honrs &c. must be sensible, can not be protracted by any motive of Interest on our parts, since nothing is to be gained by lengthening out the time, where no Salary whatever is allowed. We hope you will therefore be perswaded that it is not less our desire than our duty to use every possible diligence in bringing the Work to a conclusion, & altho' it should not be in our power to accomplish it by the day prescribed in your Secretary's Letter We have no doubt that when the Nature of our undertaking & the manner in which We have conducted it, comes to be thoroughly understood, We shall stand exempted from all Imputation of Remissness, & entitled to subscribe ourselves; which We beg leave to do with great Respect

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30th March 1786.

Honble Sir & Sirs &c &c &c

/Signed/ Jas Call
Tho Lewin
Wm Richardson
J Moorhouse

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To John Chamier Esqr

Military Secretary

Sir.

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 23d Instant.

His Excellency the Rajahs of Tanjore having made good his promised payments up to the 15th Instant as they became due, I only waited the Board's orders on their Bills on mess[rs] Ag[ra]-dilly to the intimation contained in your Letter of the 23d of December last, to pay the Agent of Govern-ment &c[a] the remainder of the two Lacks of Pagodas amounting to Pagodas 120000 — Immediately on the receipt of your last Letter I tender'd to him that Sum, but he has chosen to take 100000 only for the present, and I accordingly enclose you his receipt for that amount —

from Mr Hudleston pays to the Agents of Southavoy &c[a] one Lack of Pagodas and expects to forward to the Presidency in a few days 20000 Star Pag[s]

I request you will inform the Honble Board that an opportunety offering to purchase some Star Pagodas, I have advanced 6 the amount of 20000 for that purpose at 25 3/8 and hope to forward them under an Escort in two or three days — I am also promised a Bill on the House of Rama Chitty Soucar for 20000 Pagodas at 25 3/8 Fanams p[r] Pagoda, and ten days sight —

I have the honor to be

Tanjore
27th March 1786

(Signed) J Hudleston

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Committee of Surgeons, requesting more explicit Instructions than have been yet given to them

We have this day been honored with your Letter of the 28th Instt relative to Assistant Surgeons being ordered to attend the Medicine Godown &ca on the Subject of which, and some other matters in the Medical Department, we cannot help expressing ourselves at the greatest loss, how to answer to your Satisfaction—

Mr Chamier has just favored us with a Copy of the General Orders of the same date, wherein we already find an established arrangement of Assistant Surgeons in particular, so complete, as absolutely to put it out of our power to recommend any thing in that line—

We cannot help taking notice also, that in other respects, we think our Instructions are not yet sufficiently determined, to enable us to execute that duty, which in some instances, we are led to believe is expected—

By the 14th Paragraph of the new Regulations, we are given to understand, that the Committee of Surgeons are to assemble once a month, or oftener if necessary, in order to superintend, and regulate all the business respecting

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We the medical department belonging to this Presidency and its dependencies - But by the 36th Para where the Surgeon Superintending the Medical Stores is ordered independently to make his direct- -tional remarks and observations to the Honorable Board, there seems to be in some measure a differ- -ent intention -

This, Honble Sir & Sirs, together with the arrangement that yesterday took place, leaves us in a state of uncertainty, which is truely embarrasing -

We hope therefore that the Honble Board will excuse this trouble, which we unwillingly but unavoidably offer, and favor us with such explicit & positive Instructions as will enable us to go through our duty with confidence & satisfaction, & thereby empower us to act, so as to hope for your approbation, which it is our duty, and shall always be over study to merit -

In regard to the form of a quarterly Indent, we shall do every thing in our power to draw out such a one as will answ- -swer the purposes required, & take the earliest opportunity of laying it before the Honble Board for their inspection and approval -

We have the honor to be &c.

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29th March 1786

Jas Anderson
Surgeon General

/Signed/ Colley Lucas
Surgeon Major

Wm Horsman
Surgeon 73d Regt

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No. 1.

To John Chamier Esqr.

Military Secretary &c &ca

Sir.

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 17th Inst. signifying the Resolutions of the Government respecting the liquidation of Arrears and to request you will assure the Honble Board that their Instructions on that subject shall be followed with precision.—

From Genl Horne requests Instructions in respect to the mode of calculating the Rates of Discount upon the Bengal Certificates to be granted on liquidation of Military Arrears.

I am to desire you will be pleased also to communicate to the Honble Board that doubts having been suggested to me by the Commanding Officers of Corps relative to the mode of calculating the rates of discount, I am to solicit an explanation as early as possible. It has been intimated by them that Discount differs in its principle of Calculation from that of Interest, in as much they say as that 30 p Cent discount implies that for every 130 Pags 100 is to be paid instead of the Discounter paying Seventy for each Hundred. From the little experience I have had on that subject, I am inclined to the latter opinion, but to obviate all Doubts to the Satisfaction of the Parties, I am to beg you will state what Sum is to be paid by the Discounter for 100 Pagodas—

It will be necessary also to have the Instructions of the Honble Board respecting the Certificates of many of the Corps here, which are drawn out in Pagodas, & also with a great number of Fanams unreduced into Pagodas; which Fanams I am to request you will be pleased to signify, whether they are to be brought into Pagodas, at the Company's rate of 42 p Pagoda or at the Buzar exchange of the Place—

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

(Signed) J. Mat.w Horne

Head Quarters
Southern Forces
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Sent the following Letter.

To Mr George Moubray

Accountant.

Sir

To the Accountant to raise a Head in the General Books of Public & private Creditors of the Highness the Nabob, which Head is to be credited for £,300,000 Pags & to require the Signature of each Bondholder to a printed Receipt upon payment of their respective Proportions of the Dividend Lately made.

I am directed by the Board to desire you will raise the following New Head in the General Books "Public & private Creditors of His Highness the Nabob," which Head is to be credited with the Sum of £,300,000 Pags Lately received from the Nabob and debited for the Amount of the Dividend which is to be made on the 1st April next. The mode to be adopted in all future Receipts and Disbursements on this Account.

You will receive from the Committee appointed to investigate the Nabobs Debts, the Calculation of Interest due upon each Bond according to the following Distribution of the Dividend of £,150,000 Pagodas.

Share of the new Consol: Debt	£1238. 7. -
Share of the Cavalry Loan (to be reserved until the Debt be acknowledged)	£359. 13. 8
Share of the Company	£9200. 33. 7½
Share of the Creditors of 1767	£9200. 33. 7½
Current Pags	£30000. - -

Having received the abovementioned Calculation you are to mark the Signature of each Person upon payment of the money to a printed Receipt, which will be sent to you for that purpose.

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I am Sir &c &c

Signed / John Chamier Secy

To Gen.l Horne, informing him that ℔ Pag.s are to be paid for 100, agreably to usage in Mercantile Transactions of Discount—

To Brigadier General Horne
Commanding the Southern Forces

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 25th Inst.t I am directed by the Board to inform you, that ℔ Pag.s are to be paid for an 100, agreably to Usage in Mercantile transactions of Discount—

With respect to the Calculation of Fanams to a Pagoda, I am to inform you that the Current Exchange of the day is to be the Standard & not the Company's Rate of 42 ℔ Pagoda—

I am Sir &c &c

Signed John Chamier Secry

Fort St George
29th March 1786

To the Committee for investigating the Nabob's Debts—stating the Distribution of the Dividend of 150000 Pag.s to be made to the Nabob's Creditors on the 1st April; and directing them to send to the Accountant the Sum due upon every Bond conformably to such Distribution.

To Messrs Edward Garrow
William Webb
& James Landon

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Board to inform you that they have resolved to make on the 1st April next a Dividend of 150000 to the Nabob's Creditors of which the following is to be the Distribution

Share of the New Consol: Debt	41230. 27.—
Share of the Cavalry Loan (to be removed until the Debt be acknowledged)	10359. 13.. 8
Share of the Company	49200. 33. 7/6
Share of the Creditors of 1767	49200. 33. 7/6
Curr: Pag.s	150,000. —.—

You will be pleased therefore without loss of time to calculate upon every Bond the Sum which is due according to the foregoing Distribution—

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After the above directed Calculations shall have been made, you are to send them to the Ac-countant -

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I am Gentlemen &c &c

Signed / John Cramer Secy

To Dr James Anderson, Surgeon General

& to the Committee of Surgeons -

Gentlemen

I am desired by the Honorable the President & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your's of the 29th Inst. & to express their surprize at your not understanding their Orders -

To the Committee of Surgeons, directing them to point out in what particular instances the Instructions to them are insufficient - Mssrs Bateman & Davis appointed Members of their Committee

If you will carefully peruse their Letter of the 28th Inst: you will find they require to be informed if the 28th Article of the New Regulations has been regularly complied with; to this you have made no Answer -

With respect to the Arrangement of the Assistant Surgeons, you have given an opinion which was not necessary; you next add "that your In-structions are not sufficiently determined to enable "you to execute that Duty, which in some instances "you are led to believe is expected" -

If your Instructions are in any respect insufficient, the Board desire you will point out in what particular instances they are so, & not prefer Complaints without pointing out the Cause of them -

The Board cannot discover so any contradiction or Inconsistency in the two Paragr: of the new Regulations, referred to by you, for all the by the 8th a Committee of Surgeons is appointed to superintend

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To superintend & regulate all Business respecting the Medical Department belonging to this Presidency, & its Dependencies, the Board still reserve to themselves a right of calling upon the Surgeon superintending the Medical Stores to lay before them any Remarks or Observations upon his Instructions provided he thinks them not sufficient for his Guidance or in any respect defective as to the real design & Intention of his Appointment —

The Board have thought proper to add Mr Davis & Mr Bulman as additional Members to your Committee —

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I am Gentlemen &c &c &c
(Signed) John Chamier Secry

Received the following Letter from the Committee for investigating the Nabobs Debts

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &c &c Council

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From the Committee for investigating the Nabobs Debts advising of their having sent to the Accountant the Papers ordered by Government

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have forwarded to Mr George Moubray, the Accountant, a Statement of the Bonds in His Highness the Nabobs Consolidated Debt of 1777, with the Dividend to be made on each Bond from the proportion settled in

Mr

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To M.r Secretary Chamier's letter of the 29.th Instant notifying to him in a separate List an Account of such Bonds as have not been brought in to be certified by our Committee, agreable to your Honor &.ca Orders.

The Calculations on the Bonds in the Debt of 1767 being more intricate will take up a few days longer. We are now making Arrangements for that purpose, and when complete, they will be forwarded to the Accountant with a List of such Bonds as have not appeared before our Committee.

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31.st March 1786.

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Edw.d Garrow
Wm Webb
James Landon

Examined

/Signed/