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Sent the following Letters —

To John Hudleston Esqr

Resident at Tanjore

Sir.

I am directed by the Honorable the President and Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 27th Ultimo with its Enclosures, and to inform you that the Board approve your purchasing the 20,000 Pagodas offered to you, and of your procuring a Bill for the same Amount upon Rama Chitty, Soucar —

To the Resident at Tanjore, the Board approve his purchasing 20,000 Pags and of procuring a Bill upon Rama Chitty for the same amount and accept of the Rajahs offer of Laying up a Stock of 700 Gara of Grain in Tanjore —

You will be pleased to inform the Rajah of Tanjore that the Board accept his Offer of storing Grain, and request he will lay up a Stock of 700 Gara as soon as possible, the amount of which (judged to be about 14,000 Pagodas) will be duely carried to his Credit in his Accounts with the Honorable Company —

I am Sir

Your most Obedt Servant

Fort St George

1st April 1786

/ Signed / John Chamier

Secy

To

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To Messrs Porcher & Redhead

Gentlemen,

To Messrs Porcher & Redhead, and Mr Menzies authorizing them to receive the Claims of Sepoys discharged from the Service, as well as those of his Highness the Nabob, provided they are satisfied of the Authenticity of the same.

The Honble President & Council having taken into consideration the claims of sundry Sepoys who have been discharged from the Service & are still in possession of Certificates for Arrears, which are not included in the Rolls of the regular Battalions transmitted by Paymasters of which you have Copies, have resolved, that should it be in your power to extend the limits of the engagement you have entered into with Government for those now in the Service (which it is their intention should be forth attended to) so as to include the Claims of such discharged Men, and also such Men as belonged to His Highness the Nabob, and have had Certificates granted them, you be authorized to receive such Certificates upon their being presented to you by the Persons themselves, and your being satisfied of the Authenticity thereof, at the same rate of Discount, that you receive those belonging to the regular Battalions, and which are countersigned by the Commandant, taking care to keep the account of discharged Men separate from the other Class—

themselves

account

The Board are also desirous that you should receive at a Discount, all claims from Officers for Arrears with the Southern Army

&c

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5. (if countersigned by Mr Jackson) whether Nabobi or those of the Company —

I am in consequence directed to authorize you to receive such Claims accordingly. & to inform you that the Paymaster General has been directed to receive such Certificates from you, & to grant you Bills in like manner as for others —

I am Gentlemen &c &c &c

Fort St George
31st March 1786

/ Signed / John Chamier Secy

The same to Mr John Menzies —

3d

To Mr de Cossigny

Governor of Pondicherry &c

Sir

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 25th Ultimo —

To Mr de Cossigny — can give him no satisfaction in respect to the Claims made by Mr Martin at Yanam, till the Result of the Reference made to the Governor General & Council shall be known.

We are concerned that it is not in our Power to communicate to you the decisions of the Governor General and Council of Fort William, who have not yet replied to the reference, which We made to them on the subject of your Claims — We expect daily to receive their Directions and are well assured that they will pay every attention, which is due to Claims preferred by the Representatives of His Most Christian Majesty —

After having referred the business to our Superiors, We cannot with propriety take any Steps until We are made acquainted

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3. acquainted with their Sentiments & Determination.—

We sincerely wish that We could have considered your Claim to the Land adjacent to Yanam founded on justice, in which case We should instantly have put you in possession of it, but notwithstanding all that has been adduced from the commencement of the Correspondence until the present time, in support of your pretensions, We confess ourselves still of opinion that the Claim is inadmissible — We have perused with attention the Correspondence between Mr. Martin, & Mr. Hamilton in which We do not find any thing of sufficient weight to make an alteration in the Sentiments We have uniformly expressed —

We shall close this Letter in observing that if We have been obliged to decline admitting the Claims, & acquiescing in the several propositions made to us on the part of the French Nation, it has been, because We were decidedly of opinion that it was our Duty to do so — and on this Ground Sir, We trust We shall be justified by you, who have proved yourself so steady a Claimant for those Priviledges, which you conceive the right of your Sovereign —

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

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3d April 1786

/ Signed / Alex Davidson
&c Council

To

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To the Honorable John Macpherson Esq.
Governor General &ca Council
at Fort William

Gentlemen.

To Bengal on the foregoing Subject —

We had the honor to address you on the 25th October last, and to transmit to you sundry Papers relative to the Claims of the French Nation — We at the same time addressed a Letter to M: de Cossigny the Governor of Pondicherry informing him of the Reference made to your Board & that We should lose no time in communicating to him your Decisions after We should have received them —

We have now the honor to send you Copy of a Letter received a few days ago from M: de Cossigny with our Answer, also Copies of such other Papers received since the 25. Oct.r last as may tend to illustrate the Subject of Dispute —

We have not any Observations to make on the above Papers, in addition to what We have written to your Board & to M: de Cossigny.

We have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St George
4th. April 1786.

Signed / Alex.r Davidson
&ca Council

N.B. Since writing the foregoing, our Secretary has received a Letter from Mr. Secretary Hay, dated 9th Ult.o giving cover to a Packet directed to M.r de Cossigny, which was immediately forwarded to Pondicherry —

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List of the Packet to Bengal.

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No 1 General Letter of this Date — 4th April 1786
2 From Mr de Cosigny — 19 Nov 1785
3 From Masulipatam — 13 Dec 1785
4 From — Do — 22 Do — Do
5 From — Do — 16 Janry 1786
6 To — Do — 27 Do — Do
7 From — Do — 10 Febry Do
8 From Mr de Cosigny — 25 March Do
9 To — Do — 3 April Do
10 List of the Packet —

/ Signed / W. C. Jackson Dep Secy

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

Gentlemen,

To Bengal. indenting for 5000 pieces of Bengal Serge: 300 Candies of Sulphur, and different Sorts of Tents —

We have received a Letter from our Committee of Stores desiring that We will indent to your Presidency for 5000 Peices of Bengal Serge for the use of the Laboratory, & 300 Candies of Sulphur for making up Gunpowder — We request that you will be pleased to send us the above Articles as also some Tents, of which We are in great want upon this Coast — We enclose our Indent for them —

In

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4 In order to facilitate the provision and embarkation of such Supplies as may from time to time be indented for to your Presidency We have appointed Mr. Alex.r Macleod, one of the Civil Servants of this Establishment, to reside as our Agent at Calcutta, and have directed him upon the receipt of your Orders to purchase all Articles of Provision, which may be indented for from hence, and have agreed to allow him six per Cent upon the Sums, which shall be advanced to him for the above purposes from your Treasury - We enclose a Copy of our Secretary's Letter to Mr. Macleod advising him of his Appointment -

Fort St George
4.th April 1786.

We have the honor to be,
Your most Obed.t Servants
/ Signed / Alex.r Davidson
&.ca Council

Indent for Tents wanted from Bengal.

Field Officers	8
Officers Oblong	30
Do Round	164
Private	280
Sepoy	90
Bell	186
Necessary	28

Received the undermentioned
Letters

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4 Letters (entered in the Miscellany Book for the Month of April Nos 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10)

From the Commee for investigating the Nabob's Debts.

From the Committee for inves-
-tigating the Nabob's Debts, dated 3d Instant, advi-
-sing of their having forwarded to the Accountant
certain Papers directed by Government.

From Col. Nembold

From the Commandant at
Arcot, dated 29th Ult. - the orders of Government with
respect to Mill's Arrears have been carried into execution.

From Capt. Scouler

From Captn Scouler dated 22d
Ultimo, with Intelligence of the neighbouring
Powers in Arms.

From Mr. Welch

From the Paymaster at Arcot,
dated 30th Ultimo, recommending that the Nabob
be requested to direct his Amuldar, to deliver Grain
for the Cantonment in future by the Company's Servts

From Manulipatam

From Manulipatam, enclosing
copies of Letters to them from Captains Montgomery &
Scouler with Intelligence of the operations of the Mahratta
Mysore, and Deccan Armies.

From Genl. Horne

From General Horne, stating
the quantity of Arrack necessary for a Stock at
Trichinopoly.

From Captain Montgomery

From Captain Montgomery,
Commanding at Angole, enclosing Letter from the
Renter of Palnaud, requesting that a Company of Co
Sepoys may be sent to him -

From Lt. Turing

From Lieut. Turing, Attorney
to Dr Turing, requesting that the Interest on a Sum
of Money advanced on Account of Hospital Disburse-
-ments

ments, may be discharged in ready money; and that the Principal be liquidated by a Company's Bond.—

From Capt.n Mitchell

From Captain Mitchell of the Pioneers, states the Progress he has made in the Destruction of Chittpet —

Sent the undermentioned Letters/ entered in MB's No.s 11. 12. 13. 14/ —

To Ganjam

To Ganjam, directing them to pay to Captain Hodson, the usual Pay & Allowance of a Captain of Invalids. —

To M.r Hubberton

To the Resident at Tanjore, enclosing Letter for the Rajah; and informing that M.r Edward Stuart, Assistant Surgeon, has been appointed to do duty at his Residency —

To the Paym.r at Palamcotah

5. To the Paymaster at Palamcotah to supply the amount of the Paymaster of Madura's Indent for the month of March —

To the Paymaster at Madura —

To the Paymaster at Madura informing him of the above —

To the Accountant.

To the Accountant, to lay before the Board a Statement of actual Receipts and Disbursements from the 1.st of June 1785 to the 28.th February 1786; and of probable Receipts and Disbursements at the Presidency and Subordinates from the 1.st of March last to the 30.th of May next —

Received

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Fort St George 5th April 1786

From the Superintendant of the Saghire—

Received a Letter from the Superintendant of the Saghire, dated 21st Ultimo, with Enclosures lodged in the Office, stating the Customs collected at the Egmore Nellah, on Provisions brought from the Saghire for the Consumption of the Inhabitants of Madras, in the years of Fusly 1193 and 1194

The Talbot arrives from England with Sir Archibald Campbell on board. 4th

Arrived the Honble Company's Ship Earl Talbot, with Major General Sir Archibald Campbell K. B: on board, appointed by the Honble Court of Directors, President & Governor of Fort St. George — After the Commission of Government had been read to the Inhabitants, and on the Parade the Council met, and adjourned to Tuesday the 11th day of April ensuing.

To be published in General Orders

Ordered that the Arrival of Sir Archibald Campbell as Governor be immediately published.

Ordered also, that the Secretary do immediately draft Letters to His Highness the Subahdar of the Decan, His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, the Peishwa at Poona, & the Rajahs of Tanjore & Travancore, announcing the arrival of Governor Campbell, and of his sincere disposition to promote the Harmony established respectively between the Honorable Company and them—

To be communicated to the Country Powers.

Fort St George 11th April 1786

Mr James Henry Casamaijor having taken the Oaths of Allegiance and Office now takes his Seat at the Board agreably to the Appointment of the Honorable Court of Directors, as more particularly appears in the Proceedings in the Civil Department -

Mr Casamaijor takes the Oaths of Allegiance & his Seat at the Board

At a Consultation Present

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.
President
Lieut General Sir John Dalling Bart
Alexander Davidson Esq.
James Henry Casamaijor Esq.

Tuesday 11th April 1786.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved -

The Dispatches from the Honble Court of Directors received by the Talbot, & contained in their Letters of the 21st September and 28th are now read - In comparing the Papers with the List of the Packet, an Error is discovered. there being two Papers N.° precisely the same, though endorsed differently -

A Mistake discovered in the List of the Packet by the Talbot.

Agreed that this Mistake be noticed in our next Dispatches -

General

Fort St. George 11th April 1786.

General Letter 21st Septr
Para: 15th & 16th

General Letter from the Court of Directors of the 21st. September taken into Consideration—

The Governor General and Council having already anticipated the directions of the Company contained in the above Paragraphs relative to the Prisoners with the Nabob Hyder Ally and Tippoo Sultaun, there remains nothing, but to give a Medal to those of the Commissioned, Non-Commissioned and Private among the Native Troops, who gave proofs of their Attachment to the Company—

Medals to be granted to the Native Commissioned Non. Commissioned & Privates, who have given proofs of their attachment to the Company.

Agreed that a Medal with the Inscription of the Word Fidelity be given to the Natives above described as a Mark of the attention and opinion of the Government in their favor—The Medals to the Commissioned Officers to be of Gold, those to the Non-Commissioned, and Private to be of Silver—

Para: 20th

Agreed

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Agreed that the above

Claims of Officers to the Cavalry Corps to be received by the Board—

Paragraph be published with a declaration that the Board are willing to receive the Claims of such Officers, who have pretensions to the Command of the Cavalry, and to Stations in it — after Claims are received the Board will proceed to investigate and decide accordingly —

Para. 21st

Ordered that the Miscellany

Miscellany Book for the year 1779 to be sent home—

Book required be sent home by the first Opportunety —

With respect to the Company's

The President intends communicating his Sentiments with respect to the Establishment of the new Boards at an early meeting.

Orders relative to the Institution of different Boards, to the new modelling of the Army and to the new Arrangement of the Medical Department, the President begs leave to declare his intention of laying before Council at an early Meeting, his Sentiments and Recommendations thereupon.

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Fort St George 11th April 1786

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The General Letter from the Honorable Court under date the 26th September being expressive of their approbation of Colonel Ruarts Conduct it is Agreed that it be published in General Orders, and Copy of it transmitted to Colonel Stuart.

Motion that Ninapah the Office Dubash be dismissed.

Mr. Davidson informs the Board that Ninapah the Dubash in the Military Secretary's Office has to his knowledge, delivered out Copies of the Records under his Charge, and submits the propriety of his being removed.

The President moves that the Secretary be directed to dismiss him from his Employ.

Ordered accordingly.

Resolved that he be dismissed accordingly.

W. C. Jackson
Dep. Sec.

" Arch. Campbell
" John Dalling
" Alex. Davidson
" Ja. Mackenzie

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Received the following Letter from

the Governor of Pondicherry —

To the Honble Alexander Davidson

Governor General & the Gentlemen of Council

at the Presidency of Madras

Fort St George

Gentlemen,

From M. de Cossigny in reply to the Complaints preferred against the Commandant of Karical of giving protection to the Inhabitants belonging to the Rajah of Tanjore.

In the Letter you did me the honor to write on the 27th Instant, you communicated the Complaints of his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore respecting the Encouragement, which they give at Karical and the protection they afford to Inhabitants who leave his Country & come to our Settlement —

Permit me, Gentlemen, to tell you, that I cannot receive as a Complaint an expression so vague as that "the Encouragement, which they give at Karical &ca" not being able to persuade myself that by these words, you infer that We send Emissaries into his Excellencies Territories for the purpose of seducing & engaging, by promises & rewards, his People to forsake their habitations, you may besides be assured Gentlemen no such thing has happened — If on the contrary his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore implies by the word Encouragement the good treatment his People experience, who inhabit our Territories, it doubtless —

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proceeds from the Lenity of our Government, and in that we only fulfill the good intentions of His Most Christian Majesty—

As for the Protection we grant at Karical to the Inhabitants even of his Excellency's Country, I beg, Gentlemen, to ask you, whether we do not owe it to every one, who comes to claim the Protection of our Flag, this Right, which appertains to all Nations, and every Potentate of Europe, is the Right of which they are doubtless the most jealous.

According to this Explanation (which I did not conceive necessary) I have every reason to suppose that you have Gentlemen, sufficient influence upon the mind of his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to persuade him to allow to His Most Christian Majesty the right, which he has in common with all the other Sovereigns in Europe, and to permit the French Nation to act upon the principles of recognized Equality—

In reply, Gentlemen to the second Paragraph of your Letter it is I who com=plain, and who have the honor to represent to you that after his Excellency's orders, or of your Representative at Tanjore, one of our Inhabitants Son of a Baameny named Cannelapoudle has been stopt and imprisoned, that no attention was paid to the Claim, made by the Commandant

at

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11th at Karical. that after this refusal of doing Justice according to my orders. He detained twelve of his Excellency's Inhabitants, whom he did not liberate 'till your Representative at Tanjore had complied with the just claim made by the Commandant at Karical. This that, which was the Cause of Mr. Le Baron de Pennarke de Mainvilles Letter, Copy of which you sent me - It was also my Orders (I have the honor to enform you of it) that He stopt three Men, who, as the twelve first, came upon our Lands to carry away by force some of his Excel= =lency's Inhabitants - -

Without waiting your reply, Gentlemen, I am going to write to the Comman= -dant at Karical to send back the three Men, being persuaded, Gentlemen, that now you are well informed you yourselves will give the most positive Orders that henceforth nothing similar may occur that can disturb the good understanding which subsists between our two Nations. I beg you to be persuaded, Gentlemen there are the wishes of my Heart -

I have the honor to be &c &c

Pondicherry
31st March 1786

/ Signed / Cossigny

A true Translation,
J. Chase
French Translator

Received

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11. Fort St George April 1786

Received the following Letter from the Resident at Poona –

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen.

From Mr Malet announcing his arrival at Poona, as Resident on the part of the Company, & requesting Intelligence from hence.

Pursuant to the Orders of the Honble the Governor General & Council, I have the honor to acquaint you that I arrived here the 3rd Instant, vested with Powers & Instructions to reside & act as the Representative of the Superior Council at the Court of the Peshwa – On the 7th Instt I had my first audience of the Peshwa, & met with an honourable Reception –

I shall, agreable to the directions I have received, do myself the honor of transmitting to you such Information as may in any shape regard the Company's Interest at your Presidency. I have to request you will favor me with any Intelligence, the Knowledge of which you may judge at all conducive to the effectual Discharge of the duties of my Office –

You will have learnt that Nanna Furnavese and Nizam Alley Khan have had a Meeting at Aedgheer near the Kistna – I do not hear that

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11 That Tippoo has yet moved from Seringapatam.-

Poona
8th March 1786

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

C.M. Malet
Poona Resid.t

P.S. I have delivered this Letter to a Person named Nagonath Pundit, who has introduced himself to me as the Agent of your Honble President, & undertaken to forward any Advices I may have to your Address-

Dispatched the following Letter

to M.r Cossigny-

To His Excellency M.r de Cossigny
Governor of Pondicherry
&c.a &c.a &c.a

Sir

I take an early opportunity of informing you of my arrival at Fort St George on the 6.th of this Month, & my having taken charge of this Government, according to the appointment of the Honble East India Company, & the approbation of my Sovereign.-

To M.r de Cossigny advising of the arrival of Sir Archibald Campbell

It will afford me the highest satisfaction to cultivate the Friendship, which so happily subsists between our respective Courts, & you may rest assured, that you will find me always ready to promote the most perfect harmony between the two Settlements-

To your Excellency I have personally the greatest respect, & will be happy in frequent opportunities of manifesting the great esteem & regard with which I have the honor to be,

Sir &c &c &c

Fort St George
10.th April 1786

Signed / Arch.d Campbell

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Received the following Letter from the Kings Paymaster General –

To Major General Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
President & Governor &c. Council
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I need not acquaint you, that the Governor General & Council of Bengal, have taken upon themselves the expence of the Kings Troops, the Disbursements on that Account to be made through the Kings Paymaster General, under the express direction & order of your Honble Board

It is however my Duty to acquaint you, that the Government of Bengal, in consequence of the adoption of the above measure, did actually issue to me Sicca Rupees 68700. 17. fanams & 65 Cash, to be disbursed under your Orders for the use of the Kings Troops –

It was impossible for me before I left Bengal to get Bills, or any Remittance for the whole amount of the Money that I have received – I did however send some, & bring other Bills with me, which will be due at the end of this Month for about 20000 Star Pagodas – I have since my Arrival at Madras received Bills to the amount of Sicca Rupees 11717 Pags 39 fanams and 64 Cash, and I have brought some Gold, which is now in your Mint – The Value of which I cannot exactly ascertain, till it is coined, but you may depend upon it, that I will take care to be in Cash for the full discharge of the Amount of the ensuing Distributions

from the Kings Paymaster General states the Sums received by him from the Governor General & Council in consequence of their taking upon themselves the payment of the Kings Troops, & requests to know if any alteration is to take place in respect to the mode of making Payments to the Troops –

ther

12. Distributions, which will come to about 26,000 Pags provided it is your Pleasure, as I suppose it will be, that the several Kings Regiments shall as usual, receive in advance, their Subsistance for the next two Months of May and June –

As the Government of Bengal commence their payments with the Month of May, I humbly conceive that the Company's Allowances including the Month of April will be defrayed by this Presidency –

I take it for granted also that the payment of the Company's Allowances, will continue in the Mode prescribed by Genl Stuart's Regulations which state, "that the necessity of the Times "will not admit of its being issued sooner than that "when three Musters are due one will be paid" –

It would be presumption in me to intimate to your Honble Board, who know much better than I do, that the Effect of the wise System of Oeconomy lately introduced, cannot operate so suddenly as to remove the Necessity that General Stuart complained of; at all Events your Honorable Board will see that the Issue of Money, as yet made to me, does not admit of any change in the mode of paying the Company's Allowances at one Month when three are due – Your Honble Board will at all Times know, what Sums are issued to me, & it will be my duty punctually to obey your Orders in the Disposal of it –

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

Madras
10th April 1786

Signed / William Burke

Sent the following Answer –

To

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Fort St George April 1786

To William Burke Esqr
Paymaster General of His Majesty's Troops
in India

Sir.

To; in answer to the foregoing Letter.

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 10th Inst. & to inform you, that no Alteration is at present to take place in the mode of making payments to the Kings Troops, who will be cleared to the 1st of May from the Treasury at the Presidency –

The Board approve your Intention of reporting regularly to them such Sums as will in future be issued to you by the Bengal Government for the payment of the Kings Troops upon this Coast –

Fort St George
12th April 1786

I am Sir &c &c
/Signed/ John Chamier Secy

Received the undermentioned Letters/ entered in MB. Nos 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 –/

From Col. Nixon

From Colonel Nixon, with Political Intelligence relative to Tippoo Sultaun –

From Mr. Macleod

From Mr. Macleod, expressing his Acknowledgements for having been appointed Agent for this Government at Calcutta –

From Lt. Paris.

From Lieut Paris, a Prisoner at Cuddalore, requesting to go to Europe for 3 Years & to draw Allowances during his Absence –

From

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From the Commandant at Angole

From the Commandant at Angole. states that Tippoo is exerting himself to conciliate the Minds of the Nizam & the Mahrattas towards him, and endeavouring to form a Coalition for the Overthrow of the English.—

From the President at Tanjore,

From Mr Hubberton enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr White, Surgeon, recommending that the Surgeons be permitted to purchase certain Buzar Articles, instead of the Com=pany's being at the expence of sending them from the Presidency.—

Sent the undermentioned Letters (entered in the MB's Nos 20-21. 22-23.—

To the President at Tanjore,

To Mr Hubberton enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr de Cosnegny dated 31st Ult.o upon which he is to give every Information in his power.—

To the Governments of Tranquebar & Columbo advising of the arrival of Sir Archibald Campbell.—

To Tranquebar & Columbo

To Colonel Stuart, Commanding at Tanjore enclosing Extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors containing their Sense of the meritorious Services he has rendered to the Company.

To Col.l Stuart.

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To the Military Paymaster General, to inform the Board to what period his Accounts are made up, and when he can ba=lance them to the 30th April 1785.— and to report what Accounts are not come in from the Out=Garrisons, and the Cause of the Delay.—

To the Military Paym.r Gen.l

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.
President

Friday 11th. April 1786.

Lieut General Sir John Dalling Bart.
Alexander Davidson Esqr.
&
James Henry Casamajor Esqr.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The President delivers in the following Minute.

Gentlemen.

During the adjournment, I have had an Opportunity of entering fully into the Situation of this Government; and it is with great Satisfaction I find, that although the late unfortunate War had reduced the Honble Company's Affairs on the Coast of Choromandel to a low and melancholy State; there is now a prospect of their being speedily retrieved.

President's Minute as to the Establishment of the Military & Medical Boards; recommends unanimity among the Members of Council, & lays before them Sketches of Orders to be issued.

A Reform in the Honorable Company's Establishments, and a well regulated System of Finance, joined to Measures of Vigour & Efficacy, to prevent Failure or Default in our Resources, seem to offer the only well grounded Hope of retrieving a much injured and impoverished Revenue

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Revenue: and I am persuaded, that if the Members of this Board will unite in a firm & Zealous determination to pursue the salutary Measures recommended to us by the Honble Court of Directors, much may soon be done for the Relief & Security of the Carnatic, as well as for the general Improvement of its Revenues: which I flatter myself may be placed on such a footing, as to ensure their future Permanency -

To these great objects, I wish to direct your serious attention, and trust that your Deliberations will be marked with Unanimity & Dispatch - I can venture to assure you, Gentlemen, that as I have not a wish separate from the Interests of the Honble Company, and the prosperity of this Set= =tlement; I shall consider it among the most for= =tunate Events of my Life, if at any time, my best exertions can be applied in rendering your Proceedings complete and effectual -

I have convened you this day for the purpose of proceeding upon the Honble Company's Instructions concerning the General Arrangements. I should have taken up that Business in the regular Order in which it stands in their Letter of the 21st September 1785, were I not persuaded, that the Company will derive many advantages in point of time and expence, by our entering at this early period into the Regulations respecting the Army Establishments, the Military & Hospital Boards; & that no inconveni= =ence will arise from a delay in the immediate #

Execution

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Execution of the other important Arrangements.

The 2 B.d Regiment of light Dra-
-goons, and His Majestys other Regiments now
serving on the Coast of Choromandel, renders our
present Force so very respectable, I should think it
highly improper, that the Honble Company should
incur any additional Expence on account of their
European Corps, until final Instructions concer-
-ning His Majestys Troops are actually received
from England, and as I find from the present
Strength of the Native Troops at the Presidency;
that it would require about 322 Recruits only,
to complete 18 Battalions according to the Esta-
-blishment settled by the Honble Court of Directors,
I should think that 18 Battalions of Sepoys ought
to be instantly formed according to that plan;
and that the remaining 6 Battalions should
be raised by draft and Recruits at some future
period, when the Finances of the Presidency may
admit, or the necessity of the times should require it.

I beg leave therefore to move,
That the Secretary shall prepare with all
expedition, such Extracts from the Honorable
Company's Letter, as relate to the Plan of Military
Arrangements settled for this Presidency: That the
necessary Orders of Government be issued for the
Introduction of that Plan; such parts excepted,
as relate to the Regiment of European Cavalry;
And that the Commander in Chief will be pleased to

adopt

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adopt such Measures, as he shall think most expe=
=dient for carrying these orders into immediate Effect=

Having received from the India House a Copy of the Honble Company's Dispatches by the Earl Talbot, I have had leisure to give them an attentive Perusal on Ship Board, and to select such Paragraphs, as I conceive are in point to their Orders; and which ought to be made known to their Civil and Military Servants at Fort St George - These I have arranged into the form of Orders and Instructions, for the Departments here alluded to; under seperate numbers, marked N.os 1, 2, & 3 - I beg leave to submit them to your perusal, & to request that they may be compared with the Company's General Letter - I believe they will be found accurate, in which case they may be readily transcribed, and circulated without loss of time, as General Orders from Government -

/ Signed / Archibald Campbell

Sketch of Orders for the
Military Establishments of
Fort St George

By Government.

The Honble Court of Directors having been pleased to order the following Plan of Arrangements for the Military Establishments of Fort St George: The Honble the President and Council

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Council direct, that the same shall be henceforth observed as standing Regulations for the Army –

European Troops –

Cavalry

That one Regiment of European Cavalry shall consist of.

1 Colonel and Captain
1 Lieut Colonel and Captain
1 Major. —— and do.
3 Captains
6 Lieutenants
6 Cornets
6 Quarter Masters
1 Chaplain
1 Adjutant
1 Surgeon
2 Mates
24 Serjeants
24 Corporals
6 Trumpeters
6 Hautboys
324 Private Men –

and that an Allowance shall be made for six Rough Riders exclusive of the Pay attached to their Station as Corporals in the Corps –

Artillery

That

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That one Company of European Artillery shall consist of.

1 Captain
2 Lieutenants
2 Lieutenant Fireworkers
4 Serjeants
4 Corporals
8 Gunners
56 Matrosses
2 Drums and Fifes, and
2 Puckallies or Watermen, to be allowed for the use of the Company.

That five Companies of the same Strength shall constitute a Battalion of Artillery with the following proportion of Field & Staff Officers.

1 Lieutenant Colonel
1 Major
1 Adjutant
1 Quarter Master
1 Surgeon
1 Mate

and that an extra Allowance be made for 1 Serjeant Major, 1 Quarter Master Serjeant, 1 Drill Serjeant, 1 Drill Corporal, 1 Drum Major & 1 Fife Major, exclusive of the Pay attached to their respective Ranks, as Serjeants, Corporals, Drums and Fifes in the Regiments—

Infantry

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Infantry

That the Strength of one Grenadier or one Battalion Company of European Infantry shall consist of

1 Captain
2 Subalterns
3 Serjeants
4 Corporals
2 Drums and Fifes
68 Privates, and
2 Puckallies, or Watermen, to be allowed for the use of the Company—

That two Companies of Grenadiers and six Battalion Companies of the same Strength shall constitute One Battalion of European Infantry, with the following proportion of Field and Staff Officers—

1 Colonel
1 Lieutenant Colonel
1 Major
1 Chaplain
1 Adjutant
1 Quarter Master
1 Surgeon
1 Mate—

and that an extra allowance be made for 1 Serjeant Major, 1 P. M. Serjeant, 1 Drill Serjeant, 1 Drill Corporal 1 Drum Major & 1 Fife Major inclusive of their pay attached to their respective Ranks, as Serjeants, Corporals, Drums, & Fifers of the Regiment—

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Native Troops

Cavalry

That the Strength of one Troop of Native Cavalry shall consist of

1 Subaltern } Europeans
1 Serjeant }
1 Subadar
3 Jemidars
4 Havildars
4 Naicks
1 Trumpeter
1 Farrier
68 Privates, and
1 Puckallie or Waterman, to be allowed for the use of the Troop -

That six Troops of the same Strength shall constitute One Regiment of Cavalry with the following Commandant & Staff -

1 Captain Commandant } Europeans
1 Adjutant
1 Quarter Master
1 Surgeons Assistant
1 Black Doctor

The senior Regiment of Native Cavalry to be commanded by a Lieut Colonel, the next in Seniority by a Major, & the other Regiments by Captains Commandant - And that an extra Allowance

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Allowance be made for 1 Serjeant Major, 1 Quarter Master Serjeant, 1 Drill Havildar, 1 Drill Naick, 1 Head Farrier, 1 Head Trumpeter & 6 Lineamen - exclusive of the pay attached to their respective Ranks as Serjeants, Havildars, Naicks, Farriers, Trumpeters, & Privates in the Regiments -

Infantry

That the Strength of one Grenadier Company of Native Infantry shall consist of.

1 Subaltern } Europeans
1 Serjeant }
1 Subadar
1 Jemidar
4 Havildars
4 Naicks
1 Drum
1 Fife
68 Privates, and
1 Puckallie, or Waterman, be allowed for the use of the Company -

That two Companies of Grenadiers & six Battalion Companies of the same Strength with 1 Drum only to each Battalion Company, shall constitute One Battalion of Native Infantry with the following Commandant and Staff Officers -

1 Captain
1 Adjutant
1 Surgeons Assistant } Europeans
1 Black Doctor

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and that an Extra Allowance be made to 1 Serjeant Major, 1 D. M. Serjeant, 1 Drill Havildar, 1 Drill Naick, 1 Drum & Fife Major, exclusive of the pay attached to their respective Ranks, as Serjeants, Havildars, Naiks, Drums and Fifes —

Artillery Lascars

That one Company of Lascars for the Service of the Artillery shall consist of,

1 Serang
2 first Tindals
2 second Tindals
56 Privates, and
1 Puckallie, or Waterman to be allowed for the use of the Company —

It is moreover the express orders of the Honble Court of Directors that all Establish= =ments respecting Native Artillery or Golandaze shall cease, & that the Officers & Men of these Corps shall be incorporated into the Sepoy Battalions, or into the Lascars attached to the Artillery — It is likewise their express Orders that none of the Natives from the interior Country of Hindostan, shall henceforth be taught the Exercise of Artillery; and that none shall be enlisted for the Corps of Ar= =tillery Lascars, but such as are actually Sea= =men or Boatmen, settled within the Limits of the different Presidencies —

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The Honble Court of Directors having also been pleased to order that the Military Peace Establishment for the Carnatic shall consist of the following Corps and Staff. The Honble President and Council direct, that the same shall be carried into immediate Execution. The Commander in Chief will be pleased to adopt such Measures, as he shall think most expedient for new modelling the Army agreable to this Plan, & report the same to the Board for their final Decision thereon.

The Peace Establishment of Fort St George to consist of the following Corps and Staff.

2 Battalions of Artillery
4 Battalions of European Infantry
1 Regiment of European Cavalry
5 Regiments of Native Cavalry
36 Battalions of Native Infantry
30 Companies of Lascars
A Corps of Engineers, consisting of
1 Lieutenant Colonel
1 Major
4 Captains
8 Lieutenants
8 Ensigns

Staff

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General Staff
- 1 Adjutant General as Lieut. Colonel
- 1 Quarter Master General as do
- 1 Deputy Adjutant General, as Major
- 1 Deputy D. Mast. General as do

Brigade Staff
- 6 Lieuts Colonels attached to the Brigades
- 6 Majors - - - do
- 6 Brigade Majors as Captains
- 6 Quarter Masters of Brigades as Lieuts

Garrison Staff
- 1 Fort Major
- 1 Fort Adjutant

Hospital Staff
- 6 Surgeons
- 52 Mates -

The Battalions of Native Infantry are to be formed into 6 Brigades, each Brigade to consist of 6 Battalions of Sepoys with 1 Lieutenant Colonel, and 1 Major attached as the necessary Field Officers for conducting the Military Duties and Discipline of the Brigade -

When the Battalions of European & Native Infantry, or the Regiments of Cavalry are commanded to take the Field for Service, they are to be equipped with two field Pieces each, 2 Tindalls & 28 Lascars are also to be attached for working the Artillery, and 1 European Non Commissioned Officer and 2 Privates for pointing the Guns, & taking care of the Ammunition and Stores -

Whenever a Brigade is ordered to be detached on Service, the Grenadiers of the Batts composing the Brigade are to be formed into 2 Battalions

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Battalions for covering the Flanks of the Brigade, & to have 2 Battalion Guns attached to each with a proper proportion of European Artillery & Artillery Lascars — On this principle exclusive of the Field Train 16 Field Pieces, 1 Company of European Artillery & 4 Companies of Lascars will complete the Brigade for immediate Service, exclusive of any additional parts which may be ordered —

Whenever it becomes necessary to increase the Army at any of the Presidencies beyond what is settled for the Peace Establishment, no Alteration must take place in the proportion of Officers &c.a settled for the different Corps of the Presidency; on such Occasions, complete Companies are to be added to the Artillery, and Artillery Lascars; complete Regiments to the Cavalry, and complete Battalions to the European & Native Infantry — Draughts are to be made from the Old Corps as a foundation for the additional Levies in proportion to the extent of those Levies and the old Corps will make good their respective Deficiencies, in consequence of those Draughts by Recruits, so that the same proportion of one Company of Artillery and Artillery Lascars and of one Regiment of Cavalry, and one Battalion of European or Native Infantry shall invariably remain the same in the old & new Corps —

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It is with great Satisfaction that the Honorable President and Council are authorized to assure the gallant Officers at this Presidency, that such of them as may fall within the List of Supernumeraries in consequence of these Arrangements, shall again be restored to the Service, as soon as Vacancies shall offer for their Admission. In the mean time it is the Honorable Company's order, that all the European Officers, who may fall under the Reduction, be allowed the Half Pay of their respective Ranks, and be permitted to return Home to their Native Country, where they shall enjoy that allowance, till the opportunities offer of restoring them to full pay on the Establishment.

It is also with great Satisfaction that the Honorable President and Council are authorized to make known to the Native Officers at this Presidency, that in justice to their peculiar Situation and Services, such of them as are reduced on this occasion, shall retain their full pay until opportunities offer of again restoring them to their former Situation. The Supernumerary Native Officers are henceforth to do duty with such Battalions as the Commander in Chief shall direct.

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Sketch of Orders respecting the
Military Board of
Fort St George

By Government.

The Honorable the Court
of Directors having been pleased to order, that
a Military Board shall be constituted at
this Presidency, as a Board of Reference & Report,
to consist of the Commander in Chief, the Senior
Officer of the Troops at the Presidency, the senior
Officer of the Artillery, the Chief Engineer, the
Adjutant General, the Quarter Master General,
and the Commissary General. The Honble the
President and Council appoint the same accor=
=dingly, and direct that the Members consti=
=tuting the Military Board, shall meet at the
Arsenal on the first day of May next, when
the Commander in Chief will lay before them
such Orders and Instructions for their Proceedings
as may be necessary on the occasion.

The Honble President & Council
have also appointed Secretary to
the Military Board.

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Assistant

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Sketch of Orders respecting the
Military Hospitals of
Fort St George

By Government.

The Honble Court of Directors
have been pleased to order that the Medical
Department at this Presidency shall consist of
1 Physician General, as Director of the Hospitals
with a Salary of £2500 p Annum; And 1 Chief
Surgeon with a Salary of £2000 p Annum - That
the Head Surgeon of every Hospital where 8000 Men
may be stationed, shall have a Salary of £1500
p Annum; and that the Head Surgeon of all the
other General Hospitals a Salary of £1000 p Annum
That all Surgeons to Regiments shall have the
pay and Emoluments of Captains of European In=
=fantry; Hospital Mates, the pay and Emoluments
of Lieutenants and Regimental Mates the pay and
Emoluments of Ensigns -

The Honble Court of Directors
having also been pleased to order that an Hospital
Board shall be appointed to consist of the Physician
General, the Chief Surgeon & Head Surgeon of the
Hospital at Fort St George, for the purpose of di=
=recting the necessary Regulations & Arrangements
for the whole Medical Department of the Presidency.
- And that a Purveyor & Apothecary shall also be
appointed for the purpose of taking care of all the
Hospital Stores, & Medecines: The Honble President & Council
have appointed the following Officers accordingly -

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Hospital Board
1 Dr James Anderson — Physician General & director of the Hospitals
2 Mr Colley Lucas — Chief Surgeon at the Presidency
3 Mr Thomas Davis — Head Surgeon at the Presidency

And

Mr Joseph Garrow Surveyor
Mr Job Bulman Apothecary

As Secry & Clerk to the Board.

The Hospital Board are to meet at the Physician General's Quarters the 17th day of the present month, when they will receive Instructions for their Conduct, & proceed immediately to execute the whole Arrangements, for the Medical Departments agreeable to the orders of the Honorable Company.

The Honble Court of Directors have also ordered that a regular progression of Rank shall also take place from the lowest to the highest Stations in the Medical Departments at their Presidency — That when a Vacancy of Surgeon at the head of any of the Hospitals shall take place; the Hospital Board will recommend to the Governor & Council, the most deserving Regimental Surgeon, for the Succession the most deserving Hospital Mate to succeed the Regimental Surgeon: & the most deserving Regimental Mate to succeed the Hospital Mate. But altho the most ample Encouragement is hereby given to Merit, yet it must also be understood, that Seniority & equal Merits, are to have the fairest Claim to promotion —

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Recommendations contained in the President's Minute adopted—

Agreed that the Recommendations contained in the President's Minute be adopted, and that the General Orders be issued as drawn out by him—

Mr Davidson delivers in the following Minute—

Mr Davidson's Minute assuring the Board of his determination to support the Chair, whenever he can do it with propriety.

I beg to observe on that part of the Honorable President's Minute just read, which alludes to Unanimity, that I shall always aspire to support the Chair, when I can do so with propriety; if I differ in opinion the Board may be assured, as well as the President it shall be founded on local knowledge & experience and with no Intention of a studied difference, or intended Controversy—

Signed Alex Davidson

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Nabob's Creditors—

From the Committee of Nabob's Creditors requesting that the remainder of the Dividend may be paid—

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Creditors of His Highness the Nabob of the three Classes, comprehended in the late Arrangement, having, at a general Meeting held the 13th of February last, at the Town Hall in Fort St George

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Fort St George, appointed us to be a Committee for superintending their Interests, We beg leave to announce ourselves in that Character to your Honor &ca and at the same time to state the following considerations respecting the objects of our Trust—

You have been pleased to notify to us under date the 4th. February last, that the Nabob had paid into your Treasury, his Second Kist, in which is included the Sum of five Lacks of Pagodas, being part of the twelve Lacks stipulated to be annually applied towards the discharge of His Highness's Debts—And you were pleased further to assure us, that a Dividend would be made to the Creditors, as soon as the necessary adjustments could be formed—We conceive that the Creditors have an immediate and an indisputable Claim upon this Fund, as well as upon all future Installments that His Highness may pay into your Hands, upon the same Account; and, in order that the Grounds of this pretension may be clearly seen & understood, We proceed to recite a few of the facts on which it is founded—

In pursuance of the 37th. Clause of the late Act of Parliament, for regulating India Affairs, the Honble the Court of Directors in the 85th. and following Paragraphs as far as the 103d.

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of their Letter to Fort St George dated the 9th December
1784 have laid down certain terms, as a mode for
liquidating His Highness's Debts; a mode, which they
pronounce to be consistent with Justice, with
policy, and with the relative pretensions of the different
Claimants - And as they, at the same time, expressly
order, that no Creditor of the Nabob, who shall refuse
his Assent to such Arrangements, shall be permitted
to take any other steps, for the recovery of his demand;
& thence becomes a peremptory Requisition on the
part of the Company, or, in other words, a Summons
to the individual Creditor; to surrender into their
Hands, the power and liberty of asserting his right,
leaving the Creditor to depend solely upon the
faithful discharge of the Trust, so created and
vested in them, as the only means of recovering his
property - The Nabob readily gave his formal Assent
to this Arrangement, and the Creditors, thus circum-
=stanced, submitting to all the Company's Requisi-
=tions, & relying on their good faith for the safety of
those Interests, which they had so taken under their
absolute Guardianship and direction, accordingly
signified their entire acquiescence, by a Letter, dated
1st July last, addressed to your Honble Board -

The Arrangement, having thus
been solemnly confirmed, is thence to be regarded as
a public Covenant, established in pursuance of an
Act of Parliament, & legally binding upon the
several Parties concerned in it, but eminently

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so upon the Company, who have dictated the terms of the Arrangement; to whose Justice alone We are permitted to look up, and in whom all exe= =cutive power of carrying it into effect, is com= =pletely & exclusively vested—

Consonantly to these principles We consider the Company's Administration at this Presidency, as acting in the Character of Trustees for the faithful application of whatever Money, is or may be received from His Highness under his Agreement, concluded with your Honor &ca the 28th. of June last, upon the basis of the Arrangement —And if this position be just, it necessarily follows that all Monies so paid by the Nabob, must be deemed a sacred property, to which certain descrip= =tions of Men have an indisputable Right; and which cannot upon any Consideration whatever, be alienated or appropriated to other Uses, with= =out the free consent of every individual con= =cerned in it expressed by himself or his Attorney.

Impressed with these truths, & Conviction, We cannot but feel both Surprize, and concern, that your Honor &ca possessed as you have been for some time of five Lacks of Pagodas, which were paid you by the Nabob, on account of the Arrangement, should have declared no greater Dividend than one Lack and a half of Pagodas, as appears by your public Notice in the Gazette of the 22nd. Ultimo—

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We cannot however suffer ourselves to believe but that your Honor &ca mean to follow up this Dividend by an immediate distribution of the remaineing Sum - Abstracted from the question of Right, which We trust We have demonstrated to be clear and encontestable, in favor of the Creditors your Honor &ca are not unapprized how deeply their property in these Funds, has been affected by the reduction of Interest: The rate of Interest upon the new Consolidated Debt, which is by far the largest Fund, having been reduced from twelve to six p Cent. and the Creditors having submitted to the terms of the Arrangement in full confidence of their being honorably fulfilled on the part of the Company -

To the end therefore that the Minds of the Creditors, so long a prey to anxious fluctuation, and disappointment, may at length be restored to a State of tranquility, such as can only result from an habitual reliance upon the Stability of Government, and the punctual Ob-servance of good faith in its Engagements; We, in the most respectful manner, call upon your Honor &ca on behalf of the Creditors, to declare a Dividend of the remainder of the five Lacks of Pagodas now in your hands -

For should your Honor &c.

withhold

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withhold from the Creditors the Sums received by the Company on their Account, the Value of their property would undoubtedly sink far below even its already depressed State, which would defeat both the Acts of the Legislature, and the Arrangements of the Company, formed to afford a degree of Justice and Relief to the Creditors, under a pressure of accumulated Misfortunes—

We have the honor to be

with great Respect.

Fort St George
14th April 1786

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
humble Servants

John Turing
James Taylor
Edwd Ino Holland
Geo. Moubray
Th. Lewin
Paul Benfield

(Signed)

To lie on the Table.

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following Letter

from Bengal—

To

Fort St George 11th April 1786

To the Honble Alexander Davidson

President &c. Council

at Fort St George

From Bengal, inclosing Copy of a Letter to them from the Chief & Factors at Tellicherry advising of an intended attack on that Place by the Prince of Cherika, instigated by Tippoo Sultaun & of the Gov. Genl & Council's reply thereto —

Honble Sir & Gentlemen.

We transmit to you enclosed a Copy of a Letter, which has been addressed to us by the Resident and Factors at Tellicherry, in which they have acquainted us with their Apprehensions that the Prince of Cherika, privately instigated by the Nabob Tippoo Sultan, intended Hostilities against the Province of Rhandoterrah, from which the Company collected Revenue, and that the Prince had it in Contemplation to make a further demand of the Revenues, if not the customs of Tellicherry itself.

They have also acquainted us that several of the Principal Merchants of that place had been required in the Nabob's Name to leave Tellicherry instantly with the option of remaining either at Cannanore, or in any other part of the Nabob's Districts, and informed that if they rejected this offer, & a War should ensue, they must share the fate of the rest, and would not be in the least considered —

The Substance of this Letter has been already entered upon the Records of the Military Department in a Letter to the President & Council from the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry; Vide Diary & Consultation 3d February 1786.

Other Circumstances have been also related to us of Tippoo's Conduct, which shew Intentions not favorable to the continuance

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of Peace either towards the Company or their firm Friend the King of Travancore—

The Gentlemen at Tellicherry represent to us that the Force at that Place now consists only of a single Battalion of Sepoys and about 80 Europeans with about 1500 Irregulars of the Inhabitants, & that this Body of Men is very insufficient as indeed it must be, to maintain their Lines of five Miles in Circumference, on which rests the Preservation of the Place—

We have just received private Advices, & by a Channel, which we deem authentic, that a Confederacy of the petty Rajahs privately requested & encouraged by Tippoo, was believed to be formed against the Settlement of Tellicherry, & that these Malabar Rajahs had assured Tippoo that Tellicherry should be put into his hands — The same Advices mention also that the Prince of Cherika had actually taken possession of Rhandoterrah—

The Resident and Factors at Tellicherry have suffered the greatest Embarrasment — they were without Instructions in what manner they should act; they were without a sufficient Force for the defence of the Settlement, and they were in want of Money and Provisions—

We consider the Preservation of Tellicherry as of great importance to the commercial Interests of the Company on the Western side

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of India & that the Inhabitants have a just Claim to the Company's Protection —

The Occasion is pressing and we cannot hesitate in determining on the Measures to be adopted — We have therefore desired that if the President & Council at Bombay should not have sent an Aid of Men, Money, Provisions & Stores (if Stores be required) to Tellicherry, they will do so without delay, & We have instructed the Gentlemen at Tellicherry, as you will observe in the enclosed Copy of our Letter to them, to defend their Settlement against every Attack — They will of course be supported from Bombay, but should you find that the Place is pressed by the Nairs, or invested by the Mysore Government, & that the Gentlemen at Tellicherry are in need of Assistance from you, we desire that you will immediately remonstrate to the Mysore Government, & take such Steps as you may deem most advisable for supporting the Settlement of Tellicherry; as we consider it of great importance to the Company; and as the Inhabitants ought to be protected —

In our Letter to your Presidency of the 2nd Inst: from the public Department, We requested that you would without loss of time take up & Dispatch to Tellicherry any Vessel or Vessels, that might be in your Roads, with about seven or eight Thousand Bags of Rice, & that you would notify the same to the Resident & Factors by the way of Anjengo —

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We wish that a letter should be immediately written by your President to Myr=sore requiring from Tippoo, or in the event of his Death from the actual Government of Mysore, that the Prince of Cherrika should not be supported againest the Company or their Servants at Tellicherry -A letter will be also written by the Governor Genl on this Subject -

We have the honor to be &c.

John Macpherson

/Signed/ R.d Sloper

John Stables

Chas. Stuart.

Fort William
Secret Department
9th March 1786.

To John Beaumont Esqr
Resident &c.a and Factors
at
Tellicherry

Gentlemen.

We have received your Letter of the 14th of January in which you have acquainted us with your Apprehensions that the Prince of Cherrika privately instigated by the Nabob Tippoo Sultan intended Hostilities againest the Province Khandoterrah, from which the Company collected Revenues; and that the Prince had it in contemplation to make a further Demand of the Revenues if not the Customs of Tellicherry itself. you have also

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also acquainted us that several of the Principal Merchants of that place had been required in the Nabob's name to leave Tellicherry instantly with the option of remaining either at Cannanore or at any other part of the Nabob's Districts, & informed that if they rejected this offer, and a War should ensue, they must share the fate of the rest & would not be in the least considered—

You have also related to us other circumstances of Tippoo's Conduct, which shew intentions not favorable to the Continuance of Peace either towards the Company or their firm Friend the King of Travancore—

You inform us that you ap=prized the President and Council at Bombay of your Situation of the 12th January and we therefore make no doubt as the exigency was too urgent to admit of a Reference to us for Instructions, they have taken the necessary Measures for your Relief and future Support—

You represent to us that the Force at Tellicherry now consists only of a single Battalion of Sepoys and about 80 Europeans with about 1500 Irregulars of the Inhabitants and that this Body of Men is very insufficient to maintain your Lines of five Miles in Circumference on which rests the preservation of the Place—

We have just received private Advices and by a Channel, which we deem authentic that

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that a Confederacy of the Petty Rajahs privately requested and encouraged by Tippoo was believed to be formed against the Settlement of Tellicherry and that three Malabar Rajahs had assured Tippoo that Tellicherry should be put into his hands. The same advices mention also that the Prince of Cherrika had actually taken possession of Rhandoterrah—

We consider the Preservation of your Settlement as of great importance to the Commercial Interests of the Company on the Western side of India, and we are decidedly of opinion that the Inhabitants have a just Claim to the Company's Protection—

The occasion is pressing & we cannot hesitate in determining on the Measures to be adopted—

We have therefore instructed the President and Council at Bombay to send you without delay an Aid of Men, Money, Provisions and Stores, if any Stores be required and they should not have dispatched such Aid to you before the Receipt of our Orders. The enclosed Copy of our Letter to Fort St George will acquaint you with the means, which we have adopted for obtaining a supply of Rice for Tellicherry from that Presidency, but this Supply must not be depended on as certain — Such Supplies of Cash not exceeding

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three Lacks of Rupees, as the Resources of Bombay will absolutely not admit of its sparing from them are to be borrowed by the President & Council and drawn for in Certificates payable by this Government.

We desire you will defend the Settlement of Tellicherry against all attacks; We also desire that you will Bank & repair the Defences of your Fortificates, & put them in the best condition to resist an Attack - We understand that the Expence of this operation will not exceed twelve thousand Rupees -

With respect to Khandoterrah we have requested the President at Fort St George to write immediately to Mysore & to require from Tippoo or in case of his Death from the actual Gov=ernment of Mysore that the Prince of Chowka be not supported against the Company or their Servants at Tellicherry, a Letter has been also written by the Governor General to Tippoo Sultaun, which we enclose with a Translation of it that you may send the former to him --

We regret that our Intelligence concerning the Company's right to Khandoterrah is not so clear & precise as to admit of our instruc=ting you particularly on this Subject --

We find that on the 23d March 1765 an Agreement was made by Mr Bryfield Chief of Tellicherry with Revy Varma the actual Prince Regent of Cherrika, in which the latter consented

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Regent

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that the Province of Rhandoterrah should be under the Company's Protection and that they should collect the Rents and Revenues thereof towards paying their Demands due by the Achamars in the same manner as was done, practiced & agreed upon formerly between his Uncle, the Princes of Cherrika, & the Honble Company, in reliance of which being punctually attended to by them, he had consented & given the same to them, upon a promise made to him on the part of the said Company by their Chief Thomas Pryfeld Esq.r that all necessary Assistance for the good of his Palace should be afforded agreeable to what had been observed in times past:- On Reference to the Documents in our posession, preceding the date of the agreement with Nivy Varma, we find that on the 9th Septem.r 1760 an Obligation was given by the King Regent of Calastria / which we understood to be the same as Cherrika / mortgaging to the Company the Revenues of Rhandoterrah & Cunhanglah for the discharge of the Balances owing to the Company from the Achamars with Interest thereon and the 3d Article of that Obligation stipulates that when the Company are paid the Debts above-mentioned with the Interest that should arise thereon the Obligation is to be null & void —

Here our Information stops respecting

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respecting Rhandoterrah, excepting that you acquaint us in your Letter of the 11th of January 1786, that when the Prince of Cherrika demanded the Pro= =vince he mentioned to your Chief "that he would discharge the amount of the Achamars Bond whenever it might be sent to him" — If we might argue upon the Authorities before us, which certainly may be defective, we undoubt= =edly should admit the strict right of the Prince of Cherrika to a Restoration of Rhan= =doterrah as soon as he fully discharged the Bond of the Achamars — that is the Debt, which the Assignment of Rhandoterrah to the Company was expressly made to liquidate, and We should be obliged to pass this Judgement upon the Question in opposition to the argu= =ments, which we are well aware might be urged against it from the great convenience of such a Posession in the Neighbourhood of your Settlement, and the Mischiefs that might arise if Rhandoterrah were possessed by a power not friendly to the Interests of the Company — But before we resolve ultimately upon this Subject, we desire to receive from you a full Relation of all the Circumstances regarding it & all the Reasons

That

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that could be urged to justify the Company in keeping this place after the Bond of the Achamars shall have been paid -

Fort William
Secret Department
9th March 1786.

We are &c &ca
/Signed/ Governor General
& Council

A true Copy
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Minute thereon.

Intelligence having been received that the Prince of Cherrika has been directed by the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun to abstain from Hostilities against the Company's Possessions in the vicinage of Tellicherry, it will be sufficient in the present State of Affairs in that Quarter to address the Nabob Tippoo in order to prevent any future Alarms for the Safety of the Company's Factory at Tellicherry and its Dependencies -

a letter to be written to Tippoo.

Agreed that a Letter be drafted from the President to Tippoo accordingly -

Read the following Letters from Colonel Sir Henry Corby and Mr. Torin --

To

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President and Governor &ca Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Colonel Sir Henry Coby & Mr Jno — on the Subject of the Southern Exchange

The Delegates appointed by His Highness the Nabob, to meet those on the part of the Company, were Mahomed Usbar Cawn, Phoundar of the Province, and Mahomed Ally, of Tinnevelly, at which place were assembled the principal Soucars, and Shroffs to determine a rate of Exchange between the Haly fanams and the Star & Porto Novo Pagodas, whereby neither the Nabob, or Company would be losers - Such an Adjustment was found impossible, unless Government should so far lend their Aid, as to make the resolves of this Committee, binding to every Station and Garrison South of the River Coleroon, thereby rendering the Resources, & Current Coin of this Province, useful & of equal Value, in all general Payments to the Troops -

Two Modes were mentioned, which we beg leave to lay before your Honble Board.

The First was.

As the fanams both old, and new are all a base Coin, & as some are far inferior to the rest, we recommend their Touch to be ascertained, and a particular

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particular sort to be established, for the permanent Exchange of a Pagoda, as shall be found equal to the real value of one, the usual charges of the Mint being deducted, and allowed for —

This Exchange, and no other, to be current at Trichinopoly, as well as at Madura, and Tinnevelly

Secondly,

It has been often recommended to Government, to coin Pagodas of equal Touch, and Value, with the Star, and to make them current throughout the Carnatic this would in a great degree remedy the Evil, and wholly prevent it, if the inferior Fanams were called in, & appropriated to this purpose —

In adopting either of these Modes we are aware, that a considerable loss may be sustained by the Circar, particularly in recalling the overplus Fanams, and recoining them into Pagodas yet it appears, that such loss would be temporary, & might be divided between the Nabob & Company; This these measures should they be approved of, provide for the future, yet some mode is necessary to be adopted, that receipts in Pagodas, may be granted to the Nabob, for the Money he has already paid, and that the Sum may be finally carried to his Credit with the Company —

The Nabob's Agents have never publickly acknowledged any other Exchange than sixteen Fanams, & three eights for a Star Pagoda,

yet

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yet the Troops by order of Government, having been paid at the Exchange of the day, eighteen Fanams & a quarter at Tinnevelly, & nineteen and a half at Trichinopoly, a difference nearly of twelve or eighteen p Cent from the Circar Exchange —

Ith remains with Government to determine the rate, and Mr. Torin begs leave to request their orders on this Subject, that he may finally close his Accounts, which have unavoidably been kept open from October —

We have the honor to be &c &c

H. M. Cosby
Colonel Commanding

Signed / Benj Torin
A.t Paym.r

Palamcotah
31st March 1786

To John Chamier Esq.r
Secretary to the Military Department
Fort St George.

Sir

A sudden Order having been lately made public by the Nabobs Representative that materially affects the public welfare, and acts in direct opposition to the measures Sir Henry Cosby and myself had the honor to recommend to you, in consequence of your orders to us to investigate & equalize the exchange of fanams;

From Mr. Torin, on the same Subject —

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I think it my duty, to represent it to Govern=
=ment, since they have had the patience to
wait the tedious delays of the Nabobs Delegates
in bringing our Inquiry to a close, the results
of which, neither the Nabob nor the Company
could have been publickly informed of, at the time
the following premature Order was issued from the
Durbar —

It is but a very few days since
We represented to you the difficulty we met with
in equalizing the Currency of Fanams, so as to
fix a permanent Exchange; & recommended the
calling in the inferior Fanams, to be recoined into
Pagodas as the most effectual method — The Letter
was hardly dispatched, when the Cawn without
any previous intimation to me, directed by public
Tom Tom, that no Fanams but the Meniel and
Samarajey should any longer pass Current — I
waited a day or two to observe what Fanams the
Soucar, Shroffs & Co would admit under these Dis
=nominations, & was astonished to find that two
thirds of the current Coin of this Province, was there
=by rendered useless and of only three fourths of its
value —

The general bad tendency of
this order, not to mention the injustice of it, will
immediately present itself to the Board, when they
learn that the greatest proportion of the Nabobs
late Payment has been made in this Coin, & that

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its nearly the only Specie now current among their Troops South of the Coleroon —

That the Sums of Money now in the road to Tritchinopoly & Madura are chiefly of the Coin lately decried, and that on the news of this partial order in Tinnevelly, being made known to the Merchants & Bazar men in general, the public Money will become useless, & the Company equally losers with the discounth Agents in the Provinces, who cannot fail, more or less, to be prosposed. of this Coin —

If it is necessary to enlarge upon this Subject, for the sake of the Community, I could represent to you many instances, indeed every Man feels himself at this moment, deprived of a large part, of his Property - but I trust the above will be sufficient to apprise Government of the enormous & indeed dangerous consequences to be apprehended & that Individuals will benefit by the redress the public must necessarily seek for themselves —

If I might presume to surmize the occasion of this extraordenary Step, I should impute it to the point now depending between the Company & the Nabob relative to the rate of Exchange at which receipts in Pagodas are still to be granted, & the little Success the Nabob has met with in his various attempts, to lower the value of them — The Nabob rightly imagines that a Suppression of two thirds of the current fanams, will raise the value of the rest. & reduce the price

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of the Pagoda, & no one could object to the measure if it was not carried into execution at their Expence. -but when I assure you that I am now possessed of the Cawn's authority for the Currency of every Jaram with the proportion of Valtam I have received & disbursed; & that the present Order has annihilated part of the Coinage made by the Com=-pany, which is considerably better than the Sama-rajny left in Currency, I hope I shall stand excused to the Board for this Address -

I could have wished, and indeed proposed to Sir Henry Cosby to make a joint re=-presentation of it, as immediately connected with the Investigation entrusted to our charge, but altho he declined, yet I trust the Arguments are too true not to meet with his support -

Palamcotah
11th April 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ Benj Torin

The President to confer with the Nabob, on the Subject of the Southern Exchange.

Agreed that the President be desired to confer with the Nabob on the above Subject, & to obtain from him such Arrangement relative to the Exchange to the Southward, as may ensure the Company from Loss in the Sums already paid, and those, which, may hereafter be received on His Highness's Accounts -

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General -

To

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell

President & Governor &c.a Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

from the Military Paymaster General recommending that the King's Paym.r General be directed to observe certain Measures stated by him, in respect to the Accounts of his Office—

I have been honored with Mr. Secretary Chamier's Letter of the 29th Ultimo, enclosing copy of one from the Bengal Government on the Subject of the future payment of the King's Troops, by His Majesty's Paymaster General in India, as it appears to be the intention of the Bengal Government, that all payments &c whatsoever to the Regiments serving in India shall be made by him, and that this Presidency shall be debited for the full amount of all advances made on that account, and as it is a Subject immediately connected with the Office that I have the honor to hold, I must beg leave to suggest to your Honble Board what appears to be the most eligible mode, in which the intention of the Supreme Council may be fulfilled—

I conceive that it will be necessary to acquaint the Paymaster of the King's Troops, that it will be expected he should send in his Accounts monthly to the Paymaster General in like manner as the Paymasters of

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Out Garrisons transmit theirs, & that the same will be subject to examination by the Commissary General or Auditor of Accounts, that he must give the Paymr General credit therein for all and every Sum that may be paid in Bengal into the hands of his Agents whose Receipts will be regularly transmitted from thence to me by the Paymaster General there, in like manner as he has already forwarded Mr Burke's Receipt for Pagodas 48780. 17. 45 the amount of which is already charged to the Debit of this Government & which will appear in the General Books of this Presidency, as having been advanced for the disbursements of my Employ; it is therefore necessary that I should have credit for the same with His Majesty's Paymaster; this will also obviate the necessity of his paying into the Treasury here, such remittances as he may receive from Bengal.

It will be necessary that he should be made acquainted with the mode required to be observed by Paymasters in making up their Accounts with the Paymaster General, and in what manner the Vouchers for the Charges he may debit in his Accounts for, should be countersigned, and by whom, previous to their being discharged by him agreeable to the custom at present established in this Office; which information he may receive upon application to me, should your Honble Board think proper.

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I must request to be informed if your Honble Board should direct the above mode with regard to the payment of the Kings Troops to be adopted, that I may open a head of Paymaster General to the Kings Troops, in the Books of my Employ, and debit him for the amount of the Receipts mentioned above to have been received — or in the event that any other mode is adopted, that I may be acquainted in what way the amount thereof is to be brought to account by.

Pay Office
Fort St George
13th April 1786

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedt humble Servt

Signed J. John Turing
Mild Pay Gen.

Agreed that the Recommendation proposed by the Paymaster General be adopted, and that Letters be written to him, and to Mr Burke accordingly

Approved

Read the following Letter entered in the Miscellany Book No 24. 25. 2627.

From Mr Procke, late a Captain in the Company's Service stating some Informality on the Proceedings of the Court Martial, by which he was sentenced to be dismissed from the Service; and requesting in consequence

From Mr Procke

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Consequence that he may be restored & permitted to go home for three Years on half Pay—

From General Horne dated

From Genl Horne. 25th March in reply to the foregoing, and justifying the proceedings of the Court Martial—

The Commander in Chief begs leave to enter the following Minute on the Subject—

The Commander in Chief begs leave to inform the Board that he approved the Sentence of the Court Martial upon the evidence recorded on its Proceedings—

Commander in Chief recommends that Mr Luke Pococke's Request of being restored to the Service, be referred to the ultimate Decision of the Court of Directors.

He is of opinion that there does appear some irregularity in the Proceedings of the Court which, upon further revision, induces him to express his Wish that Mr Pococke's Claim for Reinstatement may be referred to the ultimate decision of the Court of Directors—

Head Quarters
14th April 1786

(Signed) John Dalling

In conformity to the General's Recommendation, it is Agreed that the above Papers be transmitted as Numbers in the Packet by the first opportunity, and that the Claim of Mr Pococke be referred to the Court of Directors—

Agreed to

From

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From Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm

From Lt Colonel Malcolm

dated 11th Instant, stating that having pro-
-ceeded to England by orders of this Government
he trusts the Board will be pleased to order the
liquidation of the Balance due to him on account
of his Allowances and Expences during his Absence
advising that the Court of Directors have advan-
-ced him £1000 in part of what is due to him-

Agreed that the Balance

Minute thereon of Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm's being Pagodas

3659.15.60 be discharged-

From Mr Robert Andrews

dated 26th Ultimo, requesting a Reimbursement

From Mr Andrews of Pagodas 3600, which he lent to the Paymaster
at Trichinopoly, to assist the Publick Service
and soliciting to be allowed Interest during
the time of the Loan-

As Mr Palk has certified

that the Money was actually advanced as
above stated, it is Agreed that the Claim
be liquidated by a Bill upon the Paymaster
Minute thereon. at Palamcotah in favor of Mr Andrews - Agreed

also

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also that the usual Interest of 8 per Cent be allowed—

Many Demands for Interest upon Advances and Sums borrowed on account of the Publick Service, having been made since the War, it is Resolved that an Advertizement be published in the Courier, notifying that no Claims for Interest will in future be admitted, unless Authority is previously given for that Purpose—

An Advertizement to be published in the Madras Courier as to Interest upon Sums borrowed on account of the Public Service—

The following Notification being approved, is ordered to be inserted in the next Courier.

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In order to prevent in future any Claim being made upon the Company for Interest upon Sums advanced or borrowed on their Account, The President and Council are pleased to give Notice that no Interest will be allowed upon any Sums whatever, unless previous Authority is given to advance Money, or to borrow it on the Company's Account, and unless

The Advertizement

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unless in the Authority so given, it is specified that Interest shall be allowed upon such Loans or Advances - Whenever Interest is permitted to be charged it is not to exceed 8 p Cent -

By Order of the Honorable President and Council -

signed John Chamier Sec.y

W. C. Jackson
Dep. Sec.y

" Arch. Campbell

" John Dalling

" Alex Davidson

" L. Abraham

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Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal,-

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

Gentlemen,

We have the honor to inform you that a difference of opinion having arisen between our President & Mr Floyer relative to the Interests upon the Nabobs Debts, We have resolved to request your Sentiments on the Subject.-

We beg leave in consequence to desire the opinion of your Board, & that you may be acquainted with the Arguments adduced on both sides, We must refer you to our * Minutes of Consultation as noted in the Margin.

By this opportunity We send Copies of our Proceedings from the 1st January to the 31st of March; also 4 Volumns of the Proceedings of the late Committee of Inspection Revenue.-

We have the honor to be &c

/Signed/ Alex Davidson
&ca Council

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Received

To Bengal;
referring to their
Decision a differ
ence of opinion
between Mr
Davidson and Mr
Floyer in respect
to the Interest upon
the Nabobs Debts;
& transmitting the
Proceedings of this
Department from
the 1st January to
the end of March.

* Vide Consultations
15th March
23d Do
28th Do

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15th Received the undermentioned Letters (as entered in MBs Nos 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34.) –

From Mrs Douglas, Widow of the late Captain Douglas, requesting a Reimbursement for Money advanced by her for three Years during the War, on account of House Rent –

From Mrs Douglas

From Mr Henchm Digby, on behalf of the Masters & owners of Bullocks in the Commissary of Stores Department, after the Army went into Cantonments, requesting that the Balance due to them may be liquidated –

From Mr Digby

From Mr Palk, Paymaster at Trichinopoly enclosing an Estimate of the Engineer's for building a Godown &ca to the Hospital, amounting to two hundred & fifty Pagodas –

From Mr Palk

From the Resident at Nagore, dated 12th April, stating the quantity of Arrack necessary to be kept in Store –

From the Resident at Nagore –

From the Paymaster at Vellore desiring to know if the Oil for the Hospital Lamps is to be furnished by the Surgeons, or the Storekeeper, and by whom the Hospital Servants are to be paid –

From Mr Toriano

From Mr John Mackenzie, Agent for Lieut John Anderson, late Deputy Paymaster to the late Bengal Detachment, serving in the Carnatic, stating that the amount of the Sums received by Mr Anderson, shall be remitted without Loss of time in Consignments of Rice –

From Mr John Mackenzie –

From

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15. From Major Tonyn, requesting

From Major Tonyn a Copy of all Orders lately received from the Court of Directors, relating to the Cavalry –

16th Sent the following Letters –

To Dr James Anderson

Physician General, and to the

Committee of Surgeons.

To the Committee of Surgeons, with Instructions for the Medical Department –

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Board to send you the enclosed Instructions for your Guidance, and am,

Fort St George
16th April 1786

Gentlemen &c &c

/ Signed / John Chamier Secy

Sketch of Instructions for the Hospital Board at Fort St George. –

The Honble Company having thought fit to reform the Medical Department in India, and to place their Military Hospitals on a regular system, by which their annual Expences may be reduced & accurately ascertained and the Sick and Wounded properly attended to; The Honble the President and Council, in

fulfilling

16. fulfilling the Orders they have received for the In=
troduction of these Arrangements, feel much
Satisfaction in remarking the Wisdom & Liberality
which have directed the Conduct of the Honorable
Court of Directors, in granting to the Heads of
these Departments, such annual Appointments
as cannot fail to encourage Men of Professional
Abilities and Integrity, to prosecute the Medical
Line in their Service, while it secures to the
Company a reasonable Hope of benefitting by the
Advice and Judgement of the Gentlemen, who now
constitute the Hospital Board; by receiving from
them such further Reforms & Improvements, as
the Department will admit of either for the Ad=
=vantage of the Company, or Comfort of the Soldier
whose bodily Infirmities or unfortunate Fate, in
Battle may give him a just Claim to their
Protection —

In pursuance of the Honorable
Company's Instructions on this Subject, The Honble
the President and Council direct, that the following
Rules and Orders, shall henceforth be observed in
regulating the Proceedings of the Hospital Board
at this Presidency —

Rules and Orders —

1st. That the Members of the Hos=
=pital Board shall recommend to the Governor
and Council, the most able and deserving Officers
to

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It to direct and superintend the Duties at each Hospital, and are to be responsible for the Conduct of those, who may be appointed in consequence of their Recommendations; When a Vacancy of Surgn at the head of any of the Hospitals shall take place, the Hospital Board will recommend to the Governor and Council the most deserving Regi=mental Surgeon for the Succession, the most deser=ving Hospital Mate to succeed the Regimental Surgeon, and the most deserving Regimental Mate to succeed the Hospital Mate - But altho the most ample Encouragement is hereby given to Merit; yet it must also be understood that Seni=ority and equal Merits, are to have the first Claims to Promotion -

2nd. That as the Head Surgeons of the Hospitals are to be responsible for the Conduct of the Officers under their Command; and that the Business of their respective Hospitals shall be discharged with Skill and Integrity, they are henceforth to have the power of suspending any of the inferior Officers, who may attempt to disobey their Orders, or prove negligent & inattentive to the Publick Service; in which case, they are to report the Conduct of such Officers to the Hospital Board, who are to lay the same before the Governor and Council for their Determination thereon -

That

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16th 3d That the Head Surgeon of every Hospital shall assign the several parts of Duty to the inferior Surgeons, and others employed at his Hospital, and shall direct, that the Sick be conveniently lodged in wholesome Wards, having a free Circulation of Air; that they be kept clean, and not crouded in their Apartments: and are regularly subsisted agreeable to the Diet Tables established for that purpose - They are also empow=ered to dismiss such of the Nurses, Servants or Attendants as they shall find negligent, or ill qua=lified for the business of the Hospital -

4th That the Chief or Head Surgeon of each Hospital shall be responsible that such of the Non Commissioned Officers, Drums or privates as are admitted into their respective Hospitals be regularly supplied with a clean Cott or Cradle, a large pillow, fresh bed Cloaths; a fresh Gown, Cap, Shirt and long Drawers; and that those, whose Case may require it, shall have a fresh Theift of Cloaths, a Bed and a small pillow, or two if necessary - He is also to take particular Care that no person belonging to the Hospital shall receive any Reward or Emolument from the Patients in the Hospital, and to dismiss such, who shall attempt advantages of that Nature -

5th That Non Commissioned Officers, Drums, and privates shall only be admitted into the

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16. the General Hospitals on their producing an order signed by the Commanding Officer of the Corps to which they belong, specifying their Names, Rank and the number of their Company and Regiment — This Order to have a Certificate from the Surgeon or Surgeon's Mate of their respective Regiments annexed to it, setting forth their Age, Distemper or Wound; and the day of their being sent into the Hospital, to which the Head Surgeon of the Hospital shall attach the Initials of his Name with the day of the Month, on which the Patient was received — He is also to record in a Book to be kept for that purpose, the Names of the Patients received, their Ages, and Diseases &c. and when they are dismissed from the Hospital they are to be sent to their respective Regiments accompanied with a Discharge from the Head Surgeon, mentioning their Names, and Ranks, the time they were in the Hospital, and the day on which they were discharged, recording the same in the Hospital day Book already mentioned — All Vouchers specifying the time of Admission and Dimission of Non Commissioned and Privates &c.a to and from the Hospital are to be sent by the Deputy Surveyor to the Paymaster of the Troops for that District on the last day of every Month, or as often as shall be found necessary for regulating the established Stoppages of daily Subsistence for

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the Sick of the Regiments, which Stoppages are to be uniformly applied in discharging such of the Hospital Expences, as the Governor & Council shall direct.

6th That no Medecines shall be applied for, or administered in the Hospitals without the Orders of the Head Surgeon of that Hospital, of which Medecines an exact Account is to be taken, and stated in a Journal Book to be kept for that purpose, as a Voucher against Embezzlements and Misapplication —

7th That the Surgeons of Regiments & Corps shall send to the Head Surgeon of the General Hospitals of the District, weekly Returns of their Sick specifying their Names, Ages and Diseases, the Numbers admitted since last Return, & the Numbers discharged.

8th All Requisitions for Medecines from the Surgeons of Regiments must be certified by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment for the time being, and the Quantities sent from the General Hospital in consequence of such Requisitions, are to be regulated according to the Judgement of the Hospital Surgeon, who is to express the quantity issued to the Regimental Surgeons in a particular Return to the Hospital Board on the last day, of every Month —

9th That Monthly Returns of the Sick in the General Hospitals, together with the weekly Returns of the Sick belonging to the Regiments and Corps in their particular Hospitals, shall be forwarded by the Head Surgeon of the General Hospital

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16 Hospital, along with his Requisitions for Medecines to the Hospital Board, who will order the quantities demanded to be sent without loss of time —

10th That the oldest Hospital Mate at each General Hospital shall have charge of the Medecines; but he is not authorized to issue them to the Regimental Surgeons without the orders of his Superior, the Head Surgeon of the Hospital — He is also to keep an account of the Receipts and Issues of Medecines and to be allowed such Sum in consideration of his Care & Attention to that Service, as shall be recommended by the Board of Surgeons to the President and Council —

11th That the Purveyor appointed for taking Care of all the Hospital Stores, who will receive from the Hospital Board full Instructions on the Subject of providing Hospitals, Hospital Nurses or Attendants, Provisions, and other Necessaries for the Sick, will open a Set of Books, stating the Quantities and prices of Provisions & other Articles purchased by order of the Hospital Board — He is also to make out a Monthly State of his Receipts & Expenditures, and transmit the same to the Hospital Board once in every Quarter, specifying the quantities remaining in Store. The Purveyors Books are to be open for the Inspection of any Member of the Council or Hospital Board, or any of the Head Surgeons of the Hospitals whenever they shall think fit to examine them — The Purveyor shall have a Deputy at each General Hospital, who shall purchase the

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11th Provisions according to the Directions of the Hospital Surgeon, and enter all his Purchases & Expenditures in a Set of Books to be kept for that purpose, which are to be open to the Inspection of the Head Surgeon and his Mates as well as to the Officers commanding Corps in the District belonging to the Hospital -

12th That all Contracts for Provisions must obtain the Approbation of the Hospital Board, who are to take care that the Charges of Provisions daily consumed, shall not exceed the usual Prices of the Market, where the Hospitals are stationed; and if the pressing Necessity of the Sick should require such Relief from Diet as their pay is insufficient to furnish; the Chief Surgeon of the Hospital for the time being, is to report the same to the Hospital Board, who will thereupon give him a discretionary Order for supplying their Wants, of which Supplies he is to make an accurate Return to the Hospital Board on the last day of every Month -

13th That the Apothecary appointed to take charge of the Honble Company's Medicines shall account for the Receipts & Expenditures of these Stores, according to the form laid down in the Paper N.o 1, hereunto annexed; the Apothecary shall not however issue any Medicines without an Order signed by the Hospital Board, & shall once in three Months give in a State of the Stores, with the Expenditures & Vouchers, as well as a

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16 List of such Medecines as may be wanted for the Service of the next Quarter; When any of the Medecines are damaged, a Surgeon and two Mates are to survey them, & report such as are unfit for Service to the Hospital Board, who will condemn and dispose of them, as they shall think proper.

14th That the General Hospitals shall at all times be supplied with a Guard from the nearest Regiment, & to be regularly visited by the Officer of the day, who is to report to the Commanding Officer of the District, the daily State of the Hospital - The Head Surgeon, or in his Absence the first Mate of the Hospital, is to accompany the Officer of the day upon his Rounds at the Hospital, and to answer such Queries, as he may have occasion to offer, for the purpose of obtaining every necessary Satisfaction, regarding the Situation & Treatment of the Sicks.

15th That the Head Surgeon of each Hospital shall visit the Regimental Hospitals in their particular Districts, as often as possible, without neglecting the Hospital under their particular Charge & the Officers of the Hospital Board shall frequently visit the General Hospitals at the Out Stations, on Leave being obtained from the Governor.

16th That the Officer Commanding in Chief at each of the Presidencies, shall see and direct that good Order and Discipline be kept up in all the Hospitals; and that the Chief Surgeons, as well as the Surgeons, Surveyors, Apothecaries,

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16. and Surgeons Mates &ca under them shall dis=
=charge their respective Duties completely - In
case of neglect or Misbehaviour in any of these
Officers, the Commander in Chief is to report the
same to the Governor and Council, who will
initantly suspend, remove, or dismiss them, on
such Complaints appearing to be just, and well
founded -

Forms and Regulations to be observed by the Apothecary or Medicinal Storekeeper at Fort St George -

When the Medicines arrive from Europe, the Chests are to be regularly ranged according to their Numbers, & a packing Invoice pasted upon a Sheet of paste Board to hang in the most conspicuous part of the Store, for the purpose of directing him more readily to find the Articles wanted -

Form of the Packing Invoice -

1st Division 1785 Packing Invoice 17		2d Division	
No of Chests	Quantity	No of Chest	Quantity
2. 3. 4	Cong.20 Aq: Alexter 4pt	3. 4. 6	Cong.20

When the Articles required are expended in any particular Chest, a Dash is put under the Number of the Chest, and when the whole Quantity sent in a Division is expended a Dash is to be put under the quantity as in the Example above

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16. above stated, the whole of the Ag Aleater Sp.t of the first Division, and that contained in Chest N.o 3 of the 2.d 1785 is marked expended, so that all the remainiens Ag: Aleaters Sp.t of that year is contained in Chests N.o 1 & 6 of the 2.d Division - By which method the Articles wanted are readily found, & a needless Hum- -mage so destructive to Medicines prevented -

A few Sheets of Paper are to be folded up into a Quarto Book, for each Division of Medicines, & the number & date of the Division is marked on the outside Cover, in which Book an Account will be kept of all the Medicines taken out of every Chest; two or three Pages being left for every Chest in the following Form -

(On the Outside Cover) 1.st Division of Medicines sent 1785

Date	Chest N.o 1	Quant.y	Date	Chest N.o 1	Quant.y
1785					
April 3.d	Bals Capiere ———	06			
Nov.r 9.	B of Gallic { transferred to old Store	070			

To prevent Confusion in the foregoing Ledger a considerable quantity of each Article will be taken out & credited at once, & placed regularly upon Shelves to answer the daily Demands. - See Survey C Column credited & not issued -

When any Division of Medicines is near expended & when a few odd Articles only re- -main for which there is no great demand, such Articles are to be credited in this Ledger by being marked transferred to Old Stores, & the Division broken up - See Survey C. Column 1 -

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16. All the Medicines received from England are to be registered in a Folio Book kept for that purpose, in which is also to be entered Surveys of Medicines remaining in Store and all the Demands made for future Service in the following Forms -

During the first year of Service it will be impossible to ascertain the Medicines necessary for the ensuing Year exactly, but a State of the Current Expence will give some Assistance - A Return prepared in the following Form, leaving the last Column Blank, that the Quantities demanded may be ascertained by the Physicians &ca will be found necessary -

Madras October 1785

A Survey of Medicines remaining in Store & the Demand thereon founded for the Service of the Year 1786.

	Sent from England since	Remains in Store	Expended	Demanded for the Service 1786
Amygd Dulc	£80	£40	£40	£50

During the Course of the Campaign whether from extraordinary Demands or Loss sustained by Carriage &ca when the Stores run low in any particular Medicines, a List of these Articles are to be laid before the Hospital Board, specifying the Quantities remaining with a Blank Column for the additional Demands to be by them ascertained as in the following Table -

B Survey of such Articles as are nearly expended -

	Remains in Store	additional Demand
Confect Cardiac	£12	

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When the Hospital Board shall require a Return of Medicines in Store, a Survey must be made by the Storekeeper in the following Form –

C. Survey of Medicines remaining in Store taken at this day of 17

	1785		1786			
	Old Store	This 2d Div.	This 1st Div.	This 2d Div.	Large Hospital Apportmts	Condemned and not found	Total
Ag: Asst: Surg.							
	Cong 15				Cong 16	Cong 3	Cong 34

D Copy of the Demand of Medicines for the Service of the year 1786

	Quantities in each of the			Fixed Hospital Store	Total
	3 Large Apportments	3 Small Apportments	3 Brigade Apportments		
Ag: Asst: Surg.	Cong 3	Cong 1		Cong 28	Cong 40
Bals Capiv	lb 2	lb 1	lb 1		lb 17

NB. By Hospital Apportments is meant a certain proportional Quantity of Medicines and Materials necessary for the Service of a particular Hospital – Those for an Hospital above 500 are to be termed Large and those for an Hospital under that Number, Small Hospital Apportments – These Apportments neatly prepared are to be kept in the Medicine Store ready to supply any of the Hospitals as soon as required and to consist of Medicines, Utensils, &ca proportioned to the Number of Men the Hospital is intended to contain –

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16. When Medicines are sent to an Hospital in large Quantities, they ought to be put up in large Boxes, Tins and Bottles; but if the Apothecary or person, who has the charge of the Medicine Store cannot get a sufficiency of Vessels to answer the Demands from the several Hospitals, the Medicines should be put into Boxes, Canisters and Bottles of different Sizes, marking on each the quantity they contain, by which means the Hospital Store will be supplied with a proper variety of containing Vessels, and consequently the Orders for the Regimental Hospitals will be more readily supplied.

By the above Method it will appear that the Quantity of every Medicine remaining in Store may be found by a bare Inspection without spoiling the Medicines by an actual Survey, which is only required for those Articles taken out and placed upon the Shelves marked Credited and not issued. A proper Quantity of Medicines sufficient for the Service may be kept without charging the Hospital with an unnecessary Load on the one Hand, or letting the Army be in want of Medicines on the other.

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To John Turing Esqr

Military Paymaster General.

Sir.

I am directed by the Honorable President and Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 13th Instant, and to inform you that the Board have been pleased to adopt the mode you have recommended for the payment of His Majestys Troops by the Kings Paymaster General, and to direct that you do open an Account in your Books of Paymaster to the Kings Troops and debit him for all advances made by the Government of Bengal - The Account of Dis-bursements are ordered to be transmitted to you regularly in like manner as those from Out Garrisons; and the Kings Paymaster has been acquainted that the mode of drawing out the Accounts, and any other Information that he may require on this Subject will be given him from your Office, and that it is ex-pected he should conform to the same -

To the Military Paymaster General the mode recommended by him for the future Payment of His Majestys Troops by the Kings Paymaster General, adopted.

I enclose Copy of a General Order on the Subject, and am

Sir &c &c

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Signed / John Chamier Secy

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To William Burke Esq

Paymaster General

to the King's Forces in

India

Sir,

In Consequence of the Arrange=

To Mr Burke, with Instructions in consequence of the Arrangement made by the Bengal Govern=ment for the future Payment of the King's Troops

=ment made by the Bengal Government for the future Payment of the King's Troops serving on this Coast, the President and Council have resolved that all Demands for Pay, Gratuity, Batta, and every other Allowance to the King's Troops shall henceforth be made immediately to you, and they in consequence desire you will open an Account with the Paymaster General of Fort St George, whom you will credit for every Sum of Money that may be received by you or your Agents on account of His Majesty's Troops, and debit for the amount of the Vouchers paid by you — Of these Vouchers the Board desire you will regularly transmit an Account to the Military Paymaster General

here

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16. here, who has received directions to supply you upon your Application with the form requisite for keeping such Account, and the manner in which the Vouchers are to be countersigned he is also directed to give you any other necessary Information.

The Distributions for Subsistence are, as usual, to be laid before the President, previous to their being discharged, and you are to pay those that become due on the 26th Inst. for which an Advance has already been made. All other Charges will be paid by the Company's Paymaster General to the 1st of May next, after which day you are to be considered exclusively as having the payment of the Kings Troops as will appear by Copy of a General Order, which I enclose for your Information.

All Payments to the 14th and 15. Regiments of Hanoverians are also to be made by you.

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

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Sent the undermentioned Letter
(entered in MB Nos 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42)

To Committee of Works
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To Committee of Works desiring them to direct the Chief Engineer to survey the Company's Garden

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To Garden house, & to lay before the Board an Estimate of such Repairs as may be judged necessary –

To the Acting Paymaster at

To Mr Torin — Palamcotah, acquainting him that Mr Falk has been directed to draw upon him in favor of Mr Andrews for Pag.s 3600 with Interest at 8 ℘ Cent –

To Paymaster at Trichinopoly

To Mr Falk — desiring him to discharge his Note to Mr Andrews for Pg.s 3600 by a Bill on Mr Torin, with Int.st @ 8 ℘ Ct.

To Mr Andrews informing him

To Mr Andrews — of the above –

To Masulipatam, informing

To Masulipatam — them that Government will allow the Chief News Writers for the purpose of procuring Intelligence &c

that Mr Burnet's Claim for Freight has been referred to the Committee of Stores –

To the Resident at Tanjore,

To Mr Hudleston — acquainting him that the New Medical Regulations will provide for Cases of a similar Nature to that alluded to by Mr White –

To Lieutenant Paris, Governm.t

To Lieut.t Paris — have no objection to his proceeding to Europe, but object to the continuing of his present Pension should he leave this Country –

To Committee of Stores, requesting

To Committee of Stores – that their opinion upon the Claim preferred in an enclosed Extract, relative to Freight for Stores shipped on the Snow Duncan, lost in her Passage to Masulipatam –

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

Tuesday 18th April 1786

Lieutenant General Sir John Dalling Bt.

Alexander Davidson Esqr.

James Henry Casamajor Esqr.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore with Enclosures entered in MB. Marked D.

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President and Governor &c. Council

Fort St George

From the Resident at Tanjore - with Letter from Colonel Stuart enclosing one from the Officers commanding the 1st & 2d Battns in consequence of a Complaint from the Sepoys of an Exaction of Duties on Articles carried by them into the Fort, for the Support of their Families -

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been honored with your Commands through Mr. Secretary Chamier signified to me in his Letter of the 24th Ultimo -

Having agreably to your Orders communicated to the Rajah the purport of the three first Paragraphs of that Letter, his Excellency immediately made a requisition to me for Guards of Sepoys nearly equal to the Strength of 2 Battalions to be stationed in the different Districts, and Towns for the

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the protection of his Revenues, but as not more than one Battalion can possibly be spared from the Duties of the Garrison, I was obliged to request of his Excellency to reduce the list to 800 Sepoys for the present, which he has accordingly done, assuring me however at the same time that his Revenue could not be effectually protected without double that number.-

The Rajah continues much dissatisfied respecting the Dam, or Bank raised by the Laulgoody people, & to the communication of the Paragraph of the Secretary's Letter, which relates to it, his Excellency replied, "That since he made his representations to me on the Subject, the Nabobs people had been suffered to proceed with the Dam till it is at length completed, & they will now call it an old Work, and plead the Establishment of the injury as an argument against his obtaining Redress-

I must now request your Orders on a matter, which I hoped to have settled without the necessity of troubling your Honble Board, but my endeavours for that purpose have hitherto been unsuccessful-

The Sepoys here claim the priviledge of being allowed to go into the Country & purchase small quantities of Paddy, and other Provisions, & bring them into Tanjore duty free- About a fortnight ago, in consequence of the Rajah's Officers having stopped some Grain belonging to a Sepoy for Custom, a Garrison order was thereon

to

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to me, dated October 1784. in which this privileadge was recognized, & permission declared to the Sepoys to bring in each 3 Gold fanams worth of Paddy per week, duty free - It was understood also that the matter had been adjusted with the Rajah by the late Resident, and that the Order had been issued with his knowledge, & concurrence; but on making application to his Excellency in consequence of the Complaint, he denied in the most positive terms that he had ever consented to the order in question or even heard that such an order had been publi=shed, asserting that since the conclusion of the War, the Sepoys have paid the duties in common with all others, as well of the Company's people as of his own - in proof of which the Minister said he would, if I chose, send me the Suncum Officers with their Books to be examined - The Rajah perverted in his refusal to grant the Sepoys an exemption from Duties even in the most limited degree, & under the strict regulations, which I proposed should be established to prevent any abuse of the Indulgence - his Answer was in substance, that by his Agree=ment with the Company, he was to pay them 4 Lacks of Pagodas annually out of his Revenues, & no more; that the Duties formed a considerable part of that Revenue, & consequently, that if he were to pay the 4 Lacks, & to grant the Company's people an exemption from Duties besides, he should in effect pay as much more than the 4 Lacks, as those Duties amounted to; - & not only that,

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but his own Sibbendies, & others, who received less pay than the Company's Sepoys, would with reason, expect the same Indulgence - that he therefore wished there should be no exemption from duties, but that if I still desired it in favor of the Sepoys, he claimed a deduction from the 4 Lacks equal to the deficiency that would thereby be occasioned in his Revenue.

Upon receiving from Colonel Stuart the accompa=-nying Letter, and Inclosure, I made another effort to get the point adjusted, but with no better succes than before - The Rajah only replying that the Company had promised to demand of him no more than the stipulated 4 Lacks of Pagodas - On the re=-presentation from the Captains of the two Battalions I have to observe respecting the 2d Paragraph, that certainly it would be an insupportable Grievance if "the extent of exaction were left to the Servants of the Rajah employed in the collection" but this in fact the Minister absolutely denies - however if so the exemption cannot be obtained. I shall make a point of having the duty on each Article clearly, and exactly, defined, and the Sepoys apprized of what they are to pay on the Provisions they may purchase, and bring from the Country -

How far the Statute mentioned in the third Paragraph can give our Troops a Claim to an exemption from duties in Tanjore, I am not qualified to judge; respecting the latter part of the 3d Paragraph, some of the Sepoys themselves have ack=-nowledged upon being questioned by my Orders, that they have paid the duties -

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Upon the whole, I should have been very glad if the Rajah had yielded the point or could yet be prevailed upon to yield it, because the Sepoys certainly merit every possible Indulgence, but I must at the same time observe, that the Europeans by purchasing their Provisions at the Bazaar, virtually pay the duties, and that the Current price of Rice in the Bazaar is upwards of 20 Pagodas p Garce lower than that established by Government as the price, which it is supposed the Sepoy can afford to pay in time of Peace namely 70 Pagodas p Garce -

Your Honor &ca have not yet honored me with your Instructions relative to the laying up of Grain in this Garrison - but as I am confident that you will think it advisable to be prepared against any unfavorable event that may arise from the particular circumstances which mark the present period, and that if your Honor &ca should not think it necessary to lay up a large Store from which in case of Hostilities the Army defending our Southern Possessions may be supplied, as well as the neighbouring Garrisons in which from their insecure State, it may not be deemed safe to hoard any considerable quantity - you will at least approve of increasing our present Stock, I have from these considerations requested of the Rajah to order in Grain from the Country, and yesterday I received from his Excellency 20,000 Cullums of Paddy -

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I have great Satisfaction in ac-
-quainting your Honor &c that the Rajah has
hitherto punctually fulfilled his late Engagements
but the exactions on his people are so increased
that I lately judged it my duty to make a strong
Representation to him in person on the Subject
and am now repeating it in a written Address
in consequence of his Excellency's informing me
that he will not be able to see me these eight
days on account of some Religious Ceremonies -

Tanjore
3d April 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signd) J Huddleston

Agreed that Mr Huddleston
be desired to inform the Board what has been
the uniform Practice respecting the payment
of Duties in Tanjore since it has been garrisoned
by the Company's Troops, and whether the General
Minute thereon. Order mentioned to have been published in
October 1784 was known and approved by the
Rajah - also on what account it was judged
necessary at that time to publish it -

Read the following Letter
from the Resident at Nagore -

To

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &ca Council

at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Resident at Nagore - In consequence of a Vessel being taken out of the Roads of Negapatam belonging to the King of Atcheen, by a Ship of Tranquebar.

I think it my duty to inform your Honor &ca that a Ship belonging to the King of Achin, called the Cauder Bux bound for Nagore, was taken out of the Roads of Negapatam the Night before last, & carried to Tranquebar by a Snow, called the Favorite commanded by Captain Clements, in the Service of some Merchants of that place - Translation of a Declaration of one of the Syrangs of the Ship who contrived to make his Escape waits on your Honor &ca herewith - I lost no time in informing the Danish Government of this transaction, and beg leave to enclose a Copy of my Letter to them, which I hope your Honor &ca will approve -

I must further beg leave to acquaint your Honor &ca that about twelvemonths ago, I received a Letter from Messrs Harrop & Stevenson the owners of the Favorite at Tranquebar, informing me they had some Claims upon the King of Achin, & that hearing one of his Vessels was at Nagore, they requested my Assistance in securing the Cargo 'till they should receive an Order which they expected from

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from the Honorable Mayors Court at Madras to make a Seizure - they sent me a Protest at the same time signed by Major General Abbertie, themselves and Captain Holford explaining the particulars of their demands. Copy whereof I now take the liberty to forward to your Honor &ca - In my Answer to these Gentlemen, I acquainted them that as I wished to have the sanction of Government in a business of this Nature, I should if agreable to them lay the Protest they had sent me before the Governor, who had intended making a Tour to the Southward and was then shortly expected at Negapatam; but no application having since been made to me on the Subject, I concluded their Dispute was either compromised with the King of Ackin or His Agents, or had been settled at Madras -

When I receive an Answer from the Governor and Council of Tranquebar it shall be immediately transmitted to your Honor &ca

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect, &c &c &ca

Nagore
11th April 1786

/signed/ E.W. Fallofield

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Saikl Translate of the Declaration of Cauder Saik Syrang of the Grab Ship Cauder Bux belonging to the King of Acheen, Dated 13th April 1786.

We sailed from Acheen in order to come to Nagore, and when we came last night near Poyore and Nalagany (near Negapatam) the Sun set and being afraid the Vessell would run ashore in the Dark, we went into 8 Fathom Water Rowing to the darkness were not able to see Nagore Road: We saw Lights in Negapatam road, upon which we went nearer that road, where we found 5 in 5 fathom Water - as it was night we thought proper to roll up most of our Sails, & we were ordered by our Naqueda to drop Anchor in the Road, and when we were ready to do so accordingly, we saw a small Vessell on the East side of our Vessell, which the Naqueda conjectured to be another Vessell belonging to the King of Acheen, which was to sail also for Nagore from Acheen. The said small Vessell came near to our Vessell on the Northward & soon after a Shot was fired from her at our Vessell, which as soon as we saw, the Crew in our Vessell hid themselves. The said small Vessell had a white Pennant hoisted, but We (the Syrang) could see no Colours - we were ordered to hoist the King of Acheen's Colours, which we accordingly did, & anchored in Negapatam Road - the people of the small Vessell asked us whom our Vessell belonged to?

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to? we answered to the King of Achen - then an European Gentleman, who was in her ordered us to drop our Anchor; to which we said, we had already anchored - then he fired another Shot at our Vessell & immediately about 10 Lascars & 4 Europeans came in a long Boat, some with drawn Swords & others with Pistols & Musketts; & having entered and come upon the Deck; they asked us where the Naqueda was? our Naqueda answered that he was the Person - then they ordered him to go to their Vessell - Our Naqueda asked the reason, & they answered it was Mr Gowan Harrop's order to bring him as also his Vessell - then our Naqueda said, "wait till the Day break, then I will talk with you more, and then go along with you" - to which they did not consent and by force took the Naqueda only with what Linnen he had on his back & likewise Jor 8 of our Lascars, & put them in their long Boat & put the Lascars, who came on their long Boat into our Vessell with their European Mate & carried away our Naqueda to their Vessell - Their Mate & Lascars, as also the other Europeans, who came to our Vessell weighed the Anchor; & put up the Sails again, which had been rolled up by us before & sailed to the North-ward - When she was sailing, a Catamaran came from Negapatam & asked, whom the Vessell belonged to? we answered it belonged to the King of Acheen - then the Catamaran Man said, he had a Chit from the Shore - then one of the principal Men in our Vessell said to me "as they are carrying away the Vessell by

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"force in order to give the news of it to the Catamaran Man.
"& to represent the case to the Resident at Nagore, I had
"better go ashore on the Catamaran" - which I accordingly
did unknown to any of the Europeans of the other Vessell.
- They carried away our Vessell to the Northward - I
came ashore on the Catamaran at Negapatam, and
from thence came to Nagore - This is all I know -

Witnesses
Sankaryan
Saumian
Saumiapilla
Armogatapilla

(+) The Mark of Cauder Saib Syrang.

To the Honble Major General Abbestee
President & Governor &ca Council
at Tranquebar

Gentlemen,

About eight o'clock last Night
a Ship belonging to the King of Achen called the
Cauder Bux bound for Nagore was taken out of the
Roads of Negapatam by the Snow Favourite, Captain
Clements, & carried, I am informed to Tranquebar - The
Particulars you will observe by the enclosed declaration
of one of the Syrangs, who found means to get on shore -
The Favourite is well known to belong to some Mer=
=chants of Tranquebar, & I doubt not when you
come to be informed of these Circumstances, you
will give directions for the release of the Vessell,
and her Cargo in order that she may proceed to
Nagore -

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I shall take an early opportunity
of communicating the particulars of this Transaction
to my Superiors, & have the honor to be,

Gentlemen &c &c

/Signed/ C.W. Tallofields

Nagore
13th April 1786

a true Copy
C.W. Tallofields

There are to certify that Sheck
Ahmuud & Cona Suba Subadar Servants to the King
of Achen being at Bengal in November 1783, recom=
=mended to Mr Robert Holford to make an expe=
-dition to Achen & consign it to their Master, who
by having early advice of the Consignment coming
to him would provide a returning Cargo for the
Vessell and have it in readiness to put on board
as soon as the Ship arrived, and Mr Holford in con=
-sequence of such Advice wrote to the King, and
Shabander by said Sheck Ahmud and Cona Subadar
who went Passengers on Ship Asia Captn Gourland
December 1783, advising them of a Consignment he
would make to them by Ship Bretson and Sloop
Pick Pocket to leave Calcutta in February 1784
which was accordingly done, the Expedition being
on account of said Mr Robert Holford, The Honble
Hermann Abbetse Governor, & Harrop & Stevenson
each 1/4 and consigned by Mr Robert Holford to the
King of Achen and his Shabander Naqueda Pou
Salley - there to be Sold on Commission & the returns

to

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to be sent back by the Bretson to the Owners of said Ship in Tranquebar, in Betle Nut, Pepper, Benjamin Dammer &ca Articles, the produce of that Country. The Vessell arrived safe, and the Cargo were delivered to them in Acheen as p Invoice amounting to the Sum of Rupees 54362 Prime Cost; but the Ship Bretson was dispatched back to the Coast in the Month of May with not 1/10 part of a Cargo the whole of what was put on board for her returning Cargo amounting to no more than Rupees 11075 prime Cost, and the Sloop Pick Pocket returning Cargo amounting to Rupees 2100, every Article on their Returns charged at an exorbitant Price 40 & 50 per Cent higher than other Ships paid at the same Season, wherefore the undersigned seeing the Letter we received from the King of Acheen and Shabander that there was very little probability the Returns would ever be remitted to us on freight (with the Consent & approbation of Mr Holford purchased the Ship Fortune & fitted her out expressly to Acheen to bring back our Property, the Captain carrying positive orders to the King & Shabander to deliver up all our property that remained in their Hands, & for such part as was sold to send the Amount; which Order they have refused to comply with, having delivered to the Captain of the Fortune only 38 Chests of Opium & two Bales of Piece Goods, & for the remainder they write us trifling Letters contradictory to each other.

That

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that our Property is dispersed in different Places, & sold; but the Money not received, all which tend to prove that they have no mind to remit us the amount of our Goods - another strong Proof that they do not mean to deal fair by us, is, that they would have forced the Captain to take back 20 Chests of old Opium dry & good for nothing in the room of 20 Chests of our new Patna Opium, that was delivered them, but as they could not produce our marks on the Chests, he agreeable to the Order he received from us refused to take them. The Account Sales which they have sent us is also evidently a false one, which can be proved by the Sales of other Ships made at the same time, & by the Price, which the Ring is known to sell for - By all which Proceedings we are very considerable Sufferers; wherefore we do by these Presents, protest against their Conduct, as the voluntary Causes & Contrivers of these Losses to us & hold them accountable to us for the full amount Sales of our Goods left in their hands at the known Market prices of that time, & in default of payment think ourselves justified with the Government's permission to seize their Property, when opportunity offers to the full amount of Balance due to us - there being no other mode of recovering our Property - from an uncivilized & unprincipled Nation, who are bound by no Laws -

/Signed/
/Signed/

Abbertee
Harrop & Stevenson
for ourselves & Mr Robt Holford

Tranquebar
1st March 1785

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I the undersigned Jnº Borgen, His Royal Danish Majestys nominated Judge, & constituted Notary Publick at Tranquebar, certify herewith the before staying Protest to have been made and underwritten of the Honble Herman Abbestée Esqr. Major General and Governor of Tranquebar &ca and Messrs Gowan Harrop, & Daniel Stevenson Merchants of the same place, in my & the undersigned Witnesses Presence at Tranquebar, this first day of March One Thousand, Seven Hundred & Eighty five —

Witness my Hand and Seal

Witness
J. Siverman
Royal Copiste

(Signed) ..... Borgen

(L.S.)

I Herman Abbestée, His Royal Danish Majestys Major General & Governor of all the Danish East India Settlements certify herewith Mr. Jnº Borgen, His Royal Danish Majestys nominated Judge of Tranquebar, really to be Notary Publick, constituted of this Place —

Fort Dansborg the first March One Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty five —

(Signed) ——— Abbestée

A true Copy
C.W. Tallofield

To lie on the Table for the Present.

Ordered to lie on the Table until further Accounts are received —

Read

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Read the following Letter from
some of the Company's Field Officers -

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor &ca &ca Council of
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From some of the Company's Field Officers, requesting that the Arrears of Gratuity due them may be discharged.

We the undersigning Field Officers on this Establishment for ourselves & our Brethren beg leave to draw the attention of Government to the peculiar hardships of our Situation -

We believe that the intention of the Honble Company is that a liberal allowance shall be made to each Field Officer, over and above his ordinary Pay, in proportion to his Rank, in order to enable him to support that Rank in this expensive Country - Nor does it appear to have been their Idea to limit the number of Field Officers to receive this Gratuity, but that every Field Officer serving here should receive it - This is the more reasonable to suppose with regard to their own Service, as what was many years ago determined on as an equivalent to be paid to the Field Officers in His Majesty's Service, serving here, after considering the advantages which they did possess, and we did not, has been invariably paid to them every Month, let their number be ever so great, even to each as only

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came out as Captains in their respective Corps, but honored with Brevet, and even additional local Rank.

And it therefore appears to us reasonable that no specified Sum could with propriety be ever set apart for any limited number of Field Officers, much less that any specified Sum can be appropriated to each Class, or in other words such a Sum to be divided among the Colonels - such among the Lieutenant Colonels and such among the Majors, whereby the Sum to be paid to each Individual might become precarious & a Colonel contrary to the evident principle of the allowance might receive no more than a Lieut. Colonel, or Major.

The Sum formerly, regularly paid to each Field Officer in the Company's Service was as follows, to a Colonel 2,500 Pagodas, to a Lieutenant Colonel 1,500 to a Major 750 for the Year, but paid half yearly in the Months of April and September; & this was so certain that every Officer entitled to receive either of the above Sums might negociate an order upon them almost as readily as Cash -

For some Years back the Government here seem to have had no settled System for the payment of their Gratuity, but to have made distributions of it upon different Ideas, so that a Field Officer in their Service has not been able to form any calculation founded upon a

knowledge

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knowledge of his Income -

Something more than a Year ago, when a distribution of Gratuity was talked of to be made to the Field Officers in the Company's Service, and the Arrear brought up, for which they were to receive Bonds or Bills; the Field Officers in His Majesty's Service represented that the Sum which they monthly received as an equivalent, and which had been acquiesced to, since the arrival of Colonel Aldercornes Regement in India, was not an equivalent for the Gratuity paid to the Company's Field Officers, and they protested against any payment being made to us, unless the defi=ciency was made up to them; the consequence of which has been that we have not received any thing, not even Paper, while His Majesty's Field Officers have monthly received in Cash the hereto=fore settled equivalent - And we understand that henceforward they are to be paid entirely from Bengal -

As we hear that the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell brings out full powers to regulate this Military Establishment, & as this is the Month, in which the Gratuity was usually paid, We trust that this our application will not be deemed improper, & that the Honble the Governor & Council will not think it a matter of little importance, early to clear off their Field Officers by Bond or Bill at least, & so to fix their allowance

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allowance in future, that each individual to a certainty may know what he has to depend upon —

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16th April 1786

We are Honble Sirs & Sirs, &c &c

John Braithwaite
Patrick Ross
Thos Bruce
C. Fraser
Thos Bridges
Geo: Banks
Geo: Smith
James Lidingtoun
Ed: Collins —

/Signed/

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following Letter entered in the Miscellany Book No 43, pp. 44, 45/

From Colonel Floyd, dated 14th Instant, stating a Balance due to the 2d Regiment of Dragoons of Pags 13,312. 4. 47 & declaring upon his honor that the Sum of Pags 512. 24 has actually been paid by him for Interest of Money borrowed on account of the above Arrear — requesting, in consequence that the latter Sum be added to the former, and that the whole be discharged in Cash, or in Bills upon the Northern Subordinates —

From Col: Floyd

As Colonel Floyd certifies upon

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upon honor, that he has paid Pags 512.24. for
Minute thereon Interest upon Money borrowed, it is Agreed that
that Sum be added to the Balance due to the
Bd Regt & that the whole be liquidated by a
Certificate for a Bengal Bond.

From Masulipatam, dated

From Masulipatam 10th Inst: transmitting the Paymasters Estimate
of Repairs necessary to the Barracks, Godowns &ca
at Ellore, & to the Commanding Officers Quarters
at Samulcotah.

Agreed that the Chief & Council
at Masulipatam be informed that whenever any
Minute thereon Repairs are wanted they must direct an Engineer
to make an Estimate, & that they are to observe
the above mode in the present Instance.

From Mr Burke the Kings

Paymaster General dated the 15th Inst: enclosing
From Mr. Burke Captain Hamiltons Demand for an Advance
of six Months Subsistence in consequence of his
having obtained permission to proceed to Europe.

Agreed that Mr Burke

Minute thereon be informed that the Request of Captain
Hamilton being contrary to the Orders of
the Company, cannot be complied with.

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To Lieutenant Colonel Ross

Chief Engineer

Sir.

To the Chief Engineer to proceed to Walajaubad. and take charge of the Cantonment—

I am directed by the Board to desire you will immediately proceed to the New Cantonment at Walajaubad, & take Charge of the Company's Works, Stores, & Materials at that place—

You are to prosecute the Work late under charge of Lieut. Colonel Daniel agreeably to the directions, which you will receive from the Commander in Chief on that subject—

I am Sir Yrs &c.

(Signed) John Chamier Secy

Fort St George
19th April 1786.

Sent the undermentioned Letters (entered in MB's Nos 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54).

To the Committee of Works

To the Committee of Works, directing them to order a Shed to be erected at Vepery for the Commander in Chief's Body Guard, the Expence not to exceed five Hundred Pagodas—

To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam— No Repairs to be executed till the Survey and Estimate of an Engineer have been obtained— This mode to be

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19. be observed with respect to the Barracks &c. at Ellore, & the Officers Quarters at Samulcotah -

To Colonel Floyd - The Arrears

To Colo. Floyd

due to his Regiment will be liquidated by a Bengal Certificate - Interest to be allowed on Money borrowed by him for the public Service -

To His Majesty's Paymaster General - Captain Hamilton's Request for an

To Mr. Burke

advance of six Months Subsistence cannot be complied with -

To the Paymaster at Trichino=

To Mr. Falk

=poly - Captain Trapaud's Estimate of Expence for building a Godown for the Hospital to be complied with -

To Mr. Henchm Digby - The

To Mr. Digby

Arrears due to the Masdrics & Inhabitants for Bullocks entertained since the Army were cantoned, will be liquidated by a Bengal Certi=

=ficate, after their Accounts are audited -

20th To the Resident at Tanjore;

To Mr. Hudleston

to report what has been the uniform Practice respecting the payment of Duties in Tanjore, since garrisoned by the Company's Troops, & whether the General Order published in October 1784, was approved by the Rajah, and why it was judged necessary at that time -

Circular

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20th

Circular Letter to the Officiat Commanding Garrisons, desiring them to direct the Engineers to report the quantity of Grain that can be lodged in their respective Garrisons with the State of the Granaries, & an Estimate of the Expence of Repairs should any be necessary.

Circular Letter to Commandants

To the Paymaster at Arcot,

To Mr. Welch

to furnish Lieut Colonel Moorhouse on his Indent with Draught & Carriage Bullocks for the removal of the Ordnance and Stores from Arcot to Waulaujabad.

21st

Sir John Dalling having in a Note to the President proposed that Lieut John Stuart of the Cavalry be appointed Secretary to the Military Board, the President signified his Acquiescence, as did also Mr Casamayor. Mr Davidson was of opinion that the Instructions from England by mentioning a Covenanted Servant, mean a Civil Servant - but if the appointment were to be given to a young Officer, he knew none worthier than Lieut John Stuart.

Sir John Dalling proposes Lieut J. Stuart for the appointment of Secretary to the Military Board.

Agreeably to the Resolution of the Majority, Lieut John Stuart was this day put in General Orders for the appointment of Secretary to the Military Board.

Approved by a Majority.

22d

Received the following Letter from Bengal.

To

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President & ca Council

at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From Bengal: requesting that a Statement of the Arrear Debt of this Presidency to the time they have engaged to discharge it, may be forthwith transmitted to them, till when the Exchange cannot be fixed.

Several Certificates having been presented to us, for a part of the Military Arrear Debt of your Presidency, that they might be ex= =changed for Bengal Bonds, according to the Governor Generals Plan for liquidating that Debt, we have shewn them due honor, and directed that Bengal Bonds should be issued for their res= =pective Amounts; but before those Bonds are issued it is of course necessary to determine on the Exchange to be allowed between Star Pagodas & Current Rupees the same being left to the deci= =sion of this Government. The amount of the Certificates to be drawn on us for Military Arrears cannot affect this Question in so far as the strict right of the Holders is connected with it, but if our Judgement of that right should not answer their Expectations, our knowledge of the amount to be exchanged for Bengal Bonds would enables us to determine how far any Indulgence could be shewn to them. For this reason we regret that you have not yet informed us what this Amount is likely to be; We expected also

that

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22 That, ere this, you would have been able to have trans-
=mitted to us a full Statement of your Arrear Debt
to the time to which we have engaged to discharge
it - We desire to receive both from you as soon as
possible, for until they come the Exchange cannot
be fixed nor the Bonds for the Certificates prepared.
The Holders however will not suffer by the delay,
as the respective Bonds when granted will bear
date with the respective Certificates, and Interest
will of course be paid on them from those times -
We also request that, when you advise us, as we
wish you to do regularly, of the Certificates, which
you grant, you will acquaint us for what De-
=partment of your Military Service, the Holders have
received them, & to what period of Arrear they dis-
=charge it -

As the Interest on the Arrear
Debt, according to the Governor Generals Plan, may,
if the Parties wish it, be paid in England, and as
there is a great probability of the Principals being
gradually paid there also, and as the Question can-
=not be considered in a mercantile light, We
certainly think that the high Rate of Exchange,
which various Circumstances have now made to
subsist between Bengal & Madras ought not in
fairness to be required on the Certificates from
your Presidency, which are to be exchanged for
Bengal Bonds - The Principle on which the

Question

22 Question might be determined, would be to take the Exchange allowed by the Company, in their orders of 1774, for Bills drawn on them from your Presidency, which is seven Shillings & four pence the Pagoda, & to fix the Exchange on the Certificates at the relative Amount, which the Pagoda bears to the Current Rupee valued by the same orders of the Company at two Shillings and a Penny. We have delayed however our Resolutions upon this Subject, until we shall receive from you the Information, which we have required—

We have the honor to be &c &c

Fort William
Secret Department
22d March 1786

/Signed/ John Macpherson
R Sloper
John Stables
Chas Stuart

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

From Bengal—the Company's orders of the 15th Sept 1785 are not connected with the Resolutions adopted by them for discharging Claims on them according to priority of date, & of drawing Certificates instead of this Presidency's drawing Bills of Exchange on them—

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to reply to the first & second Paragraphs of your Letter of the 23d of last Month, in which you acquaint us that you have deferred taking any measures on the Subjects of our Letters of the 16th & 25th January, until you should receive

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22 receive such directions as we may think it expedient to give in Consequence of the Arrangements made by the Court of Directors, and communicated to us in their Letter of the 15th September 1785

Our Letter of the 16th Janry relating entirely to the rule, which we had established for discharging Claims on us according to priority of date & to our Wish that instead of drawing on us in Bills of Exchange, you should draw on us in Certificates to be paid agreeably to that rule appears to us not connected in the nature of it with the Company's Orders of the 15th September 1785—

In regard to the Subject of our Letter of the 23d January, we have agreed that no alteration shall be made in the arrangement therein notified with respect to such persons as may not think proper to avail themselves of the means proposed by the Court of Directors for liquidating the Bonded Debts of India our offer to pay off the Interest on the Bonds will not extend of course to those, who wish to take Bills upon the Company on the Terms prescribed in discharge of their Bond Claims—

We have the honor to be &c

Fort William
Secret Dept of Inspection
29th March 1786—

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

&c

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To the 22d
The Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr
President &ca Council
at
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs.

We have been favoured with
From Bengal- your Letters of the 12th and 23d of last Month.
none but those who suffered Captivity in Mysore, are en- The 1st and 2nd Paragraph of
-titled to Batta during their Confinement-
the latter will be replied to from our Secret Depart-
-ment of Inspection.

Having duly considered the Letter addressed to you by several Officers, who were made Prisoners by the French and who solicit the allowance of Batta, which we have desired for those, who were Prisoners with Hyder Ally Cawn, and Tippoo Sultaun, we find ourselves obliged to decline granting our Assent to their Petition, since the two Cases appear to us to be very different in their Circumstances, & we could not comply with the wishes of the Memorialists without subjecting ourselves to a variety of Claims from other Persons, who have been in similar Situations-

We have the honor to be &ca

Fort William
Secret Department
29th March 1786

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

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2d Tanjore, and conveyed thither at the rate of about 22 f or 22 ½ Pagodas p Madras Garce including all charges; but it is necessary that the purchase should be effected very soon or the price may rise, -and in all events it may be effected by an alteration in the exchange between Gold fanams / the Current Coin here / and Star Pagodas, which is perpetually fluctuating - I hope therefore to be favored with an early Communication of your orders on this Subject, and in the mean while I shall endeavor to prevent the Grain from being otherwise disposed of -

The Rajah's Granaries in this Fort would if in complete repair, be capable of containing 4000 Madras Garce, but to put them in that State would cost, the Engineer has assured me, at least 20,000 Pagodas - There are however in condition to be repaired at a very moderate expence, sufficient to contain 2000 Garce - of these the principal are in our charge, & the rest I doubt not his Excellency will be ready to give up whenever they may be required for so beneficial a purpose as that of filling them with Grain - The repairs that are necessary for those we now make use of will be set about immediately, lest the Grain should be damaged.

I have only mentioned Paddy in this Letter, as unfortunately the Mice of this Country will

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2 B will not keep, and I will here Sir beg leave to
submit to you whether it might not be proper
to send me directions to sell off a considerable
part of the Grain in Store at the close of the
year, and replace it from the new Crop – I
could not venture to recommend this measure
last year as our Stock was so small that it
might not have been prudent to diminish
it for ever so short a period –

I avail myself of this opportunity
to request your orders on another point relating
to the public Service – The Board some time since
entered into an engagement with the Soucar of Sol-
-daroy & Co Soucars for the remittance of two Lacks
of Pagodas to the Presidency from their Treasury
for which Bills were to be drawn on me, but
in their Letter of the 23d Ult. they directed me
in urgent terms to pay to the Agent of the Soucars
the Sum that remained of the Engagement, being
120,000 Rup.s and transmit his Receipt for it – I
accordingly tendered the Money to the Agent, but
he objected to receiving more than 100,000 till he
should hear further from his Principal – having
since repeated the tender to him several times, &
received the same answer, I at length directed the
amount to be inverted, if practicable, in Star Rup.s
or Bullion, which is now nearly completed, I at
an exchange somewhat more favorable than
that stipulated with the Soucars – This money
will be ready to be forwarded under an Escort to
the Presidency, as soon as I may receive your Instructions
for

2d for that purpose –

My Letter to the Board of 1st Febry states, in consequence of their order, our expected disbursements, & the Sum I then thought it would be necessary to retain here, but if it be true, as reported, that His Majesty's 78th Regt is no longer to draw its Subsistence from me, we shall of course be able to afford a proportionably greater aid to the Presidency, which, with your approbation, I would endeavor to forward in specie, unless a more favorable remittance can be obtained by Bills – The Balance of my Cash this day, exclusive of the 20000 Pagodas abovementioned is Pagodas 120756. M. 74, and the Troops are paid to the end of March – on the 25th Instant some accepted Bills will be due to the amount of 35000 – The Rajah has paid all his Rents as they became due, except 15000 Pagodas of the last, which I expect to receive in two or three days, so that at the end of this month, the Balance in my hands will be about one Lack of Pagodas, and the Rajah will have paid 5 Lacks of the six Lacks stipulated by his late engagements – The remainieng Lack will be due the 30th Instant, but I doubt if he will be able to discharge it so soon –

Since writing thus far I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 15th Inst: and

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B^d and cannot conclude before I have returnd you my grateful acknowledgements, and assured you, Sir, that if the sincerest endeavors can avail I shall not disgrace the kindness of those, who have given you a favorable Impression of me -

I have the honor to be &c &c

Tanjore
18th April 1786.

/ Signed / Huddleston

To John Huddleston Esq^r

Sir,

From the President to Mr Huddleston authorizing him to purchase 500 Garce of Grain to be added to the Stock to be received from the Rajah. His proposed measure of remitting the Balance of Cash in his hands to the Presidency approved. The President expresses his good wishes towards the Rajah -

I have received your Letter of the 18th Inst and am sorry that any delay in buying up of Grain should have produced difficulties in procuring the quantity that may be wanted, particularly as the price is so very much advanced.

It gives me satisfaction however to perceive that your quantity in Store, and to be received from the Rajah amounts to about 1050 Garce, to which I am of opinion, there ought to be 500 Garce added - and to prevent delay, I authorize you to purchase that quantity without loss of time, trusting to your exertions in procuring the Paddy of the best quality

and

2/3 and of the lowest price possible -

It is unfortunate that the Granaries at Tanjore are so much out of repair; but as you have a sufficient number in good condition to hold 2000 Garce, that will answer our present purpose, and I hope the Company will not be put to much expence in rendering the Granaries fit for the reception of this quantity of Grain -

I observe by the Sketch you have given of the balance of Cash in your hands, that you will have about a Lack of Pagodas to remit, after you have paid your acceptances - I approve entirely of your sending that money under an Escort as soon as possible, and in such manner as shall appear to you most for the Company's advantage

I am extremely pleased with the general attention, which the Rajah has paid to his late Engagements - I would have been glad however, that he exerted himself to pay the remaining Kist punctually - my Mind is much disposed to make the Rajah happy, but it is by a regular discharge of his engagements, that he will most effectually enable me to shew him the Sincerity of my Regard towards him -

You are certainly well informed as to the pay of the King's Troops: they are to

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B. to be paid by Mr Burke from the 24th day of this Month, so that they will no longer be a burthen upon your Treasury.-

I will direct a Letter to be written to you on the Subject of the transaction with Soobaroy & Co with which I am at present unacquainted- And you will at the same time receive Instructions as to the disposal of the part of the Rd Stock of Grain, mentioned in your Letter.-

I am Sir &c &c

/Signed/ Arch Campbell

Fort St George
23d April 1786

24th

Received the undermentioned Letters/ entered in the Miscellany Book No 55 - 56 - 57 - 58 - 59 - 60 - 61 - 62 - 63 - 64 - 65, 66, 67, 68.

From the Resident at Nagore,

From Mr Tallofield

dated 15 & 18th Instant enclosing Papers elucidating the Circumstance of the King of Atcheens Vessel being taken out of the Roads of Negapatam by a Ship belonging to some Merchants at Pranquebar

From the Resident at Nagore

From Mr Tallofield

dated 18th April, enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Captain of a Vessel in the Roads of Nagore stating that a Storm had arisen at Trincomalee in which several Ships had been wrecked and that

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24 a Berman Flat had committed acts of Hostilities in the Straits of Malacca, by boarding & plundering several English Ships, & by capturing others -

From the Governor of Pondicherry,

From M.r de Cossigny

with Sentiments of Congratulations on the arrival of Sir Archibald Campbell.

From the Honble David Cochrane,

From M.r Cochrane

in reply to the Remarks of the Commissary General upon the Audit of his Accounts. - -

From Masulipatam, stating

From Masulipatam

the quantity of Arrack now in Store, & the Stock necessary to be kept up - and enclosing the Garrison Storekeeper's Minute on the Subject -

From Col.o Sir Henry Corby, states

From Col.o Corby

that the Nabob's Phoudar has issued Orders, that no Fanams are to be current at Palamcotah, both the Menil & the Samravaray, by which the Mil.y in general will become Sufferers, as they have at times received their Pay and Allowances in several kinds of Fanams -

From M.r Luke Pococke, requesting

From M.r Pococke

- ting, that as the Board have thought proper not to reinstate him in the Service, they will cause the Memorial he laid before them, to be returned -

Ordered, that as M.r Pococke's

Minute thereon.

Memorial has been entered on the Records, it be not effaced -

From

Ad.

From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr Turing

enclosing a List of Accounts not yet received in his Office from the different Paymasters - and stating, that it is impossible for him to ascertain with Precision the period when his Books for 1785 will be closed, but that no attention & Assiduity shall be wanting on his part -

From General Horne enclosing

From Genl Horne

an application from Mr Gordon, Surgeon at Pa= =lamcotah, for permission to visit the Presidency.

Ordered

Ordered in consequence -

From General Horne dated 20th

From Genl Horne

Inst. states the Steps taken by him in consequence of the orders of Government for investigating the Cause of Complaint preferred by the Rajah of Tanjore against His Highness the Nabobs people for having diverted the course of the Anicut by which the Cultivation of the Rajahs Country has been injured. & requests permission to visit the Presidency -

From Vizagapatam, dated 20th

From Vizagapatam

Inst. The orders for making up Tents will be complied with - no Barrack has been for some years past in Store at this Factory, nor are there any Storehouses where the Contractors Barrack can be lodged -

From Colonel Sir Henry Colby,

From Col. Colby

requesting permission to visit the Presidency -

Ordered accordingly -

Ordered.

Ad

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At a Consultation, Present

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B

President

Alexander Davidson Esqr

James Henry Casamaijor Esqr

Lieut General Sir John

Dalling absent.

Tuesday
25th April
1786.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

Read the following Letter

from Bombay.

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor & ca Council

Fort St George

From Bombay. advising of their having sent people to take possession of and settle the Island of Diego Garcia, agreably to the orders of the Court of Directors.

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

We think it necessary to advise you that by the Surprize Packet, we received orders from the Honble the Committee of Secrecy of the Honble the Court of Directors for taking possession of & settling the Island of Diego Garcia with a view of making it a place of refreshment for the Company's Ships, and a Station from whence

many

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may be explored and surveyed the numerous Banks and Shoals to the Southward of the Line—

In obedience to the Commands of the Secret Committee we have employed upon this Service the Drake Viper, and Experiment advice Boat, accompanied by the Admiral Hughes, with Stores and a Stock of Provisions for ten Months, and have entrusted the prin=cipal Management of this Enterprize to two of our Senior Civil Servants, Messrs Richard Thomas Benjamin Price, and John Richmond Smith, as Chief and Council assisted by Captain Sartorius, our eldest Captain of Engineers—

They left this Port on the 15th Instant, and we hope they will reach the place of their destination by the middle of next Month—

We have the honor to be &c &c

Bombay Castle
Pol: & Secret Dep.
31st March 1786

/Signed/ R H Boddam
J. Nelson
Rob Sparks
Rick Church

Read the following Letter from the Hospital Board—

To

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &ca Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Medical Board with Recommendation in respect to the Situations for establishing Hospitals on the Coast, with the Surgeons proper to be attached thereto -

We have carefully perused the Instructions transmitted for our guidance, and considering Madras the thoroughfare from, and to Europe, an Hospital for the reception of the Sick in this neighbourhood, recruits from Europe & Seamen must necessarily be held here, in which we shall lose no time in making such arrangements as will serve to make it a model for the rest, and recommend that a House or House rent be allowed the Deputy Apothecary, Mr Cranmer, who has a large Family - to enable us to lodge the Assistant Surgeons, in the Hospital Quarters which he at present occupies -

The great extent of the Coast and present Station of the Troops, points out Trichinopoly, or Tanjore, Vellore & Masulipatam, as three proper Stations for Hospitals, & saving the difficulty of moving Sick, in case of Invasion we wish to limit the fixing of Hospitals to places of the greatest Security -

We therefore in compliance with your Instructions, recommend Hospital Surgeons in the following order, Mr Sinclair, Mr White, Mr Turing, and Mr Duffin, as well

that

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that they have much experience of treating Sick in Hospitals, as on account of their Seniority in the Service —

Mr Raine requests he may be permitted to hold the Station in the Black Town, to which he was appointed in December last for the care of sick Officers sent to the Presidency.

For Regimental Surgeons, we recommend to the four European Regiments of Infantry, Mr Pringle, Mr Binny, Mr Simpson, & Mr Nicol Mein —

The appointment of Assistants, we beg leave to recommend may be deferred till the abovementioned Gentlemen have joined their respective Stations, believing it consistant with the welfare of the Service that the predilection of the Surgeon for the Assistant be attended to, their applications to us will therefore arrive in due time —

We recommend that the Surgeons of Artillery & Native Cavalry remain with these two Corps, till there Senior to them make applic=-cation thro us, for these appointments —

We have the honor to be &c

Fort St George
19th April 1786

Ja. Anderson
Physician Genl & Dir. of Hr.

/ Signed /

Colley Lucas
Thos. Davis

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Minute thereon.

The Board approve the Arrange-
-ments made by the Hospital Board, and are of
opinion that Tanjore is more eligible than For-
-chenopoly for the establishment of an Hospital.
- Agreed that Tanjore be recommended to the
Hospital Board for the above purpose, and that
they be desired to keep regular Minutes of their
Proceedings, which are to be transmitted every
three Months to the President & Council -

Read the following Letters from
the Paymr. General to the Kings Troops -

To the Honble. Major Genl. Sir Archd. Campbell K.B:
President & Governor &c.a Council
Fort St George

From the King's Paymaster General on the orders to him from this Government to credit the Military Paymaster General at Madras for all Monies received by him on account of His Majesty's Troops - states his opinion of the Inutility of such a measure as the Paymaster General at Bengal is to be credited for every Sum on that Account.

Honble Sir & Sirs.

In the afternoon yesterday I
was honored with your Commands relative to the
Mode of keeping the Accounts concerning the expence
of the King's Troops - Mr. Chamier's words are "You
"will open an account with the Paymaster Genl.
"of Fort St George, whom you will credit for
"every Sum of Money, that may be received by
"you, or your Agents, on account of His Majesty's
"Troops, and debit for the amount of the Vouchers
"paid by you" -

I beg you to be assured that it
is not more my duty, than it is my inclination
to

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to conform myself strictly to your Commands, or even your Wishes - You Sir & Sirs will be too good to con=sider it as a breach of that Duty and respect which I owe you, that I should lay the whole of this matter before you, and with your decision upon your view of that whole -

I beg leave then to submit to your Consideration the accompanying Copy of my Receipt for Star Pags 40.780. 17. 45 dated Calcutta 22d Febry 1786 to the Paymaster General of Bengal I credit him for all the Sums I receive, & with defe=rence I do not see how I can credit two Offices for the same Sum - my reliance on your Justice would insure me, that you would preserve me harmless from the Effects of such double Credits, if it was your pleasure that I should give them: but with great deference I believe no one official regularity or precision would be answered thereby, - on the contrary it seems to me, that it would create disorder & Confusion -

I did not fail to acquaint you of the exact Sum that I received at Bengal & of the portions of it, that I had been able to make remittances of to Madras: I did not at the time foresee the necessity of troubling you with the Copy of the exact Receipt, which made me already accountable to the Bengal Government; that Omission has perhaps been the Source of the direction I have just received -

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I beg to observe to you, first, that I am not entitled to admit any demand on account of the Kings Troops, till it has been audited by your Commissary General. Secondly, being so audited, I am not entitled to discharge it, until upon my application to your Honble Board such specific demand is honored with the sanction of your Approbation. It should seem that this formal gradation in the disbursements may stand as sufficient proof of the Regularity and exactness of the Proceedings in my Office.

If for the information of any Office it is your pleasure that I should furnish such Office, with authentic Copies of all demands and disbursements on account of the Kings Troops, it is only so much added to my trouble. It could be indeed a very blameable Idleness, if I wished to save myself any trouble, that you think proper to direct, and I submit to your pleasure, whether authentic Copies are not sufficient. if it is your Pleasure, I shall not fail to furnish such as you shall please to direct.

I shall not fail to apply to your Paymaster General, for the form requisite for keeping such Accounts, and the manner in which the Vouchers are to be countersigned.

The present Distributions shall be immediately laid before the President, previous to

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to their being discharged, I am Sir and Sirs to return my thanks, for the Copy of the General Order furnished me for my information – I shall not fail to observe your Commands relative to the 14th & 15th Regiments of Hanoverians –

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18th April 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ William Burke
P. M. G. of the H.M. Troops
in India.

Calcutta 22d Febry 1786.

Received of Thomas Henchman Esq. Military Pay-master General, the Sum of Forty eight Thousand seven hundred and eighty Star Pagodas, seventeen Fanams, and forty five Cash, or Arcot Rupees Two Lacks at the Exchange of 110 Arcot Rupees per 100 Pagodas, in Current Rupees, Two Lacks and Sixteen Thousand, being a special Payment, ordered by the Honorable, the Governor General and Council, to be made me on account of the Kings Troops in India, and for which I have signed three Receipts of this Tenor and Date –

/Signed/ William Burke Pay. Gen.l
of His Majesty Forces in India.

Star Pags 48.780. 17. 45 or
ARs – – 20,000. – – – or
CRs – – 2.16.000. – –

To

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To the Hontble Major Genl Sir Archd Campbell

President and Governor &ca Council

Fort St George

From the Kings Payms Genl states the amount of the respective distributions of the 14th & 15th Hanoverian Regiments & requests order respecting the discharge of the same.

Hontble Sir & Sirs

Since I was honored with your Commands for discharging the several Distributions of the Kings English Troops, I have not failed to furnish his Honor Major General Sir Archibald Campbell, with a copy of the respective Distributions of the 14th & 15th Hanoverian Regiments - They amount to Pags 11.665.29.25 - I just apprize your Honorable Board of their amount, that I may receive your Orders relative to the discharge of this specifick Demand -

Fort St George
22d April 1786

I have the honor to be &co &co

Signed / William Burke

P.S. Mr Porcher having objected to the charge of Allowance of Queen's Bounty from 25. Decr 1785 to 24th June 1786, to the two Regiments of Hanoverians, as not being conformable to the Regulations established by General Stuart, he mentioned his objections to Mr Wm Balfour your Deputy Commissary General, who informed him that this allowance had been invariably drawn in this way, in all the Hanoverian Distributions, and was

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was admitted by Lord Macartney upon discussion of the Matter — I submit the matter to your Honble Board, & request your Orders thereupon —

As the Paymaster General at Fort St George has been informed that this Presidency is debited for the Advances made to Mr Burke in Calcutta, it follows necessarily that Mr Burkes Accounts must be sent to the Paymaster Generals Office — Agreed in consequence that the following Answer be sent to Mr Burke.

Minute on the two foregoing Letters —

To William Burke Esqr

Paymaster General to the Kings Troops

in India

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable President & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters dated the 18th & 22d Instant, and to inform you, that, however disposed they are to accommodate themselves to your Wishes, they conceive it is not in their power to adopt any other mode than the one, which was communicated to you, in my Letter of the 16th Instant: —

To the Kings Paymaster Genl in Answer —

By the Letter addressed by the Paymaster General at Bengal to the Military Paymaster

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Paymaster here, of which I enclose a Copy, it appears that this Presidency has been debited for the amount of the advances made to you, & it is therefore necessary that you give Credit to the Paymaster here for the amount received, & that you send your Accounts to his Office —

The Board are of opinion, that the above is the only regular mode, which can be adopted unless a Head of Paymaster to the Kings Troops be raised on the Bengal Books, in which case you would there be debited for what you receive & your Accounts would then properly come in into his Office —

The Board approve your paying the Distributions, which have been presented to the President, as also the advance of the Queen's Bounty to the Hanoverian Regiments.

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25th April 1786

I am Sir &c &c
/signed/ John Chamier Secy

To the Military Paymaster General.
at Fort St George

Sir,

By order of the Honorable the Governor General and Council, I have advanced from this Office to Mr. William Burke Paymaster General

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General of the Kings Troops in India, the Sum of Current Rupees two Lacs & sixteen Thousand - I herewith beg leave to send you his Receipt for this Sum, & your Presidency has been debited for the amount -

Navy Office
23d February 1786.

I am Sir &c &c.

/ Signed / Thomas Henchman
Navl Pay. Genl.

A true Copy
Joseph Garrow
Secy.

Read the following Letter

from Mr Savage -

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.
President & Governor &c Council
at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr Savage requests to be appointed Military Storekeeper in the event of Mr Williams Refusal of it -

I should not attempt to obtrude on you my Requests, were I not impelled to do so from my Situation, and from a reflection that there would be no impropriety in granting what I ask, if my Seniority in the Service is adverted to: - the favor I have to requests is, the appointment to the Office of Military Storekeeper, in the event of Mr Williams refusing it - I beg it as an indulgence

and

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and because it is an Employ; that would fix me at the Presidency, which I could not quit without the utmost inconvenience and injury to my affairs - upon enquiry, Honble Sir & Sirs, you will learn, that though I have now served the Honorable Company one & twenty years - I have been by no means a burthen on the Service, by having enjoyed lucrative Offices - twelve years I belonged to the Export Warehouse; - seven of the time, only as an Assistant - the other five, as Deputy of the Employ; - the attached Emoluments of which were never considered more than adequate to the laborious duties of it, on the contrary, it ever was a consideration by some means to add a little to the advantages of the Servant, who held that Station - I have now for more than five years acted as Import-Warehousekeeper, & notwithstanding they were mostly times of public distress, the Gentlemen of Government, knowing that my Office afforded me no emolument, thought proper to give me a small Salary as some recompence for my labours and Responsibility -

I am very respectfully &c &c

/Signed/ Geo Savage

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24th. April 1786

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table -

Read the following Letters (as entered in MB Nos 69-70-71-72-73-74/-

From

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From Mr Hudleston dated 15th

From Mr Hudleston

Instant enclosing one from Mr Digby, proving that part of his Claim is for Money actually advanced to the Company in the hour of Distress, & requesting that he may receive payment in Cash, with Interest for such Sum as was actually lent to Government -

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr Hudleston be directed to liquidate in Cash with Interest at 8 p Cent. such Balance as is actually due to Mr Digby, under the description abovementioned

From Mr Cochrane dated

From Mr Cochrane

the 20th Instant, requesting payment in Copper Iron &c of the certified Balance due to him, being Pags 48.908. 24. 45 by which means he will be enabled to remit Cash to Bencoolen, & provide 200 Carts and 800 Bullocks, which may, if required at any time be made over to the Company -

Minute thereon

As the Balance due to Mr Cochrane has arisen from Supplies furnished to the Army, it can only be liquidated by Certificates for Bengal Bonds, agreeably to the Arrangement of the Governor General & Council -

From Lieutenant Fonblanque

From Lt Fonblanque

dated 20th Instant, requesting to be appointed Riding Master to the Cavalry -

Agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed to defer the Consideration of the above until the Commander in Chief's Return from the Cantonment —

From Mr Oakeley

From Mr Oakeley dated the 20th Instant, recommending that Mr Barthe-lomei's Bill for keeping the Accounts of the Jaghire be discharged —

Minute thereon

Agreed that it be discharged accordingly —

From the Paymr at Madura

From Mr Johnston, Paymaster at Madura dated 16th Instant: advising of the ruinous State of the Fortifications at the above Place, and requesting to know whether he shall repair them —

Minute thereon

Agreed that an Engineer be ordered to inspect and report the State of the Fortifications, and Publick Buildings in the Fort of Madura —

From Mr Menzies

From Mr Menzies, Agent to Mr Dobbyn dated 19th Instant, advising of the Capture of his Constituent's Vessell, the Munster Lass, by Pirates in the Road of Masulipatam

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Masulipatam, and requesting that a Letter be written to the King of Pegu, desiring him to detain the Vessel, should she be brought into any of his Ports —

Minute thereon — Ordered accordingly.

W. C. Jackson
Dep. Sec.

" Arch. Campbell

" Alex. Davidson

" Sa. Johnson

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" Sa. Whatmaugh

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Received the undermentioned Letters (entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 75. 76. 77.

From Lt. Pares

From Lieutenant Pares requesting to know if in the event of his proceeding to Europe his Pension will be continued on his return to India -

From Mr Forrains

From the Paymaster at Vellore enclosing an Indent from the Engineer for building Officers Quarters and requesting the orders of Government thereon -

From Tranquebar

From the Governor and Council at Tranquebar, with congratulations on the Arrival of Sir Archibald Campbell, and assurances of their sincere Disposition to maintain that friendship, which has so long subsisted between the two Nations -

Sent the following Letters -

Circular to Paymasters,

Circular Letter to Paymasters, directing them to transmit to the Paymaster General their Accounts to the 1st of May next with all expedition

Sir

I am directed by the Honorable President and Council to signify to you their positive Order, that you transmit to the Paymaster Genl. with the utmost possible expedition, the Accounts of your Paymastership, to the 1st May next -

I am further to inform you, that if it should be impossible, to send the whole

you

of

25 of your Accounts, or any particular part thereof; you are to explain to the Paymaster General the Cause of such Inability, and that if any delay on your part should be evident, without a satisfactory Cause assigned, you will encur the severest displeasure of the Board —

Orders having been issued in con: = sequence of the Arrangements received from the Bengal Government for the discharge by Bills and Certificates on that Presidency of all Military Arrears to the 31st December 1785 — You are hereby positively directed to comply with the same, and should any part of the Balance, which might at that time be due to you, have been discharged in your Accounts for subsequent Months, you are to bring such Sum or Sums, again to the Credit of the Company in your Accounts, for that Month, and you are further directed to lose no time in making application to the Military Paymaster General, for a Certificate for the whole Balance which was due to you (if any) on the 31st of December last, agreeably to the Order of the 17th Ultimo —

Fort St George
21st April 1786

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant
/ Signed / John Chamier
Secry

To

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To the Honorable John Macpherson Esq.
Governor General &c. Council
at Fort William

Gentlemen,

To Bengal - The Board imagine that sufficient Information was contained in the Letter of 2d March, as to enable them to fix the rate of Exchange & to grant Bonds for the Military Arrears of this Presidency

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters, dated the 22d Ult. from your Secret Department, & of the 29th Ult. from your Secret Department of Inspection -

We have not desired the Bond Holders at this Presidency to signify their determination upon the Terms offered to them by the Court of Directors, because you have not yet communicated to us your decision upon the rate of Exchange for the Pagoda, without which decision the Bondholders cannot be expected to declare their determination on the mode of liquidation tendered to them -

We conceive that the Information contained in our Letter of the 2d March, with its Enclosures will be sufficient to enable you to fix the Exchange, and to grant the Bonds for the Military Arrears of this Presidency -

We shall pay due attention to the other parts of your Letter, and have the honor to be,

Gentlemen &c &c

Fort St George
25. April 1786

/signed/ Archd Campbell
&c Council

Dispatched

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25 Dispatched the undermentioned

Letters / entered in Mis Acts 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84

85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93.—

To the Resident at Cuddalore

To Mr Hoisard — directing him to reply to certain Complaints of Arfortoin & Co. contained in some Petitions enclosed to him —

To General Horne, granting him

To General Horne — permission to come to the Presidency —

To the Paymaster at Vellore,

To Mr Torrane — Government consent to his complying with the Engineers Indent for the Repairs of Officers Quarters.

To Mr Menzies, the Board wish

To Mr Menzies — address the King of Pegu by the first opportunity on the subject of the Seizure of the Minerva Sloop —

To the Resident at Tanjore.

To Mr Hudleston — directing him to discharge the Balance with Interest due to Mr Digby, for Cash lent to the Company, out of the Tanjore Treasury —

To Captain Maspey, directing

26. him to abstain from any interference with the

To Captain Maspey — Nabobs Managers —

To the Resident at Nagore

To Mr Tallofield — approving his Conduct in respect to the Ship said to have been taken out of the Roads of Negapatan.

To Lieut Paris, Government

To Lieut Paris — cannot engage to renew his Pension on his return to India, should he proceed to England —

To the Commissioners of Accounts

To Comm.rs of Accounts — desiring

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To deserving to know on what day their Rubick will be terminated —

To the Paymaster at Madura.

To M.S. Johnson

Government will order an Engineer to survey and report upon the State of the Works of that Garrison —

To Colonel Nixon, directing him

To Colonel Nixon

to deliver over the Nabobs House, and Garden, to His Highness's Darogah —

To the Officers, Prisoners with

To the Officers made Prisoners by the French —

the French in the late War, informing them, that the Allowance granted to Prisoners, is confined solely to those, who suffered Captivity in Mysore —

To the Hospital Board, approve

To the Medical Board

the Arrangements made by them, & desire they will keep Records of their Proceedings, which are to be laid before Government every three Months.

To Colonel Corby, directing him

To Colonel Corby

to deliver over the Keys of the Ammunition Magazine, belonging to the Circar to the Circar's Servant, agreable to former Usage —

To General Horne, directing

To General Horne

him to order an Engineer, to report the State of the Fortifications at Tripatore, & requesting his opinion on the importance of that Garrison, as a Military Post —

To the Resident at Tanjore,

To Mr Huddleston

directing them to forward to the Paymaster at Trichinopoly 5000 Pags, to enable him to complete his Payments to the Troops for the Month of May —

To the Paymr at Trichinopoly.

To Mr Falk

advising of the above —

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28. Sent the following Letter to the

Commander in Chief —

To Lieutenant General Sir John Dalling Bart.

Commander in Chief of the Company's

Forces on the Coast of Choromandel

Sir.

To the Commander in Chief, enclosing Instructions necessary for the Guidance of the Military Board.

Agreeably to the General Orders of the 15th Instant, I have now the honor to enclose by Command of the President & Council, such Directions, and Instructions as are deemed necessary for the Guidance of the Military Board —

You will be pleased to lay the same before the Military Board at their first Meeting, & signify to them, the wishes of the President & Council, that no time may be lost in carrying into complete Execution the purposes of their Institution —

Fort St George
28th April 1786

I have the honor to be &c.

/ Signed / John Chamier
Secy

The Hon'ble President and

Council having appointed a Military Board to act as a Board of Reference & Report, for the purpose of controuling the Detail of all Business immediately connected with the Regularity, Oeconomy, and the effective Strength

of &

28 of the Army; and for preventing Abuses & deficiency in the several Departments depending thereon.
The following Orders and Instructions are hence-forth to be observed for their Conduct.

1st.

That the Members of the Military Board shall meet at

on every

or oftener, should the Multiplicity of public Business require their Attendance.

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That five of the Members shall constitute a Board, & for the more easy, and expeditious dispatch of public Business, the Board may, whenever it shall think proper, resolve itself into Committees, to consist of not less than three Members, each, to examine and report to a General Meeting of their Board, upon such Matters as may be submitted to their Investigation.

3d.

That all Returns, Musters, States, Charges, Accounts &ca of Military Expence, necessary for the immediate Revision of the Military Board, will be laid before them, by Letter from the President, and Council, to whom they are to report their opinions in writing as soon as possible, so that all unreasonable Demands may be corrected, and checked, previous to the issuing of any public Money, on the Head of Military Charges of the Presidency.

4th.

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28th That the Board shall examine into the State of the Musters of the Troops, and report whether the Muster Masters proceedings are regular and accurate: That the Non Effectives are properly checked, and that the several Corps of the Presidency are kept up to their full Complement, agreeable to their respective Establishments.

5th That the Board shall examine into the State, both in quantity, and Quality of the Company's Provisions lodged in the Forts, Ports, Granaries, and Garrisons under the Presidency, & report the State thereof to the President & Council, upon the first day of every Quarter, commencing the first day of May next.

6th That the Board shall examine into the State & Condition, of the Field & Battering Artillery, together with their Carriages, Ammunition, Powder, Shot, Shells, Arms, & Military Stores - They are also to examine into the State of the Fortifications, Military Ports, Barracks, Cantonments, & Implements of Engineering, & report thereon upon the first day of every Quarter, commencing the first day of May next -

7th That the Board shall from time, to time communicate their Opinions in Writing, to the Honble President and Council upon

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That five of the Members shall constitute a Board, & for the more easy, and expeditious dispatch of public Business, the Board may, whenever it shall think proper, resolve itself into Committees, to consist of not less than three Members each, to examine and report to a General Meeting of their Board, upon such Matters as may be submitted to their Investigation.

3d.

That all Returns, Musters, Stores, Charges, Accounts &ca of Military Expence, necessary for the immediate Revision of the Military Board, will be laid before them, by Letter from the President, and Council, to whom they are to report their opinions in writing as soon as possible, so that all unreasonable Demands may be corrected, and checked, previous to the issuing of any public Money, or the Head of Military Charges of the Presidency-

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28th That the Board shall examine into the State of the Musters of the Troops, and report whether the Muster Masters proceedings are regular and accurate - That the Non Effectives are properly checked, and that the several Corps of the Presidency are kept up to their full Complement, agreeable to their respective Establishments -

5th That the Board shall examine into the State, both in quantity, and Quality of the Company's Provisions lodged in the Forts, Ports, Granaries, and Garrisons, under the Presidency, & report the State thereof to the President & Council, upon the first day of every Quarter, commencing the first day of May next -

6th That the Board shall examine into the State & Condition, of the Field & Battering Artillery, together with their Carriages, Ammunition, Powder, Shot, Shells, Arms, & Military Stores - They are also to examine into the State of the Fortifications, Military Ports, Barracks, Cantonments, & Implements of Engineering, & report thereon upon the first day of every Quarter, commencing the first day of May next -

7th That the Board shall from time, to time communicate their Opinions in Writing, to the Honble President and Council upon

28 upon any Improvement that they think the Constitution of their own Board will admit of: & upon all Subjects respecting the Military Departments, which may appear to them, most likely to promote the Interest of the Honble Company, & the good of the Service —

8th That the Military Board are to have no power of issuing Money, or granting Warrants for the issuing of Money, for any purposes whatever — Neither are they to assume any power or Authority, concerning the pay, and discipline of the Army, the Disposition of the Troops, or the application of any part of the Force belonging to the Presidency — These Particulars are to remain exclusively with the President and Council and the Commander in Chief respectively —

9th That if there shall be any difference of opinion among the Members of the Military Board, in matters referred to them, by the Honorable President and Council, or in Points, the Consideration of which, shall originate with themselves, such differences of Opinion, with the Grounds of them, are to be especially reported to the President and Council.

10th That all Reports from the Military Board to the Honble the President & Council, shall be made in a regular Form, & proper

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28th proper for their being transmitted with the
Public Dispatch to England —

Fort St George 28th April 1786.

By order of the President
and Council

Signed / John Chamier
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29th Received the following Letters

from Mr. Hudleston —

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Honble Sir.

The Agent of Sootaroy & Co has
at length consented to take the 20,000 Pags remaining
of the Engagement with them, and I have the honor
to enclose his Receipt for that Sum

I have nearly the same amount
ready in Pags & Bullion, & purpose forwarding it in
two or three days, unless I should in the mean while
receive your Orders to the contrary —

The Rajah has given up
the Granaries he had retained, one excepted, in which
are deposited some Articles belonging to the Palace —
The Engineer has begun the necessary Repairs, which
are very inconsiderable —

I have the honor to be &c &c
/ Signed / Hudleston.

From the President at Tanjore enclosing the Agent of Sootaroy's Receipt for 20,000 Pags the Engineer begins the necessary Repairs upon the Granaries —

Tanjore
24th April 1786

To

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To the Honble 20 Sir Archibald Campbell, K. B.
President and Governor &c Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From the Resident at Tanjore, in reply to the Complaint preferred by Mr de Cosigny of Justice having been refused by the Resident, to a Representation on the part of the Commandant of Karical –

I have had the honor to receive your Commands of the 12th Instant, through Mr Secretary Chamier, enclosing copy of a Letter to your Honble Board from the Governor of Pondicherry, and directing me to give you such Information, as may be in my power on the Subject of it's contents –

I beg leave humbly to mention to your Honor &ca, that every particular relating to them is detailed in the Letter I did myself the honor to address you, the 2nd March, and the Papers (from N.o 1 to 8 inclusive) which accompanied it –

With respect to the first part of Mr Cosigny's Letter, I have only to observe that the Passage in my Address of the 2nd March, wherein, after stating the alarming emigration of the Inhabitants of this Country, I said that the fugitives were received with open Arms by the French, and I had no doubt were secretly encouraged by them to desert, was meant less as matter of complaint against the French at Carical (for I am aware it was of a nature that could not easily admit of proof) than as an argument in favor of the measure, which I was about to submit to your consideration – namely, the proposing to the French

29th French Government on behalf of his Excellency the Rajah, as well as the Honble Company, the establishing a Cartel for the mutual delivery of such Native Inhabitants as should fly from, and take refuge in the Countries of either of the parties respectively —

Regarding the other part of the Letter from the Governor of Pondicherry, I humbly entreat your reference to my Correspondence with the Commandant of Carical, transmitted with my Letter of the 2d March, which will I am sure demonstrate to your Honor &ca that I have reason to be astonished at its having been represented that "no attention was paid to the Claim made by the Commandant at Karical, and that Justice was refused" —

The following short relation of indisputable facts which your Honor &ca will find corroborated by the Correspondence abovementioned, will enable your Honble Board to judge, how far these expressions are applicable to my Conduct, in the matter alluded to —

On the 21st or 22d of January I received by an Hircarrah, a Letter from the Commandant of Carical, complaining that a person named Camapaulle had been arrested by one of the Rajah's Amuldars as he was passing through the Village of Navavendamungalum, under the pretext that his Father Canacapoullé was indebted to him two, or three hundred Pagodas, & requesting me to give orders for his release — I immediately made a representation of the matter to his Excellency the Rajah, and after a few days delay (for delay is inseparable from

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29 from the System of this Durbar, the Minister sent me a message desiring me that Orders should be issued to release the person confined. This accordingly notified to the Commandant at Carical the 31st of January, and on the 3d February received his answer, in which he said that he had been certain I should find his reclamation just, but that it was very hard upon Camapoullee, who had not been culpable to have been confined, and an Indemnification should be demanded for him.

On the 9th February, the Rajah made an heavy complaint to me, the particulars of which are detailed in the Letter which makes N.4 in my Correspondence with the Commandant of Carical - the Substance was, that the Inhabitants of two Tanjore Villages had deserted to the French, but returned, to take with them the Cattle: which coming to the knowledge of the Amildar he sent some of his people to endeavor to overtake them before they should again reach the Carical Magan, & to bring back the Cattle that the Persons, who had been sent finding this impracticable, proceeded on to Carical to make their Complaint to the Commandant, but that on appearing before him they were instantly ordered into Confinement.

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given to me by the Minister, as already stated I was
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him on the Subject – The Minister acknowledged it
was true that Camapoullie had not yet been released,
and added that he would give me reasons for it, that
should fully satisfy me – I replied that he would find
that impossible, as he had broken his word to me,
and thereby made me appear to have broken mine
to the Commandant of Carical – I then remonstrated
to him in serious terms on the consequences that
such a procedure, if continued might produce –
reminded him of the vexatious disputes between the
French and Tanjore Inhabitants, the adjusting
which had occupied so much of my time & attention
almost from the moment of my Arrival here, &
in conclusion insisted on his giving orders for the
immediate release of Camapoullie whatever might
have been the cause of his detention – The Minister
then related to me the circumstances stated in
N.o 8 of the Enclosures with my dispatch of the 2.d
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Carical of the 25.th of February, and of which the
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On the 4th February, the Rajah made an heavy complaint to me, the particulars of which are detailed in the Letter which makes N° 4 in my Correspondence with the Commandant of Caricat - the Substance was, that the Inhabitants of two Tanjore Villages had deserted to the French, but returned, to take with them the Cattle: which coming to the knowledge of the Amuldar he sent some of his people to endeavor to overtake them before they should again reach the Caricat Magan, & to bring back the Cattle that the Persons, who had been sent finding this impracticable, proceeded on to Caricat to make their Complaint to the Commandant, but that on appearing before him they were instantly ordered into Confinement.

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29th Village — living sometimes in one and sometimes in the other, and that he had been confined for a debt due by him to a Tanjore Inhabitant — I replied that after he should have been released I would make a point of obtaining justice for his Creditor, but that his enlargement must first take place — much further discussion passed, and the Minister at length consented that the Man should be delivered to me, and that after examining him regarding the alledged debt, I should send him to Carical — Camaspoullie was accordingly brought to me, and after making in my presence, and subscribing to the acknowledgement of his Debt stated in my Letter (No 8) he was sent with that Letter under the charge of my head Hircarrah to the Commandant of Carical — It is true that previous to their leaving Tanjore, (but after the point had been settled with the Minister) I had received another Letter from that Officer, dated from Pondicherry, in which he informed me that he had given Orders to release the persons I had reclaimed so soon as the Son of Canacapoullie should be delivered up — an Intimation of distrust little suitable to the Conduct I have observed towards the Commandant of Carical, and the attention I have in every instance paid to his Representations — To the succeeding Paragraph in his letter, which gave me reason to expect that on some future occasion of dispute he might offer violence to the Rajah's people, I judged it proper to say something in reply, as your Honor &c. will observe

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29. in the letter N.o 3 abovementioned - The Commandant being absent from Caricat, that letter was answered by M.r Vinay the Intendant, my correspondence with whom is contained in the enclosed Papers from N.o 1 to N.o 4 inclusive. -

I have in the above detail submitted to your Honor &.c the whole of my Conduct in the matter alluded to, and I trust that instead of affording any just cause of Complainth, I have given every proof in my power of a disposition to conciliate differences, and to maintain a good understanding, and friendly Intercourse, with the French at Carical -

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

Tanjore
22.d April 1786

/ Signed / Woodington

Sir,

I have received in the absence of M.r Mainville, the letter you wrote him, relative to the detention of Ramapoullie - I cannot reply to its contents till after verifying the facts it contains; I wait likewise for the proofs you mention, & which are absolutely necessary for Ramapoullie, who appears to you culpable, acknowledges his guilt here, & merits the severest punishment, if the obligation is signed in her Name, instead of his Father's - The obligation should be his Condemnation, & that of those, whose false testimony, would have imposed upon M.r Mainville - Conformable to his intention I send you, Sir, by the same Hircarrah, who carried away the Son of Ramapoullie, the 12 persons detained with Venader, 6 of them Bramins, one Inhabitant, 3 Peons, & 4 Palliars -

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

Karical
28.th Febry 1786

A true Translation

/ Signed / Vinay

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To Mr Vinay

at

Karical

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 28th Ultimo -

You will not find, Sir, in any part of my letter to Mr Maisonville, that I asserted that the Bond was drawn in the name of Ramapoullie - Those who have had experience in this Country, and are acquainted with the Laws & Customs of the different Castes, know that the Son, without having signed a Bond, is considered answerable for the Debts of his Father & of his second Father (as the Natives term that degree of Consanguinity, which we call Uncle) & even tho' this point were disputable - There is another, which is not so, namely, that Ramapoullie acknowledges the debt: or at least that he did acknowledge it freely, and openly in the presence of several Gentlemen without hesitation, and without shewing the least consciousness of any right to object to the payment from the Bond not having been drawn in his name - In short he did not even mention that circumstance, but to my question, whether he was indebted to any person of the Tanjore Country, he instantly replied in the affirmative, & on being asked to whom, & to what amount, he answered to Seagary Moodeliar of Vadavathy Mongalums in the Sum of 325 Chuckrums.

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29 I cannot therefore doubt, Sir, but your Candor will allow that the occasion of Ramapoullés confinement was not merely a pretext — The Bond has not yet been delivered to me —

Tanjore 5th March 1786

I have the honor to be &c
/Signed/ JHudleston

A true Copy
JHudleston.

To Mr Vinay at Karical

Sir,

The Agent of Teagaroy Moodely, the Creditor of Ramapoulle now waits on you with his Uncle's (Comalapilly's) Bond, and I have the honor to enclose a Statement of the Circumstance of the debt, by which you will observe that after the reduction of the Interest, there remains due to Teagaroy Moodely the Sum of 325 Chuckrums, and Interest on it from the 1st of December 1785 to this time. I flatter myself, Sir, you will think it just to oblige Ramapoullee to discharge the Debt, and the Bearer will be ready to deliver up the Bond —

Tanjore 15th March 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c
/Signed/ JHudleston

A true Copy
JHudleston.

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29 Sir.

I could not till to day, have the honor of answering your Letter of the 15th Ult.o which I received in the absence of Mr. Maisnville. The account of Tangary Moodely there enclosed, was absolutely necessary. After I had examined it, I did not hesitate a moment to cause it to be paid by Camapoully.

I now, Sir do myself the honor to answer your Letter of the 5. Inst: in which you settle two points in dispute, be therefore convinced that that is not in question at present, but in all matters of doubt we recur to the Circumstances, which may remove them, & you will agree Sir, that the present is of that nature, I can no where find that a Child, who is not of an age to contract debts even on his own account, can be responsible for those of his Father, who is living, that is the case of Ramapoully.

In the Letter which I had the honor to write you, there is nothing, which declares that I had said, that you ajourned Mr. Maisnville in your's, that the obligation was made out in the name of Ramapoully, but I find in that same Letter that you accused those of giving false evidence, who deposed that Ramapoully had been arrested for debts of his Father, and I demanded the obligation for the conviction of the guilty; a conviction, which I leave to your justice, which I am happy to praise.

I have the honor to be &c

Signed / Vinay

A true Translation

J. Chase
French Translator

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In consequence of the foregoing Letter, the following was drafted and dispatched to Mr de Cossigny —

To his Excellency M. de Cossigny
Governor of Pondicherry &c &c &c

Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 31st Ultimo, in which was contained a representation, that justice had been refused by our Resident at Tanjore, & that no attention was paid to the Claims made by the [illegible] Commandant at Karical —

To Mr de Cossigny on consequence of the foregoing Letter.

We judged it necessary upon the receipt of so strong a charge to require from Mr Hudleston an explanation of the subject, and We shall now do ourselves the honor to relate to you the facts, by which, We trust it will appear that the Charge is not applicable to the Conduct of Mr Hudleston —

On the 21st or 22d of January Mr Hudleston received by an Hircarrah a letter from the Commandant of Karical, complaining that a Person named Camapilly had been arrested by one of the Rajahs Amuldars as he was paping thro' the Village of Naravendamungalum, under the pretext that his Father Canacapoodlee was indebted two or three Hundred Pagodas, & requesting Mr Hudleston to give orders for his release —

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We trust that the above plain
Narrative will prove to your Excellency that
no just Cause of Complaint, can be exhibited
against the Resident of Tanjore, and that he has
manifested a disposition to conciliate differences
to the utmost of his power.

We have not enclosed Copies
of the Correspondence, between Mr Hudleston, and
the principal Officer at Carcal, because We sup-
=pose you are already supplied with Copies of all
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30th all occasions act in conformity thereto, in the full conviction, that a friendly intercourse must contribute to the mutual advantage of our respective Sovereigns —

We have the honor to be,

Fort St George
30th April 1786.

with the highest Esteem, &c &c

/ Signed / Archd Campbell
&c a Council

May 1st

Received the undermentioned Letters (entered in the Miscellany Book N° 94-95)

From Lt Kirkpatrick

From Lieutenant Kirkpatrick at Nellore with Political Intelligence —

From Colonel Stuart, with Acknowledgements for the honorable, and flattering Testimony of his Conduct, as expressed by the Court of Directors, and communicated to him by their Government —

From Mr Manelipatam & Vizagapatam

Sent a Letter to Manelipatam and Vizagapatam (entered on the Mis. B° 96) with permission for Mr Graham, and Mr Gregory to visit the Presidency, provided their Accounts are not in Arrears —

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

Tuesday 2.nd May 1786 — Lieut General Sir John Dalling Bar.t

Alexander Davidson Esq.r

James Henry Casamajor Esq.r

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved —

The President delivers in the following Minute —

President's Minute on storing the Forts with Grain — Heads of Instructions to the Paymasters on the Subject & disposition of Grain for the Forces on the Coast

Having considered the most practicable & the least objectionable Measures, for securing this Presidency against a repetition of the Calamities, which it suffered from a total and most extraordinary deficiency of Provisions in the Forts & Garrisons of the Carnatic, during Hyders Invasion, & being fully sensible of the necessity of providing for the exigencies of War, while it is in our power to command the Resources of the Country, I beg leave to submit to the Consideration of the Board the following Ideas —

Experience has taught us, that it is not merely sufficient to lay up a Stock of Provisions for the fighting Men, but that, according to the System & Constitution of the Service, it is also requisite to provide in a certain degree, for

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for the necessary Followers of the Army.

Having these Objects in view, as well as the State of our Finances & Granaries, I have proportioned the quantity of Grain for the several Garrisons in the manner set forth in the accompanying Paper marked No 1. Altho the Quantity here stated, is by no means equal to what the Army will require, in case of an Attack, yet it approaches so near to my wishes for the present year, that it will become extremely easy in the course of the ensuing Season to complete our Granaries to the necessary Extent.

The next thing to be considered is the most advantageous mode of procuring this Grain, and it hardly admits of a doubt, that beyond the Limits of the Company's Jaghire, the proper means of doing it will be to receive from the Nabob & the Rajah of Tanjore, the Quantity wanted in part of their Rents at an equitable price to be settled between the parties for which purpose, I have formed certain Heads of Instructions marked No 2, which I have the honor to lay before the Board.

Should these proportions meet with the approbation of the Board, orders may be sent to the Chiefs and Council in the Circars, & to the Company's Servants within the Jaghire, to provide the necessary quantity in demand; & Letters will be addressed to His Highness the Nabob, and to the Rajah of Tanjore, requesting a Supply from them of the proportions wanted within their districts agreeable to the terms stipulated in these Instructions.

&c

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As the Company's Paymasters, as Storekeepers, ought to have the Charge of all the Provisions, which may henceforth be laid up in Store, I would propose, that the Grain in the several Garrisons, shall be lodged in good & sufficient Granaries under their entire Care & Management, subject however to the Inspection of the Resident, or Commanding Officer of the Garrison, or to the at such stated periods as the Board shall direct.

I would also recommend, that the Storekeepers, or Paymasters shall, towards the fall of the year, apply to the Board for permission to sell off the old Grain from the Granaries, & replace the same, with an equal quantity of fresh Grain, when the Crops are gathered in. & after such permission is had, that they should execute the same, to the best advantage for Government, taking care that no Risks shall be incurred, on account of any failure in the new Crops expected.

That the Profits arising upon the Sales of the old Grain, after deducting the Sum paid for an equal quantity of new Grain, shall be carried to the Credit of Government, & reported to the Board immediately on the Introduction of fresh Grain into the Granaries of the Honble Company, & that it be signified to the Paymasters & Storekeepers entrusted with the Care & Management of the public Granaries, that a zealous Attention to the Interests of the Company in this essential department, will entitle them to an adequate Compensation for their Care & Trouble, & such a regard from Government for that Service, as cannot fail to ensure their future advancement.

Signd / Archd Campbell

Deposition

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Disposition of Rice, Paddy and Gram for the Honble Company's Forces on the Coast of Choromandel

			one year's Rat.s	N.o of Sacs
Northern Army				
Manulipatam	Rice	for	1000 Men	365.000
	Paddy	for	3000 Do	2190.000
Vizagapatam	Rice	for	500 Do	182.500
Ongole	Rice	for	500 Do	182.500
	Total Rations of 1 Year for		5000 Do	
Southern Army				
Tanjore	Paddy already in Store			30.60.000
	Do ordered to be added			22.60.000
	Total for		10,000 Do	53,00,000
Trichinopoly	Paddy to be laid up for		3000 Do	21.90.000
Madura	Do	for	500 Do	3.65.000
Palamcotah	Do	for	200 Do	1.46.000
	Total Rations of 1 Year for		13700 Men	
Eastern Army				
At Fort St George	Rice	for	6000 Do	21.90.000
Western Army				
Amboor	Paddy	for	500 Men	3.65.000
Vellore	Paddy already in Store			5.82.120
	Do wanting to complete			23.37.880
	Total Paddy for		4000 Men	29.20.000
	Rice to be laid for		2000 Do	7.30.000
	Gram for Cavalry			30.000
Arcot	Rice	for	2000 Do	7.30.000
	Gram for Cavalry			30.000
Arnee	Rice	for	2000 Do	7.30.000
	Gram for Cavalry			30.000
Ravitellore	Paddy to be laid up	for	2000 Do	1.46.000
Tagar	Do	for	500 Do	3.65.000
Chinglepet	Rice	for	2000 Do	7.30.000
	Total Rations of 1 Year for		13.300 Men	

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N.B. 1 Seer of Rice, equal to the Ration of 1 Man
2 Seers of Paddy, equal to the Ration of 1 Man

Heads of Instructions for the different Paymasters, who may be directed to receive Rice, Paddy, and Grain from His Highness, the Nabobs Managers —

The Grain to be received in the Current Measure of the Country, where it is delivered, and regular Receipts given by the Com=pany's Servant, for whatever he receives, specifying the day of the Month on which it is received, the Quantity, Quality, Price, and Sum Total. A Copy of all Receipts must be entered in a Book kept for that purpose, certified by the Company's Servant, which he will transmit to the Governor and Council — A regular Account must also be kept of all these Transactions, which will be checked by the Receipt Book —

At the same time that the Com=pany's Servant, gives a Receipt to the Nabobs Ma=nager, it will be requisite to take an acknow=ledgement from the said Manager, that on such a day, he delivered such a quantity, and at such a Price; for which he had obtained a Receipt.

The Price to be positively fixed by the Company's Servants, and the Nabobs Manager agreeable to the just and actual price of the day, in the Districts, where the Grain is delivered, that is to say, the Nabobs Manager will deliver Grain

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to the Company at the price it is then sold for by the Inhabitants of the District, to the Grain Merchants - so that the Company's Servant will not give more or less to the Nabob's Manager, than it what he would be obliged to pay to any other Merchant or Seller of Grain in that District -

The Company's Servant must be strictly enjoined to employ for his Assistance in this Business, people of whose knowledge in Grain, and in whose Fidelity he can confide; and none must be received upon any Account, but what is perfectly good, and fresh - He must also be particularly attentive not to receive old Grain in Store, but such only as is found upon examination to be the new Grain of the preceding Season: - In short the Company's Servant must not omit any Circumstance of Form, or Authenticity in these Transactions, which may serve to prevent future Litigations, and Disputes, between His Highness the Nabob and the Honble Company

/ Signed / Archd Campbell

Approved

The Board approve the Recommendations of the President, as stated in his Minute & Enclosures relative to the storing of Grain, and it is in consequence Agreed, that the necessary Orders be immediately issued -

The President delivers in a second Minute on the Subject of the Exchange to the Southward -

Gentlemen

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Gentlemen.

President's Minute on the Subject of the Southern Exchange — Memorandum of a Conversation between himself & the Ameer on the Subject —

The Rate of Exchange at which His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, was to have been settled with, for Money advanced to the Company's Paymasters to the Southward; having remained unsettled, in consequence of the disputes concerning the value of the old, and new Chuckrums, by which means neither the Accounts with His Highness, nor the Paymasters could be brought to a conclusion, I requested an Interview with the Nabob's Son, Ameer Ul Omrah, in order to have the matters in dispute fully discussed, and adjusted —

At this interview Mr. Davidson and Mr. Casamajor assisted, when some essential points were agreed upon, and others put in a train of being speedily brought to a Conclusion —

A Minute was taken of the Conversation with the Ameer on this occasion, a Copy of which I have the honor to lay before the Board — If the Points therein set forth, meet their approbation, I have to request they will be pleased to issue Orders to the Paymasters, to make up their Accounts without a moments delay and that Receipts be granted to the Nabobs Managers, for the Money already paid, in the manner specified in the heads of the Conversation here alluded to —

On the Subject of Grain, I found

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found the Amer ready to pay every proper attention, and willing to conform to the Regulations drawn up by me on that Subject, which have already been laid before the Board — The other points mentioned by the Amer I submit to the Consider=ration of the Board, and would recommend, that the Gentlemen, who composed the Board of Assigned Revenue, may be called upon to furnish the Account, which His Highness the Nabob requires.

/Signed/ Archd Campbell

Memorandum of a Conversation between His Highness Amer Ul Omrah in behalf of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, and Sir Archibald Campbell, Alex. Davidson, & James Henry Casamajor Esqrs. on behalf of the Honorable Company —

On the Subject of the Tonnevdy Fanams.

Firstly — His Highness the Amer proposes, that the Company shall not be losers by any transactions in the Exchange of Fanams to the Sicca Rupee

Secondly — His Highness proposes, that a fixed Exchange shall be settled in the Bazar, and according to that Exchange, the Paymaster shall receive Money from the Nabobs Managers, and issue it at the same rate to the Troops —

Thirdly — His Highness proposes, that all bad Chuckrums shall be suppressed, & carried to the Mint to be recoined —

Fourthly

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Fourthly Sir Henry Cooby, or Officer Commanding at Palamcotah shall publish a General Order, declaring it is not meant the Troops shall be Losers by the Suppression of the decried Fanams and Her Highness proposes to take off their hands, such Fanams as may be actually in their possession, not exceeding two Months pay, and to give them good Fanams in lieu thereof, at the same rate of Exchange as the Fanam, now in their possession were issued to them by the Paymasters of the Troops —

Fifthly That the Nabobs Manager shall take up from the Company's Paymaster, all the decried Fanams in their hands at the same Rate of Exchange, as they were paid by the Nabobs Manager who will give an equal Sum in good Fanams, with the Amount returned —

Sixth That all Monies hitherto paid by the Nabob to the Company's Servants, on account of his stipulated Rents, shall be placed to the Credit of His Highness's Account, at the same rate of Exchange, as the Money was issued to the Troops, and that the Paymasters shall immediately grant Receipts to the Nabobs Managers in Pagodas, in Exchange for the Receipts granted in Chuckrums, when the Money was paid —

Seventh. In future all Receipts for Money paid by the Nabobs Managers, to the Com-pany shall be granted in Pagodas only, at the fixed Exchange of the Bazar —

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His Highness is to write his opinion about the Trichenopoly Exchange.

On the Subject of Grain

Sir Archibald Campbell produced a Plan of Regulations necessary to be observed in receiving Grain from the Nabob, which was read and at the Request of His Highness the Governor promised to send him a Copy of the Regulations.

Complaint.

His Highness made a Complaint against Captain Flint, who commands at Madura, alledging that he interfered in the Nabobs Management of His Government, in a very disagreeable manner, and that he would send Extracts of the Letters he had received upon the Subject, for the Information of the Governor and Council. Sir Archibald promised to enquire into the Business, when the Papers came before them, and that due Redress would be immediately granted.

Signed Archd Campbell

The Amers proposals with respect to the Exchange, accepted.

Agreed that the Proposals made by His Highness the Amer, be communicated

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to the Board, as above, be accepted, and that Copies of the Proposals be transmitted to the Paymasters of Madura, & Palamcotah, for their Guedance —

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute with sundry Papers (lodged in the Office) —

Commander in Chief's Minute, states the Steps taken at the new Cantonment in consequence of the death of Lieut. Col. Davies.

In my last visit to the Cantonment, I endeavoured to ascertain what Work has been done, what Money expended, and what quantity of materials now remain ready for use — and after a careful examination of the Papers, & Accounts relative thereto, I am happy to inform the Board, that it appears to me fully evident that Barracks capable of containing 2000 Europeans, will be constructed at the moderate expence of 7 or 8000 Pagodas —

In this Statement it is proper to observe, I do not reckon the pay of the Company's Lascars, and Artificers — my reason for not making this allowance is, that I am perswaded the major part of those people would have continued in the Service, tho' unemployed in the different Out Garrisons from whence they have been drawn — so that, in fact, nothing more should be charged to this Account, than the one Month's Batta recommended in my Minute, of Janry as an allowance for travelling expences, & as the means of settling their families at the Cantonment —

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Tonnypely, however. To assume but a small portion of merit for the moderate Sum expended on these Works. The far greater Share must be attributed to the Zeal, integrity, & unwearied attention, of the late Lieut Colonel Davies, whose conduct on this, and every other occasion must cause his being regretted, by every well wisher to the Company, as an irreparable Loss to the Service. — His Accounts, which he had regularly brought up to the time of his being taken ill, have been examined by a Committee of Enquiry, who found them stated with the most perfect accuracy; and they have continued them, from the Accounts delivered in by his Servants, to the 16th of April inclusive, from which period Lieut Colonel Ross has taken charge of the Works, agreeably to the late orders of Government

As I have the honr to deliver in to the Board the Proceedings of the Committee of Enquiry, held at the Cantonment, an Account of the Cash received, and disbursed, & also an Account of the remaining Materials ready for use, I conceive it unnecessary for me to enter very minutely into the detail, of these several heads, nevertheless, for the information of the Board, I shall, in a few words, state what has been expended, & what remains of the Money that was advanced by the late Government —

The first advances of Cash were

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were made to Lieut Colonel Davies amounting to Pag.s 7000. of which Sum a balance remained in his hands, at the period of his Death, of Pag.s 1399.15.20 - Of this Balance 120 Pag.s were found among his Effects, at the Cantonment, which Sum of 120 Pag.s I delivered over to Lieut Colonel Ross for the Current expences, of the Cantonment from the 16th. of April inclusive, having myself previously discharged all demands up to that period - The remainder of the Balance amounting to Pag.s 392.15.20 will be received from Mr. Craig, the Administrator to the Estate of the late Lieut Colonel Davies -

The succeeding advances of Cash, were made to me amounting to Pag.s 8000. An Account of my Disbursements, accompanies this Minute, from whence it appears, that, including the Sum of 392.15.20 Pagodas to be received from Mr. Craig, a Balance will remain in my hands of Pag.s 6967.26.60 -

From the whole Sum then of Pag.s 15000 advanced by Government, 6825.16.20 Pag.s have been expended, and all demands being cleared to the 16th. of April inclusive, from which period Lieut Colonel Ross has taken charge, a Balance remains in hand of Pagodas 8174.26.60 - which Sum, if I am not much mistaken will suffice to defray the expence of erecting all the Barracks, wanted for Europeans, both Officers, and Men, particularly when it is observed, that exclusive

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of the Articles specified in the Account of Materials No. 5, three Lacs of firewood, sufficient to burn about 10 Lacs of Bricks, still remain due for Money advanced —

After proceeding thus far on a recommended Work, that has been repeatedly, by all my Predecessors in the Command of the Army, approved of by the Superior Government, and the want of which, was severely felt at the commencement of the late War, and standing publickly pledged as I do for the completion of it; It is with reluctance I give up for a time the particular superintendance of its future progress, but as my Presence seems necessary at the Board, until the Orders for the new Military Regulations, are carried into full effect, & no time should be lost in finishing the Cantonment, I shall be happy for the present to relinquish the immediate charge of the business, to Lieut Colonel Ross, whose knowledge & experience will enable him to conduct it, with the greatest expedition and economy —

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/ Signed / John Dalling

The Board comment the Loss

Minute thereon of Lieut Colonel Davies, who appears to have so well executed the Service entrusted to him, and as the Commander in Chief's attendance at Madras will not enable him to pay constant attention

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To the Honble Major General Sir Archibald Campbell
President & Governor &ca Council

From four Lieut Colonels, addressing Arguments to Shew the Invalidity of Lieut. Col. Malcolms claim to rank as a Lieutenant Colonel from February 1780.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We, the subscribing Lieut Colonels of this Establishment, beg leave to address the Honble Board, on behalf of ourselves, and for our absent Brethren, relative to the Orders of the 24th Instant, which date the Rank of the Adjutant General, Lieut. Colonel Malcolm, from the 6th of February 1780:-

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without any explanation, Honble Sir and Sirs, might it not seem as if the Rank of the present Adjutant General, (whatever that be) was confounded with the Rank, which Lieut Colonel Malcolm held, only Nominally in the year 1780 and that he was to have precedence, of all the Lieut Colonels in the Army?

But as we are convinced, that so unmerited, and unexpected, a Supercession cannot be intended, We request, with all possible deference and respect, of the Honble the President, & Council, that the dates of Commissions may be so distinguished that a Rank merely nominal, may not be blended with that which is real, and which we have, in a diligent and a faithful discharge of our duty, been so long obtaining, by regular progression in the Service.

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We have the honor to be,

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most respectful
& most humble Servants

Tho Bruce
Signed / C. Fraser
Thd Bridges
James Lidingtoun
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To the Honble Major General Sir Archd Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &ca Council

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Honble Sir and Sirs

From Lieut. Colonel Malcolm, addressing Arguments to substantiate his Claim to the Rank of Lieut. Colonel from Febry 1780.

As I understand that the date of Rank given to me, as Adjutant General in the publick Orders of the 16th Ultimo, has been re=presented to your Honble Board, as a supercession by the Lieut. Colonels now at the Presidency, I trust that there is no impropriety in my sub=mitting to your consideration, the following reasoning on the subject; and I do it with the deference due to my Superiors, and the Government I serve -

That as the Rank of Lieut. Colonel is given only depending on the Staff Commission, no discrimination of date can be regularly admitted without depriveing me of the efficiency of that Commission, which may be found to stand unimpaired from 6th February 1780 to the present period, as I went home by order, and returned to India, by order, which are circumstances, I venture to say, that cannot be applied to any other Officer, who may have left this Country & afterwards returned to it - and as a proof to your Honble Board, that I was considered while in England, as the Adjutant General of the Madras Army, I humbly request, that the Paragraph of the General Letter, by the Surprize, concerning me, may be referred to, as,

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if my Memory is not erroneous, since reading that Paragraph at the India House, I am there looked upon, and termed the Adjutant General - Whether the Honble Company have given me in the Para= =graph, the designation of Captain or Lieut. Colonel is I presume of little consequence; but, that if admitted to be the Adjutant General, it answers every purpose of my claim, for any rank depending on that post as it proves the Situation in which I was considered by the Honble Company, while in England.

For the above causes, I am encou= =raged to state, with the utmost submission to the opinion, which may be formed by your Honble Board, that if the late regulation received from home, re= =garding the rank applicable to my Post of "The Adjutant General as Lieut. Colonel" is interpreted to be the stipulated rank of Lieutenant Colonel, depending upon the Commission of Adjutant General, and to expire with it, it may not be accounted to be completely carried into execution if the rank of Lieut. Colonel is given of a date posterior to that of Adjutant General, as I will thus be deprived of the benefit of the stipulated Rank in its equal & full extent, because a deduction of time will thus be decided upon here, which does not appear at pre= =sent to have been the intention of the Honble Company -

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It is true that the Rank as I now hold it, gives me precedence while I hold the Post of Adjutant General, of all the Lieut. Colonels in the Service except Lieut Colonel Ross, with this material difference, that when Officers of the rank of Colonel die or are otherwise moved from the effective List, they will succeed to that Rank, and pass me, while I am fixed to a certain Rank without the Stimulus so very necessary to the Military Profession - I trust to the Military Members of your Board, to feel, and to describe the greatness and advantages of my superseding Situation at this moment; - the Rank that has fallen to me, such as it is, is the effect of the Casualties of Service, and to which I presume I have at least an equal right with other Officers - to prove that the Supersession complained of, if the word can be justly applied, is the effect of Chance, and not of System, I beg leave to recite a case in this Service, which may be found precisely in point on fair comparison - Sir Henry Orby when Adjutant General of this Army, with the nominal Rank of Lieut Colonel went home on leave - of course according to the rule of the Service, he had no claim to the Post on his return, without a fresh order - his Interest procured him a second nomination to the post of Adjutant Genl on his return, and Lieut Colonel Edingtoun was obliged to give it up to him - suppose then

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That the present Regulation "The Adjutant General as Lieut Colonel" had accompanied Sir Henry Coby to India, would he in such case have rank over the Lieut Colonels then on the Coast - certainly not, for this obvious reason, that having been out of the Service in India, according to its established rules, having gone home on leave he could not possibly have derived rank except from the day of his arrival - Let me hope then that your Honble Board will see the essential difference between Lieut Colonel Coby's case & mine - I went home on duty & returned in like manner to my Station in Obedience to duty & orders, without the necessity of applying Interest for the purpose, and with only the intimation / not a perth appointment / that the Adjutant General was returning to his Station, having performed the Service on which he was sent - Permit me then, before the matter is taken by the Honble Board in Council, to express my reliance on your Candor & justice, after having thus been informed, of every circumstance, that the advantage of succession arising out of the Casualties of Military Service will not be denied me - If the supercession represented by the Lieut Colonels, now at the Presidency is admitted, it may be found that with equal propriety, every Officer, who was Senior to myself, & the rest of the Officers on the General Staff respectively, may prefer a similar Address on the rank given by the new regulation.

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I have the honor to be &c &c
/ Signed / Henry Malcolm
Adj.t Gen.l of the Army

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Minute thereon

Although the Board are desirous of giveing every possible encouragement to the acknowledged merit of Lieut. Colonel Malcolm and in so doing should gratify themselves, and at the same time obey the Orders of the Court of Directors, who have strongly recommended him, yet in the present Instance, they are apprehensive that a Compliance with his Request would be an Act of Injustice, to several deserving Officer whose Rank and Services entitle them to the attention of Government —

Observations of the Board on Lieut. Colonel Malcolm's claim to Rank.

For, upon an attentive Consideration of the Subject, and upon a reference to the Commands of the Court of Directors, it appears, that their orders cannot be interpreted as being intended to have a retrospective operation — They have declared that in their new Military Establishment, their Adjutant General, Quarter Master General, and Deputies shall have real Rank of Lieut Colonels, and Majors, while acting on the above Stations — The Rank thus given, can only then commence from the promulgation of the new System, and the Commission of Lieut Colonel Malcolm, as Adjutant General ought to be dated on the day, when the new Military Establishment was announced in General Orders —

All this the Board for the above reasons, do not think themselves authorized to antedate the Adjutant General's Commission.

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The Board of opinion that Lieut Colonel Malcolm has no right to the Rank he solicits for —

they consider him as entitled from the 16th Ultimo, to the full efficient Rank of Lieut Colonel, with all the Pay, allowances & Emoluments whatever, which are annexed to that Rank, while he continues to act in the Office of Adjutant General —

Agreed that the Commission given to Lieut Colonel Malcolm, be withdrawn, and that another be given to him, ascertaining the commencement of his Rank from 16th Ult.o

Read the following Report, from Mr. Commissioner Jackson, also a Letter from Mr. Sullivan's Attornies —

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell. K. B.

President, and Governor &ca Council

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Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr. Commiss.r Jackson with his audit on the Accounts of the Garrison of Tanjore.

I have the honor to inform you that I have examined the Accounts of the Garrison of Tanjore and its dependencies, from the 1st of May 1780 to the 28th of February 1785 during which period, there have been three successive Paymasters. Viz.t

1st Mr. Baene from the 1st of May 1780 to the 30th September 1781, whose irregular Charges amounted to Pag.s 654. 39. 40. which I have already represented to your Honor &c.a, in my Letter dated the 18th of October 1785 —

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Mr Harry Taylor, whose irregular Charges amounted to the Sum of 13.438.36.20 as entered in his Accounts from the 1st of Octr 1781 & 31st of Janry 1782 - Pagodas 2768.33.8 have been paid to be refunded, & the remainder, he has been duly advised by me, that your Honor &ca hold him responsible for, to the Honorable Company -

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Mr John Sulevan from 1st of Febry 1782 to 29th Febry 1783, whose irregular Charges amounting to Pags 5964.11.6, Mr Hepperley as one of the Attornies of Mr Sulevan, has promised to credit the Honble Company -

There have been two Charges entered into Mr Sulevan's Accounts, which I cannot decide upon, to the Satisfaction of Mr Hepperley, I must therefore beg permission to state to your Honor &ca the Remarks, which occurrd to me, after mature consideration on the Subjects -

My determination on the first Charge, as mentioned in my letter to Mr Hepperley for Arrack, purchased for the use of the Southern Army is as follows

"In the Month of May 1783
"it appears from Mr Sulevan's Charges for the
"purchase of Arrack, that 110 Leaguers were
"bought on account of the Company, for the use
"of the Southern Army, & each Leaguer is charged
"upon

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"upon an Average at the Rate of 138 Star Pagodas
do
"amounting together to the Sum of Pag.s 15,145 -
"Which, considering the market price of this
"Article at Negapatam, & Tranquebar, I cannot
"but be of opinion, that some Mistake has
"happened in the Entry of this Charge against
"the Company; I have been particular in my
"Enquiries, respecting the Price of Arrack, & the
"Result of them are, that it could be purchased
"in any Month during the year 1783 from 55 to 80
"Star Pag.s per Leaguer, & especially at Tranquebar,
"at which place the Arracks, in question is specified
"to have been purchased - I am well persuaded
"that the want of Money was very great, I am
"as certain that if the purchase Money could
"have been paid down, it might have been pro-
=cured at a more moderate price, than I have
"mentioned - Mr Falk the Storekeeper at Triche-
=nopoly, has charged the Company for Arrack
"at the rate of 107 Pag.s p Leaguer, during the year
"1783, and considering this Garrison is situated near
"forty Miles farther from the Coast than Tanjore,
"the reique & expence of Carriage must have been
"greater - I likewise take particular Notice in
"Mr Sulivan's Charges for victualling the Europeans
"for the Months of March, April, May, & June 1783
"that the Company is debited at the very same
"rate as Mr Falk has charged - if small quan-
=tities could be purchased in Tanjore, at this rate,
"it is natural to suppose that at Tranquebar,
"any quantity might have been purchased at

"Cost

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"least as cheap as in the Garrisons of Trichinopoly
"and Tanjore - I therefore do not think it consis-
"tent with my Duty, to admit of the Charge
"made by Mr Sullivan for Arrack, and am of opinion
"after the most mature Consideration, that the
"Sum of Star Pags 100 p League is fully sufficient,
"considering that Mr Sullivan was neither at
"the Expence, nor Risque of transporting the 110
"Leaguers from Tranquebar, to Tanjore - the Diffe-
"rence being Pags 6 to 15. I request may be carrid
"to the Credit of the Company -

This Opinion has not satisfied Mr Hippesley, as your Honor &c will perceive by his Reply, which is as follows.

"In replying to this Head
"of Objection I beg to premise the following pas-
"sage from Mr Sulivan's Declaration on Oath -

"With respect to the purchase
"of Arrack as stated in the Agents Account, it
"may be proper to observe, that on the first inti-
"mation of the intended reinforcements of Euro-
"peans, I thought it of most essential public
"Service to secure a large Supply of Arrack, and
"having no public resource, that could be appro-
"priated to that Service, I should have thought
"myself warranted to go as far as the then known
"selling prices of that Article at the Presidency,
"because the obvious advantage, of employing a
"Capital, with quick returns, afforded a much

"larger

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"larger profit then could be possibly drawn from
"any such Engagements (had the period of payment
"been even considerably less protracted) and because
"the Expence and risk of bringing Arrack, from the
"Presidency would have greatly encreased the charge
"of that Article to the Company — But in fact no
"purchase has been ever stated to Government at so
"high a Price as the Current sales at Madras" —

"It is to be observed too, that this
"opportunities occasionally offered of making purchases
"with ready money on the Coast, at a lower rate, yet
"at the most critical periods of demand for this es=
"=sential Article (particularly at the time of the
"March of the Grand Army to Cuddalore, scarcely
"any Arrack could be obtained, but from those,
"with whom I engaged, and who as Merchants were
"free to square their prices to the publick Exigency. I
"feel myself bound in justice to make these observa=
"=tions because I am persuaded that a much greater
"portion of public Zeal, than views of private advantage
"influenced those who undertook the supply of this,
"and many other Articles of Provision for the public,
"and the essential Services rendered by such opportune
"provisions are very forcably, and I can take upon
"myself to say, not over stated in the several addresses
"to Government, from Colonel Fullarton, when in
"Command of the Southern Army" —

"I John Sullivan do acknowledge

"and

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"and declare that in the Month of March 1783 I
"engaged with Mr Hipperley to supply a large
"quantity of Arrack, and Military Stores for this
"Garrison, and the Army in the field, in consequence
"of which the said Mr Hipperley, entered into En-
=gagements and Contracts with certain Merchants
"and others, to a very large amount and with very
"considerable Advances"—

"I do also further declare that
"all the Arrack stated as purchased in the Agents
"Accounts of this Garrison, from the month of
"March 1783 to the present time, was all purchased
"of the said Mr Hipperley, or of his Agents, and in
consideration of the large Advances and distant
"payments at the price charged to the Company
"in the said Agents Accounts"—

"I also declare that the Accts
"of sundry Stores commencing in the Month of
"March 1783, and ending with the Month of May
"1784, including in all fifteen several Bills, cou-
=tersigned by me, are all for Stores purchased and
"delivered in consequence of my engagements with
"the said Mr J. C. Hipperley, and that as Resident at
"Tanjore and Paymaster of the Garrison, I pledged
"public faith for the payments of the Sums
"severally charged in the said Accounts, or Bills
"as the Delegate of Government with large
"discretionary Powers, and under the Circumstances
"stated

"stated in my declaration on Oath in the presence
"of William Jackson Esq.r Auditor of Accounts to
"the Southward, I considered myself authorized to
"make all such Engagements, which I again de-
"clare were all bona fide made in the Conviction
"that the public Service in such times and for the
"reasons stated in the said declaration, could not
"be efficiently supported by private Loans, and with
"private Credit, on terms more advantageous to
"the Company."

/Signed/ J. Sullivan

The pressing requisitions of
Colonel Fullarton Commanding the Southern Army
for Arrack and Stores will be found in the Appendix
/A/ I beg also to recite in this place, the following
Letters as applying to this Head --

Tanjore 1st March 1786

"Messrs Harrops & Stevenson

"Gentlemen,

"I must beg the favor of you
"to examine your Books on the Subject of Arrack
"purchases on my Account, preceding the 1st June 1783."

"By my Correspondence with
"you it appears in that, in the Month of May
"1783, I was in possession of all the Arrack in
"Tranquebar, on my own Account, and that Mr
"Cochrane

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"Cochrane was reduced to the necessity of borrowing
"in that Month, a quantity of rice, for the supply
"of the Army before Cuddalore - This latter circum-
"-stance, I think you must recollect, as His Agents
"received it from your Godowns".

"As my Contracts with you, and
"other Merchants were always for ready money, and
"at a period when a Grain speculation afforded Re-
"-turns infinitely more advantageous, & secure, than
"any other Speculation whatever. I conceived myself
"at full liberty to avail myself of the Contingency
"of my being the sole Proprietor of any large
"quantity of Arrack, at that very critical period
"of demand, both from the Grand Army and that
"of Colonel Fullarton -

"Your Reply to this, impar-
"-tially stating the fact, from your recollection
"and examination of your Books, will be esteemed
"a favor.

(Signed) J. C. Hepperley

P.S. I will be obliged to you to return this with
your reply subjoined.

From Messrs. Harrop & Stevenson to M.r J.C. Hepperley

Sir.

"Agreable to your desire, we
"have looked back into our Books, and have
"examined our Correspondence with you at the time
"you

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"you mention, by which we find that we had
"purchased for your account all the Arrack that
"could be got in Tranquebar, or that had been
"brought to this Market for Sale for some time,
"we very well remember the Circumstance of
"our having furnished Mr Cochrane with 700
"Leagers of Batavia Arrack, out of your Godowns
"by your Order —

"We purchased a great quantity
"of Arrack for you and at very extravagant prices,
"we observe that many Leagers burst in the Godowns
"while in our posession, and were entirely lost. altho'
"we paid every possible attention, and had a Peon
"constantly watching them: many others leaked
"half and one third out: The Godown rent here
"was high - exposed to such risques and expenses, &
"suffering such Loses, we are also of opinion that
"you being the sole Possessor of any considerable
"Quantity of Arrack at that time, had an un-
"doubted right as a Merchant to avail yourself
of the Circumstances, & situation in which you found
yourself, as we have heard other Gentlemen did
at Madras, about the same time - In the
Months of May, and June 1783 to, the best of our
Recollections, indeed we are positive, there was
very little or none in the Place, but what
belonged to yourself, nor any to be bought" -

(Signed) Harrop & Stevenson

"In

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"In reply to that part of your "Objection, which respects the Prices of the Arrack "retailed, and supposed to be bought in Tanjore, I "beg to observe that those prices were not governed "by the prime cost of the Arrack, but established "by the long usage both at Tanjore & Trichinopoly "at the rate of 60 Cash p Dram - this rate gives the "price you have stated of 107 Pags p Leaguer, charged "both by Mr Falk and Mr Sulivan, but at that "price the Arrack was not purchased - Mr Sulivan "never bought a Gallon of Arrack in Tanjore, but "served the Troops from the public Stores debiting the "Agent at 60 p Dram, and crediting the Company at "the same price - no advantage or disadvantage "therefore could accrue to Mr Sulivan, but the "Company sustained the Loss between this rate and "the original rate of purchase -

"The case is precisely similar "to the Grain issued to the Troops, by order of Govern "ment, at a stated rate, without any relation "to the Market price, which often exceeded it by "100 per Cent -

"This Explanation I conceive "plainly and fully obviates your inference with "respect to the Arrack retailed to the Troops or "Garrison, and I trust the Declaration of Mr "Sulivan on Oath with the Correspondence with "Messrs Harrop and Stevenson, will as plainly & "fully answer any other doubt you may have entertained on this Subject -

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"I beg nevertheless to recur to some
"Facts with a few observations giving additional
"weight to that part of Mr Sullivan's Declaration
"which states "that he thought himself warranted
"to go as far as the known selling prices at Madras."

"Mr William Ross, the Company's
"Agent at Madras, charged for Arrack & Bengal
"Rum, during the year 1782 & 1783 from 150 to 200
"Pags P Leager: and I can take upon myself to state
"from his own assertion, indeed it is a fact of
"general notoriety, that he had offered a quantity
"of Arrack to Government at 150 Pags P Leager,
"which was, at first, refused, but within a few
"days of that refusal, on Lord Macartney's inti-
-mating that Government would engage with
"him, Mr Ross then insisted on 200 Pags P Leager
"which was agreed to"--

"Mr Sullivan was no Stranger
"to these Engagements at Madras, the Current rates,
"at that period at Tranquebar were from 80 to 90
"Pags the Leager, but a very small quantity was
"on sale at that price, for my Agents were in
"possession of almost all the Arrack in Tranque-
-bar, & which transported to Madras, the freight
"& risque not exceeding 10 P Cent, would sell for
"at least 150 Pags the Leager--

"These facts & Considerations
"were the governing principles in Mr Sullivan's
"Engagements for the Quantity contracted for. It

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"is to be considered that the Month of May 1783, was
"the period of most critical demand during the War,
"for the demands of our Fleet of the Grand Army
"at Cuddalore, and of our Southern Army, all prest
"at the same moment, and almost to the same
"point. Mr Cochrane was under the necessity of
"borrowing a quantity of Arrack for the Grand
"Army, from my Agents, as is proved in the before
"recited Letter of Messrs Harrop & Stevenson -

"These Engagements were all
"made without the advance of a single Pagoda
"on the part of the Company, tho' the Contractor
"could purchase only with ready money - the
"prices contracted for, were invariably under the
"selling prices at Madras; Mr Rose received ready
"Payment in money and Bills on England or
"Bengal - but the Contractor with Mr Sullivan
"at the distance of three years is still unpaid -
"nor will you, Sir, I am perswaded think that
"the common rate of Interest, (I may say of any
"known Interest) offers a Compensation for this
"procrastination of Payment, the same advances
"employed in the purchase of Grain, the common
"staple of the Southward, would have been trebled
"long since, and by adverting to the Bazar
"Prices you will be convinced that this assertion
"is much within the compass of Truth" -

"From the Balances due
"to Mr Sullivan are his obligations to me, &
"others

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"other to be acquitted — This standing in no relation
"to Government in this transaction, my situation
"may in some measure apologise for the expression
"of my disappointment, for disappointed I cer=
=tainly have been, in respect to my Engagements
"with Mr. Sulivan — The Law it is true gives me
"a remedy to the extent of my Contract, but
"you may believe, Sir, I am little disposed to
"urge that remedy against Mr. Sulivan, tho' I
"am subjected to a liquidation, which by the
"Exchange of the day is near 40 p.cent worse, than
"the payments, which I was obliged to make, or
"which the Agents at Madras received."—

"Could I have anticipated this
"issue, I should have made very different Engage=
=ments with Mr. Sulivan, for I maintain I was
"free to make them, and he, from necessity must
"have complied with them: The same remedy
"that secured my Engagements with Mr. Sulivan,
"must have secured him — If an Imputation
"of Prodigality of expenditure lies against Mr.
"Sulivan, he may be censured — if it can be
"proved that Mr. Sulivan has made the Contract
"subservient to his Interests, the Company have
"their remedy against him — but he has sworn
"to the expediency as well as the Integrity of his
"Engagements, and if not perjured, must be
"indemnified"—

"I will conclude this head of
"reply by soliciting your comparative view of the
"Arrack

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"Arrack Contract lately established, which secures a receipt
"in ready Money to the Contractor in time of peace of
"seven Pagodas p League beyond your reduction for Supplies
"at the most critical moment of the War, after 3 years
"procrastination of payment, & ultimately again re-
"duced to a liquidation in paper near 50 p Cent worse
"than ready money - But it may be said that the
"Contractor now is at the Expence of Carriage & Peons to
"- Will not a difference of three Hundred p Cent in
"the prime Cost (upon your own Statement of prices)
"largely cover such incidental Charges?"

Your Honor &co now have before you every thing, that has resulted from my Examination into the Charges made for Arrack by Mr Sullivan - in your Determination on this subject I request your Honor &co would advert to the price of Arrack at Tranquebar, Negapatam &c as stated in my Remarks, which the Contractor for this Article do not deny - whether I have or not made Liberal Allowances, for the above Situation of Affairs your Honor &co are the best Judges -

The second Charge is for Wastage on the Article of Grain from 1st Febry 1782. to 31st August 1784 which has amounted to 2806 Cullums of Rice & 20764 Cullums of Paddy - I objected to this Charge being carried against the Company, because it was a new one, neither the Storekeepers of Trichinopoly, nor of Palamcotah, ever charged the Company for Wastage; tho it appears by their Accounts, that they received and issued large quantities of Grain during the late War.

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War - Mr Hippesley in reply has stated, that the former deficiency arose from the Receipts & Issues of 1795 2 Cullums of Rice, & the latter on Three Lacks of Cullums of new Paddy - but that the Wastage was unavoidable owing to the necessity of the Times & the Quality of the Grain laid in Store, during the late War; being chiefly Carr Paddy, which is of a very pulpy & watery kind; very apt to rot, & waste to powder in a very short time .. this Information is likewise supported by the Evidence of the Revd Mr Swartz - These are the principle Reasons given me why the Company should bear the Loss incurred on the Wastage of Grain - I request your Honor &ca will be pleased to determine on the points now referred to you, after which I shall see that the necessary Refunds are duly credited for, in the accounts of the Tanjore Paymaster -

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24th April 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) W. Jackson Comms
of Accts &c of the Coleroon.

To the Honble Major General Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.
President & Governor &ca Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Messrs. Sullivan & Balfour, requesting a copy of the foregoing letter.

As We understand that Mr Commissioner Jackson has referred to your Honor &c some Articles of charge, in the Accounts of Mr S. Sullivan, late Resident, and Paymaster at Tanjore, We request that

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that you will be pleased to direct, that we be furnished with a Copy of his Address to you on this Subject, that we may reply to Mr Jackson's objections & explain the grounds of Mr Sullivan's charges—

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1st May 1786

We have the honor to be &c

/Signed/ Benj.n Sullivan
J. Balfour

Mr J. Sullivan

Minute thereon.

Agreed that the Consideration of Mr Jackson's Report be deferred, and that Copy of it be sent to Mr Sullivan's Attorneys in order to enable them to reply to Mr Jackson's objections—

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Minute containing his Ideas on the execution of the Company's Orders for the formation of a new Military Establishment—

Commander in Chief's Minute on the execution of the Company's orders for the formation of a new Military Establishment—Arrangements in consequence

The Board having directed the Commander in Chief to adopt such measures as he shall think most expedient for new modelling the Army, agreably to the plan ordered from home, & to report the same for their final decision thereon, he now submits to consideration the following arrangement of the numbers of Effectives of every Rank now on the Coast, comprehending also a formation of Corps to carry into execution the Peace Establishment of the Honble Company.

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as far as it is at present practicable - it will, at the same time, discover the numbers on the old Establishment of every denomination, that will remain supernumerary to the part of the new immediately to be formed; as also the numbers of every Rank, that will be wanting to compleat.

In this Arrangement the Commander in Chief is guided by the President's approved Minute of the 11th Instant, in regard to the numbers of Corps, to be immediately formed & paid until resources of every kind are forthcoming. & that it may be convenient to apply them to form compleatly the whole of the Military Peace Establishment, directed for this Presidency by the Honble Company's last dispatch - & first of the

European Troops.

1 Regiment of European Cavalry - ordered to be raised as part of the Peace Establishment -

The Regiment of European Cavalry not to be raised immediately, for the reasons agreed to in Council the 4th Instant -

Two Battalions of European Artillery

That the present effective Strength of the Battalion of Artillery on the Coast, shall be equally divided into two parts, as a foundation for the two new Battalions ordered. which will insure to each an equal proportion of Old Soldiers, and that they be respectively compleated

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on the same principle, from the Recruits of the Season, who may be selected for Artillery duty, or otherways as Men may offer for the Service.

That the 1st Battalion of Artillery, of the new Establishment, shall be formed from the part of the old Corps, now at the Mount with the addition of such Commissioned Officers as shall be wanted to compleat it, because the number of Non Commissioned Officers and Privates at the Mount, is more than one half of the present effective Strength of Artillery on the Coast, &

That the remaining half of the old Corps stationed in different parts of the Country shall form the 2d Battalion of Artillery with such Commissioned Officers as shall be wanting to compleat it. The following State will shew the present effective Strength of the old Corps of Artillery - the present Strength of each of the new Battalions - what is wanting to compleat them - and the numbers of the old Establishment that will remain Supernumerary to the new

After taking from the Artillery at the Mount, for the formation of the 1st Battalion, half the Strength in Non Commissioned and Private of the whole of the old Corps. there will remain 62 Privates to be added to the remaining part of the Artillery stationed as follows - Viz.t Two Companies at Arcot. - One South

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of the Coloroon, & one in the Arcars, for the formation of the 2d Battalion. The Officers Commanding the 1st and 2nd Battalions of Artillery respectively, will accordingly have orders to model into Battalions the present Strength allotted to each, & to level the Companies conformably to the new Establishment.

Present Effective Strength of Artillery on the Coast formed into Two Battalions—

	Lt Colonels	Majors	Captains	Capt.s Lieutenants	Lieutenants	Lieut.s Fireworkers	Adjutants	Quart.r Masters	Surgeons	Mates	Conductors	Sergeants	Corporals	Bombardiers	Gunners	Matrosses	Total Non Commissioned Artificers &c.	Drums & Fifes	Bombardiers
Present Effective Strength on the Coast—	1	1	9	10	16	28	1	1	"	"	13	64	57	78	158	368	725	45	"
Present Strength 1st Battalion—	1	1	5	"	10	10	1	1	"	"	"	20	20	.	40	184	264	10	"
Present Strength 2d Battalion—	1	1	5	"	10	10	1	1	"	"	"	20	20	.	40	184	264	10	"
Present Strength Total of 2 Companies	2	2	10	"	20	20	2	2	"	"	"	40	40	.	80	368	528	20	"
Wanting to compleat 2 Compys	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	2	2	"	"	"	"	"	192	192	"	20
Supernumerary to the Establishment of two Battalions—	"	"	"	7	"	3	"	"	"	"	13	24	17	78	78	"	"	25	"

As there are a sufficient number of Officers in the Artillery Corps of the old Establishment to compleat the new, & that there will remain 7 Capts 2 Lieuts & 3 Lieut Fireworkers, supernumerary (after invaliding Lieut Fireworker Alex.r Rose

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at his own Request) The above state gives the compleat Establishment of Commissioned Officers as present, & reckons the Supernumeraries on the same principle - the following Promotion of Officers and nomination of Staff is therefore required Viz.

To be promoted
- 1 Major (Edward Tanner) to be Lieut Colonel
- 2 Captains (Wm Sydenham & Jos. Moorhouse,) to be Majors
- 3 Capts Lieuts (Thos Sutcliffe, John Baillie, & Robert Spedeman) to be Captains.
- 4 Lieut Fireworkers (Jno Betty, Robert Munro, John Sourdan, & Richard Darke) to be Lieutenants -

To be appointed
- 1 Adjutant.
- 1 Quarter Master.
- 2 Surgeons.
- 2 Mates.

There are at present 1 Surgeon, & 1 Mate attached to the Artillery, but as the Gentlemen of the Medical profession have not hitherto been returned regementally they are not included in the above state of the old Establishment:- The Conductors, which appear in it (13) have constantly been returned by the Commanding Officer of Artillery although forming no part of the Establishment of a Battalion - Men for this duty are selected and appointed without restriction, as the Service requires.

N.B. In the above State of the Effective Strength of Artillery, the draught of Recruits p Talbot is included - they will be equally divided to the two new Battalions -

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European Infantry - Four Battalions.

That the four Regiments of European Infantry now on the Establishment shall be named Four Battalions - they will consist of 2 Grenadier Companies, & to 6 Battalion Companies of the same Strength as directed by the Government Orders of the 16th Instant. Two Lieutenants to be the Establishment of a Grenadier Company, and one Lieutenant, and ane Ensign the Establishment of a Battalion Company - The Officers Comman=ding European Corps of Infantry to model their Battalions & level their Companies accordingly -

The following State will shew the present Effective Strength of European Infantry on the Coast - the present Effective Strength of each of the new Battns when formed as above - the wanting to compleat - and the Supernumeraries -

Present Effective Strength of European Infantry on the Coast formed into Four Battalions on the new Establishment.

	Colonels	Lieut. Colonels	Majors	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Chaplains	Regt. Mates	Qr. Mr. Sergts	Surgeons	Mates	Sergeants	Corporals	Privates	Total Non-commissioned Officers & Privates	Drums & Fifers	Tradesmen
Present Effective Strength on the Coast —	3	4	4	40	64	32	-	4	4	"	"	149	147	810	1106	98	.
Present Strength of a Battalion	1	1	1	8	10	6	"	1	1	"	"	24	32	172	220	16	.
Strength wanting to compleat	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	1	1	"	"	372	-	-	16

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Present Strength	2d Battalion	1	1	1	8	10	6	"	1	1	"	"	24	32	196	252	16	"
	wanting to compleat	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	1	1	"	"	348	"	"	16
	3d Battalion	1	1	1	8	10	6	"	1	1	"	"	24	32	246	302	16	"
	wanting to compleat	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	1	1	"	"	298	"	"	16
	4th Battalion	1	1	1	8	10	6	"	1	1	"	"	24	32	196	252	16	"
	wanting to compleat	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	1	1	"	"	348	"	"	16
Total 4 Battalions		4	4	4	32	40	24	"	4	4	"	"	96	128	810	1036	64	"
Wanting to compleat 4 Battns		"	"	"	"	"	"	4	"	"	4	4	"	"	1366	"	"	64
Supernumeraries		1	"	"	8	24	8	"	"	"	"	"	53	19	"	"	34	"

The Total Commissioned Officers of Infantry that may be required to compleat, or may remain Supernumerary, will be added to the Arrangement of the Native Infantry, and the formation of Brigades, as the whole of the Officers required for both the European and Native Corps of Infantry succeed to Rank on one List - The Supernumerary Non Commissioned of the European Infantry Corps will also be considered after the Native Infantry.

Native Cavalry - Five Regiments.

As the Effective Strengths in Privates and Horses of the Four Regements of Native Cavalry, now in the Service, will not compleat an equal number of Regements on the new Establishment, even after the Governors Body Guard is draughted into them, the deficiency in Horses in

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in particular being very considerable. it is therefore proposed for the present to form the Total Strength of Cavalry on the Coast into four Regts on the new Establishment to be compleated with Men and Horses as soon as they can be procured and that at a future period, as the Situation of Affairs may admit, the Fifth Regiment shall be raised to compleat the five Regiments of Native Cavalry ordered by the Honble Company – It is therefore intended, that the Body Guard be draughted into the Regiments, as the Peace Establishment ordered from home does not allow of Independant Corps, but that it shall remain as at present with the Governor, under such Officers as he may chuse, and to be returned on Command by the respective Regiments in the same manner with the Infantry doing duty as the Commander in Chiefs Guard – Officer Commanding the Native Corps of Cavalry will accordingly be directed to model their Regiments, and Level the Troops in each to the new Establishment Each Regiment to consist of three Lieutenants and three Cornets.

– The following State will shew the present Effective Strength of Cavalry on the Coast – the present Effective Strength of each Regiment, when formed as above – the wanting to compleat, – and the Supernumeraries –

Present Effective Strength of Native Cavalry on the Coast formed into Four Regiments on the new Establishment

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	Colonel	Lieut. Colonels	Majors	Captains	Capts. Lieutenants	Lieutenants	Cornets	Adjutants	Quarter Masters	Surgeons Mates	Surgeons	Commissaries	Sub Mates	Serjeants	Corporals	Drummers	Trumpet Majors	Trumpeters	Hind Farriers	Farriers	Packers	Packalies	Privates	Horses
Present Effectives — Strength on the Coast	1	-	2	3	5	20	26	5	4	-	12	4	25	53	135	136	-	4	26	4	11	16	7	439	784
Present Strength — 1st Regiment	"	1	-	"	"	3	3	1	1	-	3	-	7	13	35	35	"	-	7	-	5	4	"	338	265
1st Regiment wanting to complete	-	"	"	"	"	-	-	"	"	"	3	-	-	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	50	245
2d Regiment	"	-	1	-	"	3	3	1	1	"	3	-	6	14	35	35	-	-	7	-	2	4	-	382	220
2d Regiment wanting to complete	-	"	"	"	-	"	"	"	"	-	3	"	-	4	-	-	1	"	"	"	4	2	-	36	290
3d Regiment	-	"	"	1	-	3	3	1	1	-	3	-	6	13	35	35	-	-	6	-	2	4	-	393	200
3d Regiment wanting to complete	-	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	-	3	-	"	5	"	"	1	-	"	"	4	2	-	15	310
4th Regiment	-	"	"	1	-	3	3	1	1	-	3	-	6	13	30	31	-	-	6	-	2	4	-	306	99
4th Regiment wanting to complete	-	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	-	3	-	-	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	2	-	102	411
Total 4 Regiments	-	1	1	2	-	12	12	4	4	-	12	-	25	53	135	136	-	-	26	-	11	16	-	439	784
Wanting to complete	"	-	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	4	12	-	"	19	"	"	4	"	"	-	13	8	"	93	1256
Supernumeraries	1	"	"	3	5	8	14	1	-	"	"	4	1	-	39	40	-	4	2	4	"	"	7	"	"

The following European Commissioned Officers will remain Supernumerary on the Cavalry List including as such the Seniors in each Rank —

1 Colonel — Sir R. A. M. Corby

3 Captains. Nisf Henry Darley, James Kevenson & Tho. Baker.

5 Captns Lieuts. Nisf John Murray, Tho Brr. Philip Sulivan. George Brudenell, & Keith Macalister —

8 Lieutenants. Nisf Alex. Grant. Robt. Wm. Hudleston. Thomas Tomblanque, Augs. Hoyer. Wm. Elliot. Tho. Burrows. James Gethin, & Bern.d Delmonte —

14 Cornets Nisf Edward Butcher. Patrick Walker. George Forbes. Jno. Doveton. Wm. Lumsdaine. Henry Montgomery Geo: Kippen. Wm. Mc. Gregor. Tho. Nuthall. Richard Ridsdale. Montague Corby. Chas. Dallas. Hugh Mackay. & John Maxtone —

1 Adjutant of the Body Guard —

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Promotion required to compleat the Cavalry, and included in the above State — Major Fl Conyn to be Lieut Colonel —

N.B. The above detail of Cavalry Officers is taken from the List as it now stands and may therefore be subject to alteration of great consequence to Individuals after the Claims for Cavalry Rank are finally adjusted —

Native Infantry

The present Effective Strength of Native Infantry on the Coast (including those of the Governors Body Guard and the Northern Tibbendy Sepoys) is deficient in Privates 750 to the compleat formation of 28 Battalions on the new Establishment — It is proposed to form, for the present, Twenty eight Battalions on the new Establishment, which, from the foundation then laid may, with facility, be augmented to Thirty six Battalions, as ordered by the Honorable Company for the Peace Establishment of the Coast whenever it shall appear proper to the Board to carry the whole into execution; and in order to accomplish the formation of Seven additional Battns to the Numbers on the old Establishment, and to constitute the whole of the same Strength & appointments as directed by the new, in as equal a proportion as possible, & with the least inconvenience to the Service, it is intended, that the present Force shall be arranged in three Divisions, in each of which draughts are to be ordered, & the seven additional Battalions proportionally formed: which will prevent the delay & expence that would arise, & the total de-

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derangement which would follow were the draughts from each Battalion to be marched to any considera- -ble distance - the proposed Divisions will stand thus.

First or Southern Division

The 1st 3d 6th 7th 10th 15th 19th & 20th

Battalions - Total 8 Battalions on the Old Establish- -ment, stationed South of the Coleroon - Strength in Privates by the last Returns 5115 from which may be formed on that quarter Ten Battalions on the new Establishment - Viz.t Five Battalions each of which will consist of 512 Privates and will there- -fore require 32 Men to be recruited to compleat each Battalion; and Five Battalions, each of which will consist of 544 Privates, & will therefore require 33 Men to be recruited to compleat each Battalion - Augmen- -tation thereby to the Force South of the Coleroon will be two* Battalions, the whole formed on the new Establishment, and Privates 325

* 22d & 23d Batt.ns

Second or Center Division

The 4th 5th 8th Battalions at

Walajah Baad - the 2d Battalion at Arcot, the 2d Batt.n at Vellore the 12th & 16th Battalions and the Infantry of the Governors Guard at Madras & the 15th Battalion distributed in Amboor, Permacoil, Cuddalore, Chingleput & Poondamallee, making in all 8 Battalions on the old Establishment besides the Infantry of the Governors Guard - Total Strength in Privates by the last Returns being 5239 from which may be formed on the Center Division

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Division, Ten Battalions on the new Establishment
Viz.t Nine Battalions each of which will consist
of 524 Privates, and will therefore require 20 Men
to be recruited to compleat each Battalion, and
one Battalion of 523 Privates, & will therefore
require 21 Men to be recruited to compleat. Aug=
=mentation thereby to the Force in this Division
* 24th & 25th Battns will be * two Battalions, the whole formed on the
new Establishment, and Privates 201.

Third, or Northern Division,

including Ongole -

The 2d Battalion (five Companies
of which is stationed at Ongole & five on the District
of Masulipatam) 11th 14th 17th & 18th Battalions, and
the three Sibbendy Corps of the Circars making in
all 8 Corps on the old Establishment - Total Strength
in Privates by the last Returns 4128. from whence
may be formed 8 Battalions on the new Establishment,
each of which will consist of 516 Privates, and will
therefore require 28 Men to be recruited, to compleat
each Battalion - Augmentation thereby to the
Force in the Northern Division will be * three Battns
* 26th 27th and 28th Battalions - the whole formed on the new Establishment, and
Privates 224.

N.B. That the Force in the Northern Division will
consist of the same number of Corps - Viz.t 8 with
this difference only, that the Sibbendy Sepoys being
incorporated there will be Eight Battalions on the
new Establishment, instead of five Battns on the old, &
the three Corps of Sibbendies -

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In the preceding draught of the Native Corps of the old Establishment for the formation of seven additional Battalions to compleat twenty eight on the new, the Strength in Privates only is detailed, as there will be a sufficient number of European Commissioned Officers of every Rank by Promotion, and as there are already supernumerary Native Commissioned & Non Commissioned Officers.

It is intended to form the Two additional Battalions in the 1st or Southern Division by draughting from each of the old Corps in that quarter, a proportion of Commissioned Officers & the supernumerary Privates which will form a Battalion on the old Establishment to consist at present of the average Strength of

	Subidars.	Jemidars.	Havildars.	Naigues	Pvts.
9	10.	50.	50.		634
Draught	1.	2.	8.	8.	194
To remain at Batt.n on the New Establishment, of	8.	8.	42.	42.	512

which in Privates is the Strength before detailed

That each Battalion on the new Establishment in this quarter will consist of persons belonging to compleat

The draughts thus taken from the eight Old Corps will be equally divided to the formation of the two new Battalions & named to the Corps they are respectively destined to form. They will be marched under one or more Subaltern Officers

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Officers from each Corps, with such proportion of Serjeants as can be spared, Ordered to rendezvous at some central Situation, Trichinapoly for instance, where they will be joined as speedily as possible by the European and Native Commissioned officers, who may be required to compleat -

The two additional Battalions in the 2d or Center Division, and the three additional Battalions in the 3d or Northern Division will be draughted and formed into the same manner - and after the whole are arranged & posted the Supernumerary Officers will be equally divided to the several Corps where they will be ready to be draughted with the proportion of Men necessary to compleat the Peace Establishment whenever the Board shall see it proper to carry the same into execution - Each Battalion on the new Establishment to have four Lieutenants and four Ensigns.

It will be the particular duty of the draughted European Commissioned Officers to see that they receive from the old Battalions, an equal proportion of veteran & young Soldiers, and that this rule be not deviated from, except in such Exchanges as are invariably to be permitted among the Natives, when it is desired either on account of Cast or ties of consanguinity - And, in general on account of the late reduction of the Native Corps, they will again be formed, so as to bring together in Battalion, on the new Establishment, the same Men who were draughted at the late reduction as far as it can be effected in each Division -

Twenty Eight Battalions

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having been thus established, it is next proposed to form them into Brigades, each of Six Battalions, as far as the Numbers will permit, agreeably to the Orders of the Honble Company -

In Brigades they will stand as follows -

4 Brigades -	of six Battns each is -	24 Battalions
1 Brigade -	of four Battns - - - - -	4 Battalions
5 Brigades -		28 Battalions

N.B. Wanting to compleat the 5th Brigade Two Battalions, which will be added on the first additional formation of Corps to compleat the Peace Establishment -

The Ten Battalions in the 1st Division stationed to the Southward to form the fourth and Fifth Brigades -

Six Battalions of Ten in the Center Division to form the Second Brigade, and the remaining four Battalions of the Center Division with Two Battalions of those stationed in the Circars to form the Third Brigade, & the remaining six Battalions in the Circars to form the Fourth Brigade -

This formation of Twenty Eight Battalions into Five Brigades is in conformity to the principle of the Company's Orders, & the present number & disposition of Corps - If Two Battalions from the Circars could, with propriety, be drawn to the Center Division, the Brigades would be more connected, but as the Collection of the Revenues in that quarter, may require the whole of the Force

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Force now there. the Sebundy Sepoys being incorpo-
-rated with the effective Corps the Battalions for-
-ming Brigades being thus separated may be
found unavoidable for the present.

The following State will shew
the present Effective Strength of Native Infantry
on the Coast, the present strength of Twenty Eight
Battalions formed into Five Brigades on the new
Establishment. the wanting to compleat and
the Supernumeraries.

	Brigade Staff				Captains	Capt. Lieuts	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Adjutants	Quarter Masters	Serjeants	Commandants	Subadars	Jemadars	Havildars	Naigues	Black Doctors	Drummers & Fifers	Pioneers	Sepoys
	Br. Gen.s	Majors	Brig. Majs	D.s Mas.rs																
Present Effective Strength on the Coast.	2	"	6	"	22	36	52	48	21	"	69	34	318	340	1638	1639	"	243	225	14453
Present Strength of 28 Battalions formed into 5 Brigades on the new Establishment.	5	5	5	"	28	"	112	112	28	"	224	"	224	224	896	896	"	448	224	14482
Wanting to compleat	"	"	"	5	6	"	60	4	7	28	155	"	"	"	"	"	"	28	205	750
Supernumeraries	"	"	1	"	"	36	"	"	"	"	"	34	94	166	742	743	"	"	1	"

N.B. The Commissioned Officers for Twenty Eight
Battalions formed into Five Brigades on the new
Establishment are stated present in the above, as
there are a sufficient Number of Officers by Pro-
-motion to compleat. but as the Strength of
Infantry Officers on the List of the Army, is superior

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in Numbers to what appears on the Returns, on account of the Supernumeraries not accounted for. on Corps, a more particular detail of Infantry Officers & of what will be required to compleat the part of the new Establishment now formed will be added, & which will, at the same time, point out those to be promoted - The required nomination of Staff Officers will also be stated - 53 Serjeants, & 19 Corporals which are supernumerary to the European Regiments (which given by the promotion of the Corporals 72 Serjeants) with 34 Drums & Fifes supernumerary of European Infantry, and 25 Drums and Fifes Supernumerary of Artillery (Total 59 Drums & Fifes) will be distributed to the Sepoy Battalions after which they will still want 82 Serjeants and 146 Drums and Fifes - the former may be supplied from the Supernumerary Non Commissioned in the Artillery Corps (197) and the latter must be recruited - The Puckallies being, by the new Establishment, made part of the European Corps it may be necessary to direct their being recruited and supplied by the respective Officers Commanding, instead of their being furnished to Battalions as at present by the Paymasters - it has been the Custom for the Officers Commanding the Native Corps (as directed by the new Establishment) to supply the Puckallies -

Pioneers

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Present State of Infantry Officers on the Coast, stating the Number that will be required for the part of the new Establishment now formed, & the Supernumeraries

	Commander in Chief	General Staff: Adjt Genl	Do Asst Do	Deputy Adjt General	Deputy Quarter Master Genl	Brigade Staff: Lieut Colonels	Majors	Brig Majors	Dy Mastr Genl	Colonels	Lieut Colonels	Majors	Capts	Capt Lieuts	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Adjutants	Dy Masters	Surgeons	Surgeon Mates
Present on the Coast	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	6	-	5	4	4	77	34	116	222	25	4	-	-
Officers and Staff required for 4 Battalions of European Infantry and 28 Battalions of Native Infantry formed into 5 Brigades on the new Establishment	1	1	1	1	1	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	60	-	152	136	32	4	4	32
Wanting to compleat Do	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	36	-	7	-	4	32
Supernumerary to Do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	9	34	-	30	-	-	-	-

The following promotion of Officers and nomenation of Staff will be required to compleat the Infantry Establishment as stated above

To be promoted.

3 Majors to be Lieut Colonels - Vizt George Smith, Francis Swain Ward, and Edward Collens -

8 Captains to be Majors - Vizt John Sal Durand, George Cunyngham, John Oldham, Thos Trent, Donald McLeod, John Patterson, Thomas Prendergast, and George Clarke -

36 Ensigns to be Lieutenants - Vizt Ridgeway Mealy, John Helas, Edward Mark Sapp, Jno C. Lawrence, John Read, James Burne, John Mackintosh, John Hunt, James Turner, Potter O Daugherty, Robert Howland,

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To be promoted

Rowland, Alex.r Denton, Roger Warne, Wm Davidson, Henry Webber, Henry Rutledge, Thomas Gilliam, James Mills, Tho.s Munro, Jno Kelly Lennox, Alex.r Allan, Henry Nash, John Hall, David Leigh, Wm Mc Leod, George Marten, Sommers Clarke, Wm Wilcox, Tho.s Greer, Tho.s Welch, Hugh Madder, Zachary Pearce, Tho.s Peters, Jno Monnett, Geo.e Ley, & Alex.r Grantlett —

To be appointed

3 Quarter Masters of Brigades
7 Adjutants to Native Battalions
4 Surgeons to European Battalions
4 Surgeon Mates to Ditto
28 Surgeon Mates to Native Battalions

Supernumerary

1 Colonel — Robert Kelly
1 Major of Brigades
9 Captains, Lieu.t Andrew Reid, David Campbell, John Forbes, Alex.r Macpherson, Wm Mulh, Lieut.n Lewis Sal.r Dalrymple, Jno Richardson, & Alex.r Reid —
34 Captain Lieutenants, Lieu.t Daniel Mc Neil, Tho.s Farr, Sam.l Campbell, Sal. Turing, Lionell Westropp, Jos. Little, Wm Kenzie, Sal. Mitchell, Jno Spencer, Harry Clare, Sal. Evans, Geo. Aubrey, Jno Halibarton, Charles Smart, George Ure, Sal. B. Butler, Sam.l Pettatt, Eccles Smith, Alex.r Agnew, Johnson Kennedy, Rob.t Agilvie, Sal. Mackay, Rob.t Mackay, Edw.d Bridges, John S. Evans, Tho.s Moore, Rangot Jackson, Walter Thompson, Chas. D.e Castro, Simon Baillie, Wm Forbes, Hector Mc Lean, James Stuart, & Robert Cameron —
30 Ensigns, Lieu.t Wm King, Walter Colvill, Thomas Hinder Cave, George Dandrow, Anslow Grove, Henry W. Swain, Colin Mc Kenzie, John Mc Nab, Jos. Walker, Will.m Dingwall, Henry Smith, Barnet Rind, Henry Evans, Ja.s Graham, Wm Barrington,

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John Brown, Geo: Clamant, Archd Hope, Jno Buckley, Wm Wilson, Wm Gordon Raven, Joseph Dickson, Wellr L. Heile, Wm Neate, Jno Goldsworthy, Wm Bates, Robert Barclay, Jno Holland, Geo: Everett, Alex Gordon, Samuel Hunter, Alex Boyce, Edwd Blount, T. B. Mapendon, Chas Meredhane, Jno Molloy, T. G. Marton, George Neale, Jno Boorstow, Jno Burton, Mathew Cooke, Paul Bose, Andrew Mc Dowal, Thos Spurring, Chas Armstrong, Jno Wenton Wooley, Thos Everall, Robert Fletcher, M. K. Cormick, & George Foote.

N B. It becomes necessary in this place to observe that Sir Henry Cosby being returned as Colonel Commanding the Cavalry, is placed on the State of that Corps as a Supernumerary, because the part of the new Peace Establishment now formed admits of no higher Rank than a Lieut Colonel of Cavalry - and holding also the Rank of Colonel on the Infantry Lieut. Robert Cosby being the Junior Colonel of Infantry is accordingly inserted above as the Supernumerary Colonel of Infantry - it may be necessary to ascertain exactly Colonel Sir Henry Cosby's situation on the List of the Army -

Artillery Lascars - 30 Companies.

It is proposed that the present Corps of Apprentant Gunners shall be formed into 30 Companies of Lascars for the Service of the Artillery as ordered for the new Establishment. The Men composing that Corps having been drawn together from the Golandauze and Gun Lascars, who served in the Field during the late War in the Carnatic. The present effective Strength of the Corps of Apprentant Gunners is -

Lieutenants	Serjeants	Naigues	Lascars	Private.
12.	62.	56.	138.	10. 1344

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And the Strength required for 30 Companies of Lascars on the new Establishment is

Serangs	Subadars	Jemadars	Havildars	Naigues
30	60	60	30	1680

The Commissioned Native Officers of the Corps of Artillerists Gunners Mates Lascars & Sumbars to have the option of selling the superior Ranks on the new Corps of Lascars leaving the pay and other advantages of those Ranks explained to them: but as there is little probability of their agreeing to the exchange, they must therefore be added to the Establishment of Supernumerary Native Commissioned Officers of Infantry, and be appointed to the Sepoy Battalions in common with them.

The remaining Strength of the Corps of Artillerists Gunners Mates 56 Havildars 138 Naigues & 1344 Privates making in all of Non Commissioned & Privates 1508 with 10 Puckhallies, to be formed by the Commanding Officer of Artillery into 30 Companies of Lascars on the new Establishment 15 Companies of which are to be attached for the Service of the Battalion of Artillery and 15 Companies for the 2d Battalion.

Lieut Colonel Bignell to have orders to select from the Havildars & Naigues the most deserving & capable Men to fill the Stations of Serang & Jemdah in the new Corps and with their Assistance to form and level the 30 Companies of Lascars.

Agreed

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After having appointed the Syrangs & Tindals for the new Corps from the Non Commissioned of the Old, there will remain Supernumerary Sepoys who may have the option of being continued as 2d. Tindals in the new Corps of Lascars & to fill Vacancies as they may happen, or to be transferred to the Battalions of Native Infantry. The privates of the old Corps, who may decline the Service as Lascars, to have the same option given them, but as the pay of a Lascar is superior to that of a Sepoy there is little reason to believe they will accept of the Exchange.

It is to be particularly explained to the Corps of Assistant Gunners that, when formed & established into a Corps of Lascars for the Service of the Artillery they will have the benefit of the Invalid & Pensioned List in the same manner as the Native Infantry after they are incapacitated by Wounds, or otherways from serving the Company. & further that when employed on working parties they will receive extra pay the same as is given to the Sepoys on similar occasions. It is also proposed that the pay of the respective Ranks in the new Corps shall be notified to them.

It is impossible at present to detail the exact Strength to which the Offices Commanding the Artillery will immediately be able to recruit the Corps of Lascars for the Service of the Artillery, but it is to be expected, under the

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the above Regulations and explanations of the duties & advantages of the Corps, that it will be compleated to the Establishment in a very short time —

The Commanding Officer of Artillery to receive Orders in the mean time, to report the Strength of the Corps of Artillery Lascars when formed & levelled, and to recruit it without delay in the manner ordered by the Comp.y

Engineer Corps

	Lieut. Colonel Commandant	Major Deputy Engineer	Captains	Captain Lieuts. Engineers	Lieutenants 1st Engineers	Ensigns Conductors Engineers
Present Strength	1	1	5	1	2	9
Wanting	—	—	—	—	6	5
Supernumerary	—	—	1	1	—	—

Promotion required to compleat the Corps of Engineers on the new Establishment —

6 Ensigns to be Lieutenants

Viz.t Wm Wynn Ryland, Jn.o Guthrie, Jacob Flemming, Michael Scafell, Dan.l Jennings and John Norris —

5 Ensigns and Practitioners Engineers wanting to compleat —

Supernumerary

Captain John Wickens.
Capt.n Lieut. Elisha Trapaud

It is also further proposed by the Commander in Chief, in the event that the

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the Establishment of Corps and Brigades as above re-
-ported meets the approbation of the Board, that
the promotion of Officers to compleat them res-
-pectively may be given out at the same time
with the Orders for his carrying them into execution
that he may be enabled to order to their Posts, with
-out delay, the Officers of the different Ranks
required for the Establishment of the new Corps—

The number of Corps and Brigades

stated in this report, being now established, will
be the foundation of compleating with ease, hereafter
the whole of the Force intended by the Company as
the Military Peace Establishment under this Pre-
-sidency, by having every Company and Corps in the
Service of the same Strength & appointments as ordered.

The Peace Establishment will

stand thus, for the present, on a supposition that
the above is adopted —

Present — 2 Battalions of Artillery
4 Battalions of European Infantry
4 Regiments of Native Cavalry
28 Battalions of Native Infantry
30 Companies of Lascars
and a Corps of Engineers —

Wanting to compleat — 1 Regt. of European Cavalry
1 Regiment of Native Cavalry
3 Battalions of Native Infantry

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/ Signed / John Dalling

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The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Recommendation for Promotions.

The Establishment of Native Infantry being encreased by 7 Battalions Viz.t the 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. & 28.th to each of which 5 Adjutants, and the promotions to be ordered in consequence of the new modelling of the Army leaving vacant 4 Battalions of Native Infantry. The new Peace Establishment giving also 5 Brigade Quarter Masters. Total vacant 11 Battalions. 7 adjutancies of Native Battalions, & 5 Brigade Quarter Masters. The Commander in Chief therefore recommends to the Board the following Officers to be appointed to the vacant situations —

Capt.n A. Crawford	to the 6 Batt.n	vice Macleod promoted
Do S. Mackennon	12 Do	vice Conyngham Do
Do J. Oliver	13 Do	vice Clarke Do
Do J. Cuppage	18 Do	vice Trent
Do Robt. Scoules	22 Do	Adjt. Lt Thos. Mault
Do A. A. Langley	23d Do	Adjt. Lt G. C. Hill
Do B. Vegors	24th Do	Adjt. Ens. Robt. Munro
Do A. Stewart	25th Do	Adjt. Ens. Wm. Taylor Junr.
Do R. Montgomery	26 Do	Adjt. Lt Wm. Wilson
Do Franc. Gowdie	27 Do	Adjt. Ens. Thos. Green
Do A. Wynch	28th Do	Adjt. Lt Adam Lindsay

Lieut.t Arthur Cuppage, Arthur Gibbings, Harry Gordon and Edward Bourdeni, and Ensigns David Blair to be Brigade Qr. Masters —

Lieut. Wm. Macleod to be Quarter Master

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Master to the 2d Battalion of European Infantry vice Blair removed, and Ensign Wm Cunnyngham to be Adjt to the 1st Battalion of European Infantry vice Gordon removed.

Lieut James Graham to command Pennacord vice Oliver.

Lieut Wm N. Conan to be Adjut:

and Lieut. Fredeway Clarke to be Quarter Master to the 2d Battalion of Artillery.

/signed/ John Dalling

The Board express their appro:
-bation of the Arrangements laid before them: Commander in Chiefs Arrangements approved
and it is accordingly Agreed that the necessary General Orders be published by Government and by the Commander in Chief—

Read the following Letters

(entered in the MB. Nos 97, 98)—

From the Commissioners of Accounts dated 29th Ultimo with Enclosure stating the Accounts examined since their last Report & informing the Board that as Answers have not yet been sent to many of the abovementioned Reports they have not yet been able to bring their Business to a Conclusion.— From the Commissrs of Accounts

Agreed to inform the Commis:
-sioners that they are to continue setting as a Board

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Board, until the completion of the Service intrusted to them, but that they are not to draw any Allowances after the 30th Ult. as has before been intimated to them.

From Mr Hepponby dated the 26th Ult. enclosing a Statement of Interest on sundry Aids on account of the Company by Mr J. Sullivan.

From Mr. Hepponby

Minute thereon

Agreed that the above mentioned Statement be sent to Mr Commissioner Jackson, and that he be directed to report upon it.

The Commander in Chief laid before the Board the following Memorial from Colonel Floyd, Commanding the 23d Reg. of Dr Dragoons.

To the Memorial of Colonel J. Floyd to the Honorable the President & Council of Fort St George

Sheweth,

That all Officers at the Heads of Corps were on full Batta during the War except your Memorialist and all those of his Rank have been so ever since, except your Memorialist with some slight variations, and many of inferior Rank.

Memorial of Col Floyd praying to be allowed full Batta since the Arrival of his Regt in India, and to be continued

That Major General Ogle was sent to Mannalore, where your Memorialist was

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was stationed with the Regiment under his Command, merely to serve as a pretext to deprive your Memorialist of the Honor, & of the Emolument of Command as it would be easy to prove.

That your Memorialist was sent by the Select Committee of that day, to remain among the Hospitals of San Thomé under Major General Ogle.

That Major General Ogle, & all Officers Commanding at San Thomé before your Memorialist received full Batta.

That when the Command fell to your Memorialist, the Batta was struck off.

That your Memorialist received Batta for about four Months only since he was last in India, & even most of that was during the long afterwards, a change of Government took place.

That your Memorialist had always the honor to command His Majesty's 23d Regt. Dragoons.

That the case of your Memorialist is single — That he never swerved from his Duty, nor did his Zeal for the Publick Service suffer any diminution, well knowing the pique to be personal, and occasioned by the connection which his Post created with the late Major General Sir John Burgoyne, Bart.

From these Circumstances / to enter into no further detail / Your Memorialist respectfully requests that this Honble & impartial Board will be pleased to allow him full Batta from the arrival of the Regiment on this Coast.

Yours

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Your Memorialist also requests that you will be pleased to allow him full Batta during the time he shall have the honor to command the Cantonment at Chevelamoodoo, because of the extraordenary expences of the Commanding Officer because of the situation of others of your Memorialists Rank, & of Ranks inferior to his — & because he humbly conceives it has hitherto been the practice of the Army in similar cases —

Camps at Chevilamoordoo 24th April 1786

Signed J. Floyd Col

Memo Thereon

The Board are concerned that it is wholly out of their power to acquiesce in Colonel Floyd's Claim for full Batta from the period of his arrival on the Coast — they consent to his drawing that Allowance, while stationed at Chevelamoordoo in consideration of the expence, which may be incurred in that Situation

The Corps being now gathered & the Polygars to the Southward well regularly pay their Peishcush, the President proposes that the Troops on Detachment under the Command of Colonel Sir Henry Coby in the Tinnevelly District, be ordered to join their respective Corps —

Ordered accordingly —

The Troops on detachment under the command of Colonel Coby cantoned near Palamcotah to join their respective Corps

The President begs leave to enter on the Proceedings of this Department his Minute of 28th April entered on the Records of the Civil Department —

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President's Minute on providing a full Investment - the obstacles that at present intervene to prevent it -

Having requested a few days to consider the State of our Finances, before I entered fully upon the Subject of the Investment; I am happy to have it now in my power to offer such Sentiments as appear to me conclusive from every Enquiry I could make into the probable Resources and Disbursements of this Presidency, supposing the same to commence the 1st May 1786, and to end the 30th April 1787 -

Although I may differ with Mr. Davidson respecting the extent of our Advances, I am nevertheless of Opinion, that no Object is more worthy the attention of Government, than a compleat renewal of the Investment from this Coast, and that no time ought to be lost in directing the application of Cash on that account, to the utmost of our abilities - In considering this matter extensively, many important Objects will present themselves -

We still feel a considerable degree of Embarrassment, from the heavy expences of the late War; and as our Credit is hardly begun to raise itself, from the repeated shocks it had received during Hyder's Invasion; no pains ought, to be spared in my opinion, to re-establish public faith, and universal Confidence, upon a firm and substantial Basis -

From such an attention, we

we can only expect, the ready and chearful assis-
-tance of Individuals in the hour of Distress: and
if it is neglected, further Expectations of Aid cannot
fail to prove exceedingly delusive -

Joined to the Considerations, which
we are bound to give to public Credit, there are
other weighty matters respecting our present Situation,
to which I think it necessary to draw the attention
of the Board, before we decide upon the full
extent of the Investment -

In three Field there are three power-
-ful Armies in motion; The Nizam, the Mahrattas,
& Tippoo Sultaun - While they continue hostile to
each other, we have nothing to apprehend; but it
is difficult to say, how soon their hostilities may
terminate, or in the event of their ceasing what
may be the disposition of either of these powers,
in preserving Peace with the Company - So long
as these Armies are in the Field, I shall never
think that our possessions in India, are free
from the chance of unreasonable demands or that
we are perfectly secure from the probability of
a sudden Attack -

From the present State of our
Military Stores, I find that they are inadequate
even to the purposes of Security and Defence:
common Prudence and Forethought must there-
-fore dictate the necessity of our carrying on a
sufficient

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sufficient quantity of Stores to prevent Accidents in that respect, and to enable our Troops to move with effect upon any sudden Emergency.

The Carriages for our Garrison and Field Artillery, are in such a condition, as to require an immediate, and thorough repair, and it was but the other day, that we found, there were not Tents sufficient in Store, even to equip a single Regiment of Cavalry for the March: A moderate regard to these essential Requisites, can not fail at the lowest Calculation to draw Pags 50,000 from the Treasury—

Another important Expence,

which I find has been for some time in the Con=templation of this Government, is that of laying up a sufficient Store of Paddy and Rice for the Army: the want of which, during the course of the last War, exposed the honorable Company to a most enormous expense, and involved the In=habitants of this Country in Scenes of the utmost Distress—

To equip the Garrisons with a necessary supply may be estimated at 1. 60,000 Pagodas; but this Stock may be constantly kept up, at a very moderate expence to the Honorable Company, and I shall endeavour by a Memoir, which I mean to lay before the Board at our next meeting, to point out a mode by which the Honble Company will

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will henceforth be relieved, from every other expence on the Article of Grain, excepting that of the forth Provision - In the mean time, I beg leave to submit to the Board, a Sketch of the proportion and Disposition of Grain, for the several Garrisons in the Carnatic; that in case it should meet with the approbation of the Board, immediate orders may be issued for completing the same accordingly -

When these several Disbursements, which I think indispensable, are joined to the large Sums of Civil Arrear, the Interest on Bond Debt, and Cash on the hands of this Government, belonging to the Nabobs Creditors, their amount becomes so great an Object, in opposition to our probable Receipts, that it appears to me impracticable, without further Aids from Bengal or England, we can attempt, to order an Investment, exceeding the following Amounts

	Pags	Pags
Manulipatam p Month	1500	18,000 pags
Do for Ingeram do	4000	48,000 do
Do for Maddepollam do	4000	48,000 do
Vizagapatam Do	4000	48,000 do
Ganjam do	500	6,000 do
Cuddalore and Chennamanaickpollam do	4000	48,000 do
Madras in Money & Copper	5000	60,000 do
		2,76,000

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If these proportions meet with the approbation of the Board, I would recommend, that immediate Orders should be issued to the Subordinate Settlements for completing their respective proportions of the Investment, according to this plan, and it will afford me infinite Pleasure, if in the course of the Season, the same can be encreased to the full extent of Mr Davidsons ideas on that Subject—

28. April 1786.

/Signed/ Arch.d Campbell

W. C. Jackson
Dep.t Sec.y

" Arch.d Campbell

" Jno.s Dalrymple

" Alex.r Davidson

" Jno.s Macnamara

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Sent the following Letters

To Lieutenant Colonel Ross

Chief Engineer

Sir

I am directed by the Board to

To the Chief Engineer
the Buildings of
the new Cantonment
put under his Care,
& Superintendance;
to obey any Instructions
he may receive from
the Commander in
Chief on the Subject

inform you that, at the recommendation
of the Commander in Chief, they have resolved
to put the Buildings now carrying on at
Walaujaubad under your immediate Superintendance

You are in consequence to
take charge, and to receive from Sir John
Dalling such Sums of Money as he may tender
to you on account of the Works abovementioned
& this the detail of the Buildings
is entrusted to your Care, you are at all times
to obey such Orders as you may receive from the
Commander in Chief on the Subject -

The Board rely on your Zeal
& professional Knowledge for the completion of
the Cantonment with Expedition & Oeconomy -

I am Sir &c &c -

Signed / John Chamier Secy

To

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4.

To Morgan Williams Esqr

Chief &ca Council

at Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honorable President and Council, to desire you will lay in without loss of time, a Stock of Rice & Paddy agreably to the following proportions and Quantities –

To Masulipatam & Vizagapatam with Instructions in respect to laying up a year's Stock of Grain in those Garrisons

One Year's Rations	Number of Sears –
Rice for 1000 Men	3. 65. 000
Paddy for 3000 Do - - - -	11. 90. 000 –

If any Quantity is already in Store, it is to be completed to the Stock abovementioned

The above Quantities are to be the Garrison Stock, and must be replaced annually, after selling off the Old Grain, which the Board desire may be done at the proper Season, & to the best advantage, taking care that fresh Grain of the latest Crop be substituted, and that no Risks be incurred on account of any failure, in the new Crops expected –

As the Board consider this Business of much consequence, they direct me

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4th. to desire your particular Attention to it, & to notify to you that any remissness, on the part of those entrusted either with the general Management or with the Detail of the above service will infallibly excite their severe displeasure —

But altho the Board command me to express the displeasure, which will await any negligence in the execution of the above Service, they direct me also to signify that a zealous attention to the Interests of the Company in this essential Department will be the means of entitling the Servants employed to an adequate Compensation for his Care & trouble, & cannot fail to promote his future Advancem.

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I have the honor to be &c

Signed / John Hamilton Secy

N.B. The same to Vizagapatam to lay in 122.500 Sacks of Rice for 500 Men for one Year —

To Mr Thomas Palk

Paymaster & Storekeeper

at Trichinopoly.

To the Paymasters at Trichinopoly, Palamcotah, Madura, Arcot, Vellore, Cuppa, Amboor, Arnee, & Chenglepute on the same Subject as the foregoing Letter

Sir

I am directed by the Honble President & Council to inform you that they have desired the Nabob to order his Manager to lay in at Trichinopoly 2[illegible]90,000 Sacks of Paddy.

J.

Ft. of which you are to take charge, as a Garrison Stock for 3000 Men for 12 Months —

If any Quantity is already in Store, it is to be compleated to the Stock abovementioned

You are to receive the Grain in the Current Measure of the Country, giving a regular Receipt for the Quantity, which Receipt must specify the day of the Month, on which the Grain is received, the Quantity, Quality, Price & Sum total — A Copy of all Receipts must be entered in a Book kept for that purpose, which you are to certify & transmit to the Board. You are also to keep a regular Account of these Transactions, which will be checked by the Receipt Book —

Whenever you give a Receipt to the Nabobs Manager, you are to take an acknowledgement from him, specifying that on such a day he delivered such a quantity, & at such a Price, for which he obtained a Receipt. —

The Price of the Grain is to be fixed by yourself, & the Manager agreably to the just, & actual price of the day in the District, that is to say, the Nabobs Manager will deliver Grain at the Price, it is at the time sold for to the Grain Merchants by the Inhabitants — by which means the Company will not give more or less, to the Nabob than what they would be obliged to pay to any other Merchant or seller of Grain in the District —

You

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You are strictly enjoined to employ People, of whose Knowledge in Grain, & in whose Fidelity you can confide, in the execution of this Service, & you are to be carefull not to receive any Grain, which is not good & fresh - You are also to be particularly attentive not to receive old Grain in Store, but such only as is found upon examination to be the new Grain of the preceding Season -

Finally - You are not to omit any Circumstance of Form or Authenticety, in these Transactions, which may serve to prevent Litigations & Disputes between His Highness the Nabob and the Honorable Company -

Being, as above mentioned directed to take charge of the Grain, which may hereafter be laid up in Store, it must be your particular Care that it be lodged in good Granaries - It is at all times to be subject to the Inspection of the Commanding Officers of the Garrison -

You are towards the fall of the Year, to apply to the Board for permission to sell off the old Grain & replace it with an equal Quantity of fresh Grain, when the Crops are gathered in, & after such permission is obtained, you are to execute the Service to the best advantage for Government, taking care that no Risks shall be incurred on account of any future in the new Crops expected -

You

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You are to carry to the Company's Credit, the Profits arising upon the Sales of the old Grain after deducting the Sum paid for an equal quantity of new Grain, & report the same to the Board immediately on the introduction of fresh Grain into the Granaries -

The Board direct me further to signify to you, that a zealous attention to the Interests of the Company in this essential Depart=ment, entrusted to your Management, will be the means of entitling you to an adequate Com=pensation for your Care & trouble, & that you will be noticed by Government in such manner, as cannot fail to ensure your future advancement.

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Sam Ted & Co & Co

/Signed/ John Chamier
Secy

N.B. The same to Palamcotah, to lay in 146,000 Lbs of Paddy for 200 Men (for one year)
Do Madura — do — 365,000 do — for 500 Do Do
Do Arcot — do — 730000 do rice / 30.000 Do Gram — for 2000 Do Do
Do Vellore — do — 2920,000 Paddy for 4000 Do Do
Do Angole — do — 182,000 Rice for 500 Do Do
Do Amboor — do — 365,000 Paddy for 500 Do Do
Do Arnee — do — 730000 Rice / 30,000 Gram — for 2000 Do Do
Do Chingleput do — 730,000 Rice for 2000 Do Do

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To Charles Bakeley Esq.r

Superintendant of the Saghore

Sir.

I am directed by the Board to desire you will order the delivery of 1/30000 Sacs of Rice to the Paymaster at Chingleput, which quantity is to be the Garrison Stock, & must be replaced annually, after the Paymaster shall have sold off the old Grain, which he will be directed to do at the proper Season.

To the Superintendant of the Saghore to deliver to the Paymaster of Chingleput a 1 years Stock of Rice for that Garrison.

The Board desire that you will take care to store Grain of the best sort, & of the latest Crop. & that you will pay particular attention to this essential Department. I send you Copy of the Letter addressed to Mr Taner on the Subject.

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I am Sir &c.a &c.a

(Signed) John Chamier Secy

5.

To William Burke Esq.r

Paymaster General to the Kings Troops.

Sir.

I am directed by the Board to inform you, that agreeably to a request made to them by the Kings Colonels Commanding Regiments, they have consented to allow Cadetts Pay to a certain number of Volunteers attached to the different Regiments as expressed hereunder.

To Cadetts Pay to be allowed to a certain number of Volunteers attached to the different Regiments.

To the 23.d Regiment — 2 Volunteers
52.d do — 1 do
73.d do — 3 do
36th do — 1 do
78th do — 5 do
14th Hanoverians —
15th do —

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I am Sir &c.a &c.a

(Signed) John Chamier Secy

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5 Dispatched the following Letters
(entered in MB No 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9.)

To Col. Floyd

To Colonel Floyd, allowing him
Batta, while stationed with his Regiment at Che-
-velimoordoo -

To Mr Johnson

To the Paymaster at Madura, en-
-closing Proposals from the Nabob, relative to the
Tinnevelly Exchange, which having been accepted
by the Board, must be adopted by him in consequence.

To Palamcotah

To the Commandant & Paymaster
at Palamcotah, advising of the same.

To Messrs Sulivan and Balfour

To Messrs Sulivan & Balfour

enclosing Copy of Mr Jackson's Report, on Mr John
Sulivan's Accounts, and directing them to reply
to the Contents without delay -

To Mr Welch

To the Paymaster at Arcot,
directing him to pay full Batta to Col. Floyd
while his Regt remains at Chevelimoordoo -

To Commissioners of Accounts

To the Commissioners of Accounts
directing them to sit as a Committee untill
they have finally audited, and reported upon
all Accounts, but that their Salary is to cease
from the 30th April last -

To Mr. Jackson.

To Mr Commissioner Jackson
enclosing a Statement of Interest, due to Mr
John Sulivan, and directing him to examine
and report upon it -

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To the Paymaster at Vellore, direc-

ting him to send a certain number of Sarcars to
To Mr Evans— Arcot as specified therein; to repair the Officers
Quarters—

To the Commanding Officer at Arcot
To Lt Reynolds informing him of the above—

Received the following Letters (as
entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 10-11-12-13-
14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26)

From the Paymaster at Voza-
From Mr Gregory —gapatam, stating, that in conformity to the
Orders of Government, he has received Colls Bidding,
&c as p inclosed List, from the Surgeon of that
Settlement, on account of the Honorable Company,
with their Pecan annexed—

From Vizagapatam requesting
From Vizagapatam permission for Mr Gregory to proceed to the
Presidency—

From Colonel Corby, advising
that the Storehouses at Palamcotah have
From Lt Corby sustained considerable Damage by the late Storm,
& require repairing, previous to any Grain being
lodged in them—

From Captain Montgomery
From Capt Montgomery stating the want of Storehouses, and the Repairs
necessary

5 necessary for the Garrison of Angole –

From Captains Abbot & Bruce

From Captains Abbot and Bruce, stating their Services, and soliciting for the Command of a Battalion of Sepoys –

From Gen.l Horne

From General Horne, enclosing the Engineer's Report of the State of the Granaries in the Garrison of Trichinopoly.

From Mr Falk

From the Paymaster at Trichinopoly, stating, that the Accounts of his Office have been regularly transmitted to the Military Paymaster General, and that he will pay due attention to the Orders of the 17th Ultimo –

From Ganjam

From Ganjam, stating, That the Company are likely to sustain a considerable Loss, if Mr Cochrane is permitted to retail Arrack in that District –

From Capt.n Flint

From the Commandant at Madura, advising that the Nabob's Manager has received an Order to pay to the Paymaster 26,000 Pagodas, to enable him to lay in a Stock of Grain –

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From the Commanding Officer

From Cob. Stuart

at Tanjore, enclosing the Engineers Report of the Granaries in that Garrison —

From Cadets appointed in

From Cadets appointed in England in 1777

England in 1777 — requesting to take Rank of those that were appointed the same Season in the Country —

From Cornet Mackay. stating

From Cornet Mackay

his having been in the Kings Service, & requesting superior Rank on that occasion —

From the Commandant at

From Capt. Mapey

Chandernagpurry, replying to the Complaint alledged against him by the Nabobs Manager of Interference in the Revenue of the Country —

From Mr Digby, will

From Mr Digby

chearfully obey the Orders of Government, as soon as the Balance due to him is authenticated by Mr Commissioner Jackson —

From the Commandant

From Capt. Hunt.

at Madura, advising that the Granaries must be repaired previous to Grain being lodged in them —

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Received the following Letters

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6.

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor and Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

From Bengal, General Horne & Captn Bates Claim to a participation of the Indulgence granted by the Governor General & Council to those who suffered Captivity in Mysore, inadmissible

We have been honored with your Letter of the 26th January, enclosing Copies of Letters addressed to you by Brigr Genl Horne & Captn Bate in consequence of the Resolutions which we have adopted respecting the Officers late Prisoners in Mysore

We have every wish to attend to the applications of an Officer of General Horne's Merit, but as our Resolutions made no provision for those who were captured by the Arms of His Most Christian Majesty, & our Compliance with her present Request would produce a variety of Applications of a similar Nature we are obliged to decline it.

The Circumstances of Captn Bates Case appears to us very unfortunate, but, as they do not include him specially among the Objects of our Resolutions, we cannot yet agree to his benefiting by them -

We have the honor to be &c &c

Fort William
Secret Department
4th April 1786.

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

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.
President & Governor &c. Council
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Her Highness the Nabobi Nail.

From Gen.l Horne the Nabobi Manager stops the Circulation of the new Cully Fanams coined by Mr Irwin, by which the Troops will suffer consi=derable loss=

Mahomed Jaffeir Khawn, having publickly cried down, & stopped the circulation of that Species of Fanams denominated the new or Mr Irwins Cully Fanams, it is incumbent upon me to address your Honble Board on this Subject - In consequence of public notification of this resolution of the Circar. several of the native Troops applied to me & repre=sented the loss they would sustain thereby, & having many of them in their possession since last payment - I have therefore taken upon me in the mean time to order the native Troops to get their Fanams examined by Sproffs. & to report to their Commanding Officers, the number of that kind now cried down, which they may have, & I have directed the Paymaster, to take measures with the Nabobs Nail to get them exchanged in such manner, that they may suffer no loss - But as I appre=hend the Officers and others may have conside=rable numbers remaining from former paymts which it would be extremely hard for them to lose, I am to request that Instructions may be sent by your Honble Board on that head -

Head Quarters of the Southern forces Trichinopoly 1st of May 1786 -

I am with Respect &c &c

/Signed/ Matw Horne

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To John Chamier Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir

From the Paym.r at Trichinopoly on the same Subject —

The Cask of Pagodas ordered by Gov.r
-vernment from Palamcotah having been remitted
to me in the Janams of that Country, I have now
remaining 10,000 Pag.s worth of them, which with
the 5000 Star Pagodas, ordered to be sent from Tanjore
would I flattered myself have enabled me to compleat
the payment now to be made to the Cantonment.
— but I am sorry to inform you that an order from
His Highness the Nabob was yesterday received by
his Representative here, and this day published
throughout the Town, forbidding the future
currency of this Coin, which be pleased to com-
-municate to the Honble President & Council —

I have made known to Mr.
Hudleston the predicament this unexpected Event
has occasioned me — that he may, if he is authorized,
and the state of his Treasury will enable him, to
remove it —

Those Janams being no longer
of the least utility here, I shall return to Mr. Torin
& as I expect that in consequence of General Harris's
Orders published this day, a tender will be made
to me of such as may be in the possession of the
Troops

6th Troops. I request you will transmit to me the pleasure of the Honble Board how I am to act on such an occasion - In the mean time, as I conceive it to be its intention that the Soldier should be no sufferer by this occurrence, I shall exchange such as he may be in posession of, & receive from me as pay, after having compleated the Payment - which I am in hopes of effecting, should not Mr Hudleston be able to assist me -

I have the honor to be &c &c

Trichinopoly
1st May 1786

/Signed/ Tho. Palk

Paym.r

Resolution in consequence of the foregoing Letters -

In Consequence of the contents of the foregoing Letters from General Horne and Mr. Palk, a Letter was immediately written to the Resident at Tanjore, to accept Mr. Palk's Bill upon him to the Amount of Tenthousand Pagodas /10,000/ if his Treasury will enable him - But should his funds be inadequate, he must advise Mr. Palk of the same, who has been directed in that Case, to draw upon the Presidency - /Vide the Miscellany Book No.r 27 2d/ -

&c

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

Saturday
6th May
1786.

Alexander Davidson Esqr.

James Henry Casamajor Esqr.

Lieut General Sir John Dalling

indisposed –

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved

The President delivers in the

following Minute –

Having examined the State of the Treasury on the 1st of May, as mentioned in my Minute of the 5th Instant, in the Civil Department, I have thought it my duty, to investigate the State of our probable Receipts and Issues for the two ensuing Months, in order to form a Judgement, how far we may, with safety, discharge the Claims of the Nabobs Creditors; without impeding the other necessary proceedings of Government – Copy of a State, so made up, I now lay before you, by which you will see, that our probable Receipts, exceed our necessary Expenditures, Pags 1 3. 55. 236. –

President's Minute specifying the Receipts & Disbursements for the two ensuing Months – & recommending that the Residue of Cash paid into the Treasury towards the discharge of the Nabobs Debts be issued –

The

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The Balance of Money belonging to the Creditors of the Nabob, now remaining in the Treasury exclusive of the Company's Share amounts to ——— Pagodas 2,53,627.--

In which is included the proportion due to the Creditors in the Cavalry Loan, which the Nabob & the Creditors have not yet adjusted, amounting to ——— 34,531.--

Balance to be paid, supposing all the Dividends called for ——— } 2,19,096.--

After discharging this debt, there will be a Surplus of about a Lack of Pagodas in the Treasury, independant of additional Remittances from the Circars, and payments daily expected from the Nabob.

As it is evident, therefore, that we have the means of paying off the Creditors, we are bound in justice, as well as good Policy, to discharge their Claims without delay; especially as the necessity, which occasioned the detention of their Money, does at present no longer exist.

I beg leave, therefore, to move,

That the Secretary be directed to advertize, that the Residue of Cash, paid into the Honble Company's Treasury, towards the Discharge of the Bond Debts of His Highness the Nabob, will on the 20th of this Month be issued by order of Government.

Fort St George
6th May 1786

/ Signed / Archd. Campbell

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State of the Madras Treasury 1st May 1786, and Estimate of its probable Receipts and Issues from that time to 1st July 1786.

Balance in Cash, & in the Treasury this day as p Acct. taken in presence of the Governor	2,18,688	24	9				
Amount of sundry Sums deposited in the Treasury, & not carried to any particular Account	48,766	34	11				
Amount of Balance due upon accepted Bills in the Treasury	121,094	15	-				
		3,88,480	1	20	Civil Paymaster for April, May & June	13,950	"	"
Amount of Cash expected from Tanjore agreable to the orders transmitted to Mr. Huddleston		1,00,000	"	"	Military Storekeeper	15,000	"	"
Amount of Money expected from the Circars included in the Sum shipped at Manulipatam p Hanger		100,000	"	"	Super Intendant	1,500	"	"
Jaghire in two Months		44,000	"	"	Payments in part of Arrears due to Civil Servants	20,000	"	"
Home Farms in Do.		46,000	"	"		3,27,244	"	"
Sea & Land Customs Do.		4,000	"	"	Surplus of Receipts	3,55,236	1	20
		6,82,480	1	20		6,82,480	1	20
Surplus of Receipts		3,55,236	"	"				
Amount of Payments to the Nabobs Creditors, supposing the whole of the Demands settled	2,53,627							
The Creditors on the Cavalry Loan have not yet settled their Accounts with the Nabob, their Debt cannot therefore be called for, immediately it amounts to	34,531							
		2,19,096	"	"				
Probable Surplus after paying the Nabobs Creditors		1,36,140	"	"				

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The Board approve the Motion of the President, and it is accordingly Agreed that an Advertisement be published, notifying that the Residue of Cash paid into the Treasury towards the discharge of the Nabob's Debts, will be issued on the 20th Instant.

Agreed to.

Read the following Letter from Bengal.

From Bengal, requesting that no more foreign Deserters be entertained for their Presidency

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen.

The recruiting of the Corps of Foreign Rangers on this Establishment, being expensive and the Desertion from the Corps considerable, we have thought proper to resolve on not renewing the Contracts with the Men after the periods for which they are now engaged, and we request that no more Deserters may be entertained at your Presidency for Service in the Bengal Army.

We have the honor to be &c &c

John Macpherson
R. Sloper
John Stables
Chas. Stuart

/Signed/

Fort William
Secret Department
of Inspection
5th April 1786

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President &ca Council

at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

From Bengal, with respect to a Claim preferred on Genl Stuarts Accounts, and requesting Information thereon.

Mr William Balfour, on behalf of Major General Stuart, has transmitted to us some Papers explanatory of a Claim, which the General preferred to us, before his Departure for Europe, for Star Pags 9867/16 9 being the Expence which he had incurred by laying in a Store of Rice for the Public Service at Pulicat in the course of the year 1782, and for which he had the Sanction of the late Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote.

We have the honor to transmit to you herewith Copies of the Papers, and request that we may be favored with your Opinion on the justice of General Stuarts Claim, that it may be sent by an early Dispatch to the Honble the Court of Directors, to whom a Reference was made by us on the Subject on the 31st December 1780.

We have the honor to be &ca

John Macpherson

Wm Sloper

Signed / "

Chas Stuart

Fort William
Secret Department
of Inspection
5th April 1786.

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John Macpherson

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Fort William
Secret. Department
of Inspection
5th April 1786.

Signed /

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Chas Stuart

Agreed

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No more foreign Deserters to be entertained for the Bengal Presidency—

Agreed in Conformity to the request of the Governor General & Council that no more foreign Deserters be entertained for their Presidency—

With respect to the Claim made on General Stuart's Account / Vide the Miscellany Book No 32 / it is Agreed to request the Gentlemen at Bengal not to receive any applications in which this Presidency is concerned unless they come through the Channel of this Board— By an Observance of this mode, the Governor General and Council will always be furnished with every Information on the Subjects referred to them relative to this Presidency and further references rendered unnecessary—

Minute on Genl Stuart's Claim.

With regard to the Claim now before the Board, it is Agreed that the Records be examined, and that all the Information to be found thereon, be trans=
=mitted to Bengal—

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore.

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K. B:

President & Governor &ca Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Resident at Tanjore as to the Practice respecting the payment of duties in Tanjore, since it was garrisoned by the Company's Troops –

I have been honored with your Commands of the 20th Instant through Mr Secretary Chamier –

That I might be the better enabled to inform your Honor &ca as to the practice respecting the payment of duties in Tanjore since it was garrisoned by the Company's Troops I applied to Brigadier General Horne, who commanded here in the year 1777. to know what had been the practice in his time, & he acquaints me in answer that "to the best of his recollection the Troops stationed in the Garrison of Tanjore had permission to send into the Country to purchase a small quantity, of Grain, Curry Stuff &ca which being exempted from all duties, it became much more reasonable to the Troops than purchasing it in the Garrison" –

A short time before the commencement of the late War, Lieut. Col. Alcock commanded here in the absence of Lieut. Colonel Maclellan – his Dubash happening to be here at present, has been questioned on the Subject by my order, & answered, that the Sepoys then paid the Duties, & the only dispute was, whether

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Officers things passing through the Country should be subject to any -

The Rajah & his Minister positively deny that the Order of the 19th October 1784, or any order similar to it, was issued with his Excellency's concurrence, or knowledge - The late Resident Dubach declares himself ignorant of such an Order having been issued, & of any conversation on the subject having passed between Mr Sullivan & the Rajah, adding however that he remembers his Master directed him to request of the Minister to give up the Custom on Sepoys provisions but the Minister did not consent -

The same Person having served

Colonel Macleans, when he commanded here, I asked him respecting the practice at that time, and he replied that the Country being then in a much more flourishing condition than it is at present, the Minister was less rigid in exacting the duties, and he believes that the Sepoys sometimes did, and sometimes did not pay them -

Mr Swartz does not recollect that he interpreted at any conversation, between Mr Sullivan and the Rajah, on the Subject -

Mr Hepperley, the Senior Assistant here, and who officiated as Resident during the

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the Month of October 1784 in the absence of Mr Sulevan, does not recollect the Order in question, but thinks it probable that some verbal explana=tion may have taken place on the subject — with regard to the cause of the order being issued. Colonel Stuart, who commanded here at the time, informs me that the Rajah's people having de=manded Custom from the Sepoys bringing pro=visions into the Garrison / which the Colonel thinks they had not before been accustomed to pay / they complained of it to their Commanding Officer, who represented it to him as an hardship & requested redress — that he in consequence applied to Mr Sulevan, then the Company's Representative here, who he doubts not settled it at the Palace, that the Sepoys should not pay Custom, as from that time till the other day when he / the Colonel / made the application to me, he had received no Complaint of Custom being demanded.

Upon the whole from the various enquiries I have made, I incline to think that the Rajah has never given up his right to make the Sepoys pay duty in common with all others bringing Grain into the Fort of Tanjore, but that previous to the late War, he often relaxed in the exercise of it —

Tanjore
29th April 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c

/ Signed / J Hudleston

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It appears from the Information contained in Mr Rudlerton's Letter that the Rajah has never given up his Right to exact Duties from the Sepoys on the Grain brought in by them at Tanjore, and that if he consents to wave his Right, it must be considered as an Act of Indulgence, which he probably will not refuse, if he be told that the Measure will be agreeable to Government.—

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Resident be directed to apply to him on behalf of the Sepoys and to endeavour to procure his Acquiescence to their being permitted to bring in Grain duty free — Should his Excellency consent, Mr Rudlerton must be desired to make such Regulations in conjunction with Colonel Stuart as may prevent any abuses of his Excellency's Indulgence —

Do —

Read the following Letter from Manelipatam —

To

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K. B:

President & Governor &c. Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

By a Letter received from Captain Scouler we have Intelligence that a Detachment of Tippoo's were on their March to Nurgund, and that Tuchojee Holkar intended to engage him the 4th or 5th Ult. but Tippoo hearing of his intention thought proper to avoid him, & directly marched towards Hettoor – This it seems had given Holkar an opportunity to plunder a great number of Towns & Villages in Tippoo's territories, and to collect a vast quantity of valuable Effects, a large proportion of which he has sent to Perooram Bowr Capital. the Soubah of Vizjapour; Holcar is now on his March to Chittledroog, having left Gunnes Pundit on the frontier of Nurgund to defend the Passes, & has written pressingly to the Nanah to send a strong reinforcement to Gunnees Pundit, who has with him only his own Troops, & is from his Situation liable to be attacked by Tippoo's Detachment; It is said that a Vakeel has been sent from Seringa-patam to the Nizam, with great offers from Tippoo Sultaun if he will but remain neuter in the Disputes between him & the Mahrattas;

– Also

From Masulipatam a Detachment belonging to Tippoo avoids coming to an Engagement with Tuckoje Holkar, by which means the latter plunders several Villages – Bellum Conda, a Fort belonging to the Rajah Gondarow is subdued by Sir Iyng, & the Rajah taken Prisoner – The Sea Customer stops some Military Stores belonging to the French, requesting Instructions thereon.

- Also that the Nizam is to receive very largely from the Mahrattas for his Junction with them, a Lack and a half of Rupees when he marches, and half that Sum p Diem after their Junction - The Nizam has moreover demanded of them that Vizia poor should be made over to him for his assistance, and it is thought he is to have that Country on certain conditions - Since the 10th of last Month to the 22d they had only advanced about twenty Cos still on the South Bank of the Kistna, they are moving towards the City of Vizia poor, where every thing is to be finally adjusted between there Allys regarding their future operations - Tippoo Sultaun we are informed is yet at Seringapatam, & no talk of his leaving it - We are further informed that Seif Jung moved with his Army the 4th or 5th Inst & marched out of Vapreddy's Country, he then attacked Bellum Condah, a large Fort on a Rock, be- longing to the Rajah Gondarow who he has imprisoned; he took it the third day, & is now encamped at Vandawpillie waiting to receive the Tribute from Vapreddy -

By another Letter from Capt Scouler of the 28th Instant, we are informed that Tippoo Sultaun with a large portion of his Army, marched from Seringapatam the 9th Inst and it is said he proposes moving towards Balany

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or Gooty - He has releasd Commeradeen Cawn, Meer Saibi Son, and again taken him into favor, and given him the Commaine of 4000 Horse, with this Force, and Sally and his Party he has detached him to strike some bold Stroke against the Nizam and Mahrattas, while he with the main Army (which is daily encreasing) moves on more slowly - He further informs us that the Nizam and Mahrattas crossed the Kistna the 28th Ultº with all their forces, and on the 29th encamped at a place called Kuppitoungum Gaut, on the South Bank of that River - The Naunah immediately detached seven Thousand Men to take posession of some Towns belonging to Tippoo - It is reported also that Holkar some time ago detached Five Thousand Looty Horse towards the Cuddapah Country to plunder and destroy as many Towns as they could -

We take this opportunity to acquaint your Honor &c^a that our Sea Customer has detained four Bales of Sepoy Cloathing belonging to the French Ducrast and 32 Swordblades, belonging to a Banyan which have been imported at the Sea Gate;

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as We conceive these Articles to come under the description of Military Stores, We request your Honor &ca will favor us with your Commands respecting them—

Masulipatam
25th April 1786.

We have the honor to be &c &c

Mr Williams
Geo Westcott
/Signed/ W Dobbyn
Joseph Revell
Sam Statham

The Military Stores to be delivered up.

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam be informed that the Cloathing and Sword Blades being trifling Articles may be passed, with a Remark that it is not to be considered as a Precedent—

The Board of Masulipatam to report to Government the former usage at their Settlement in respect to the passing of Articles that come under the Description of Military Stores—

In order to ascertain with Certainty, the Line to be adopted in future, it is Agreed that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam be desired to inform the Board, what has been the usage in these points at their Settlement, & to define the Quantity & Quality of such Articles to the passing of which Objections ought to be made—

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Chief at Pulicat —

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.

President & Governor

of Fort St George

Honble Sir.

From the Chief at Pulicat, congratulating Sir Archebald Campbell on his Arrival, & requesting that a Deserter, supposed to have taken refuge at Madras may be delivered up —

It was with much Pleasure I ob-
-served by the Madras Courier, that your Honor had arrived & taken charge of the Government of Fort St George - I beg leave to express my Congra-
-tulations on the occasion —

I have the honor to inform you, that a Soldier of this Garrison, named Jacobus Jangen, a Native of Sluys in Staats Waandern, deserted yesterday - By the Cartel respecting Deserters, established between our two Nations in India, he must be secured, and returned hither, should he have taken refuge in Madras - I beg your Honor to be assured that in similar Cases I shall pay the utmost attention to any Repre-
-sentation you may make to me, & shall not fail to cause all Deserters to be delivered up that come under the description of those mentioned in the Cartel —

Pullicat
2d May 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c
/ Signed / W. Blaauhamer

Agreed to —

Agreed that the Search be made for the Dutch Deserter, & that he be immediately delivered up, should he be found within the Bounds —

Read

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Read the following Letter

from Mr James Taylor —

To the Honble Major General Sir Arch.d Campbell

K. B. President & Governor &.ca Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

On the 27th of January last

From Mr James Taylor, requesting to have a personal Communication with the Durbar for the adjustment of his Accounts —

I had the honor to address the Honble Board, requesting that I might be permitted for a short time to have a personal communication with the Durbar, for the purpose of adjusting some accounts, which from their long standing, and the Death of some of my Gomastahs employed in the collections previous to the War, were become very intricate, to which application I received the following Answer through Mr. Secretary Chamier — "That for the reasons which "I had given, the Board had consented to my "meeting the Nabobs Mootesseddies at the Com= "pany's Garden house, where I was to finish the "Settlement of my Accounts with as much exp= "dition as possible" — In consequence of the above Indulgence granted me by the Honble Board,

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I have had frequent Meetings, but find from the impediments, which are thrown in my way by the Mootesuddies, that there is no possibility of my Accounts settled without a personal attendance at the Durbar, I am therefore under the necessity of renewing my application to your Honor &c and as I have no other view in going there, but effecting a final Settlement of my Accounts, I trust your Honor &c will not hesitate in complying with a request, wherein my Interest, as well as that of many others is so materially concerned —

Fort St George
6th May 1786.

I have the honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ James Taylor

Minute thereon.

Although the Board are desirous of assisting Mr. Taylor in the Settlement of his Accounts with the Nabob, they never can permit him, or any other Person to go to the Durbar in defiance of the positive Orders of the Company — In order however to extend every possible Indulgence to Mr. Taylor, in whose Accounts so many are involved it is Agreed that he be allowed to meet the Nabob's Mootesuddies at D. Storeys, one of the Agents for His Highness the Nabob, in the same manner as lately practised at the Company's Garden House —

Read

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Read the following Letter entered in the Miscellany Book N.o 29-30-31/-

From Lieutenant Colonel Rigault, stating the want of a Guard Room, and Shed for the Artillery at the Mount, & recommending the same to be constructed -

From Lt Colonel Rigault.

Agreed that the Chief Engineer be directed to deliver in a Plan and Estimate of the Buildings stated to be necessary at the Mount in order that Orders may be given for the Erection of them -

Minute thereon

From Mr Floyer dated the 5th Instant requesting that the Balance (being Pags 1500/) of his Bill for the Commission at Pondicherry be discharged, and offering to take a Bill on Maulipatam for the amount.

From Mr Floyer

Agreed that a Bill on Maulipatam be drawn in favor of Mr Floyer for Pagodas 1500.

Minute thereon

From Colonel Rumbold, dated 25. Ult.o requesting that his Surgeon Mr Schmidt may be allowed to draw £1000 p Annum, as fixed to Surgeons in charge of principal Hospitals

From Col.o Rumbold

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in the new Arrangements lately received from the Court of Directors –

Agreed that Colonel Rumbold be informed that the new Arrangement refers entirely to the Company's Surgeons, and cannot therefore be extended to any of the Surgeons belonging to the Kings Regiments –

Minute thereon.

W. C. Jackson
Depy Secy

Arch. Campbell
Alex. Davidson
Jas. M. Casamajor

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7th Sent the following Letter to the Resident at Tanjore —

To John Huddleston Esqr.

Resident at Tanjore.

Sir.

To the Resident at Tanjore. his Conduct with regard to the French at Karical approved. To obtain the Rajah's acquiescence to the Sepoys being permitted to carry Grain into the Fort of Tanjore duty free, for the Consumption of themselves and Families only —

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters dated the 23d & 29th Ult.o & to inform you that your Conduct relative to the Complaints of the French at Karical, meets their entire approbation —

The Board are very desirous that the Sepoys at Tanjore should be indulged with permission to bring in small Quantities of Grain duty free, & they are of opinion that if their wishes are made known to the Rajah, he will waive the matter of Right, & grant the permission as an Indulgence to the Sepoys, which cannot fail of being agreable to Government —

You will be pleased therefore to urge his Excellency to a compliance, and if he acquiesces you will take such measures with Colonel Stuart as may be necessary to prevent any abuses, & to restrict every Sepoy to the quantity of Grain, which shall be judged sufficient for the Consumption of himself & Family only —

acquiesces

Fort St George
7th May 1786

I am Sir &c &c

/ signed / John Chamier Secy

Sent

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Sent the undermentioned Letters
(entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-)

To Mr James Taylor - The Board

To Mr Jas Taylor

consent to his meeting the Nabobs Mootesuddies at Dr Storey's in order to facilitate the Settlement of his Accounts.

To the Chief Engineer to lay before

To Col. Ross -

the Board a Plan & Estimate of a Building for a Guard Room at the Mount -

To Mr Floyer - the Balance due

To Mr Floyer

to him for his Commission to Pondicherry, will be discharged by a Bill on Masulipatam -

To the Cadets appointed in England

To the Cadets appointed in England for 1777

in the year 1777 referring them, in reply to their Letter of the 19th Ultimo, to Mr Secretary Ruddlerton's Letter of the 5. April 1783 -

To the Chief at Pulicat - Jacobs

To the Chief at Pulicat.

Jansen will be secured should he be found within these Bounds -

To Masulipatam - the Board's

To Masulipatam

consent to their passing the Sepoy Cloathing & Sword Blades belonging to the French, as they are trifling Articles, but must not be considered as a Precedent - To state what has been the Custom at their Settlement with respect to the passing of Military Stores.

To Cornet Mackay - As he was

To Cornet Mackay

appointed

7 appointed an Ensign in the Country, no Regulations respecting Cadetts named in Europe, can be deemed applicable to him —

To Colonel Rumbold — The late

To Col. Rumbold

Regulations for the Medical Department relate only to Company's Surgeons — The Request of the Head Surgeon of the Hanoverian Corps cannot therefore be complied with —

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To the Deputy Military Paym.r General — Captains Off Reckonings prior to the 1.st of January last to be liquidated by Bengal Certificates — subsequent thereto, by Company's Bonds —

To the D.y M.y Paym.r General —

Received a Letter from Captain

Masey, Comanding at Chandernagherry, stating the particulars of a Dispute between the Naglapetta and Morgal Polygars, and of the Steps taken by him in consequence, (Vide the Miscellany Book N.o 42) —

From Capt.n Masey

In Consequence of Application from some Gentlemen on Account of their Constituents, from whom they have not regular Powers of Attorney, upon which they can share in the Dividend on the Nabob's Bonds, the following Paper was drafted by the Secretary, and sent in Circulation —

Sentiments of the respective Members of the Board, in respect to the security to be given by the Agents of Gentlemen in England, previous to their receiving the Shares of the Dividends paid on the Nabob's Debts.

To

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To Messieurs Popham & Baker

Solicitors to the Honble Company

Gentlemen.

Several Persons acting here as Agents to Gentlemen in England without regular Powers of Attorney have applied for their Constitu=ents Share of the Dividends paid on the Nabobs Debts, & have offered to sign Bonds of Indemnifi=cation to enable them to receive the Money—

The Board being very desirous of accommodating Gentlemen in the above predica=ment, direct me to desire you will lay before them a Draft. of such Bond of Indemnification as may be proper to be executed on the occasion—

I am &c.

(Signed) John Chamier Secy.

The President & Commander in Chief observe upon the foregoing Draft, that they are clearly of opinion, no Dividend should be paid to any Person, even on a Bond of Indemnification, without a regular Power of Attorney is previously produced—

Mr. Davidson & Mr. Casamajor are of opinion, that a Bond of Indemnification, with two good Securities, would hold the Board harmless—

Ordered, in conformity to the Sentiments of the Majority, that the Accountant be directed to pay no Dividend to any Persons, who cannot produce regular Powers of Attorney—

The Accountant to pay no Demands, except regular Powers of Attorney are produced

Sent

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9th Sent the following Letter to the Com=
=mittee for investigating the Nabobs Debts=

To Messieurs Garrow
Webb
&
Landon

Gentlemen

To the Committee for investigating the Nabob debts, to calculate the Sum due upon the Bonds that have relation to the distribution of the Residue of the Sum to be issued on the 20th Instant.

I am directed by the Board to inform you, that they have resolved to issue on the 20th Inst. the Residue of Cash received from Her Highness the Nabob on account of his Creditors, being Pags 3.50,000=

You will be pleased therefore with =out loss of time to calculate, & send to the Accountant the Sum which is due upon every Bond, agreably to the proportions specified in my letter of 28th March last

Fort St George
9th May 1786

I am &c
(Signed) John Chamier Secy

The Board having come to the Resolution of issuing the Residue of Cash received into the Treasury on account of the Nabobs Debts, direct, that the following Advertisement be published in the Madras Courier

Fort St George 9th May 1786.

Notification to the Nabobs Creditors that the Residue of the Dividend of 3½ Lacks will be issued from the Treasury on the 20th Instant.

The Honble President & Council are pleased to notify, that there will be a Dividend at the Treasury to the Nabobs Creditors on the 20th Inst: of Pagodas Three Hundred & fifty Thousand (3.50.000) on the same manner & agreeably to the same pro=portions, as the Dividend made on the 1st Ulto=

By Order of the Honble President & Council=

(Signed) John Chamier Secy.

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At a Consultation, Present

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

Tuesday the 9th May 1786.

Alexander Davidson Esqr.

James Henry Casamajor Esqr.

Lieut General Sir John Dalling indisposed

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved -

Read the following Letter

from the Hospital Board, with their Proceedings.

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Co Council

From the Hospital Board - with application for a Secretary - Representation of Mr Gahagan in regard to disappointment, in rank - Requisition of Mr Harris to proceed to Bengal - appointment of Surgeons to the different Stations, Regiments & Brigades - Recommendation for fitting up Store

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Although We are directed to lay our Proceedings before the Honble President & Council once in three months, yet as the Business at present before us, requires your Attention - We beg leave to submit our Proceedings of the 28th 29th & 30th Ult.o to your Consideration

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Store Rooms at places for the reception of Europe Medicines; the Assistant Surgeons to take charge of them with no additional Salary - Observations on Bazar Medicines - proposal for the continuance of the present Contract between the Company and the Surgeons; Remarks of Government on the above -

Madras
1st May 1786

Consideration that such Passages as shall meet with your Approbation, may be published in General Orders -

We have the honor to be,
with much Respect,
Honble Sir and Sirs, &c &c.

Ja.s Anderson
/Signed/ Colley Lucas
Thos Davis -

Hospital Board

April 28th 29th & 30th 1786

× Government's Remarks

× The President & Council approve Mr. Berry being appointed Secretary to the Hospital Board, & desire the Members composing the Hospital Board, will specify what they consider to be an adequate Allowance to him for that Station -

Read a Letter from the Mil.y Secretary, under date the 26th Instant informing us that the Honble President & Council had approved our Resolutions of the 19th Inst:

As We find the Business at this Board is very extensive, & our time much taken up in the Avocations of our profession: Agreed that we write the Honble President & Council in behalf of a Secretary to the

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the Hospital Board, & that we recommend Mr Berry Assistant Surgeon to fill that Employ, with such an Allowance as the Honble President & Council may judge proper, and Mr Alexr Mein to relieve Mr Berry at the Cantonments.

Our Proceedings of the 19th Instant, having been approved, in which we recommended that House Rent should be allowed Mr Casamire as Deputy Apothecary, in order that the Quarters he now occupies may be vacated for the accommodation of the General Hospital Mates.

Agreed: that he be written to, to provide himself with a House immediately, and leave the Hospital Quarters, as soon as possible - at any rate before the 1st of June -

Read a Letter from Mr Gahagan, Surgeon at Vellore, stating the hardship he labours under from disappointment in Rank, which he supposes to have been a Mistake, & desiring that his Letter might be laid before the Honorable President & Council -

Agreed

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The Hospital Board are fully competent to decide upon the pretensions of Gentlemen in the Medical Line in point of Merit & Seniority..

Agreed that Mr. Gahagan be ~~acquainted~~ to assuring him that every Justice will be done to his Pretensions in the Service, & his Seniority duly attended to according to the Rules of the Service, but that we decline forwarding his Letter to the Honble President & Council.

Read a Letter from Mr. Harris Assistant, requesting we would intercede with the Honble President & Council, for leave of absence to Bengal in order to effect some particular business there.

Agreed that as his Business is avowedly to benefit the public, & as Mr. Harris proposes to return without any unnecessary delay, we do recommend him for leave of absence to Bengal accordingly.

Approved by the President & Council.

Agreed to appoint Mr. Sinclair to Manulipatam Mr. White to Tanjore, & Mr. Turing to Vellore General & Field Hospitals to Messrs. Duffin, Benny, Pringle, & Simpson to the four European Regiments.

The Hospital Board may recommend, but cannot appoint Surgeons, or Surgeons Assistants to any particular Department.

The President and Council having heard that Mr.

Mess.rs

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Mr. Sinclair is reduced to a State of Inability, from constant bad Health, they are led to expect, that his Seniority in the Medical Line will not entitle him to the recommendation of the Hospital Board, to a Station of such trust & responsibility as that of Head Surgeon to the General Hospital at Masulipatam, where the Lives of many valuable Subjects must necessarily be committed to his Care - the Medical Board are therefore directed to reconsider their recommendation of this Gentleman, & if the Reports of his extreme ill Health are well founded, they direct that they will, without hesitation, recommend the next most deserveing Surgeon to fill that very confidential Station -

As the Regulations of the Court of Directors do not specify any particular Arrangement for Brigade Surgeons, the Hospital Board are directed to keep strictly to the Honble Company's Orders & Instructions, in regulating their future Recommendations respecting the Medical department, and no Innovations in the general plan can possibly be admitted.

Messrs Nicol Mein Gahagan, Weston, Ferguson, Ferrier, Howel to the 6 Brigades of Native Infantry, and that they be written to accordingly.

As it is the positive order of the Court of Directors, that Regimental Surgeons shall succeed to Hospitals - Agreed to recommend to the Honble President & Council, to publish in General Orders that all Surgeons, whom we may nominate

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The Paragraph relative to Surgeons declining specifick Appointments. Approved.

nominate to the different Regiments & Brigades will on declining their appointments forfeit their pretensions to succeed to Hospitals in Rotation.

Taking into Consideration the Tenth Article of our Instructions, we are of opinion, that an application to the Honble President & Council cannot be made too early respecting the necessity of having proper Store Rooms fitted up for the reception of Europe Medicines at Masulipatam, Vellore, & Tanjore, the places approved of for fixed or General Hospitals from whence the Troops in those Districts are to be supplied agreeably to the Intentions of the Honble Court of Directors, when they say, that to the oldest Hospital Mate shall deliver out to the Regimental Surgeons &c. of the District, such Medicines as shall be approved of by the Head Surgeon of that Hospital for the time being: and that for his responsibility and

Approved; and the Secretary of the Council is directed to order proper Store Rooms to be prepared for the purpose —

The President & Council approve of the recommendations of Messrs Thomson, Lord, Steuard & Miller; & that 30 Pags per Month be annexed to their respective Situations, as Senior Mates to the prin= =cipal Hospitals at Madras, Vellore, Manulipatam, & Tanjore.

and Charge he shall have a suitable Salary. Agreed that Mr Thompson be ap= =pointed to Madras Hospital, Mr Lord to Vellore, Mr Steuard to Tanjore, & Mr Miller to Manulipatam, and to take charge of the Medecines there and that as much trouble will attend these Employs we recommend a Salary of thirty Pagodas p Month be annexed to the Employs=

The President & Council observe that as it is an established principle in the Regulations of the Honble Court of Directors for their Hospital De= =partments in India, that the Head Surgeons of Hospitals are to have no concern in the pur= =chase of Medecines, Pro= =visions, Necessaries, or Articles of any description which may be wanted for the Hospitals: and as the Head Surgeons are considered by the Court of Directors, as the only proper Officers to control & check every abuse, which may be attempted in the Supply of these Articles to their respec= =tive Hospitals, and for which purpose they have given

But in no part of our Instructions is there any mention made of what are called Buzar Medecines, & which has repeatedly been the Subject of much Contro= =very & much unnecessary Expence; but at the same time as Essential a Requisite in the practice of Physick & Surgery, as the Medecines sent out from Europe. In order therefore the better to ascertain, as well as to lessen the actual expence of this description of Medecines & the more Essentially to supply the Service with the Articles that fall under that description both fresh & good. Agreed, that instead of having them supplied by the

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given them very liberal appointments. The President & Council direct that an implicit attention to this principle shall henceforth be punctually given. If Country Medecines are indispensible, the Head Assistant Surgeon of each Hospital, shall purchase such as the Head Surgeon of the Hospital shall direct, & draw upon the Apothecary for the Amount, to whom he is to transmit his Accounts regularly every Month, accompanied with the order of the Head Surgeon for their purchase, as well as for their Expenditure; without which Vouchers, his Accounts can not possibly pass the Inspection of the Hospital Board, & consequently can never be approved or adjusted - The Apothecary at the Presidency is considered as the Chief Controller of the Accounts of Buzar Medecines.

All orders on the Subject of the Medical department will of course be sent to the Hospital Board -

the Apothecary at the Presidency has been the Case for some time past - We recommend a stated and fixed Allowance to be made every Surgeon in the Service agreeably to the annexed Plan and Statement which we conceive will not only meet with the approbation of the Medical Gentlemen, but prove at once a Saving to the Honorable Company and be of great Utility to the Service.

Finding that this Board have to take Cognizance of numberless arrangements, which frequently occur in the G.O. by Government

Agreed that we make a request of the Honble President & Council, that a Copy of all G. O. be sent to this Board, that no time be lost in carrying into effect every thing appertaining to the Medical Department -

Agreed

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The Purveyor must always attend the Hospital Board, whenever they may find it necessary to require his presence

The President & Council observe that this Request is contrary to the expres orders of the Honble Court of Directors, & cannot possibly be complied with – The Head Surgeons of Hospitals are to have no concern in Contracts. They are to give their whole Attention to professional duties, & to the Controul and Check of every abuse and Embezzlement, which may be attempted within the Sphere of their respective Hospitals –

Agreed that we request the Honble President & Council will be pleased to order the Purveyor to attend this Board, to receive Instructions relative to the Cloathing & necessary Servants & Nurses of the several General or fixed Hospitals –

Taking into consideration the 11th & 12th Articles of our Instructions, we find numberless difficulties arise between the Theory & Practical part of the orders conveyed to us respecting the united Interest of the Honble Company, and the languishing sick Soldier in a General Hospital, whose pay is beyond all doubt inadequate to that Relief we are anxious he should receive under our Care; and we are induced to believe, that no Purveyor whatever can victual the Sick of a General Hospital equal to the Surgeon, who has it in charge, & therefore We recommend that the present Contract subsisting between the Honble Company & the Surgeon should still exist, believing it to be as reasonable a one as can be adopted –

James Anderson
Colley Lucas
Thos Davis

/Signed/

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Statement

The Apothecary's Estimate of Bazar Medecines for the Month of May amounts to --- 1200 Pags

The Commissary General Charges for carrying the above 1200 Pags of Bazar Medecines to the different Stations will not be less than 150 Pags --- Total ... 1350 Pags

or Pagodas ---------- 1620 Pags

For the number of Troops now actually Employed on this Coast -

	Viz.	
1 Regt of European		263
2 Do	Do	301
3 Do	Do	308
4 Do	Do	297
2 Battalions of Artillery		744
European Invalids & Pensioners		699
Sepoy Serjeants		74
Cavalry Do		12
		2698
Commissioned & Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of His Majesty's Corps on the Coast		4424
		7122

Together with all the Native Corps - and every Station for a Surgeon as particularized in the Plan annexed ..

Plan

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Plan proposed -

To allow the Regimental Surgeon pro Rata 7 Pagodas
for every 100 Men sick or well in the Regiment.
For 4424 His Majesty's Soldiers amount -- 508 Pags
The Surgeons to the General Hospitals and
which upon a Medium will amount to
500 Sick - pro Rata 50 Pags for every hundred - 250
For 7 Brigades of Native Troops, each Brigade
20 Pagodas - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 140
Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Chingleput Cuddalore
Madura & Palamcotah each 20 Pags - - - 120
Samulcotah, Condapilly, Ingeram, Angola
Shekapoor, Nellore, Amboor, Permacoil,
each 15 Pags - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 120

Total 1138 ₱ Mo.
13656 ₱ Annum
or upon an average - - - - 13656 ₱ Annum
Balance in favor of this Plan - - - - - - } 2544 ₱ Annum

Agreed that the Observations & Directions above stated be sent to the Hospital Board, and that the necessary General Orders be issued. -

To be returned to the Hospital Board with the Remarks of Government -

The President lays before the Board the following Note from the Nabob on the Subject of keeping up a certain Quantity of Grain in the Garrisons of the Carnatick -

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President lays before the Board a Note from the Nabob as to keeping up a certain quantity of Grain in the Garrisons of the Carnatick.—

His Highness the Nabob Walajah Bahauder's real wish & Intention in respect to the Grain to be laid up in the several Forts, the propriety of which Measure His Highness is well convenced of, is that no Causes of Complaint or Dispute should arise between his Servants & those of the Company, His Highness therefore conceives it best that the Company's Servants should receive from those of the Circar, the quantity of Grain wanted at the Price, which it now bears in the respective Districts, & give Receipts for the same specifying the Price, & Quantity so received into their Charge—

When the Grain is to be exchanged at the next Season, the Nabobs Servants shall first deliver over to them an equal quantity with that to be exchanged, in new Grain, & then receive the Old Grain from the Company's Servants; & if more is wanted, it will be furnished at the prices, Grain shall then bear in the Markets—

The Board accede to the Nabobs

Approved. Propositions, & request the President will be pleased to notify their Acquiescence to His Highness.—

Read the following Letter as entered in the Miscellany Book N.o 43. 44.—

From Capt.n Lord William Murray. requesting that Half Batta from the 27.th

From Capt.n Lord William Murray. August 1784 to the 16.th October 1785 (being for the period during which he was at Arcot, though not returned in any Corps) may be discharged—

Minute thereon— Agreed in Consideration of

Lord

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Lord William Murrays particular Situation at Arcot during the period abovementioned, that his Claim for Half Batta be admitted -

Read a Memorial from Mr

From Mr Gahagan Gahagan, Surgeon at Vellore, stating that he has a Claim to higher Rank than he enjoys, & recapitulating his Services -

As all Applications similar

to the above, must come through the Channel

Minute thereon. of the Hospital Board, it is Agreed that Mr Gahagans Memorial be returned to him for that purpose -

W. C. Jackson
Dep. Sec.

" Arch. Campbell

" Alex. Davidson

" Ja. H. Casamajor

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Received the following Letter

To John Chamier Esq.

Secretary to the Military & Pol: Departm.

Sir

From the Paym.r at Palamcotah states the large Balance in his hands of bad Chuckrums; and the inconvenience resulting therefrom to the publick Service –

I have had the Honor to receive the orders of the Honble Board in your Letter of the 24.th April & have in consequence explained to the Military Paymaster General, the cause of delay in transmitting the Accounts of their Pay: = masterships

In a joint Letter from Colonel Sir Henry Oxby and myself, so long ago as the Month of March, I acquainted the Honorable Board with the inconvenience I met with, from the Exchange being yet unsettled between the Company and the Nabob, and as this impediment still exists, I hope I shall not incur their displeasure for only an apparent remissness –

I shall not fail to pay particu= =cular Attention to the orders of Government, respecting the Balance on the Score of Arrear to the 31.st of December last, and will immediately make application to the Military

Paymaster

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to Paymaster General for a Certificate to that Amount —

You will be pleased to inform the Honorable Governor and Council, that in consequence of the Nabobs order affecting the Currency of this Province, I have at length been under the necessity of following the advice of Colonel Sir Henry Cotby, and of receiving fifteen Thousand Chuckrums from His Highness's Ma= =nager for the Payment of the Troops, altho' I have still remaining 23,564. 1. 36 Chuckrums that are no longer Current — before this, I was obliged to borrow 5,432. 2. 27 Old Chuckrums for the exigence of the moment, to exchange the impassable Money in possession of the private Europeans, and to make up the Sums, for Madura and Trichinopoly — An Account also goes enclosed of the decried Fanams still in the hands of the Officers and Native Troops of the Cantonments — Should the Commanding Officer find it necessary to order these Fanams also, to be exchanged, before the Orders of Government arrive; I shall be obliged to take up another Sum from the Nabobs Managers equal to

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to the Amount - and I must trust to the peculiar and peculiar nature of these demands to excuse me to the Honorable Board for involving them in such Irregularities at a time when they have so considerable a Balance in hand.

Palamcotah
5th May 1786

I have the honor to be
Sir.
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
/Signed/ Benj.n Torin
Acty Paymr.

Statement of Bad Tanams given in by different Corps issued to them as Pay -

	Chuckrums	Fs	Cs
Colonel Sir Henry Coote	912	"	"
Lieutenant Walker	500	"	"
Of the Troop of the 1st Regt of Cavalry	477	"	"
7th Battalion	1300	"	"
19th Do	3664	1	"
20th Do	698	3	"
Total	7551	4	"

/Signed/ Jas. Oram
Major of Brigade

A true Copy
B. Torin
Acty Paymr

So

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To

To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Governor &ca Council

at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

We have the honor to enclose

From Bombay - Have no apprehensions for the Safety of Tellicherry.

Duplicate of our Address to you under 31st Ultimo -

We were a few days ago advised of the Request made to your Government, by the Honble Governor General & Council to supply Tellicherry with 7or 8000 Bags of Rice -

From the first of the Alarms at Tellicherry, we were never under any Apprehensions for the safety of that Subordinate: However, that nothing on our parts might be wanting for its Support & Security, during the approaching rainy Season, we have supplied them with a sufficient Stock of Money & Provisions to September with Ammunition & Stores to resist any Attack by the Malabar Princes -

By the latest Advices from there under the 29th Ultimo, every thing on the Coast wore the Appearances of Peace & Tranquility -

We have the honor to be &ca

Bombay Castle
Pol.y & Secret.l Departm.t
19th April 1786

(Signed) R.H Boddam
L. Nilson
Rob.t Sparks
Rich.d Church
Sen.r

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10 Sent the following Letters —

To Mr Secretary White.

To Mr Secty White no dividend to be made upon the Nabobi Debts to those who act as Agents without producing a regular Power of Attorney —

Sir

I am directed by the Honble President & Council to inform you, that no Dividend upon the Nabobi Debts is to be made to those Persons who are acting as Agents, unless they produce a regular Power of Attorney from their Constituents —

Fort St George
10th May 1786

I am Sir &c.

/Signed/ John Chamier Secy

To Messrs Garrow Webb & Landon.

To the Committee for investigating Nabobi Debts. to make up the Interest to the 31st Dect last upon each Bond in the Debt of 1767: a separate Receipt to be signed by every Bondholder for the same. The Surplus of the Dividend to be in part discharge of the Principal of that Debt —

Gentlemen

In addition to the Contents of my Letter dated the 9th Inst respecting the Dividend which is to be made to the Nabobi Creditors on the 20th Inst. the Board desire you will make up the Interest to the 31st December last upon each Bond in the Debt of 1767, & direct a separate Receipt to be prepared, & signed by every Bondholder for the Interest as above stated —

The Surplus of the Dividend will be in part discharge of the Principal of the Debt, and is to be expressed in the respective Receipts —

Fort St George
10th May 1786

I am Gentlemen &c &c

/Signed/ John Chamier Secy

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From the Superintendant of the Saghere -

To Col. Rumbold

In Consequence of an Application from the Superintendant of the Saghere for a Company or two of Sepoys to be stationed at Conjeveram during the Feast, Orders were despatched to Colonel Rumbold at Arcot to furnish them accordingly (Vide MB. Nos 44-45.)

Sent the undermentioned Letters (entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 46-47-48.)

To the Medical Board -

To the Medical Board, enclosing Copy of their last Proceedings with the observations of the Board thereon -

To Lord William Murray,

To Lord Wm. Murray

granting him an Allowance of Half Batta from the 27th August 1784 to the 16th October 1785, which he is to consider as an Act of Indulgence -

To Colonel Nixon, directing

To Col. Nixon

him to allot a proper Store Room for the reception of Europe Medicines in his Garrison, which are to be under the charge of the Surgeon -

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Received the undermentioned Letters entered in the MB. Nos 49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60.)

From Captain Patterson,

From Capt. Patterson

stating, that there are two Houses at Chicacole, which will serve as Granaries with the addition of some necessary Repairs -

From

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From Mr Commissioner Jackson.

From Mr Commr Jackson — concludes the examination of Accounts South to of the Colroon. & requests permission to come to the Presidency—

From Captain Sale, states a

From Capt Sale — Complaint preferred to him by the Hillidar of Dist: = nahgerry of a Robbery in his Neighbourhood. by some People belonging to Amboor. — sends a Party to apprehend them —

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From Mr Falk

From Mr Falk will exert himself to the utmost in carrying the orders of Government into execution, relative to storing Trichinopoly with Grain —

From the Resident at Tanjore

From Mr Huddleston — will lose no time in forwarding 100000 Pags to the Paymaster of Trichinopoly, agreeably to the Order of Government —

From Mr Burke, enclosing a

From Mr Burke — Bill for Pags 2184, for subsisting the Horses &c of the 23d Regt of Light Dragoons, & requesting the order of Government thereon —

From Captain Montgomery

From Captain Montgomery — enclosing the Engineers Report, of the Granaries at Samulcotah —

From Lt Rop, requesting permission for Captain Trapaud to proceed to England for three Years on half Pay agreeably to the orders of the Company —

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From the Paymr at Madura

From Mr Johnson — stating, that his Garrison is paid up to the 1st Instt: and

14. & that his Accounts have been forwarded to the Milty Paymr Genl Office up to December 1785..

From Col. Nixon, states that the

From Col. Nixon

Medecine Godown belonging to the Hospital is fit for the reception of Europe Medecines, & will contain as much as the Garrison of Vellore can possibly require. Reports the Strength & Situation of the Bangalore Army, commanded by Commeradien Cuon –

From the Paymaster at Chingleput

From Mr. Jones

will pay due attention to the Orders of Govern= =ment in regard to storing his Garrison with Grain –

15. From the Paymaster at Madura

From Mr. Johnson

on the same Subject, and recommending different Articles to be laid in as a Garrison Stock –

Sent the following Letters

entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 61. 62 63. 64. 65../

To Mr. Commissioner Jackson.

To Mr. Commissione= Jackson..

with permission to visit the Presidency..

To Mr. Welch. to issue their

To Mr. Welch

full Pay to Captain Bonnevaux's Battalion, to enable them to provide Rice –

To Mr. Gahagan. all Applic=

To Mr. Gahagan

=cations from the Medical Department, must come to Government thro' the Channel of the Hospital Board

To

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To the Military Board, to give their opinion upon a Letter from Major Cookes Attorneys on a Claim of their Constituent for Pay &c. - a Letter from General Horne, with a Memorial from Supernumerary Ensigns; & an Application from Ensign Evans for Repairs of Quarters at Arnee -

To the Military Board -

To the Chief Engineer, with permission for Captain Lieutenant Trapaud to proceed to Europe on half Pay -

To Col. Kyd -

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Dispatched the following

Letter to Bengal -

To the Honorable John Macpherson

Governor General &c. Council

at Fort William

Gentlemen

To Bengal; in respect to General Stuarts Claim on account of Rice laid in by him at Pulicat

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters dated 5. Ultimo, from your Secret. Department, & Secret. Departm.t of Inspection

We beg leave to enclose Extracts from our Records on the Subject of General Stuarts Claim on account of Rice laid in by him at Pulicat, & to inform you that altho' it appears the General proceeded without authority from this Government, yet as We are unwilling to believe that he was actuated by any other motives than

16 than those of forwarding the Publick Service.
We hope you will represent his Claim in a favorable manner to the Court of Directors.

We take this opportunety of sug-
-gesting to your Board that We conceive the Publick Service would be forwarded to greater advantage, if you were to decline receiving any Application in which this Presidency is concerned unless such Application is made to you through the Channel of this Government; By an obser-
=vance of this mode you would at once be furnished with all the Information We can give, and any further References would be rendered unnecessary.

In Conformity to your Direc
=tions, We shall cease to entertain any foreign Deserters for your Presidency.

Fort St George
14th May 1786

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
/Signed/ Archd Campbell
Jon Council
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Fort St George 16th May 1786

At a Consultation Present

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

Tuesday 16th May 1786

Lieut General Sir John Dalling Bart.

Alexander Davidson Esqr

James Henry Casamaijor Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved -

The President delivers in the following Minute -

The Honble Court of Directors having ordered in their Letter of 21st September 1785 that one of their Civil Servants below the Council should succeed to the Office of Military Storekeeper three Months after the receipt of their Letter at this Presidency; I beg leave to propose, that Mr Petrie Esqr be appointed to succeed Mr Scotney as Military Storekeeper -

President's Minute recommending Mr Petrie to the appointment of Military Storekeeper on the Resignation of Mr Scotney -

The honorable manner in which Mr Petrie has discharged the various im= portant Stations committed to his charge by this Government, bear such unquestionable proofs of his Merit & Abilities, that I flatter myself no argu= ments are necessary on my part, to induce the

Board

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Board to approve of the recommendation I offer in his behalf; I shall therefore only remark, that as I know not a Servant better qualified to discharge the Duties of this confidential Station there can be none, in my humble opinion, more deserving of the advantages arising from it —

I should however do great Injustice to Mr Scottney, did I not embrace the present occasion of declaring publickly to this Board, that from every Enquiry I have made into his Conduct as Military Storekeper, he has uniformly discharged the Duties of that Office, with great Justice to the Com: -pany, and infinite honor to himself.

/Signed/ Archd Campbell

Agreed that Mr Petrie be appointed Military Storekeper, and that Mr Scottney be directed to deliver over charge

Agreed. of the Employ to him —

Read the following Letter from Bengal

To

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To the Honble Alexander Davidson Esqr

President &c Council

at Fort St George

Gentlemen

From Bengal directing that the 7th Regt of Dragoons be made complete with Horses - Colonel Floyd to have the preference of purchase; enclosing letter from their Mily Storekeeper, in regard to Stores to be supplied from Bengal -

The Commander in Chief has acquainted us in his place, at a meeting of the Board, that you are in want of certain quantities of Mily Stores to enable 8000 Men on your Establishment to take the Field, & that His Majesty's Regt of Light Dragoons is very incomplete in Horses -

It is much our wish that this Regiment should be kept complete and We therefore request that you will give the necessary Orders for this purpose - We also strongly recommend that the supply of Horses to fill the Vacancies, & to replace those that are unserviceable, may be entrusted to Colo Floyd, for we have an high opinion of his judgement, & his reputation, is particularly staked in the Service of the Regiment he commands. We consider it proper however to limit the Sum that shall be allowed to Colo Floyd to supply the casualties of the Regiment in Horses to that which was given by this Government to Sir John Burgoyne, & although the present State of our Finances does not admit of much supply to your Presidency in addition to that which has already been afforded to it, we consent to your

draining

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drawing on us in Certificate for the necessary Expenditures upon this occasion -

In respect to Military Stores We will supply you with such as can be spared upon your making a specific demand for them and that you may be apprized of the kinds and quantities of Europe Stores not immediately necessary to our own use We have the honor to enclose a List of them; but we beg leave to observe that nothing but unavoidable necessity should induce you to apply to us for Articles that can be made up at cheaper Rates in the Carnatic than in Bengal, or at least that will be attended with a less ultimate Expence after calculating the Charge of freight and making due allowance for the risk of Conveyance -

We are Gentlemen &c &c

Fort William
Genl Department
21st April 1786.

John Macpherson
Ro Sloper
John Stables
Chas Stuart
/ Signed /

P. S. Instead of the List above alluded to. We enclose you Copy of a Letter from our Commissary of Stores on the subject. -

To

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To the Honble John Macpherson

Governor General & the Supreme Council

Honble Sir & Sirs.

I am honored with your Commands directing me to report what part of the Stores included in two Indents received from Madras, may be spared from the Supplies from Europe for this Settlement by the Ships of this Season -

I have in consequence the honor of reporting to the Board, that the only parts of the Stores indented for, that can be expected from Europe are the Drum & Fife cases. & as those Articles are made in this Country sufficient for all the purposes of the Settlement. Those expected from Europe may be landed at Madras without a probability of feeling a want of them on the Arsenal -

Every other Article of the Indents is made up in this Country -

Fort William
25th April 1786.

I am with the greatest respect &c

/Signed/ C. R. Deare
Comm.y of Stores

A true Copy
W. Brunes
Secy

Received

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Minute thereon.

Resolved that an Offer be made to Colonel Floyd to supply his Regiment, and the Casualties of it with Horses, agreeably to the recommendation of the Governor General and Council, with Information that he will be paid by Drafts or Certificate upon the Bengal Government.

Advertizement to be published for supplying the Native Cavalry with Horses.

Resolved also that an Advertize=ment be published notifying that sealed Proposals will be received on or before the 15th of next Month for supplying the Native Ca:=valry with Horses at six Months Credit.

The President lays before the Board the following Account of his Procedings with the Durbar, with the Papers accompa:=nying it, entered in the Miscellany Book No. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72.

President communicates to the Board his proceedings with the Durbar in respect to the Southern Exchange.

The President has the honor to report to the Board, the Communications which he has had with Amer Ul Omrah, upon the Affairs of His Highness the Nabob, since their last Meeting.

Upon the 10th Instant His Highness sent a Complaint against Mr. Torin for stopping some of his Couriers at Palamcotah

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Palamcotah; which the President communicated to Mr Torin, desiring to know how far the charge was well or ill founded, and requesting that all interference with the Nabobs people might be avoided, unless when the Company's Affairs rendered it absolutely necessary. Copies of the Papers that passed between the President & the Amer on this Subject, & of the President's letter to Mr Torin, are laid before the Board.

The President communicated to the Amer, what he had written to Mr Torin, & at the same time urged His Highness to come to a decision upon the unsettled business of Exchange at Trichinopoly – After some Correspondence, which is now laid before the Board, had passed upon this Subject, His Highness the Nabob Wallaujah consented that the business should be concluded & the Exchange settled upon the same plan as was agreed on, for the Tinnevelly Country – Namely, that the decried Fanams in the hands of the Paymaster & also in the hands of the Troops in Trichinopoly, not exceeding two Months pay, should be sent back to Palamcotah, and there exchanged for Current Fanams –

And that all former Payments shall be carried to the Credit of the Nabob, at the same rate, as they were issued to the Troops; by which means the Nabobs as well as the Paymasters Accounts, can now be stated up without delay –

The

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The Secretary has been already di-
-rected to communicate the Arrangement concer-
-ning the Exchange to the Paymasters-

The Board will observe by the
Card from His Highness the Ameer of the 12th Instant,
that he still persists in his charge against Mr.
Irwin of coining Base Chuckrums - The President
has therefore urged the Ameer to pursue the
Plan formerly agreed on, of bringing ten of the
Fanams coined by Mr Irwin's orders to the Madras
Mint, to be assayed. & the President hopes the
Ameer will comply with his Wishes in this respect,
as he thinks it very unfair that any such charge
should be suffered to stand against so respectable
a Servant of the Company, without bringing the
matter strictly to the Test.

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Agreed that Mr Irwin be
directed to send Ten of the Chuckrums coined
during the Superintendance of Mr Irwin, in
order that an Investigation of the Nabobs
Complaints on that Subject, may take
place -

Mem: de Thuron

Read the following Letter
from the Military Board -

To

904 Fort St George 16th May 1786

To Major General Sir Archd Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &c &c &c Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Military Board, recommending that the Muster Master General be directed to lay before them a general Return of Troops &c. every six Months. Storekeepers an account of Grain &c. under their charge every three Months. That they be permitted to have recourse to the Records of the Committee of Stores, & that their Secretary be allowed an Office.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of Instructions, dated the 28th Ultimo, and to assure you that nothing in our power shall be wanting towards an immediate & effectual execution of your Orders.

And as your Honble Board has therein been pleased to direct that the Military Board shall examine into the State of the Troops, & report whether the Muster Masters Proceedings are regular, & accurate, We beg leave to submit to your consideration, whether it may not be necessary that you should send Orders to the Muster Master General, to lay a general Return of the Troops, Lascars, Artificers, Bullocks &c. before the Military Board, every six Months, to be compared with the Returns of the Adjutant General.

Your Honble Board having also thought proper to order, in those Regulations, that the Military Board shall examine into the State, both in quantity, & quality of the Company's Provisions lodged in the Forts, Granaries, and Garrisons, under the Presidency, & report the

State

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State thereof to the President & Council upon the first day of every Quarter, we take the liberty of requesting your Honble Board to issue the necessary Orders, to the Military Storekeeper, & other Officers at the Presidency, and also, to the different Store=keepers, Grainkeepers, and other Officers, at the Forts, Posts, Granaries, & Garrisons, under the Pre=sidency, to deliver in to the Military Board, proper & regular Returns of Military Stores, Grain &c.a, to whom also, they should afford every Information their Board may require, concerning the Stores, & Grain, under their charge.

As it appears to us that per=mission to examine, & have recourse to the Records of the Committee of Stores, will become absolutely necessary in the course of our Proceedings we beg leave to submit to your consideration whether it may not be necessary for your Honble Board to direct the President & Members of the Committee of Stores, to furnish the Military Board with their Records, whenever they may be required=

And as we apprehend that the Records of the Military Board, may in time, become voluminous, we take the liberty of sub=mitting to the consideration of your Honble Board, whether it may not be requisite to allow Apartments, or Quarters in Fort St George, as an Office for the Secretary of the Military Board, in which

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which their Records may be safely kept, and all their public business transacted.

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13th May 1786

We have the honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ John Dalling
Hepper
Patrick Ross
John Rigault
James Pringtown
Henry Malcolm
Ja. Campbell

Agreed that Orders be issued for the regular transmission of the Reports demanded & that they be sent to the Military Board as soon as received.

Recommendations approved.

Agreed also that the Committee of Stores be directed to send their Records to the Military Board, whenever required.

Secretary to the Mil. Board allowed 25 Pags p Month for an Office.

With respect to an Office for the Secretary to the Military Board, it is Agreed that he be allowed to draw for 25 Pagodas p Month for that purpose.

Read the following

Letter from the Colonel and Officers of the 2Bd Regiment quartered at Chividimoordoo.

To

907 Fort St George 16th May 1786

To the Honble the President and Council

of Fort St George

The Memorial of His Majesty's 23d Regiment
of Light Dragoons -

Shewing,

That in consequence of General Orders the Regiment marched from San Thome to Cheviliamoordoo, the Station fixed for its Cantonment - The Barracks there, so far from being finished, were scarce begun, and probably will not be finished for some Months -

Memorial of the Officers of His Majesty's 23d Regt of Dragoons setting forth their Claim to Batta -

That the Tents of both Officers & Men are in general very indifferent, and some entirely bad -

That being thus literally in the Field, they conceive themselves entitled to Batta, - such having hitherto been the invariable practice - and is humbly presumed to be the Rule established by the Court of Directors -

That all Bazar Articles are dearer in Camp than elsewhere, owing to a Tax levied on the Articles bought of the more considerable Merchants in Conjeveram, to be retailed by inferior ones in the Bazar of the Camp -

The Officers in behalf of themselves & the Men under their Command, beg leave in the most respectful manner, to lay their Claims before Government in the persuasion that when these Circumstances

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Circumstances are considered, the Honble President &
C. will be pleased to order the usual allowance of
Batta, during the time the Regiment remains, as
at present encamped –

They beg leave to state – that the
Situation of this Regement, since its Arrival in
India, has been singularly unfavorable that
every other Regement received Batta, many of
them double Batta, while the 23d Dragoons
received Batta only from the 15. August 1783
to the 31st Janry 1786 – altho they were told on
leaving England that their Allowances were
to be equal to those of any Troops in India –

That this Memorial is pre:
-sented to the Honble President & Council, with
the Knowledge of the Commander in Chief and
with his Consent –

Camp at Cherilimoordoo
27th April 1786

{Signed}
J. Floyd Col.
Geo. Browne Captain
Nly Child Captain
Geo. Williams Lieut.
Tho: Howell Lieut.
Ans Abey Lieut.
W. Monteath Cornet
E. Whiteford Cornet
E Powelle Adjt.
Jas. Irwin Surgeon
Jos. Mayde Surs. Mate.

As

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Batta not allowed

A Writ is unusual to allow Batta to any Station between the Kistna and the Coleroon, the Board cannot comply with the Request of the 23d Regiment.

Read the following Report from the Committee appointed to ascertain the Claims of the Prisoners under the Nabobs Hyder Ally and Tippoo Sultaun with Statements lodged in the Office

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
President & Governor &c. Council
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Report of the Committee for ascertaining the Claims of Prisoners late in Mysore as to Batta while in Confinement.

Having agreeably to your Orders of the 1st January 1786 collected all the Claims to Batta of the Officers and Gentlemen who suffered Confinement under the Nabobs Hyder Ally Cawn and Tippoo Sultaun, and made ourselves acquainted with the manner in which the Corps they belonged to were stationed during the War, We have the honor to lay before you a Statement shewing the Name and Rank of the several Prisoners and the quantity of Batta each is entitled to according to the Instructions, received on the Subject from the Government

of

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of Bengal. We mean in so far as such Instructions could be applied to the particular Cases of Individuals — The Claims of those Officers, who were captured whilst in Command of Corps or Garrisons, whose Corps being entirely cut off & not reimbodied during the War as well as of those, who were not included in any particular Corps when taken or were returned in the European Battalion, whose Non. Commissioned and Privates were incorporated into the Bombay Establishment, appearing to us undeterminable by the Extract of the Bengal Letter transmitted for our Guidance We have ventured to affix opposite to their Names the Allowance of full Batta for the number of Days they were imprisoned, having reason to suppose that had they not been captured they would have continued in the Field, or on full Batta Stations during the War —

Upon Perusal of the enclosed Statement the Honorable Board will perceive that an ultimate adherence to the Orders from Bengal will not only occasion a material Difference in the quantity of Batta to be received by Individuals under similar Circumstances but absolutely exclude a number of meritorious Officers from partaking of the Indulgence in any Degree whatever: such

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such Distinctions we apprehend will tend to defeat the Liberal Intention of the Supreme Board by creating Jealousies and Discontent, on this Account as well as from a Conviction of the Deserts and Sufferings of the Gentlemen above alluded to. We take the Liberty of suggesting the Propriety and Justice of putting every Officer upon an equal Footing by allowing them full Batta for the respective Periods of their Imprisonment -

The Account of what is due to the Non Commissioned and Privates is in a great degree of Forwardness & shall be delivered to the Honble Board with the utmost Expedition -

We have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St George
13th May 1786.

John Elphinston
/ Signed / T T Lind
Ry Latham
B.y Close

Agreed that Copy of the Letter be sent to Bengal together with the Statement of the Sums due to each Officer..

Copy to Bengal

Read the following Letter from the Kings Paymaster General -

To

912 Fort St George 16th May 1786

To the Honble Major General Sir Archd Campbell

President & Governor &c. Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Rings Paymaster General with List of Demands from Non Commissioned Officers of His Majesty's 73d Regt requests orders thereon -

I trouble you with the List of Demands just come upon me - I am told they are regular; they have the Sanction of your Deputy Commissary General - I understand that the practice is to pay these Charges in the beginning of the Month for the whole - I see that the same Person charges as double Serjeant Major -

As I am not entitled to make any Issues without your Order, I await your pleasure -

I have the Honor to be &c &c

Madras 8th May 1786

[Signed] William Burke

73d Regement

2 Serjeants Majors Allowance for the Month of May		P. £. C Do - - -
2 Quarter Master Serjeants for Do		Do - - -
5 Drill Serjeants - - - - for Do		8 - - -
2 Drill Corporals - - - for Do		4 - - -
1 Drum Major for Do		1 28 -
2 Fife Majors for Do		3 14 -
Pay'd		33 - - -

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As it is unusual in England

to allow 2 Serjeant Majors &c.a to any De=

=tachment from the Kings Regiments, it is

Agreed to inform Mr Burke that the above

Charge cannot be admitted —

The Charges irre=
=gular and not
to be allowed —

Read the following Letters

(entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 73-74-75)

From Mr Porcher, enclosing

an Opinion from Messrs Spencer & Grierson,

stating that he is authorized from certain

Letters to receive Dividends on the Nabobs Debts

From Mr Porcher

on account of his Constituents, altho' not possessed

of regular Powers of Attorney —

Agreed that Mr Porcher

be informed that the Board do not see suffi=

=cient Ground to alter the Opinion they have

Minute thereon

given, that no Dividends should be paid to

any Persons, who are unable to produce regular

Powers of attorney from their Constituents —

From Mr Cockburn, the

Agent, stating that he has since the 1st of

From Mr Cockburn

May 1785 advanced certain Sums for the

Current Disbursements of his Office, and

requesting

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requesting that the Balance of such Advances being Pagodas 4384.44 may be discharged.

Agreed that the Balance due to Mr Cockburn as above stated, be discharged by Bills on the Northern Settlements — Viz.t one half upon Masulipatam one Quarter upon Vizagapatam, & the other Quarter on Ganjam —

Remitts thereon

From Mr Jackson, the Auditor

From Mr Comm.r Jackson —

dated 9th Instant, reporting that the Interest charged by Mr Sullivan's Attorney is a just Claim, & ought to be admitted —

Agreed conformably to the

Remitts thereon

Auditors Opinion that the Charge be allowed, and that the same be notified to Mr Hippesley the Acting Attorney to Mr Sullivan

The President acquaints

Bengal Certificates granted to Mr Scottney for Pag.s 4385.12.50.

the Board that Mr Scottney has applied to him for Certificates for Bengal Bonds in part discharge of the Balance due to him as Military Storekeeper — one Certificate for Pag.s 3965.12.50 — another for Pag.s 420 —

Agreed

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Agreed that Certificates for the above Sums be granted, agreeably to Mr Scottney's Requests.

" Arch: Campbell

Wm C. Jackson
Dep: Sec:y

" John Dalling

" Alex: Davidson

" R. H. Casamajor

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17th

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In Consequence of the Resolution of the Board, on Yesterday's Consultation, the following Advertizement is directed to be made publick

Fort St George 16 May 1786

Notice is hereby given, that the Honorable President and Council will receive sealed Proposals, on or before the 15th of June next, for supplying the Native Cavalry with Horses at six Months credit—

Advertizement for supplying the Native Cavalry with Horses—

The Horses to be warranted sound and from three to seven Years old

Ten Horses per Hundred for the Officers &c to be fifteen Hands or upwards, the rest to be fourteen Hands or upwards—

By Order of the

Honorable President & Council—

Signed John Chamier Secy

Sent the following Letter—

To

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17.

To Colonel Floyd

Commanding the 23d Regiment

of Light Dragoons

Sir.

I am directed by the Honorable President & Council to inform you that the Governor General & Council having recommended your being entrusted with the provision of Horses to complete your Regiment, and to supply the Casualties of it, upon Terms not exceeding those allowed to the late Sr John Burgoyne, the Board, in Conformity to the above Recommendation, now make the Offer to you, and direct me to signify to you that the Purchase Money for the Horses will be paid at the rate of 120 Pagodas for each Horse, by Drafts in Certificate upon the Bengal Government -

To Colonel Floyd
Proposal made to him for completing his Regt with Horses - the purchase Money to be paid by draft in Certificate on the Bengal Government -

In reply to the Memorial from your Regiment of the 27th Ultimo, I am directed to inform you, that the Board are under the necessity of declining an Acquiescence in the Request contained therein -

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17th May 1786

I am &c &c

(Signed) John Chamier
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Fort St George
17th May 1786

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Secy

To

918 Fort St George May 17th 1786

17.

To Mr Benjamin Torin

Acting Paymaster

at Palamcotah

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble Presi-

To Mr Torin to pay attention to the orders sent him of the 3d Inst: respecting the Exchange. To transmit her Accts regularly every Month & to remit to the Presidency Bon of the Chuckrums coined under the authority of Mr Irwin—

dent & Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 5th Inst: & to inform you that the business of the Exchange being permanently settled, as stated in my Letter of the 3d Instant, they expect every thing relating to the Payments will in future be transacted without trouble or irregularity

The Board also direct, that the Accounts in Arrear be forwarded without delay, & they expect that all your future Accounts will be regularly transmitted to the Presidency by the 25th of the succeeding Month.

The Nabob having repeatedly made representations on the Subject of the Gold Fanams coined by Mr Irwin which His Highness asserts to be of an inferior touch, the Board desire you will send to the Presidency Bon of the Chuckrums coined under the Authority of Mr Irwin in order that the matter may be investigated.

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17th May 1786

I am Sir &c &c

Signed John Chamier Secy

To

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To Lieut General Sir John Dalling Bart.

President

&c.a Members of the Military Board.

Gentlemen

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To the Military Board - Instructions will be given agreeably to the Recommendations contained in their Letter - Their Secretary allowed 25 Pags p Annum for an Office.

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

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17th May 1786

Signed John Shannon Secy

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To Mr Petrie advising him

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Fort St George
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To Mr Scottney directing him to deliver over charge of his Employ to Mr Petrie on or before the 6th July next.

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To Mr Turing — To the Garrison Storekeeper to receive the Rice into the Company's Stores consigned to this Presidency by Mr Tyler.

To Mr Barke — To Mr Barker the Board conceive the charge of two Sergeants Majors &c to the 73d Regiment as improper.

To Mr Porcher — To Mr Porcher, no persons can receive a Share of the Dividend without a regular power of Attorney.

To Mr Scottney — To Mr Scottney to lay before the Board quarterly a report of his Employ.

To Mr Jackson — To Mr Jackson, the Board have confirmed his opinion upon the Interest claimed by Mr John Sullivan's Attornies.

To Mr Hepperley — To Mr Hepperley, informing him of the above.

To Cornet Forbes — To Cornet Forbes, with permission to prolong her Absence in consequence of his ill Health.

To Mr Taner — To Mr Taner, to repair such Godowns at present, as are absolutely necessary for the reception of Grain.

Arrived

921 Fort St George 20th May 1786

The Phenix India man arrives from England with Despatches from the Court of Directors

20th

Arrived the Honble Company's Ship Phenix Captain Rattray from England with a Packet from the Honble Court of Directors for this Presidency.

At a Consultation, Present

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
President

Saturday 20th May 1786

Lieut General Sir John Dalling Bart
Alexander Davidson Esqr
James Henry Casamaijor Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

The Despatches from the Honorable Court under date the 13th & 22d Decr last being opened, the following Paragraphs in the former (the 3d and 4th are found to relate to the Military Department - on the latter the Paragraphs 8. 9. 10. 11. & the Supplement.

Despatches by the Phenix taken into Consideration.

Resolutions upon the same -

Agreed that Ensign Bowne be put on the List of the Army, agreeably to the Orders of the Court of Directors -

Resolved

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Resolved that Capt.n Barrowes's Memorial be taken into Consideration when the Claims of the Cavalry Officers are brought before the Board.-

W. C. Jackson
Dep.t Sec.y

" Arch.d Campbell

" John Dalling

" Alex.r Davidson

" Ja.s W.m Casamajor

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Received the following Letters --

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.

President & Governor &c Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr. Menzies with Extract of a Letter from his Attornies at Calcutta stating that the Supreme Council decline complying with the Terms entered into by this Government for the payment of the Arrears due to the Army till they hear further from hence --

Enclosed I take the liberty to trouble your Honble Board with Extracts from two Letters from Messrs Bayne & Colvins my Attorneys at Calcutta, by which it appears, the Supreme Council decline complying with the terms of the Certificates which you have been pleased to issue here, in payment of Arrears due the Army &c till they receive some Information from your Honorable Board relative to the Exchange --

As this Delay is attended with considerable Inconvenience to my Constituents and myself. I hope this consideration will be an apology for my taking the liberty to trouble you with the Address --

I have the honor to be &c &c

Madras
15 May 1786

Signed John Menzies

Extract of Letters from Messrs Bayne & Colvins to Mr. Menzies dated Calcutta 8 & 19 April 1786 --

We had the pleasure of writing you on the 3d Instant, we have now to acknowledge your favor of 26th Ult. We have written you fully on the Subject of the Certificates transmitted to us, we declined taking Bonds at first, observing that the

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20th The Governor General's Law had been in general mis-understood on the Coast, & now we cannot get them until Government receive some information relative to the Exchange which they have applied for. When this Information is received your directions with regard to Certificates issued from you will be observed.

We have the pleasure to acknowledge your favor of the 4th Instant covering four Certificates as noted thereon. We have before acquainted you that these Certificates are yet in an unsettled State, the rate of Exchange at which they are to be paid not being fixed on this account they are not to be negociated.

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
President & Governor &c Council
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From the Committee for investigating the Nabob's Debts, desiring the Extension of 3000 ordered to be injoined to the Creditors —

In Obedience to your Commands of the 9th & 11th Inst. we have delivered to Mr George Montray the Accountant, the Proportions of the Dividend of 350,000 Pags to be made on the 20th Instant.

Having received a Letter from the Nabobs Agents mentioning that the Accounts of the Cavalry Loan would probably be finally adjusted before the second Dividend is made to the Creditors, in consequence of such Intimation and at the desire of the Nabob We have delayed sending

20. sending in to your Honor &ca the different Accounts, which have been delivered in to us, and the Letters which have passed on the Subject till that period — should we receive no further Intimation from them, we shall immediately send in all the Papers relating to that Business up to the present Time.

The Proportions of the present Dividend on the different Debts and the Company's Share of it are as follows —

Share of the Creditors of 1777 —	96,223. 27 —
Share of the Cavalry Loan — — —	24.171. 30.46
Share of the Company — — —	1.14.802. 7. 17
Share of the Creditors of 1767 —	1.14.802. 7. 17.
Pagodas	3,50,000. — —

Fort St George
18th May 1786

We have the honor to be &c
Edward Garrow
Signed Wm Webb
Landon

To

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell Kt.
President &c. Council
at Fort St George

Gentlemen

We have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of the Letters from your Presidency under
date the 24th & 25. and one from Mr Secretary Chaunier
of the 25. Ultimo — also your Letter of 4th Instant.

From Bengal: stating the Sums advanced the Majesty's Paymt General - Indent for Sulphur, Tents & Serge to be complied with — 26th March

Mr Burke has already been
advanced the Sum of Co. Rupees 2.16000 & an Order
issued this day to enable our Military Paymt General
to advance the further Sum of Co. Rs 3.11.250. 3. 6
upon this Account, which makes Current Rupees
5.87.250. 3. 6 or Pagodas 1.32.690.

25. March

We have forwarded the Invoice
& Bill of Lading for Redwood to the Board of Trade
and shall give your Presidency due credit for the
Amount.

Your Indent for Sulphur, Tents
4th April & Serge shall be complied with, as soon as an op-
portunity offers of forwarding these Articles to you.

We are Gentlemen,

Fort William
Genl Department
26th April 1786

John Macpherson

Signed John Stables
Chas Stuart

Recd

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20. Received the undermentioned Letters
Entered in MB Nos 88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97.

From the Company's Solicitor dated
From Messrs Hopkins & Baker — 12th January enclosing a List of Witnesses necessary to be summoned to carry on the Prosecution against Mr Proctor.

From Col. Rumbold enclosing
From Col. Rumbold — a Letter from Ensign Jennings requesting the Allowance of Quarter Master to the Cantonment at Arcot.

From Col. Rumbold: will furnish
From Col. Rumbold — Mr Deighton with a Company or two of Sepoys upon an application to that Effect.

From Mr Falk, stating that
From Mr Falk — he shall require 20,000 Pags to complete the ensuing Payments &c.

From Mr Falk, enclosing a
From Mr Falk — Statement of new Colley Fanams in possession of the Native Corps, and requesting a Sum necessary to effect an Exchange.

From the Commanding Officer
From Lieut. Stuart — at Tanjore will erect a Godown, if Government approve it, for the reception of Medical Stores.

From Lieut Hughes, requesting
From Lt Hughes — that his Bill for Batta &c. for three Months while he commanded at Shevelapatore may be liquidated.

From

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From the Commandant at Angoleworth

From Captain Montgomery

send the Commissioned & Non Commissioned Officers to the Presidency under charge of a Subaltern — call in the Detachment stationed at Ardengary excepting one Company, which he leaves there for its Protection at the Request of the Renter —

From Mr Foreman

From Mr Foreman will pay due attention to the orders of Government in respect to storing Palamcotah with Grain —

From Mr Tyler

From Mr Tyler enclosing a Bill of Lading of Grain consigned to this Presidency and shipped on board the Rose Dozer —

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Bill of Lading be sent to the Garrison Storekeeper —

Sent the following Letters (a)

entered in the MB Nos 98 99 100 101 /

To Lieut Carey

To Lt. Carey on the directions to repair the Godowns necessary for the reception of Grain for 2000 Men for one Year —

To Capt. Baillie

To Captain Baillie on the permission to proceed to England for three Years on Half Pay —

To Coll. Rumbold

To Coll. Rumbold acquainting him that Ensign Jennings Request for the Allowance of a Quarter Master is inadmissible —

To Lt. Hughes

To Lieut Hughes his Claim for Batta disallowed inadmissible —

&c