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Subaltern to each Corps of Native Infantry of the same Rank with the Officer holding the Staff post –

		Date of Rank.
Ensigns John Taylor Senr to be Lieut		23d May 1786
Edward O'Reilly	Do	Do Do
Thos Henderson	Do	Do Do
Samuel Wilson	Do	Do Do
John Gorry	Do	Do Do
John English	Do	Do Do
Wm Elphant	Do	Do Do
Thos Parley	Do	Do Do
Arthur McCaully	Do	Do Do
Patrick Mayfother	Do	Do Do
John Roth	Do	Do Do
Lucas Rally	Do	Do Do
Wm Barclay	Do	Do Do
Peter Fraser	Do	Do Do
Benjn Leale	Do	Do Do
Alexr Brown	Do	Do Do
Benjn Bayley	Do	Do Do
R. M. Grant	Do	Do Do
James Balfour	Do	Do Do

That the whole of the Supernumerary Captains, Captain Lieutenants and Subalterns now in India, be made effective; and to do duty as the Commander in Chief may direct –

Appointments –

That Lieut Colonel John Ruguelt do command the 1st Battn of Artillery –

Lieut

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Lieut Colonel Edward Faner the 2d Battalion of Artillery; - Captain Thomas Knox the 10th Battn of Sepoys, vice Mackay deceased; and Captain George Fothingham the 20th Battalion of Sepoys vice Cochrane promoted -

That Captain Lieut Robert Ogilby be Adjutant to the 6th Battalion of Sepoys - Vice Smith resigned; - Captain Lieut Ranjot Jackson Adjutant to the 13th Battalion of Sepoys, vice Collins resigned; - Lieut Cuthbert Wilson Adjutant to the 4th Regiment of Cavalry vice Grant - and Captain Lieut O'Brien of Artillery, Inspector of Stores at Vizagapatam -

That Captain Wickens of Engineers do continue on duty in the District of Vizagapatam, and that he be directed to take all opportunities of completing the Survey thereof, for which purpose, Practitioner Engineer Saunter is recommended to be put under his Orders -

That Lieut Norris of Engineers do proceed to Vellore, and finish without delay the Survey on which he has been employed -

That the following Gentle=men be appointed to compleat the Corps of Engineers Viz.t -

Ensign Colin Mackenzie

from the Infantry to be Ensign & Practitioner Engineer with the same date of Rank he held

in

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in the Infantry Vice 16th May 1783.

To do duty as Ensigns & Practi-
-tioner Engineers untill the pleasure of the Court
of Directors shall be known.

Mesr Forest	23d	Date of Rank May 1786
Cree	24th	Do
Barclay	25	Do
Michl Prendergast	26th	Do

That as Disputes have
arisen about Ranks in Corps, in consequence
of the Orders of the 16th April 1780, directing
that, "When any Officer shall at his own request
"be removed from one Corps to another, he shall
"come into the Corps to which he is removed
"as youngest of his Rank" — The Commander
in Chief recommends that in all such cases,
he be permitted to specify in Orders, that the
Officers are removed from one Corps to another
at their own request, & that the above Order of
the 16th April 1780 shall accordingly be enfor-
-ced in future; but that no Officers shall be
entitled to avail himself of this regulation in
consequence of any removal made previous
to this date — That notwithstanding the new
Establishment of exclusive Officers for the
Staff Posts in Native Corps, it is to be under-
-stood, the Staff Officers are to take rank and
command in the same manner as before
this Regulation took place — That the four
Battalions

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Battalions of European Infantry do make part of the four Senior Brigades respectively, and be appointed to them agreeably to the disposition of the Troops in the manner most convenient for carrying on the public Duty of the Service and that untill further Orders the 1st Battalion of European Infantry be considered as part of the 1st Brigade — the 2d Battn of European Infantry the second Brigade as part of the 4th Brigade and the 4th Battn of European Infantry as part of the 3d Brigade —

That Field Officers be attached to the Native Troops of each Brigade as follows,

1st Brigade — Lieut Colonel Thos Bruce
and Major I. Sal. Dusand —

2d Brigade — Lieut Colonel Wm Keating
and Major George Conyngham —

3d Brigade — Lieut Colonel Chas Fraser
and Major John Oldham —

4th Brigade — Lieut Colonel Robt Cherkyre
and Major Thomas Trent —

5th Brigade — Lieut Colonel Thos Bridges
and Major Donald Macleod —

That the 5 Companies of the 20th Battalion in the Neighbourhood of Palamcotah be directed to join the Corps at Warriore Cantonment —

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/Signed/ John Dalling

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conferred His Highness the Nabob Authority on some points

On the reduction of the Country of the great & lesser Morwars, to the obedience of the Nabob, Tripatore was not deemed of Importance sufficient, to have any of the Company's Troops stationed in it, but it was thought expedient to keep a force in the Country, of the Lesser Morwar, untill broad Roads were opened thro the Woods, from the principal Town (Shevegunga) to Madura, and likewise towards Tanjore, & Ramnadapooram. - These Roads that were opened at a considerable Expence, & much against the inclination of the Poligars, have been suffered to grow up again, & are as difficult to pass thro now as ever. - I conceive it would be a prudent measure to oblige the Inhabitants to keep those Roads thro the Woods, constantly clear, that have been cut by order of Government, as a Measure conducive towards keeping them troublesome Poligars in obedience; and more especially should it be deemed expedient, to destroy Tripatore the only place we have any Troops at in that Country -

Enclose the last return of the Troops at Tripatore, & a list of a few Invalids that was sent there by Col. Fullarton - These poor people have not received any pay or allowance for some time, owing to their not having been regularly invalided by any Board - When they were first sent to Tripatore, I understand Mr. Sullivan ordered them a monthly allowance from

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the Renter of the Districts - but since the Assign-
-ment of the Revenues was returned to His
Highness the Nabob. these poor people have
had no provision made for them, except some
little Supplies Mr Hepperley furnished them with
for some time, but which has been since stopped.
I beg leave thro you Sir to recommend these
poor people to the Consideration of the Honble
Board.

Madras
22d May 1786

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Matw Horne

To General Horne.
Commanding South of the Coleroon

Sir

I am just returned from Trepatore,
where agreeable to your Order I have examined
the State of the Fortifications &c.
The Fort is of an oval form, &
has twelve small square Bastions, and eight
Cavaliers - the Gorge of each Bastion, is about
8 Yards, & Flanks 6. they have no embrasures;
the Cavaliers are something larger, and are
pierced for three Guns on each. the Merlons are
not finished, & have about 7 Feet breadth.
the rest of the Parapet wall round the Bastions
& Curtins does not exceed two feet in breadth,
& is in most places too high to look over having
Battlements

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Battlements in the Country manner - the distance between each Bastion is about 60 yards, a demi bastion of modern Construction flanks the Gateway to the Northward, it is pierced for 3 Guns, the Merlons are all cracked & falling down - next to this Bastion the Wall of the Fort is in a very ruinous state for about 50 Yards, & threatens falling into the Sause Braye - the rest of the Fort Wall which is 27 feet high, appears to be in very good order, the whole of these are built of Stone -

The intended breadth of the Ditch was I imagine about 20 yards, it has not above 6 feet depth in the deepest part, and is mostly dry - it is carried round the Fort in a very irregular manner, except where a large Tank washes the Walls, from the Gateway about 200 yards to the North of it. a Bank of Earth has been thrown up as a Sause Baye from one end of the Tank round the Fort to the other side of it about 10 yards from the Wall, & is mouldered away very much

The Gateway is likewise very strong, and has several traverses constructed in the usual manner of this Country, the Gates are old and want repair -

The Rampart is in no part above 8 feet broad in some much less, & in many places impassable, particularly to the Eastward, where the retaining Wall is fallen

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fallen down, which in every part is in very bad order -

On the Cavaliers, there is one Gun on each & all the Carriages are totally unserviceable -

In the Fort, besides the Commandants Quarters, there are very good quarters for 4 Officers of two Rooms each, built in Brick, which mostly want doors & Windows and have no outhouses - but are themselves in very good repair -

An European Barrack intended to have been of four sides - two of which are built in Brick & the Foundation of the other two laid - each side 50 feet by 12 - & covered with Straw -

A Sepoy Barrack for 2 Compa.ys with a Room for a Black Officer, built in Mud in good Repair - The Grand Magazine 60 feet by 20 built of Stone - wants to be new channeled on the Top, and the Wall and traverses round it to be repaired -

An Ordnance detto, formerly a Choultry, built up with Mud Walls - no traverse or Wall round it - a Granary on Brick, covered with Tyles in good repair, but wanting doors & windows Shutters 100 feet by 12 - The Salt Godown & Artillery Park are in ruins. Capt.n Westropp informs me that the Water is good in the Fort -

I hope this Information will be explicit enough & satisfactory to you -

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

Warriore
7th May 1786

(Signed) Elisha Trapaud
Sub.t D.t of Eng.rs & Capt.n

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Tripatore to be demolished.

As it appears from the above Papers, that Tripatore is of no importance as a Military Post, & is in a very ruinous condition, it is Agreed that the Nabob's wish of destroying it be complied with, and that the same be signified to His Highness by the President.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Floyd.

To the Honble the President & Council of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

From Col. Floyd: accepts the Terms offered him, for recruiting His Majesty's 25th Regt. of L. Dragoons with Horses - requests more explicit Information on the Subject, & that assistance & protection may be given to those whom he may employ in the provision of Horses

I have the honor of your Letter of the 17th Inst. this day, proposing to me the providing proper Horses to remount the 25th Regiment of Light Dragoons.

I accept the Terms you are pleased to offer, tho' I do not entirely understand what is meant by paying for the Horses by Drafts on Bengal in Cartle = cate But I judge you mean to afford the same terms granted to the late Major General Sir John Burgoyne, & am well acquainted with what those terms will perform & in this belief it is that I readily offer my Services being fully determined to exert them to the best advantage for the public Service, & for my particular Reputation -

I propose sending 2 Mr

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Master & 2 Non Commissioned Officers to Hyderabad and three days March West of it to purchase Horses — I request your protection for them, & that they may be allowed Batta, during their Expedition, as on the last similar occasion — also that you will be pleased to write to the Resident, or Agent of the Honble Company who, I am informed, is at Hyderabad, and that you will be pleased to furnish my Party with a general Order claiming the Protection & good Offices of the different Commanding Officers, where they may happen to pass on their most direct, or most convenient Route, so that their Service may be forwarded with that decisive Assistance, your Orders, or your Influence can command —

Camp at Cheridamoordoo May 20th 1786

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) J. Floyd Col.

Agreed that Colonel Floyd be furnished with an Extract of the Letter, from the Governor General & Co.s directing their Governments to draw upon them for Bills of Exchange & Certificate, & that all possible Assistance and Protection be given to those Persons whom Colonel Floyd may employ in the procuring of Horses —

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Messrs. Porcher & Redhead.

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To the Honble Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell

President & Governor &c &c &c

&c &c &c Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We Agents for several Sub-

-altern Officers and Sepoy Corps, We take the

liberty of representing to you, that you were

pleased to publish in your General Orders under

date 17th March, that the Arrears due to

Subalterns and Privates should be paid off not

discounted by the original Proprietors, by Bills

on Bengal payable in eight Months from

the 1st January last. The Bills we have

hitherto received on account of these our Constit-

-tuents have notwithstanding all been dated

the day on which we applied for them & We

should ere this have troubled the Honble Board

on the Subject, had we not understood that

this was only a Form and that the Bills

would be paid in August agreable to the

Honble the Governor Generals Plan - but We

have now reason to apprehend that unless

it is your pleasure to make mention of the

Circumstance to the Governor General & Council

they may adhere literally to the Tenor of

your Bills, and postpone Payment Untill

they become due, which would not only

prove

From Messrs Archer & Medhead in respect to the payment of Certificates for Arrears to the Subalterns & Privates in eight Months from the 1st January last.

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prove an hardship to the Sepoys, but occasion a great disappointment, for they all to a Man expect to receive the full amount of their Arrears at Madras in September next.

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22d May 1786.

We have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Porcher & Redhead

Agreed that Copy of the above Letter be sent to Bengal, & that the Governor General & Council be reminded, that they are pledged by this Board to discharge the Certificates for Arrears to the Sebalterns & Privates in eight Months from the 1st Janry last, agreeably to the Arrangement transmitted from Bengal

Minute thereon.

Read the following Letter from Mr Menzies with Inclosures entered in the Miscellany Book No. 102-103.

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell

President & Governor &c. Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I take the Liberty to lay before your Honble Board, a Letter from Mr Edward Mackintosh, late President on the part of the Honble Company at Tranquebar, dated the 8th Instant, giving an account of the Arrival of the Ship Cadiz, late the Flayer, belonging to Meedan Dutt, a considerable Native Merchant living

From Mr Menzies requesting the assistance of Government in recovering an English Ship taken some time ago by the Malays, & now at Tranquebar.

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Minds of your Honor &c^a might receive of Mr Irwin's Conduct; from Accusations probably as peremptory, as we trust they will prove groundless

Mr Irwin, who is still at Tonnevelly, was no sooner apprized by me of the Complaints made against the Company's Coinage, than he assembled the Persons employed by Mr Irwin, in the Mint; and having acquainted them with the Charges alledged against the Chuckrams, they had coined, these People (though it is worthy of observation, now no longer under the Company's Authority or Protection) replied, that as they were conscious of having coined or passed a single Chuckram inferior in value to the Standard, which regulated the Nabobs Mint previous to the Assignment, they were ready to adopt any mode that might most effectually convey their testimony to the purity of the Company's Coinage, & accordingly complied with Mr Irwin's request, to give him a written Attestation; which I have the honor to enclose with a translation — They accompanied this with Assays under their Seals of the Nabobs Coinage, and of that from the Company's Mint, which I have taken the liberty to deliver to your Secretary, that your Honor &c^a may be enabled to have them analized and compared in the Mint of Madras

If we are not mistaken in our

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our information, that Mr Irwin's Character has been thus wantonly impeached. We hope we shall stand excused in making it our earnest request to your Honor &c. in his Name, that the Matter may be prosecuted, and his Conduct receive a full acquittal, or suffer just Condemnation as the issue of the Trial may point out: - and as from our late Situation under him in that Country, and acquaintance with the local Circumstances of the Question, we may be supposed in some degree qualified to explain and defend the Conduct of our late Superior; We beg leave to propose ourselves to your Honor &c. as ready to reply to any Charge that may be exhibited against him, on this, or any other point of his public Conduct in that District; to which we feel ourselves encouraged by the persuasion, that should His Highness think proper to maintain the Accusation, he is said to have preferred, your Honorable Board will afford us every opportunity & document to vindicate his Character, where we may be conceived qualified for the purpose -

In the mean time, till the Charge is made good, we trust the Testimonies and Evidences now submitted to

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to your Honor &co will serve to clear Mr Irwin's Character in your Minds, from every degree of Surpicion, and in this presumption, We flatter ourselves that Mr Irwin will not want such Testimony to his Integrity from your Honble Board, as will compleat the Triumph of his Innocence—

Our situation as Mr Irwin's Assistants / could we plead no other obligations on us / will we hope be considered as a sufficient Apology for the liberty now taken by Mr Town and myself in the person of them, who has the honor to be with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs &c &c

/ Signed / Nathl Kindersley

Fort St George
17th May 1786.

P.S.

Since writing the above I have received from Mr Town, a Statement of a trial actually made at Tinnevelly, of Mr Irwin's Coin, which with a translation, and a letter from Captain Bilcliffe on the Subject, I beg leave to enclose as the strongest additional proofs that could be produced in his favor.

To

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To Mr Benjamin Torin

Sir.

I have received your letter reques-ting my declaration as to the Currency and free circulation of the Company's Coin, & if the Sepoys at any time under my Command ever Complained or found any difficulty during the Assignment of passing it, or if I have any reason to believe from my own & the rest of the Officers intercourse with the Soucars, Shroffs Merchants & Ryots, that they are inferior to the other Coins of the Province -

In answer to which I can say that the Company's Coin passed Current not only in this District, but in the Travencore Country also, & that there was a free Circulation and no Complaints made at any difficulty in passing it during the Assignment, nor have I any reason to believe that they are inferior to the other Coins of the Country -

I am Sir &c &c

(Signed) J Baldeffe

Palamcotah
10th May 1786.

Translation of a Muchelleka given by Vencata Ravaniah the Comer, Suba Chetty Sheroff, and Saumynada Conicoply, all Servants of the Tinnevelly Mint; to Mr Torin dated the 27th April 1786 -

Upon

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Upon an Order of Mr Sowen in Companys Government to coin new Cullery Fanams on Account of Company agreable to the Weight & touch of old Cully Fanams at the follo=lowing rates for 1000 of the old Mendl fanams —

3/5 fanams Weight of Gold or 40/6 Weight of Pagodas
200 Do —— of Silver or 21 3/16 —— Do —— of Do
425 —— Do —— of Copper or 45 7/8 —— Do —— of Do

All the new Cullery fanams

We have coined at this rate, and at 3 1/4 Touch of Gold for every fanam, and further declare that We will be responsible to truth of it, on the contrary if it is proved that the fanams we coined were different either in weight or Touch or that we have made bad fanams, We shall pay all the Loss on the fanams coined by us during Companys Government, to fined: 12000 fanams and agree to submit to any Punish=ment, the Company think proper

Vencataravaniah
Suba Chitty Sheroff } Belonging to Company Mint Office at Tannully
Sawmynada Conicoply }

(Signed)

A true Translation

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A Comparative Statement of the Nabob's & Company's Colly Fanams—

10,000	Fans. of the Compy's 1st Coin purified of their Alloy will produce	401 7/16	S.Pc. Wt. of Gold of 9 3/4	Touch
10,000	Do. 2d	389 7/16		Do.
10,000	Do. 3d	379 11/16		Do.
10,000	Do. Nabob's Standard Coin, Minet	361 12/16		Do.
10,000	Do. Samarossee	361 12/16		Do.

N.B. The Accompanying Cadjan is a Statement of the trials made on " " Forty fanams, but the above is calculated at 10,000 to avoid the intricacy of the Fractions—and to shew the difference at a clearer View—

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To lie on the Table

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Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following Letter from

Messrs Popham & Baker

To the Honble Major General Sir Archd Campbell

President & Governor &c Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Company's Solicitors, recommending that the Witnesses for examination in the Cause against Mr Proctor be ordered to the Presidency without further delay -

Having in our Letter of Janry last given into Council a List of the Witnesses to be sent up to the Presidency for examination in the cause of the Honble Company against Mr Proctor now at Issue in the Mayor's Court, We conceive it our duty to remind your Honor &ca thereof, that no more time be lost in ordering them up as the Court have passed a peremptory Rule for the Examination of Witnesses on both sides, which will expire the 30th Instant, when publication will pass unless some special Cause be shewn to enlarge the Rule -

We have the Honor to be &c

Signed Popham
Chas Baker } Sols

Madras
20th May 1786

Minute thereon.

As it would be attended with great Inconvenience to summon the Witnesses from so great a distance to the Presidency it

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is Agreed that Mr Torin with the two Senior Officers under Major Beboliffe be appointed to examine the Witneffes &. that the Solicitor be directed to give them proper Powers for that Purpose -

Read the following Letter

from the Commiffary General -

To the Honble Major General Sir Archd Campbell
President & Governor &ca Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs.

The Bufineſs of the Muſter Master Generals Department being greatly encreased by the late Arrangements I hope the Honble Board will favor me with an additional Allowance for Aſſiſtants -

I have the honor to be &co
(Signd) Capper
Comy Genl

From the Commy. Genl requesting some Allowance may be made to him for Aſſiſtants in the Muſter Master Generals Department.

Fort St George
23d May 1786

In consideration of the various

50 Pags. pr Mensem allowed

Duties which Colonel Capper is obliged to perform it is Agreed that he be allowed fifty Pagodas p Month for Aſſiſtants in his Office of Muſter Master General -

Read the following Letter

from Mr Jackson the Deputy Secretary -

To

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To the Honble Major General Sir Archd Campbell
President & Governor &c &c Council
at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr Wm Collr Jackson, Deputy Military Secretary requesting an Increase of Salary

Relying with full Confidence on the Justice of your Honble Board, permit me to entreat your consideration to the following Arguments deduced from Facts, & which I trust, will have every Weight, I can wish for in your Breasts —

From the first moment of my Arrival in the Country (except during the Period in which I had the Honor to serve as Secretary to the Embassy to Tippoo Sultaun) I have uniformly attached myself to the Milty Office, & have risen by Gradation to the second Station in it — I can assure your Honble Board that I have not in any one instance turned away from the public Duties of my Situation, to the advancement of my private Fortune, conceiving, that I could not pursue the latter, but to the detriment of the former — I need not point out to your superior Judgement, how expedient a Man involves himself at Madras, unless his Emoluments keep pace with his inevitable Expences; that mine do not, with strict Oeconomy, is very certain — The late Government were pleased to honor with favorable attention the Circumstances I took the Liberty of laying before them; - candidly acknowledging, that the advantages arising from the Office I held,

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bore no Proportion to the laborious Duties it constantly requires, & that it was with Concern they could not meet my Wishes for an Encrease of Salary at that time, owing to the low State of the Company's Finances; yet, that as some Compensation they would appoint me by Reversion to the Paymastership of Sepoys originally connected with my present Employ— But as the Probability of succeeding to it for some time to come is very small, I beg leave with the utmost deference to repeat my Entreaties to your Honble Board, for such an Encrease of Salary, till the period alluded to may arrive, as in your Wisdom you may think most adequate and proper—

Fort St George
22d May 1786

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Wm Coll. Jackson

The Board are of opinion,

that the Salary of the Deputy Secretary, whose Employ is both laborious and confidential, should be encreased, and it is therefore

Minute thereon. Agreed that Mr Jackson be allowed two hundred and fifty Pagodas p Month, and that the Resolution of annexing the Post of Sepoy Paymaster to that of the Deputy Secretary be rescinded— x

Read the following Letter

from Lieut Colonel Ward—

To

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell

President & Governor &c. Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Lieut Colo Ward requesting to be put on the Invalid List.

Sensible of the declining State of my Health, from an impaired Constitution, in consequence of a long Residence in this Country, & from various attacks of the Diseases incident to the Climate, considering also that the advanced Stage of my Life, leaves no hope of a Reestablishment to that Activity & Vigor necessary in the executive Duties of the Rank I have the honor to hold in the Service.

I therefore humbly request your Honble Board will take my Case into consideration, & that in consequence you will be pleased to place me on the Invalid List of the Army.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) F. Swan Ward

Agreed

Agreed that Colonel Ward be put on the Invalid List, agreeably to his Request.

Read the following Letter from Major Baldeffe & Mr. Torin

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To John Cramer Esqr

Secretary to the Mily & Political Departmt

Fort St George

Sir

From the Commander & Council at Palamcotah in reply to the Proposals made by the Amer & accepted of by the Board in respect to the Tinnevelly Exchange

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 3d Instant conveying the orders of Government respecting His Highness the Nabobs Proposals on the Subject of the Tinnevelly Tanams &ca in order to regulate our Conduct agreeable to them & to accommodate with the Manager here; we waited on the Cawn at the Cutcherry & made him acquainted with them.

The Cawn declined any decided answers to our requisitions, from the want of his instructions from the Durbar. We have now waited four days, but as he acknowledges to have received no other than a confirmation of his former orders, suppressing the Tanams & seems to be very much surprized at some particular parts of His Highness's Proposals. We think it our Duty to mention a few Circumstances that have occurred to us, and may throw some light upon the business, tho' at the same time, We beg you will assure the Government that it is far from our Intentions to impose our observations on this time, or to make our Comments on the Nabobs Proposals.

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The Honble President & Council have in a former Letter directed the Paymaster to pay the Troops at the Current Exchange of the Bazar, at which rate they have been paid the last six Months. We therefore apprehend that a fixed Exchange, established by the Nabob's Manager in future, may not be satisfactory to them after the severe difficulties they have already felt on that Score.

As the Canon leaves us no room to doubt but the Company's Coinage is to be included among the bad Fanams which are suppressed, & that if carried to the Nabob's Mint, they will only be received into Pagodas. We think it proper to inform you that the Holders of those Fanams will be submitted to a Loss of 15 or 20 pc. - altho' the Company's Fanams are generally acknowledged to be better than those of the Circars left in Circulation. The objections to the Company's Money must therefore arise from some other Motive, & from their superior Value. We think the publick in general may be allowed the privilege of receiving an equal Number from the Nabob's Mint, in their own Fanams.

When we informed the Nabob that the Company's Paymasters & Troops the Name Fanams in their possession & to exchange them with an equal Sum of good Fanams & that this Amount would be from 50 to 100,000 Chuckrams he at once declared it was impracticable -

and

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and your Honors can form a good judgement of his inability, when the Cawn demanded a Week at least, to replace only 7000 Chuchrums, the Sum still in the hands of the Troops of the Garrison only.

We hope the Consideration of these Circumstances will enable the Government to persuade the Nabob to afford us a timely and effectual relief, & have the honor to be,

Sir &c &c

(Signed) Bdcliffe
Benj.n Torin
A.t & Paym.r

Palamcotah 16th May 1786

Minute thereon

Agreed that the President be requested to urge His Highness to send proper Orders to his Shoudar at Tinnevelly, that there may be an end to the Inconveniencies so long experienced in the business of the Exchange -

Read the following Letters (entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 104-105-106)

From Masulipatam dated the 6th & 17th Inst: the former stating the quantity of Grain, which can be lodged at that Settlement after repairs (that will require about 60 Pags) shall be made; the latter notifying their Intention of reducing the Sebbendies, & requesting an Increase of the Invalids to do duty in the Masulipatam District.

From Masulipatam

Agreed

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Agreed that the Gentlemen at Manulipatam be desired to repair their Gunnaries without loss of time, & that they be assured that more Invalids will be sent to them as soon as possible.—

From Captain Montgomery—

From Captain Montgomery at Angole, enclosing Bills for Secret Service amounting to Pags

Minute thereon.

Ordered that the same be discharged.—

Minute of the Board in respect to procuring Intelligence—

The Board are of opinion that Intelligence may be advantageously procured by detaching occasionally Sepoys of the best Character, to whom Batta, when so employd, may be allowed, & in case where they have procured material & authentick Intelligence a recommendation may be given to the President, who will bestow upon them such Rewards as are adequate to the Services performed.—

As the above Mode will not only be of benefit to the Publick Service, but will also be attended with Saving to the Company, it is Agreed that it be adopted, and notified to the Officers Commanding Garrisons, from whom Intelligence is occasionally transmitted.—

Mr Roberts Latham is now

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Mr Latham appointed Paymaster to Wandiwash.

now appointed Paymaster to the Cantonment at Wandiwash

Read a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun as entered in Country Correspondence N° 54 stating the point in Dispute between the Chief of Tellicherry and the Prince of Cherika; and expressing the Sincerity of his Wishes to adhere to the Articles of Treaty subsisting between his Circar & the Company

From Tippoo Sultaun.

Read Letters from Mr Popham dated 5th & 7th Inst. as entered in MB marked A. B between N°s 1066 & 1071 stating that the Dispute between Sowcar Chinna Chetty, Keitnamah Chetty and him relative to a Spot of Ground bought by the Company for the Inhabitants of Hog Hill, having been submitted at the Consent of both Parties to Arbitration, the Award declares it to be his Property, & enclosing explanatory Papers on the Subject -

From Mr Popham

As it appears by the above Papers that the Ground bought for the Inhabitants of Hog Hill was the property of Mr Popham it is agreed that a Company's Bond be given to him for Pag.s 11087.21 being the Sum agreed on for the purchase of the Ground in question - As to Mr Popham's Claim for Interest, it is agreed to inform him, that being contrary to usage in similar Cases, it cannot be admitted -

Minute thereon.

W. C. Jackson
Dep.t Sec.y

" Alex.r Davidson

" Ja.s Hibbasamayor

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Sent the undermentioned Letters (entered in MB Nos 107-108-109-110-111 112-113-114-115-116-117-)

To Col. Stuart

To Colonel Stuart - The Board conceive it unnecessary to erect any Building for a Medical Store room at Jore, as the Hospital is to be transferred to Trichinopoly -

To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam - The Repairs to their Granaries stated in their Letter of the 6th Instant, to be made without loss of time - Invalids to be sent to their Settlement as soon as possible -

To Col. Floyd

To Colonel Floyd, with more explicit Information in respect to the Proposal for recruiting the 23d Regt with Horses - Every Protection will be given to the Persons, whom he may send to purchase them & Batta will be allowed to the 2 Non Commissioned Officers employed on that Service -

To the Mil.y Board

To the Military Board, enclosing an application from the Rangi Paymaster General relative to Contingencies on which they are desired to report -

To Messrs Popham & Baker

To the Company's Solicitors; the Witnesses for the Prosecution of Mr Proctor are to be summoned by a Committee consisting of Mr Torin & the two Senior Officers next to Major Biddulph at Palamcotah -

24. To Colonel Capper - Fifth Pay.

To the Commissary General

p Month to be allowed him for Assistants on the Muster Master Generals Department.

To Tranquebar, requesting

To Tranquebar. they will detain an English Vessel, stated by Mr Menzies to have been seized by the Malays and now at their Settlement -

To Captain Alex.r Montgomery

To Capt.n Montgomery - His Bill for Secret Service returned -

To Captain Lieut Aubrey

To Capt.n Aubrey at Calcutta his Leave of Absence prolonged agreeably to his Request.

25. To the Deputy Military Secretary, in consideration of the Laborious & confidential duties of his Office - the Board have been pleased to encrease his Salary to two Hundred and Fifty Pagodas p Month -

To Mr Falk, to draw

To the Paym.r at Trichinopoly on the Presidency for ten Thousand Pagodas, which added to his Credit on the Resident at Tanjore, will, it is imagined be sufficient for his Disbursements on the Establishment -

26 Dispatched the following

Letter to Bengal -

To

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

Gentlemen,

To Bengal: Government trust they will discharge the Bills drawn on account of the Subalterns and Privates in eight Months from the 1st January last

We beg leave to enclose Copy of a Letter addressed to us by Messrs Kerr and Redhead, on the Subject of the Bills drawn by us on your Government in favor of the Subalterns and Privates, who have, at our recommendation, retained their Certificates

We find that our Accountant in drawing out the Bills has strictly adhered to the Form sent by your Board, on which the date of the Bill was not filled up, but as we have agreeably to your Instructions pledged your Government for the payment in 8 Months from the 1st of January of the Bills drawn on account of the Subalterns and Privates, We shall esteem ourselves your will discharge them accordingly —

Fort St George
24th May 1786

We have the honor to be

/Signd/ Archd Campbell
&c Council

To

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26th Dispatched the following

Letter to the Commandants at Ongole, Ellore, Madura, Palamcotah, Vellore, Trichenopoly - Amboor, Permacoil, & Chandernagery

To Captain Alexr Montgomery

Commanding at Ongole

Sir.

To Certain Commandants of Out Garrisons, stating a Mode for procuring Intelligence in future -

I am directed by the Board to communicate to you their Opinion that Intelligence may be advantageously procured by detaching occasionally Sepoys of the best Character -

When Sepoys properly disguised, are thus employed they are to have Batta, but in case of their procuring material, & authentick Intelligence they are to be recommended by name to the President, who will bestow upon them Rewards adequate to the Services performed.

This mode is to be adopted in future instead of that by which Intelligence has hitherto been obtained at a great expence to the Company -

You will be pleased to keep these Directions Secret, & to deliver them to your Successor with the same Injunctions.

I am Sir &c.

Fort St George
26th May 1786

(Signed) John Chamier
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Received the following Letter.

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President &c. Council

From the Hospital Board - with Recommendations for their Secretary to be allowed 50 Pags p Mensem - for Mr Luffon to supply Mr Sinclair's place of Surgeon at Masulipatam - for a gratification to Mr Gordon in consideration of the length of Service - for a first Surgeon to each General Hospital - for Station to different Surgeons for a Reference to the Records in respect to the rank of Mr Ferguson - In respect to the Division of Europe Medicines - and for Messrs Bree, Beard, & Campbell to be Surgeons Mates -

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the honor to transmit for the Information of the Honorable President and Council the Proceedings of the Hospital Board of the 10th 12th & 15th Instant -

Agreeably to the Tenor of our Instructions, we have in the annexed Proceedings taken into our consideration what we are of opinion will be for the good of the Service, and which we submit to the decision of the Honorable President and Council -

We have the honor to be &c

Jas Anderson

/Signed/ Colley Lucas

Tho Davis

Proceedings

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26. Proceedings at the Hospital Board
May 10. 12. and 15. 1786.

Approved

Taking into con-
-sideration the duty of
the Secretary to this Board
which we find will occupy
the whole of his time in
answering our numerous
Correspondents, keeping
a Table of Books as a
Board of Record and
also other Books to be
a Check upon the Hos-
-pital Mates, and the
Apothecary in charge
of the Medicines at the
Presidency Agreed to
recommend a Salary
of 50 Pag.s p.Mensem be
annexed to his Employ-
-ment

Wrote M.r
Casemire (Deputy Apo-
-thecary) to provide
himself Quarters agree
-ably to a Minute,
which was approved in
our last proceedings,
& that he vacate those
at the Hospital, he
now occupies by the 1.st
of the ensuing Month.

Wrote M.r
Harris, Assistant, ap-
-prizing him of the
Honble President &c.
having granted him
the

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the leave of Absence to
Bengal which he solic-
-ited - In obedience to
the orders of the Honorable
Board, reconsidering our
Recommendation of Mr
Sinclair to Masulipatam
- we are of opinion that,
from some circumstances
which have occurred in
the present ill State
of Health another Sur-
-geon should fill that
Station, and we therefore
beg leave to recommend
Mr Duffin - we also
beg leave in this place
to remark that our
motives for recommen-
-ding Mr Sinclair to
Masulipatam were
founded upon a persua-
-tion that he is not
only a man of Sentiment
but that he has served
with Reputation for
a long series of Time -
however we must ack-
-nowledge that his
State of Health ought
to supercede every other

Approved.

consideration

consideration in so public a Station —

The Honorable President and Council upon a reference to the List of Surgeons will observe that in the late Arrangements we have not brought forward Mr. Gordon, who stands next to Mr. Raine upon the List, although Mr. Gordon has served as a Regimental Surgeon in the Field, and has been upwards of 20 Years in the Service, nevertheless we are induced to prefer our Recommendation of him to the Honble President & Council in order that his length of Service might be rewarded by some other Gratification than calling him to the Responsibility and charge of a General Hospital agreeably to the last Arrangements, and we flatter ourselves that the Honble President and Council will be pleased to stamp their approbation

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Your Conduct by such
a Gratification to Mr
Gordon as 20 Years Ser-
vice may in their opi-
nion entitle him to,
altho' we cannot recom-
mend him to fill the
Station of a Head Sur-
geon to a General
Hospital as well from
some omission in the
basis of his Education,
which operated as pow-
erfully with us in
our Recommendation
of Mr Sinclair, which
we mean to preserve
as much as possible
in our Recommendation
of Surgeons to fill
Stations of such Res-
ponsibility.

The Hospital Board ought to specify what Gratification or emolument is expected.

Mr Mallet
upon the List of Surgeons
stands above Mr Simpson
but we have taken
upon us to leave him
out of the Rotation
of Regimental Surgeons
from

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from the Report of Mr.
Davis (one of the Members
of this Board) who has
communed with Mr.
Mallet on the subject
and who is authorized to
subscribe Mr. Mallets
assent to it -

Approved

Taking into
our consideration the
nature of General Hos-
=pitals upon the present
plan, we are of opinion
there should be a first
Surgeon attached to each
General Hospital as well
on account of Indisposition
happening to the Real
Surgeon, as by being on
the Spot & consequently
familiarized to the Sick
he would be ready to suc-
=ceed to the charge of that
Hospital in due rotation.
If this our recommendation
of a first Surgeon to each
General Hospital shall
meet with approbation
of the Honble President &
Co. we beg leave to propose
Mr. Prengle, who is now
at Chicacole to be stationed

at

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26th Approved. because it will dispose of the supernumerary Surgeon to Madras, Mr Baird = gone with advantage to the Service, otherwise it would have been inadmissible as it follows, is contrary to the orders of the Honble Court of Directors

at Masulipatam, Mr Baird to Madras, Mr Gahagan (who is now at Vellore) to Mr Nicol Mair (who is now at Tanjore) to Tanjore. upon Regimental Surgeons allowances

Mr Mc Roxborough is engaged on the very laudable pursuit of cultivating the Pepper Plant, which one day or other may become a branch of advantageous commerce to the Honble Company - The Hospital Board, informing their general arrangements, are directed to continue him at his present Station ..

Mr Mc Benney absent on leave to Bengal.

We recommend, that in lieu of the first Regiment, he be permitted to remain at Tanjore, & that Mr Hood, who is at Trichinopoly be appointed to the first Regiment at Trichinopoly, Mr Watson, who is at Allore to the 2d Regt at Ellore, Mr Roxborough to the 3d Regt, Mr Ferguson to the 4th Regiment ..

To be examined by the Secretary, & announced by him to the Hospital Board.

Read a letter from Mr Ferguson under date 7th May, which we beg leave to lay before the Honble Board

2d That Mr Watson's rank might be ascertained by a reference to the Honorable Company's Records ..

The late Regulation providing only for a Military Establishment of Surgeons, we esteem it our duty to represent to the Honble President & Chiefships on the Coast, where it will be necessary to have a Surgeon, & where there are some Men of which now stationed, whom we conceive it would be unjust to deprive of the prospect of rising in the Service, by recommending

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Hospital Mates to succeed to the vacancy of a Regt &c as the Regulations direct - We therefore rather recommend the following order of succession keeping Seniority & merit in view, as most consistant with the good of the Service.

1st Hospital Board.
2 Head Surgeons to Hospitals
3d Field Surgeons &c
4 { Regiments / Garrisons / Chiefships } for Surgeons

Hospital Mates.

{ Regiments / Factorys / Residency } Surgeons Assistants

we beg leave to consider Palamcotah, Madura, Trichinopoly, & Chingleput as the Garrisons & Ganjam Vizagapatam, Cuddalore the Chiefships for Surgeons. The distinctions being then made of Stations for Surgeons, & Surgeons Assistants, there can be no mistake in any future appointment, but until Assistants can be found to fill those Stations, we beg leave to recommend that the different Surgeons remain where they are, unless removed in due rotation by Gn. O.

As the Western General Hospital is not so much in the way of expending Medecines, as the Southern & Northern is, who have large Districts depen-dant - I propose that one

The Store rooms & Hospital Mates for the four fixed Hospitals being now ordered - we recommend that the Medecines &c as they arrive

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26 one Sixth of those Medecines that may arrive from Europe be divided - the Hospitals at Madras and Vellore, which will leave one half of the whole Stock with the Apothecary at the Presidency for supplying the Cantonments &c &c

Jas. Anderson -

Approved -

Approved

Orders for a Supply will be issued -

arrive from Europe be divided into six equal parts, one of which to be sent to each Hospital, & the remaining two sixths to be kept under the immediate charge of the Apothecary at the Presidency, as well for supplying the dispensatory in Fort St George as to answer any other emergency of Service -

Messrs Thos Bree recommended by Dr Anderson to the Secret Commee 24 July 1784. George Beard, late Surgeons mates of His Majesty's 36th Regt & John Campbell lately come out on the Talbot, we beg leave to recommend to fill the Stations of Surgeon's Assistants -

We also beg leave to represent, that as the Civil Storekeeper could not comply with the accompanying Indent for Stationary, that the Honble President & Council will be pleased to take into consideration how this Board is to be supplied with Stationary and give the necessary orders for that purpose -

To

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To Major General Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.

President, &c.a Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to

From the Mil.y Board, deciding upon the Claims of the Supernumerary Ensigns to the Reward of Ensign Evans for repairs of Quarters at Arnee, and requesting further Information upon the claim of Major Cooke to enable them to form an opinion thereon

acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's Letters dated 14.th & 17.th Inst.: & agreably to your directions in the former, we have the honor of reporting our opinions on the following Papers which were therein referred to our consideration, as an inferior Board - a Letter from Major Cookes Attornies, respecting the claims of their Constituent for Pay, & allowances during a specified period - A Letter from Gen.l Horne enclosing a Memorial from Supernumerary Ensigns: & an Application from Ensign Evans for Repairs of Quarters at Arnee -

And as the Papers we had the honor to receive, on the subject of Major Cookes claims for pay, & allowances during a specified period, do not appear to us sufficient to enable us to form a decisive opinion thereon, we beg leave to request you will order a Copy of Major Cookes Memorial to the Honble Court of Directors, & such other papers as may afford any further informa- -tion on the subject, to be laid before us -

Your Honble Board having been pleased to require our opinion on the Letter from Gen.l Horne, enclosing a Memorial from

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26. from the Supernumerary Ensigns at Trichino=
=poly, & Warriore for temporary Allowance
in consequence of the very great distress suf=
=fered by those Officers, as stated in their Letter,
& Address – We take the liberty of recommen=
=ding to your Honble Board to grant to the
Supernumerary Ensigns at Trichinopoly
& Warriore, their arrears of Temporary al=
=lowance from the time they became
Supernumeraries –

And as your Honble Board
has thought proper to order us to examine
the application from Ensign Evans for
repairs of Quarters at Arnee, we apprehend
that the said claim of Ensign Evans can
on no account be admitted, untill it
be known by what authority such
Repairs were made –

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20. May 1786

We have the honor to be &c

John Dalling
J Kapper
(Signed) Jno. Rigault
James Eidingtoun
Henry Malcolm
Jas. Campbell
× Patrick Ross

Received the undermentioned
Letters entered in MB. Nos 118 - 119 - 120 - 121 - 122 - 123.

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From Captain Baillie, stating

From Captain Baillie

that Mr Scott, Agent for Cloathing the Ma-
=sulipatam Sepoys, has declined paying
to him the usual Off Reckonings, & requesting
that he may be directed to discharge the
same -

From Mr Joseph Garrow,

From Dy Accts Pay.r

Mr Digby draws on him for Pags 4750 being
money borrowed of different Persons, and
requests to know if it is to be paid on
its becoming due -

From Captain Flint:

From the Commandant at Madura.

the Renter at Madura has applied to him
for 4 Companies of Sepoys for the purpose of
collecting the Peishcush due from certain
Poligars, & requesting to know if he is to
comply with the same -

From Capt.n Mitchell, at

From Captain Mitchell

Chittapet, states that his Services are no longer
necessary at that place -

Minute thereon

Ordered to return to the Presidency.

From Malacca, with thanks

From Malacca

for the Intelligence transmitted to them by
their Government -

From Vizagapatam:

From Vizagapatam

stating that there have never been any Store-
-houses for Grain on their Garrison, as tem-
-porary Bankshalls occasionally served when
any Grain was purchased on the Company's
Account -

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Sent the undermentioned Letters
(entered in MB Nos 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129.)

To Capt. Flint

To Captain Flint. to furnish the Nabobs Renter with Troops agreably to his Request. an European Officer to accompany them; provided the number is equal to one Comp.y

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To the Paymasters at Trichino.

To the Paym.r directed to buy in a Stock of Grain.

-poly. Palamcotah. Madura. Vellore. Arnee. Ongole and Chingleput. to send to the Governor a weekly return of Rice & Grain received by them from the Nabobs Renter since the 6.th Inst. & to mention the Price at which the Grain has been received.

To the Commd.r at Chingleput

To Captain North. to afford the Chief Engineer every possible Assistance in superintending the buildings at Mautangautal

To Mr. Torin

To Mr. Torin. with a Letter from the Nabob to Sitabar Cawn. respecting the Exchange. which it is to put an end to all Disputes on the Subject.

From Ganjam

Received Letter from Ganjam. (entered in MB marked To. in answer. returns Nos 127 & 128 advising of the State of the Grain Rooms. and recommending that Shades are immediately erected for storing Grain may be fitted up. Requesting permission for Mr. Tudor to visit the Presidency.

June 2.d MB No 128.

Mr. Tudors Request granted. Vide

To the Military Board.

To the Military Boards.

Papers relating to the Claim of Major Cooke enclosed at their Request. to return all original Papers which they may receive. or have received from the Military Secretary's Office.

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2d Sent the following Letter to

His Majestys Paymaster General —

To William Burke Esq.r

Paymaster General of the Kings Troops

in India

Sir.

In reply to your Letter of

the 12th Ultimo I am directed by the Board

to notify their Acquiescence, in your discharg-

-ging the Demand made on account of the

23d Regement of Light Dragoons for Horse

Subsistence and Accoutrements Allowance

for last Month — and to inform you that

this Demand is to be paid monthly in

advance, agreably to late Usage —

To. Mr. Burke,
the Board ac-
-quiesce in his
discharging the
demand on account
of the 23d Regt of
Lt Dragoons for
Horse Subsistence
& Accoutrements
which is to be
paid monthly
in advance in
future —

Fort St George
1st June 1786

I am Sir

Your most obedient Servt

/Signed/ John Chamier Secy

Received the following

Letter and Enclosures from the Committee

for investigating the Debts of His Highness

the Nabob —

To

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2d

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell Kt

President and Governor &c Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Commee for investigating the Nabob's debts - the Accounts of the Cavalry Loan settled. desiring to know if the Sums due on the Bonds composing it are to be certified / enclosing copy of a Letter from the Nabob's Agents with an Account Current of the Cavalry Loan.

The enclosed is Copy of a letter and Account, which we have received from Messrs Storey and Benny, the Agents of the Nabob, on the Subject of the Debt, called the Cavalry Loan - we take the Liberty to inform your Honor &ca that the Balance struck on the 31st December 1784 is Pagodas 6,90,624. 21. 10. the same as delivered to us by Mr Taylor in his Letter of 26th December last: your Committee no further interfered in the Settlement of these Accounts, than by repeated offers of their Services, had they been judged necessary -

We received your Orders under date 31st December last to certify the Sums due on the Bonds in the Debts of 1767 and 1777.

As the Bonds, which compose the Cavalry Loan are the property of different Persons, we wish to have your Instructions if the Sums due upon them are also to be certified in order that the same

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2d same may be fully ascertained & all possibility of future doubt precluded –

With the above Papers we have also the Honor to transmit you Copies of the various Letters &ca which have passed on the occasion from which we flatter ourselves that the Business will appear in a clear point of view and that no censure or Blame for delay will be imputed to the Committee appointed by Government –

A fair Copy of our Proceedings is preparing and will be laid before your Honor &ca in a few days, from a letter we have lately received by His Highness's directions. We hope that we shall shortly have the satisfaction to report finally on all the private Claims which have hitherto appeared against His Highness through the Channel of our Appointment –

Fort St George
1st June 1786

We have the honor to be &c
Edwd Garraw
Wm Webb
J Landon
Secr

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To Edward Garrow
William Webb
& } Esqrs
James Landon

Gentlemen.

Mr Taylor having now settled Accounts, between His Highness the Nabob Wallajah Behauder & his Concern, We are directed by His Highness to transmit you an Account Current of the Cavalry Loan made up to the 31st December 1784.

Chepauk House
30th May 1786

We are Gentlemen
Your most Obed.t Servants

Robert Sharp
Charles Binny

A true Copy
Landon
for the Committee

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Dr. His Highness the Nabob Wau Lau Jah Behauder in in Account with Messrs. James Taylor and Concern for Cavalry Loan

1781 Novr.	25th	To Balance due this day on 4 Bonds for 1 Lack of Pagodas each, as acknowledged in His Highness's Letter to the Government of Madras dated 23d March 1782	503370	26	34
1784 Decr.	31st	To Interest on Do. to this day 3.1.6 a 12 p Cent p Annum	187253	36	56
		Pagodas	690624	21	10

Errors Excepted Chepauk House
30th May 1786

(Signed) Robert Storey
Charles Binny

A true Copy
Handon
for the Committee

1784 Decr.	31	By Balance due on 4 Bonds for 1 Lack of Pagodas each	690624	21	10
		Pagodas	690624	21	10

N.B. Two Bonds are in the hands of Mr. Paul Benfield dated 29th May 1777 or 21st Rubbisany 1191 Hegy. whose Principal & Interest on the 31st Decr. 1784 amount to Pagt. 355216.28.

Two Bonds are in the hands of Mr. Taylor & his Concern, one dated 29th May 1777 & one dated 15th June 1777 or 8th Jemaudelowell 1191. whose Principal & Interest on 31st Decr. 1784 amount to Pagt. 335377.35.10

Pagodas 690624.21.10

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Sent the following Answer

To Messrs Edwd Garrow, Hpm Webb & James Landon

Gentlemen

To answer, to certify the amount due upon the Cavalry Bonds & make out the proportions of the Dividends due upon each of them

Fort St George
3rd June 1786

I am directed by the Honble President & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 1st Inst: & to desire you will without loss of time certify the amount due upon the Cavalry Bonds & make out the proportions of the Dividends due upon each of them

I am Gentlemen &c &c

(Signed) John Chamier Secy

Recieved the following Letter.

To John Chamier Esqr

Secretary to the Milty & Political Departmt

Sir,

From the Acting Paymaster at Palamcotah, sends to the Post Master of the Chief authority of Madura

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 1st Inst: & have the honor to inform you that my Accounts are already transmitted to the Military Paymaster Genl for this Garrison for the month of February, and that those of the Detachment with be closed and forwarded to morrow after which no time shall be lost in preparing the Accounts of the Cantonment for March and April - and agreable to your direction

the

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3d The Accounts shall in future, be regularly sent to the Presidency by the 25 of the succeeding Month —

In obedience to the Orders of the Honble Board, I now send ten Chuckrums of the Fanams coined here under Mr Swains Authority, I am happy to think they will be submitted, to an impartial Trial — I have also enclosed ten Chuckrums of the Cocan Menet Fanams, the Currency of Tinnevelly, and the Standard Coins by which Mr Swain was guided. that they may be tried in comparison — and as the Mint Thani's Engagement may be found necessary in the investigation, I have also taken the liberty to accompany the Fanams with a Translation of it —

Blancotah
26th May 1786

I am Sir &c &c
(Signed) Benjn Torin
Asstt Engrs

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

From Bombay,
The Chief & Factors
at Tellichery have
been directed to
communicate
every Information
respecting the
Claim of the
Officers of the
Coast, to Batta
while serving
at that place
during a part
of the late War

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

On the 5th Instant we were honored with the receipt of your Letter of the 26th February from your Military Depart: - ment, with the Abstract it gave cover to —

We have directed the Chief and Factor at Tellichery immediately to transmit to you, viâ Anjengo, all the information

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3d information it may be in their power to give your Honble Board as to the Names the Officers mentioned in the Abstract actually served upon this Coast.

We request you will be pleased to transmit by the speediest Conveyance, the enclosed Packet addressed to the Honble the Governor General & Council

Bombay Castle
Pol.t Secret Dep.
10th May 1786

We have the honor to be &c

R.t Boddam
/Signed/ J. Nelson
Rob.t Sparks
Richd Church

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

Gentlemen.

From Bombay. endorsed Receipt & Contents Sylvester Murion for Money advanced him at that Presidency for which he is to be debited at Madras.

We had the honor to receive your Letter of the 14th January last & Admiral Hughes, & have since wrote you under date the 14th March to enclose a Packet to your Address received here from the Honorable Company, via Bussora.

Lieutenant Sylvester Murion late of His Majestys 100th Regiment having

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9d having been advanced at this Presidency the Sum of Six hundred Rupees for which he has requested to account with your Honor &ca We enclose his Receipt for this Amount in order for its being set against what may be due to him from your Presidency -

We beg leave to request you will forward the inclosed Packet to the Honble the Governor Genl & Co and have the honor to be &ca

Bombay Castle
Pub: Dep:
13th May 1786

/Signd/ B H Boddam
L Nelson
Rob Sparkes
Rich Church

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

From Bombay, enclosing a Packet for the Governor General & Council

Gentlemen.

We have the honor to inclose a Triplicate of our Letter of the 13th Inst: and likewise a Packet for the Honble Governor Genl & Co which we request may be forwarded as soon as possible after receipt -

We have the honor to be &ca

Bombay Castle
Pub: Dep:
17th May 1786

/Signed/ R H Boddam
L Nelson
Rich Church

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

From Tellicherry stating their receipt of the Consignment of Rice sent them for their Settlement - Enquiries and information in respect to the Arrears of Batta claimed by sundry Officers of the Madras Establishment - meeting the principal points of Political Occurrences since their last Address.

On the 15th Instant the Dolphin Grab imported by which Vessel We received the consignment of Rice sent us by your Honor &ca and were favored with your Dispatches of the 21st and 29th March -

The Government of Bombay having transmitted us a List of Arrears of Batta claimed by sundry Officers of the Madras Establishment during the time they did duty in Tellicherry, & directed us to investigate the matter and acquaint you with the result of our Enquiries - We have the honor to inform you that after the most diligent Search We have not been able to trace any vestiges in our Books, the account having been kept seperately by our former Paymaster, Mr Samuel Stedman, who died since here, but We suppose the Vouchers relative thereto may be in the hands of his Executors at Bombay -

The Rice being disembarked We embrace the opportunity of the return of the Dolphin Grab to relate the principal occurrences that have taken place since our Address of the 14th January -

In

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In the Interval between the
Prence of Cherikal making his Claim to the Pro-
-vince of Khandoterrah, and receipt of Instructions
from our Superiors on the Subject, he sent fifty
armed Nairs to demand Possession of it. We had
been aware of this measure & circumspect that
no umbrage might be given to the Nabob in
the Persons of his Dependants, We had previously
directed a small Guard stationed there to
withdraw hither in case of the Province being
entered by an armed Force, which Step We had
the pleasure to find was consonant to the wishes
of our Superiors signified to us a few days after
- Our Chief agreeable to Orders protested formally
against the Invader (offering him however resti-
-tution of the Province on settling his Accounts)
and remonstrated to Tippoo on the outrage of
his Vassal. The Prence's answer conveyed a
counterchange of Violence against us for felling
Trees &ca a charge, We assure your Honor &c
as groundless as frivolous. He nevertheless pro-
-fessed a desire to liquidate his Accounts, &
required that they might be drawn out. The
Nabob in his reply to the Chief disavowed
the Prence's proceeding, & enclosed a letter for
him which he pretended was an order to
restore Khandoterrah to us, until he should
have paid off the Mortgage - The other
refused compliance alledging that it was
a simple Injunction only to settle his
Accounts with the Company; & hence it ap-
-peared clear to us that there was a Collusion

between

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5. between them.

The Accounts amounting to upwards of Four Lacks of Rupees, having been referred to the Presidency for approval, were sent the Prince, & the Items explained by our Linguists - The former urged no specific objections, but stipulated for the delivery of the Assignments of the Province, Indents for Stores Letters to former Chiefs, and other Vouchers previous to his discharging the Balance - most of these Vouchers having been written on Ollas, or the Bark of the Cocoanut Tree, are this length of time perished - Thou that are executed on Paper it would be absurd to trust him with - We however offered to produce them to any of his Ministers, whom he might appoint to examine them here - which he refused - Therefore the negociation is at a stand, and from our knowledge of his Indigence and dependant situations (all his motions being directed by an Officer of the Nabob, who collects the produce of his Country allowing him but enough for Subsistence) We cannot flatter ourselves that the Honble Company will recover a Rupee of their Demand

The Embargo on the Staples of the Country still continues in force, and our Chief having lately addressed Tippoo Sultaun again for the delivery of Mount Delly a District of essential importance to our Trade, on account of its abounding with Cattle & Wood, apprized him at the same time of the contempt with

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3d with which the Prince of Cherrika treated his command for the restitution of Rhandoterrah - To the first point, the Nabob has affected to be ignorant of the very name of the Fort, (as he is pleased to call Mount Dolly) adverted to by the Chief, & the other he contents himself with saying, that he had already given orders to the Prince to restore the Province to us -

Altho we are confirmed in opinion that the Nabob four Months since had actually instigated the Malabar Princes to molest us, we are happy to acquaint your Honor &c that no further insult has been offered except the disposition in us of Rhando- terrah; Tippoo's offensive designs against us seem to have been diverted by the more important concern of opposing the Mahrattas & quelling an Insurrection of his own Subjects to the Southward of Calicut, which it seems gathers Strength & has much alarmed that Government -

We are with the greatest respect

Tellicherry
20th May 1786.

Signed/ Wm Page
G Paterson

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

From Vizagapatam one of the Sons of Latta Heitra Dee invades the Company's territories with a Force sent by them under the command of Captain Grant to repress the Incursion.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We are sorry to inform you that We have been under the necessity of detaching

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3d detaching Captain Grant with six Companies of his Battalion to repress the Incursion of one of the Sons of Lalla Kistna Deo formerly Zemindar of Singaporum who was dispossessed many years since by old Vizaram Rauze, for introducing the Mahrattas into their District. This man whose name is Saunder Deo has found means to collect a Force amongst the Hills & in the Cattivite Country (where he was brought up) belonging to Purvatta Deo, a petty Zemindar, tributary to the Mahrattas of Naugpore, in all said to be about 4000 in litty some Horse, with which he has repossessed himself of Singaporum & Royguddy. The first Accounts that could be depended upon came from the Rajah of Jeypour, who is tributary to Vizeanagrum and Comen to Saunder Deo and it was judged necessary immediately to order a respectable force against them. That the Service may be effected with expedition, least the Rains should begin, when it will be impossible to act among the Hills and when Strangers fall a sacrifice to the Hill fevers.

The Detachment marched on the 22d and will be joined by a number of the Vizeanagrum people, at Burpum which is situated near the Hills and where, according to the Intelligence he may receive, Captain Grant will regulate his movements and we doubt not that in a few days, We shall have

Yrs

3d the Pleasure of acquainting you that he has
cleared the Country of these Invaders - Cuppum
is 18 Cos northward of Chicacole & 16 Cos
from Ryzguddy; but being unfurnished
with any chart of this District, though
great part has been surveyed, we are much
at a loss and obliged to trust to such accounts
as we can pick up -

Vizagapatam
24th May 1786

We have the honor to be &c.
Claud Russell
/Signed/ Chas Stanhope
J W Drake

Received the undermentioned
Letters entered in the Miscellany Book for
the Month of June Nos 1-2-3-4-5-6-7

From Columbo

From Columbo offering
Congratulations on the arrival of Sir Archie=
-bald Campbell -

From Tranquebar

From Tranquebar; are
unable to give any Assistance in detaining
the Ship Cadur, she having sailed some
days before the arrival of the Board's Letter.

From the Resident at Tanjore -

From Mr Rudleston
enclosing his Correspondence with Mr Falk
since the receipt of the Board's Letter of the
6th of May -

From the Command.r at Arnee -

From Lieut Carey, states
in what forwardness the Granaries at his
Garrison

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3d Garrison are in expects to receive from the Renter 500 Cullums of Paddy.

From the Commandt at Pennacoil.

From Lieut Graham - shall obey the orders of the Board with respect to procuring Intelligence - requests to know whether he is to discharge the two Hircarrahs that have been employed by Government -

From the Paymr at Madura -

From Mr Johnston - requesting permission to visit the Presidency.

From the Secretary to the Hospital Board

From Mr Berry, Secretary to the Hospital Board - no objection can why Mr Sinclair may not visit the Presidency

Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in MB Nos 8-9-10-11-12-13)

To W. S. Johnston

To the Paymaster at Madura, with permission to visit the Presidency if his Accounts be not in Arrear -

To the Hospital Board

To the Hospital Board with permission for Mr Sinclair to come to the Presidency - enclosing Letter & Enclosures from Mr William Gordon for their opinions and directing them to return all original Papers sent to them from the Military Secretary's Office.

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To the Commandant at Pennacoil.

To the Commandant at Pennacoil, the Board consent to his retaining the two Hircarrahs employed in the Service of Government at that Garrison -

To

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To Captain Lieut Baillie - Mr

To Capt.n Lt.t Baillie

Andrew Scott has been directed to pay to him the Amount due for Off Reckonings during the period of his Commanding the Masulipatam Sibbendies -

To Mr Scott, directing him as

To Mr Scott

mentioned in the Letter to Capt.n Lieut Baillie -

To the Deputy Military Pay-

master - the Sums drawn by Mr Digby, bor-

To Mr Jos: Garrow

rowed on an Emergency upon the Faith of their being repaid in Cash, must be liquidated agreably thereto - The Bills in consequence must be accepted by him, and included in his next Indent -

5th

Received the undermentioned

Letters (entered in MB Nos 14 - 15 - 16)

From the Commandant at

From Colonel Rumbold

Arcot, enclosing the Engineers Bill of Expence incurred in repairing Quarters, which he requests may be discharged -

To answer

Ordered accordingly (Vide MB. No. 17)

From the Commandant

at Nellore, enclosing Copy of a Letter from

From Col.t Nixon

Captain Lieut Rutledge, a Prisoner at Sura-

-gapatam, to Mr Benjamin Torin, stating his Sufferings, and requesting a Supply of Money - In consequence of which the Colonel sends him sixty Pagodas -

Ordered

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Minute thereon

Ordered that the Paymaster at Vellore, be directed to reimburse Col Nixon for the Money advanced by him (Vide MB. No 18 - 19)

From Mr Samuel Johnston, dating. that the Nabobs Manager has received no Orders from the Durbar to give good Chuck= =rums for the decried Fanams now in the Company's Cash Chest, or to furnish him in like manner with two months pay for the Sepoys; and requesting Instructions in Consequence -

From the Paym.r at Madura

6th

The President upon receipt of the foregoing Letter had a Conference with the Ameer Ul Omrah on the subject, when his Excellency consented to - The following Letters being written to the Paymasters at Madura, and Palamcotah -

The President holds a conference with the Ameer on the subject of the Tinnivelly Exchange

To Mr Samuel Johnston
Paymaster at Madura

Sir.

To the Paym.r at Madura - to return to the Paym.r at Palam= =cotah the desired fanams in his own possession or in the hands of the Troops to be exchanged - to receive any sums tendered to him by the Nabobs Agent on account of His Highness's third Kist. the

In reply to your Letter of the 29th Ult.o I am directed by the Board to inform you that the Nabob has agreed to receive back from Mr Torin any of the decried Fanams, sent to Madura, which remain in your hands, or with the Troops, provided that such Amount does not exceed two Months Pay -

You

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the payments to be made at such an exhange, that neither the Troops nor the Company can be injured-

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You will be pleased in conse-
=quence to return to Mr Torin any of the
decried Fanams in your own possession, or in
the hands of the Troops that they may be
exchanged accordingly.

You are to receive from the
Nabobs Manager at Madura any further
Sums that he may offer on account of the
2d Instt. and you are to grant Receipts in
Pagodas for the Sums so paid to you at
the Current Exchange of the District at
the time of payment - it being understood
that the payments are to be made at an
Exchange, by which neither the Troops nor the
Company can be injured -

I am Sir &c &c

Fort St George
6th June 1786

/Signed/ John Chamier
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To Mr Benjamin Torin

Acting Paymaster

at

Palamcotah

To the Paymr at Palamcotah, the exchange of the decried Fanams must be postponed till the Nabob has made good his paymentson account of this last Instt - to receive any money tendered to him by the Nabobs Agent, & grant receipts in Pagodas, without previously insisting upon the exchange of the decried fanams

Sir

I am directed by the Board
to send you Copy of a Letter addressed to Mr
Johnston, and to desire you will pay attention
to its contents -

His Highness the Nabob has
requested that the Exchange of the decried
Fanams

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6.ᵉ Fanams in your hands, as well as those returned to you from Madura and Trichinopoly, may be postponed until he has made good his payments on account of his last Kist, which he could not do completely; before the time stipulated for that purpose, if he were to give good Fanams immediately for all those deemed that are in your hands, and in the hands of the Troops - You are therefore directed to receive any Money the Nabob's Managers may tender to you, and grant Receipts in Pagodas, without previously inserting upon the Exchange of the decried Fanams - The Nabob having promised that the whole of these shall be exchanged in the manner formerly agreed upon, as soon as he has made good his third Kist -

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James Sir Geo Geo

/Signed/ John Chamier

To Mr Falk.

Secy

Sent a Letter to the Pay-master at Trichinopoly, containing similar Orders as were given to the Paymaster at Madura this day - in respect to receiving any Sums tendered to him by the Nabobs Agent on account of his Highness's third Kist.

Sent

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Sent the following Letter
to sundry Cavalry Officers -

To Colonel Sir Henry Cosby.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble
President and Council to desire you will
answer the following Queries -

To sundry Cavalry Officers, to solve certain Queries sent to them with respect to their Services in the Cavalry Line -

When did you first enter
into the Cavalry Line? -

What was your Rank in
the Company's Service on your entering the
Cavalry Line?

How long did you serve in
War as a Cavalry Officer? -

Upon what Service were
you employed against the Enemy? -

What different Ranks
did you hold during these Services? -

How long have you served
as a Cavalry Officer in time of Peace?

What different Ranks have
you held during that Period? -

I am Sir &c &c

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6th June 1786.

/ signed / John Chamier
Secy

queries

The same to Major T. L. Lonyn; Major Dugald Campbell; - Lt Col. Jas Campbell; - Captain Stevenson; - Captain Sourdan; - Capt. Young.

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Received the undermentioned Letters entered in the Miscellany Book No 21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29/.

From Manulipatam

From Manulipatam dated the 26th Ultimo, with an Invoice and Bill of Lading of Tents, shipped on board the St Louis on account of the Company -

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Invoice and Bill of Lading be sent to the Commissary General of Stores -

From Capt. Masters

From the Commandant at Chandernagherry, dated 29th Ultimo - stating that the Polygars in his Neighbourhood are now perfectly quiet -

From Mr. Taner

From the Paymaster at Chinglepute, dated the 4th Instant, no Grain has been hitherto received into Store owing to the Amuldar - shall furnish the Governor with a weekly account of the Stocks of Grains lodged in the Company's

From Mr. Colt

From Mr. Andrew Colt. dated the 5th Instant, stating his reasons for not having paid to Captain Lieutenants Baillie, the Off. Reckonings, while he was in the command of the Manulipatam Sibbendies -

From Mr. Falk.

From the Paymaster at Toichinopoly dated 27th & 29th May. the former recommending

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recommending that in Consequence of the delay attending the recoinage of the bad Fanams he be permitted to draw on the Presidency for the Sums requisite for the pay=ment of the Troops, & that the Nabob be debited in his accounts for the same - The latter requesting the Solution of some Queries in respect to the situation of Surgeons not appointed to Regiments:- To the pay and Allowances of an Adjutant - and of the Offi=cer declared to be Supernumerary -

From the Storekeeper at

From Mr George Wyneh. Ganjam, enclosing a List of Cotts, Bedding &c. received from the Surgeon, & requesting to know if he is to pay the Amount -

From the Commandant

at Madura, stating that the Renter has From Capt. Flint. stopped the Circulation of the Current pa==nams, by which the Troops who have been paid of late in that Coin, are prevented from purchasing Provisions -

From Brigadier General

From Gen. Stone. Stone, the Nabobs Manager has begun to lay in Store, the Grain, which the Pay=master has been directed to receive -

Received the following

Letter from the Committee for enviestigating the Debts of His Highness the Nabob -

To

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell Kt.
President & Governor &c. Council

From the Committee for investigating the Nabobs Debts with a List of Bonds in the Cavalry Loan, and the proportion of Dividends to be paid on each.

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Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the honor to inform your Honor &c. that the Proprietors of the Bonds in the Debt of His Highness the Nabob, called the Cavalry Loan have brought their Bonds, and given us an Account of the Balance due on each of them on the 31st. December 1784. On comparing their Amount, we find it agrees with the total Balance declared by the Nabob. We have therefore in obedience to your Commands of the 3d. Instant delivered to Mr. George Moubray, the Accountant, the proportions of Dividends to be paid on each of the Sums, Copy of which, we enclose for your Information.

We have the honor to be &c.

Edwd. Garrow
/Signed/ Wm. Webb
James Landon

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7th List of the Bonds in the Debt of His Highness the Nabob called the Cavalry Loan Princi-=pals and Interest calculated the 31st December 1784: with the Proportions of Dividends to be made on each.-

Bond N° 1		2.11.326. 12. -	
	2	1.43.920. 16. -	
	3	1.67.688. 38. 45	
	4	1.67.688. 38. 45	
		6.90.624. 21. 10	

Dividend of the 1st April

Bond N° 1	3.169. 32. 8	
2	2.153. 29. -	
3	2.515. 12. -	
4	2.515. 12. -	
Total Pag!	10.359. 13. 8	

Dividend of the 20th May -

Bond N° 1	7.396. 14. 72	
2	5.037. 7. 53	
3	5.869. 4. -	
4	5.869. 4. -	
Total Pag!	24.171. 30. 46	

A true Copy
Landon
for the Committee

In consequence of the fore-=going Letter it is ordered that the amount of the Proportions of the Dividends due upon the Cavalry Loan be issued upon application at the Treasury, & that Notice be given ac-=cordingly -

Minute thereon

Received

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Received the following Letter

To the Honble Major General Sir Archibald Campbell

President &ca Council

From the Military Board, requesting Papers explanatory on the subject of Contingencies &ca to be paid by the Company to His Majesty's Regts serving in India

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's Letter of 26th Ult. enclosing an application from the Kings Regts Generals, relative to Contingencies for His Majes- -ty's Regts serving in India - and in order to enable us to form a decisive opinion on the propriety of these charges, We beg leave to request your Honble Board will order Copies to be sent to us, of all Papers, which may serve to explain what part of the Contin- -gencies, and Extraordinaries, of His Majesty's Regiments serving in India is to be paid by the Company.

Fort St George 3d June 1786.

We have the honor to be with great respect, &c &ca

/ Signed / John Dalling
Happer
Wm Rigault
Patrick Roy
James Eidingstoun
Henry Malcolm
Ja Campbell

To

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To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Military
& Political Department

Sir,

You will be pleased to acquaint,
the Honble the Governor and Council, that
since the date of our late Address - The Cawn
informed us that the Nabob had sent him
fresh instructions relative to the Tinnevelly
Janams, but as they differ materially from
the tenor of His Highness's proposals to Go-
-vernment, we think it necessary to let
them know the offers his Manager has made
to us, & how far we find ourselves under
the necessity of complying with them -

In the Nabobs 5th Proposal
he agrees, to take up all the decried Janams
in the hands of the Company's Paymasters,
& to give them an equal Sum in good Janams
with the amount returned, & in the third
Proposal he says, all bad Chuckrums shall
be sent to the Mint to be recoined - The
Cawn in reply tells us, he is ordered to receive
no more than 40,000 Chuckrs & to return
their value in Pagodas in 30 or 40 days, &
that bad Chuckrums if sent to the Mint
will be recoined into Pagodas only -

As the Troops are impati-
-ent to be relieved from their decried Janams

We

From the Commandt
& Paymaster at
Palamcotah, on
the subject of the
decried Janams.
- Mr Palk returns
20000 - recommen
-ding that a
sufficient number
of Bullocks for
a Brigade of Guns
be hired, to bring
in Timber from
the Country for
the Repair of
Store & Gun
Carriages - Trees
blown down by
the late Storm
will answer the
purpose -

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8 We proposed to the Cawn to exchange them, in part of the 40000 Chuckrums. this he declined, but offered to advance 10,000 Chuck=rums in good fanams for the Paymasters Receipts, on account of the Nabob's 3d Kist -

We have now no alternative, and though we accept the offer with Concern, we apprehend we shall be obliged to take up a much larger Sum at the beginning of the month, when the Troops will want Pay, and it is not probable the Pagodas will be coined - We are sorry to inform you that two Chests of these fanams have been returned to this treasury by Mr Palk nearly to the amount of 20,000 Chuckrums which encreases the Balance of impassable Money to more than 50,000 Chuckrums, besides what we may expect to be returned on the hands of the Paymasters at Trichi=nopoly and Madura by the Troops there - As the Nabob has only ordered 40,000 Chu. to be exchanged, we beg to know how the rest is to be disposed of -

We apprehend His Highness has omitted to send his orders to the Cawn to accept of the Paymasters Receipts in Pag. in lieu of those he holds in Chuckrums - as he declined the offer of them from Mr

Torin

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8 Torin at the rate of 18/4 fan.p Star Pagoda — which is the Exchange the Troops were paid in —

From the Force the Government have lately stationed in this Province, & the probability of frequent Detachments: we think it proper to represent to the Honble Board, that in the late violent Storm many Trees have been blown down that will be found very serviceable in the Stores, & the repair of Gun Carriages &c. they must be brought in by Bullocks: but as the Board will perceive by the enclosed Extract, that none can be easily obtained — and the Cattle that were attached to the Guns of the Detachment have been discharged and returned to Trichinopoly. it will answer a double purpose if the Honble Board will be pleased to allow a sufficient number for a Brigade of Guns to be hired — that they may be ready in case of Emergency, and furnish us in the interval with a material Article of which the Stores are totally deficient —

Mr Torin begs you will inform Government, that he only waited to learn from Mr Baker, if the late Mr Light's House, was now become the property of the Company to represent. the damage

it

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8. it sustained in the late Storm.—

The foundation in two places sunk several Inches, & the roof is consequently rendered so weak & leaky as to endanger the whole Fabric if not immediately taken down —whereas a few effectual repairs at this junc= =ture, will be the means of preserving the building; or Mr Torin would not intrude his Observation on Government.

We have the honor to be &c

/Signed/ W Bidcliffe
Benjn Torin
Dep.y Paym.r

Palamcotah
19th May 1786

Extract of a Letter from the Nabob's Manager in Tinnevelly to the Paymaster on his appli= =cation for 10 draught Bullocks to proceed with the European Detachment to Trichinopoly written by his English Writer & dated 7th May 1786.

"With respect to the
"Draught Bullocks if you want one for to go
"one or two Miles the Cawn will give order
"to prep the Inhabetants Bullocks for this
"Business — but if for a long March
"it is impossible for him to prep the Inha=
=bitants Bullocks when they want
"them for to cultivate the Ground."

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell

President

Thursday 8th June 1786.

Lieut General Sir John Dalling Bart

Alexander Davidson Esqr

James Henry Casamajor Esqr

Minutes of last Consul-

-tation read & approved.-

The Commander in

Chief delivers in the following Minute with two Memorials from the 36th and 52d Regiments -

The Commander in Chief

thinks it his duty to call the attention of the Board to the article of supplying the Troops with Spirits, and to represent his ideas on that Subject -

The Contract entered

into by Government with Mr Cochrane in February last for supplying Kings and Company's Troops was be supposed formally and regularly executed, & as Mr Cochrane was the lowest bidder, that it was of course granted to him -

In this idea he gave

his

Commander in Chief's Minute, recommends that the Contract entered into with Mr Cochrane for supplying the Troops with Arrack be annulled - lays before the Board Memorials from the 36th and 52d Regiments on the Subject.

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his assent to it, yet he must own, that, at the opening the Proposals, it appeared to him strange, that so few should have stepped forth for what, by the world in general, was esteemed a good thing, even at the lower rate at which Mr Cochrane had formerly enjoyed it, and which the terms of the present Con-=tract much exceeds - but so little was he versed in the prices of the Spirits, or the value of Farms & Cash, that he imagined the terms accepted were the best that could be obtained, & this perhaps not quite as moderate as might have been wished, yet not extra-=vagantly dear -

From subsequent informa-=tion, however, & on a revision of this subject, in consequence of the strong & conclusive reasoning in the Petitions from the Kings Re-=giments, particularly in that from the 36th Regt. The Commander in Chief is of opinion, that much better terms could have been made, & as the Revenue of the Company does neither benefit, nor suffer by the Contract entered into with Mr Cochrane, & as it tends only to the enriching the individual, at the expence of the Soldier, it should be thinks if possible, be declared void, without delay - & either a fresh Contract be made on more moderate terms, or some other mode adopted to remove the hardship

from

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from the Soldiery under which they labour—

Their hardship falls only on the Company's Troops, & is rendered more grievous, & productive of much murmur, from the circumstance of the Kings Troops being wholly exonerated from the terms of the Contract, in consequence of their representation

The mode now pursued by the Kings Regt is to appoint a person, who engages to supply them at a moderate rate, by which a small profit is made by the Supplier, & the Spirits reasonably served to the Regt— Something similar, perhaps, may be adopted with regard to the Com= =pany's Troops.— that is, the Commanding Officers of the different Stations & Garrisons, may be at liberty to appoint a person to supply the Troops under their Command with Liquor at a rate not exceeding 40 or 45 Cash the Dram.— If Government, how= =ever, rather think a Contract the prefera= =ble mode, which a knowledge of some Circumstances respecting the present one, makes the Commander in Chief averse to, it should be on more moderate terms than that of Mr Cochrane.— a sufficient time not less than two months, should be allowed for delivering in the proposals, & the term of years should be specified in the Notice— neither of which was he believes, done, in the publication for the present Contract.—

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/ Signed / J. Dalling

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To the Honble Lieut Colonel Knox,
Commanding His Majestys 36th Regt

Sir

We the undersigned, the Captains &
Commanding Officers of Companys of His Majestys 36th
Regt considering our Station as Guardians of the
Interests, & responsible trusties, for the receipt & due
expenditure of the pay of the Non Commissioned Officers
& Soldiers of the Company, we respectively command, find
ourselves called upon to state to you in the strongest
terms, the great disadvantages that must ensue from
the operation of a Contract lately entered into by the
Honble Govr & Co of Fort St George, with the Honble David
Cochrane; for supplying the troops with Bengal and
Bencoolen Arrack at 60 Cash p dram, in substitution for
Batavia Arrack hitherto supplied a 35 Cash p dram —

This Contract does not appear to us
to be regular, necessary, or reasonable —

It does not appear to be regular,
because the Soldiery, who are to be the consumers, & who
are to pay from their subsistence Money the whole price,
have not by their immediate representatives their Officers
been either consulted or considered at all on the business: and
because we have ever understood that Contracts on the part
of the Troops, are only to be made for the more regular &
certain supply of the best commodities at the lowest
rates, not to create a monopoly for vending commodities
of inferior quality at exorbitant prices —

We do not conceive it to be necessary
because the troops serving in the Carnatic, can at most
times during war, & at all times during peace be supplied
regularly with the best Arrack, without the aid or inter-
vention of Government.

It does not appear to us to be reas-
-nable, because the price to be allowed to the Contractor
is nearly double the real cost of the best Spirits, adding
a reasonable, say a handsome profit — because if a
Soldier is to pay 60 Cash p dram for Arrack, & to consume
two drams p day as the Contract intends, the overcharge
absorbs near the whole Gratuity paid him by the Honble
Company, & the remainder of his pay will prove unequal
to his due & necessary subsistance — because it does
not appear to us that the Government of Madras are
called upon to contract for commodities to be consumed by
the Troops, saving only when the Honble Company are
to pay the Cost; & because the practice of granting monop-
-olys, if once established, may be extended to lengths the
most arbitrary & oppressive —

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Your acquaintance with the late and present real prices of Arracks, makes it unnecessary for us to detail particulars; this only we observe, that at Madras the prime sort of a dram of Batavia arrack is at present under 25 Cds; that of Bengal & Bencoolen arrack considerably lower; the Bengal Regt continues to be supplied with Batavia arrack by the arrack Renter of Fort St George at 35 Cds per dram, the Company abating the tax, & in that price is included profit & expences. The Honble B: Cochrane the Contractor, pays no tax for the priviledge of vending Arracks, & we see no cause, why he ought to be allowed a greater profit on his Sales, than the renter of Fort St George.

Means may be used to create an artificial Scarcity, nevertheless we are prepared to undertake to issue to the Soldiers of our Companys, Batavia Arrack of the best quality at the price of last year, being 35 Cds p dram, & to account to the Soldiers for the profit they may accumulate; the whole to be under such regulations as to quality, quantity, & time of delivery, as yourself, the Commander in Chief, or the Honble Governor & Council shall think fit to establish.

Placed as we are at a most respectable distance from the Members of Government, & ignorant as we are of their motives & intentions, we will not presume to question, far less to censure the wisdom & uprightness of their measures, we will not venture to remark on the validity of the reasons that have been assigned for restricting the troops to the use of Bengal & Bencoolen arrack, Spirits of the meanest quality, & most unwholesome; neither will we go further than to express our Surprize, at finding the prices raised to almost double those of last year, we will not presume to remark on the Policy of extending the duration of a Contract formed with such extraordinary obligations to a period of 7 Years: but feeling as we do, the insupportable weight with which the present Contract presses upon the Soldier, we have found ourselves indispensibly bound then to address you & to intreat, that you will most earnestly recommend to the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Troops on the Coast, on whose Zeal, & good intentions we have the foremost reliance, to procure an order of Government for suspending the Sale of Arrack in terms of the Contract granted to the Honble Basil Cochrane & we pledge ourselves to produce in support of whatever we have asserted, the clearest and most unquestionable Evidence.

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

/Signed/

Alex Donaldson Capt
J. Cruickshank Capt
A. Wright Capt
J. Austen Capt
Robt Burne Capt

Geo: Hart Capt
Tho: Daniel Lt
John Crumpe Lt
John Wade Lieut
Jas Ferguson Lt

a Poonamalee
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To Colonel Straubenzee,

Commanding His Majestys 52d Regt

Sir

We the Captains & Commanding Officers of Companies in His Majestys 52d Regt. under your orders conceive we should be guilty of the highest injustice to those, who have all claims to our immediate protection if we did not thus represent to you, & remonstrate against the Evils of the present Contract for supplying Spirituous Liquors to the Army on the Coast by which the Interests of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of our respective Companies are essentially affected -

By this Contract we remark, that the price of such Liquors is not only nearly doubled, but their Qualities greatly depreciated - We shall speak to both Heads -

That there exists no real necessity for raising the Price from 35 to 60 Cash the Dram; We infer from two Facts - first, that the last Sum is the highest ever was charged by Authority in any of the Garrisons on the Coast, when it was publickly known and admitted, that large Profits accrued to the Commandants from the Sale, exclusive of an Emolument to the Store Contractor, and an Allowance to the Paymaster for issuing the Liquor to the Men. Secondly,

That

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that in the Months of December 1784 and January 1785 the greater part of the Kings Troops were supplied with the best Batavia Arrack by their own Officers at 30 Cash p Dram, and no loss was sustained by the Undertaking —

From hence it is surely evident, that such an Increase of Price is most far from being justly expedient, and against all such Taxes on the Soldiery, we must therefore bear our strongest Testimony — But to put there being any Necessity for such a Measure, out of all doubt, We hereby offer ourselves to supply in future, our Men with the best Batavia Arrack at the Rate of the former Contract, holding ourselves at the same time accountable to them for any Profits arising therefrom —

By the present Contract, our Men are to be served with Bengal Rum or Ben=coolen Arrack, the Qualities as well as Prices of which are far inferior to those of Batavia Spi=rits; besides that they are generally new, and esteemed most unwholesome; so that We cannot but be greatly apprehensive for the Healths and Lives of the Soldiers, should such an agreement, (which We ardently deprecate,) be carried into execution —

Under

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Under these Impressions we natu=
=rally look up to you for protection for our Men,
earnestly entreating you will be pleased to represent
these circumstances to the Commander in Chief, &
request of him to lay them before the Honorable
Board, from which we doubt not of due Relief:
but if contrary to our reasonable expectations,
the Board should still adhere to its Contract, We
trust you will solicit the General to transmit
this Case to the Commander in Chief of India, that
by him so extraordinary an exaction on the Kings
Troops may be made known to His Majesty's
Ministers—

Arcot
2d March 1786

We have the honor to be, &c &c

{Signed}

H. Barry (Lt Col.) Capt. 52 Regt
M. Hunter Capt.
R. Drake Lieut
H. Touche Lieut
W. Irvine Lieut
J. Fothergill Lieut
W. Madden Lieut
S. Auchmuty Lieut
J. Pearson Lieut

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The President expresses his sentiments on the Subject in the following Minute –

President's Minute stating his objections to the Contracts entered into with Mr Cochrane –

I have seriously considered the Subject of the Contract entered into by this Board, in the Month of February last, with Mr Basil Cochrane for supplying the Troops with Arrack, & it is with great pleasure, I express my Satisfaction on the perusal of Sir John Dalling's Minute dated 19th May on that Subject, and which I should have noticed much earlier, had not a bad state of Health prevented me –

My Objections to the Contract, are founded upon two points,

First, The exorbitant Price at which the Troops were to be charged, which could not fail to be productive of dissatisfaction.

Secondly, On account of the long term of seven years, for which the Contract was granted, contrary to the Spirit of the Advertisement for making the Contract, which certainly implied it was only to be a Contract for one year –

The Commander in Chief having delivered in a Minute, expressive of his Conviction that the Contract ought to be annulled, I think it unnecessary to trouble the Board with any further remarks

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remarks upon the Terms and Nature of the Con-
-tract, and I am now only desirous to draw
their attention to the Consideration of the best
manner in which the evils complained of, can
be remedied —

Whatever happens, it appears
to me in the first place necessary to set the
Contract aside, but while I say this, I wish
it to be understood, that I will readily con-
-cur in any plan that can with propriety
be adopted to render Mr Cochrane some
Compensation for the trouble & expence, to
which he has been exposed in providing
for the execution of the Contract —

I would therefore propose
that Mr Cochrane should be called before
the Board and that the following propositions
should be made to him —
First.

That the Board will take
off his hands, all the Spirits now in his
possession, paying him therefore within
three Months, the prime Cost and Charges
thereof, with 5 p Cent for Wastage, and
5 p Cent for Commission —
Secondly.

That the Board will em-
-ploy Mr Cochrane as their Agent for the
purchasing of all Spirits for the use of the
Troops — under such proper limitations and
restrictions as shall hereafter be agreed
upon

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upon, and pay them a commission of 5 p Cent upon all Spirits so provided by them -

If Mr Cochrane consents to these Proposals, it will then remain for the Board to establish a fair price, at which the Spirits may be served to the Troops, so as to prevent Injury to them, & guard the Honble Company from loss -

If Mr Cochrane does not accede to these Proposals, I shall think it fair towards him, to make him acquainted with my Sentiments, as a Member of the Board, which are, that whatever may be the Consequences, as a question of Law between him and the Company, I cannot give my Voice for subjecting the Troops to the hardship that would be imposed upon them by an Adherence to the Terms stipulated in the Contract -

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(Signed) e. H. -

Minute thereon.

Agreed that Copies of the foregoing be sent to Mr Cochrane, and that he be desired to give his determination upon the Propositions contained in the Presidents Minute. Resolved also to inform him that if he acquiesces, a new Office will be created, in which he will act under the authority of Government -

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Mr Davidson delivers in the following Minute.—

Mr Davidson's Minute on the same Subject.

Minute.— Should Mr Cochrane reject the Proposals mentioned therein, I propose that Mr Cochrane the Agent be employed to purchase Batavia Arrack on the best poss-sible Terms, & issue it to the Storekeepers of the different Garrisons, the Agent drawing 5 p Cent, the like Commission offered to Mr Cochrane.

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/Signed/ Alex. Davidson

Read the following Letter from the Chief Engineer with a Memorial from the Officers of the Corps.—

To the Honble Major General Sir Archd Campbell K.B.
President & Governor &c. Council
Honble Sir & Gentlemen.
Fort St George

From the Chief Engineer with a Memorial from the Officers of his Corps praying that they may be on the same footing with respect to Allowances as are enjoyed by the Officers in the Infantry Line.—

I have the honor to lay before you a Memorial from the Corps of Engineers, setting forth the many disadvantages they labour under in point of Emolument, a Fact so generally known to every person in the Services as to render it unnecessary for me to add any thing on the Subject— further than the Regret I have long felt on seeing the Healths of valuable Men impaired on the

discharge

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discharge of their duty, by their not being able
to afford themselves those Conveniences the
Climate requires -

I have the honor to be &c

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/ Signed / Patrick Ross
Lieut Col. & Chief Engr.

To the Honble Major General Sir Archd Campbell
President & Governor &c.a Council
of Fort St George

Memorial of the Officers belong-
-ging to the Corps of Engineers on this Establishm.t

Respectfully Sheweth.

That your Memorialists
by having no Share hitherto allotted them out
of the Off Reckonings allowed to the Field
Officers and Captains in every other branch of
the Military Establishment of this Presidency.
not receiving any Depoy allowance or Equivalent
for either, are greatly inferior in point of In-
-come and Emolument to every other Officer
of the same Rank in the Service, altho it was
originally understood that their Allowances
were to be the same with that of the Officers
of the other Corps serving with the Army -
and even of late their usual allowance of
Batta has been struck off -

Under these discouraging
Circumstances they throw themselves on the
Candour and Justice of the Governor and
Gentlemen

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Gentlemen of the Council, hoping from a consideration of the general Importance of this branch of the Service, of the expensive Education and constant Study requisite to form an Engineer, and the superior degree of Fatigue & danger as well as Expence to which they are continually exposed, in the Execution of their Duty, both in Garrison & in the Field, the Honble Board shall be led to conclude that the Gentlemen of this Corps deserve at least equal Encouragement with the other branches of the Military, they will not reject their present Application for receiving such an Equivalent in lieu thereof as the Governor & Council may think proper.

And your Memorialists shall ever pray.

Fort St George
19th May 1786

Geo. Banks
Major & Director

John Byres
Capt.n & Sub. Director

Simeon Stewart
Capt.n & Sub Director

Lieut. J. Guthrie

J. Fleming
Sub. Engr. & Lieut.

Jr. Rt. Prescott
Pract.r Engineer

S. Santer
Pract.r Engineer

The President recommends

to

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President recommends that the Corps of Engineers be allowed an Increase of Pay agreably to the following Statement.

to the Board that the Corps of Engineers be placed on an equal footing with the rest of the Army, and for that purpose begs leave to propose that the Pay of the Officers of that Corps be increased according to the following Statement

Present State of Engineer's Pay, shewing the difference of their Situation from that of the other Corps in the Army.

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Present State of the Engineer's pay shewing the difference of their situation from that of the other Corps in the Army.

	Engineer's Pay &c. p. Month of 31 days.			A Captains of Infantry & Pechakings and Sepoy Subalterns Allowances.		
Captain	38	21	40	51	"	"
Lieutenant	19	15	60	5	4	"
Ensign	15	21	"	4	"	"

N.B. The Subsistence & Gratuity of the Engineer Corps is the same with that of the other Corps of the Army; But the Field Officers and Captains of Infantry have Off- Reckonings, and the Subalterns of Sepoys have extra Allowances, more than the Engineers enjoy, as set forth in Column marked A.

/Signed/ Archd Campbell

The Board approve

the

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he be desired to inform the Board, whether he chuses to accept the Terms offered, or not.

Resolved also that Copy of Colonel Floyd's Letter be sent to Bengal, and that he be desired (should he accept the Terms offered by the Governor General & Council to give in the names of the Persons, whom he may chuse to employ in making his Purchases, that proper Passports & protection may be procured for them.

Copy of Col. Floyd's Letter to be sent to Bengal.

The President represents to the Board, that in order to induce Horse Dealers to bring Horses to Madras, and with the view of ascertaining the prices, which ought to be given, when Proposals may be made for supplying the Native Cavalry with Horses, he has purchased at Madras thirty Horses fit for the Cavalry at 85 Pagodas each, which he trusts will be approved.

The President represents to the Board his having purchased 30 Horses for the Cavalry at 85 Pags ₱ Horse.

Approved.

The Board approve the Purchase made by the President, and are desirous of more being procured upon the same terms.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Floyd.

To

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To the Honble the President & Council of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

By the Mode you have been pleased to point out in your Secretary's Letter of 19th April, for discharging the Debt of Pay. 13824, due to His Majesty's Regt of Lt Dragoons on account of the Contract for feeding the Horses, it appears on enquiry, that there would be a Discount, or Loss of near 10 p.cent. on the part of the Regiment -

From Col. Floyd, requesting that the Debt due by the Company to the 23d Regt of Light Dragoons, may be discharged by such mode that the Regiment may sustain no Loss in Discount -

I request the favor of you to take the same into your consideration, & that you will be pleased to order it so that the whole of that Sum may actually be received by the Creditors -

I have the Honor to be &c

Chevelamcoorboo
16th May 1786

(Signed) J. Floyd
Col.

Minute thereon -

Agreed that Colonel Floyd be informed that the Board will grant Bills on the Subordinates for one half of the amount of Arrears due on account of the Contract for feeding the Horses of the 23d Regt of Lt Drags & that the remaindeing half must be discharged by Certificates for Bengal Bond, must be discharged by Certificates for Bengal Bond,

Resolved that Bills be granted in favor of Colonel Floyd for Pagodas 5000 on Masulipatam, for Pay. Pagodas 1000 on Vizagapatam and for Pagodas 912 on Ganjam -

Read

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Read the following Letter from Messrs Sullivan and Balfour Attornies to Mr John Sullivan –

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Messrs Sullivan & Balfour, in reply to the observations of Mr Auditor Jackson upon the Accounts of Mr John Sullivan as Resident & Paymr at Tanjore –

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's letter of the 3d Instant, enclosing to us a copy of Mr Commissioner Jackson's report on the Accounts of Mr John Sullivan, our constituent, late Resident, Paymaster, & Storekeeper at Tanjore – Before we proceed to reply to Mr Jackson's objections, which we are well satisfied have been dictated by a conviction of duty, but whose decisions, being guided by the Letter of Regulation, allowing little latitude to an Auditor, we conceive to be injurious to Mr Sullivan, and from which we therefore appeal to the candour & Justice of your Honble Board, we beg leave to premise that during the period of his Residentship at Tanjore, almost the entire management of the company's Affairs, not only in the province of Tanjore, but throughout the whole territory South of the Coleroon, was delegated to him by the late Select Committee and on the recollection of the late Honble President, when a Member of that specific Board,

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under which he acted, we rely for a ready sub-
-stantiation of the undefined Authority en-
-trusted to him in every department of his
Offices, representative & ministerial. That
having been appointed by the Honble the Court
of Directors, Resident at the Court of the Nizam
these extensive powers were not obtained at
his solicitation, but were immediately on his
Arrival on the other Coast voluntarily conferred
& earnestly prest upon him by the Committee
from a perfect confidence in his abilety & Zeal
for the publick Service; & as an incontroverti-
-ble proof of the unbounded Authority they
were pleased to invest him with, that he
of his own Selection appointed to the most
important Offices in the Southern Army,
Viz.t to those of Paymaster, Commissary, Agent,
& Storekeeper, the validity of which appoint-
-ments has been fully confirmed, in so much
that the Gentlemen selected have been since
severally held responsible to Government.

With these extraordinary powers
we beg leave to submit it to your Candor, whether
he would not be justifiable, as often as the
exigence of the times required, in deviating
from Regulations formed in, & calculated
for a time of Peace, though they had been
particularly & officially communicated to
him. But when we inform you that
during the continuance of the War, when
the Supplies were procured & the disburse-
-ments made, he had no official, or other

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Information of the existence of such regulations we trust in the equity of your Honble Board not to judge of his Accounts by a standard that had never been given; by a rule that never had been prescribed. But that you will be pleased to make every just allowance for the peculiar circumstances of the times and for the necessity his duty in discharge of the great Trust reposed in him, laid him under of furnishing the Southern Army with every supply at every rengue & at every expen-

In the quality of Paymaster merely, we acknowledge that it was not his province to form a judgement of expe- dience or necessity: but as Resident of Tanjore as Superintendant of a great part of the Southern Revenue, including Nagore, Nega- patam, Trichinopoly, the great and little Marrawar, with Terrore, Arialore, & Manna polliam; as the Delegate of Government, on the general conduct of the War, so far as the operations of the Southern Army were con- cerned - In this manifold, complicated, and unconnected charge, without any prescribed lines of conduct, but with a constant expec- tence from Government to his Zeal, infor- mation, and resources, he considered himself & we trust he will be considered by your Honor &ca as authorized to employ his Judgement, and to take every measure that appeared to him best calculated for acce- lerating the public Service -

From

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From this hope, and from the explanations and declaration on Oath transmitted by him to Mr Secretary Chamier on the 1st of March 1785. we have a reliance on the equity of your Honor &ca to justify and bear him harmless from any extra Payments when Vouchers are produced, and when it shall appear evident that he neither had nor could have any interest directly or indirectly —

Having premised thus much we are to observe that Mr Commissioner Jackson reports to your Honor &ca a Sum of Pags 5944. 18. 4½ as the Amount of irregular Charges, without informing you of the particulars, & therefore without enabling you to form a judgement of the equity of his Credit; this deficiency in his Report we shall supply from his Letters to Mr Hippesley, our joint Attorney, under date the 3. & 28th of Febry & 16th April last —

Yet before we enter on a defence of these Charges, we think it necessary to justify our own Conduct in this Address. Mr Jackson having in his Report informed you that Mr Hippesley, "as one of Mr Sulivans Attorneys," had promised to credit the Honble Company in the above amount, & therefore having given you to understand that the deductions he made were acquiesced in on the part of Mr Sulivan, your Honor &ca may think it extraordinary, that we should trouble you further on the Subject. On reference however to the annexed Letter N° 1.

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you will perceive that Mr Hippesleys promise to credit the Company in the several amounts Mr Jackson, directed, was on his capacity of actual Paymaster at Tanjore, & because the balances had been brought forward into the current Months. but that as the joint Attorney of Mr Sullivan he declined making any such promise, informing Mr Jackson that he would transmit the correspondence with his final determination on the Subject to us; we therefore conceive ourselves regular in questioning the equity of that determination; and as the clearest and most concise method of affording your Honor the full Information, we shall here place the objections & defence in opposite columns —

Objections	Answer
1 It appears that from the 1st of February 1782 to that the regulations of 1780 1st Sept. 1784 Mr Sullivan had been communicated to constantly debited the Mr Sullivan, & the fact is as Company at the rate of before stated that he was suf- 1 Mastry to 50 Carriage fered to remain inactive for Bullocks and 2 drivers 3 Draught Bullocks for any the regulations of the he was left, in this as in all Mr April 1783 allow other matters, to the Govern but 1 Mastry to 100 ment of his own discretion Carriage Bullocks and in the department of Agut 1 driver to 2 draught he however observed the only Bullocks unless they rule he could have recourse to are employed on actual for the charges which he Service in the field and for such bullocks as found had been uniformly appear by Mr Sullivans made by his Predecessors re return to be so employed the Office of Paymaster, and I have allowed at the he quitted this Country without established	Mr Jackson does not and ignorance of them, without

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established rate, in res- a suspicion that he had acted
-pect to all other Bullocks in this respect, for he had seen
charged in Mr Sullivan's before his departure there very
Accounts I do not think Accounts, which were his only
he was warranted in guides, examined, & passed by
Speeding the Regulat-an Auditor without any ob-
-ons; the difference -jection to charges similar to
between what he has what he is now called on to
debited the Company refund; the necessity of the
for Maistries & drivers times required the Bullocks to
& the Sums which ought be kept in constant readiness
to be paid being Rup not only for the field, but for
3155, th ought to be bringing Grain to the Garris
refunded. - from distant parts of the Country
which being intersected in every
direction by Rivers & Nullahs
required an extraordinary num
-ber of Maistries & drivers. To the
annexed Attestation of the prin-
-cipal Bullock Master No 2
he declares that he was paid by
Mr Sullivan for all the drivers
charged, & that he could not
have agreed to serve with fewer
-such a class of Men were not
-en these times to be had at will
-from the great scarcity of grain
& consequent depopulation of
the Country it was with great
difficulty they could be procured
& to secure them when procured,
it was necessary to keep them
in constant pay, which was
further requisite from the
continual demand there was
for them - the Attestation states
that they were constantly
going out & therefore ought in
fairness to be considered as
constantly in the field - Should
we here waive on the part of
Mr Sullivan, his entire ignorance

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In the order, Mr Jackson enquires what should be the rate of hire & guidance we submit it to your Honr & whether hire deviation from the same would not in the instance be justified by the urgency of the

2d Under the head of Cart hire from the 1st of Dec. rate of Cart hire at Madura & 1782 to 30th April 1784 I with the grand Army has been perceive Mr Sullivan has one Pagoda above the regulated charged the Company at the rate of 7/8 per Month, the same the rate of 7 to 7/8 per Month which rendered the increase necessary has ranked more for the hire of Buffaloe Carts, I am of opinion an equal degree of Support to Cart to the Regulations Mr Sullivans Accounts however 7/8 per Month for Bullock Bullock Carts, there is such an quoted, allows only 5/8 a few Instances of the use of in? Pags per Month for the considerable Amount. so former and 6/8 for the high as 7/8 Pags or a little Pag latter. with drivers &c less than the rates paid at every thing included the Madras, & with the grand Army overcharge being Pags - Buffaloe Cart hire exchanged 1786 thought to be at 5 Pags per Month, which a half refunded -

a Pagoda less than in the regulated Times, & with a spare Buffaloe to each Cart at 7 Pags per Mo. No Servants where Carts are employed as conducted with such spare Bullocks or Buffaloes - the number required can be determined only by the Nature of the Service, & the Country, where it is to be performed - the State of the roads thro the Tanjore Country, the Carts produceable perhaps in India, enlarged as we have observed in every direction by Rivers & water courses, and the whole often overflown, rendered transport exceedingly difficult, the Buffaloe Carts more employed in the Conveyance

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of Grain & Stores into the Fort of Tanjore, & of Stores from it to other Garrisons & Stations; a Service of the utmost consequence during so critical a situation of Affairs, & of which the Success in a Country over run with horse, depended greatly on celerity of movement; a spare Bullocks to relieve such as might tire, became from both causes absolutely necessary that measure would have justly subjected Mr Sullivan to a forfeiture of the favor and Confidence of Government, had he neglected to provide them. From 1st Decr 1782 to 30th April 1783, Buffaloe Carts are charged at no more than 5 Pags with a seperate charge of 2 Pags for a spare Bullock; from that period 30 Carts only were retained, the charge for which & the spare Buffaloes were by an error in the entry blended together till the Decr following when Mr Sullivan seeing the impropriety corrected it on the ensuing Months when the charge is again seperated —

For the further information of your Honor &c on the Subject of the two preceding objections we beg leave to quote here a passage from the Regulations alluded to, equally applying to both — "If it should become necessary from the difficulty of procuring Carts, Draft & Carriage Bullocks &c to encrease the foregoing rates the Deputies Agent must in their

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"Their Letters accompanying their
"Accounts explain their reasons for
"such measures, which will not
"therefore be admitted. The Regu-
=lations evidently suppose that
cases may occur where it may be
necessary to exceed the regulated
number of Drivers, & rates of hire
for Carts &c & empties a discre-
=tionary latitude be adopted the
measure to the exigence. We
trust that the Honble majesty
of an embargo on the case under
consideration has been suffici-
=ently established, & that it
will appear to your Honorable
Board that the only objection
Mr Sullivan not having complied
agreeably to the last Clause of
the Paragraph quoted, the cause
of the embargo - But Mr Sullivan
never saw them regulations, & the
causes of the embargo of course
were of public notoriety - he
such strong grounds of defence
we flatter ourselves that it
will appear to your Honor & the Bd.
Mr Sullivan ought in equity to
be indemnified, & that you will
not be disposed to treat him
with greater rigor than has
been shown to Mr Light, Mr
Kenworthy, & Mr Gardiner, on
whose Accounts similar charges
objected to by the Commissioners,
have lately been admitted by
your Honorable Board, upon
the Representations of the
parties of their ignorance
of the Regulations, or of
misjudging for deviating from
them -

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3d In the Month of April there is a charge of £10 Pagl paid to Mr Henry Taylor as Commissary to Col Fullarton's Detachment, as he also acted as Paymaster it must be considered as one Office & no charge ought to have been incurred on two Accounts.

This appears to have been an error in the Entry, which we beg leave here to correct. The £10 Pagodas having been paid to one of Mr David Wedderburn's Servants on account of his Master, who was appointed Commissary by the Board, as Mr Taylor declares in the annexed Letter No 3.

4th In September 1782 Mr Robt Simpson Actg Surgeon, has been paid the batta of a full Surgeon, instead of that of an Assistant from 1st July 1781 to 28th Febry 1782. the Batta of an Assistant is fanams 33.48 pday instead of f. 25.16 which is at the rate he has been paid; the over-charge in his Account being 158.16.64 ought to be refunded.

This and the following Objection requires but one answer Mr Simpson, & after his death Mr Stuart, were appointed by Government Surgeons to the Detachment of Sebbendies. Mr Sullivan found that Mr Simpson had been paid in consequence thereof as a full Surgeon by his Predecessor, & that these payments tho' before Government were not objected to, he therefore in paying at the same rate observed the only rule he had to govern himself by, and Mr Edmonstone in his Letter to Mr Kipperley of 26th April says "your Mr Stuart has also" "information respecting other" "Acting Surgeons receiving similar" "Allowances is very just; I have" "thought Surgeon with the" "likewise directed it." "Those"

5th From the 1st October 1782 to 31st Augt 1784 Mr Stuart has also been paid as full Surgeon, having acted as Surgeon with the Detachment after the death of Mr Simpson Assistant Surgeon, having received f. 211.36.32 ought to be refunded together with a further sum of f. 165.33.48 for the difference from the 1st September 1784 to 28th February 1785

Gentlemen, although of the rank of Assistant Surgeons to the Corps of Sebbendies, they considered themselves entitled to the allowances of Surgeons, and as on times of such difficulty their expenditure probably equalled those Allowances, it would be very hard, were they now to be called on to refund.

Mr

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6th to October 1782 Mr George Stuart Acting for whom this Contract was entered into, or that information of it was ever transmitted to the Hon.ble Court of Directors as he is paid Pag.s 36 for Horse Hire and Palankeen dress for the same it, whether Mr Sullivans Contract made with it should not rather be placed to the Kings Surgeons, to the Company's, if on the contrary he was not entitled thereto, we have nothing to offer, but that we are persuaded in our minds Mr Sullivan would not appear to him reasonable make no allowance that did and consistent, that no under charges have been made by Kings Surgeons serving with the grand Army & have not been objected to —

The Sibbendy Corps had been established near two years before Mr Sullivan arrived at Tanjore, when he found among the Paymasters, whose Accounts had been even audited, that the Officers commanding had drawn for their allowances, which is now for the first time objected to, as appears from the following Extract of a Letter on this particular Subject to Mr Hippesley from Capt Knox and Lieut Bannerman, late of the commanding Officers of Sibbendy — "As to the Sepoy allowances we certainly did draw it, & are sorry to be under the necessity of entertaining a different opinion from Mr Jackson, concerning we had a right so to do: it has been an invariable rule in the Service for Subalterns doing duty with Sepoys to draw that allowance, & it has never been objected to until now although

1 In November 1782 I find that the Officers commanding the Sibbendy Battns have been paid Sepoy allowances, whenever their Bills have been presented — As the General Orders on establishing the Tanjore Sibbendies ascertain the allowances to be made the Officers — I am of opinion &c that the Commanding should draw greater pay than a full Captain — A further of the Lieut.s also have received Capt.s Gratuity to which none under the rank of Captain are entitled — the overcharge in this Account with the Sepoy allowances amounting to Rup.s 306.36.60 should be refunded

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refunded together with all this regularly drawn for since a further Sum of 110 Pag.s the year 1780, the period at which for Sepoy allowance "those Corps were formed" in from 1st September 1784 regard to the allowance of Cap- to 28th Febry 1785 - tain's gratuity to a few of the Lieuts we do not pretend to justify it, & suppose it escaped Mr Sul- livans notice, as well it might in those times of general confusion

8th In the month of May There Saddles were not for there is a charge of Pag.s hired or Contract Bullocks: at 63.31.40 for 85 Bullock the requisition of the Officer Com- Saddles, & in October manding the Southern Army the another of 135.21.40 for Polygars & Renters supplied bullocks 181 Ditto - for these the for which Saddles were wanting, & owners should be charged they were supplied on their Indent the Company not being with which it was Mr Sullivans at the expence of fur- duty to comply - It was neither nishing anything of this in his power nor in his province nature - these Sums to make Stoppages for the Saddles, must therefore be so that there does not appear any refunded ground for ordering the Cost of them to be refunded by them -

9th Overcharge for Candles In the allowances paid to being the difference of Officers in lieu of Candles Mr what has been paid in Sullivan followed the example lieu thereof, instead of of his Predecessors, ignorant the Sum allowed by the of any Regulations to the Regulations Pag.s 12 - contrary -

Having thus defended, and we trust to the satisfaction of your Honor & c.a the par- -ticular charges that Mr Commissioner Jackson has objected to as irregular, except the two trifling ones of Hospital Servants & Captain's Gratuity to a few of the Lieuts we proceed to the defence of two Articles he has referred to the Consideration of the Board Viz.t the charge for Arrack & that for wastage of Grain -

The objections to the first with Mr Hepperley's Answers are recited at length in Mr Jackson's Report, after which he asks - "In

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"your determination on this Subject Inquired
"your Honor &c would advert to the prices of Arrack
"at Tranquebar, Negapatam &c as stated in my
"remarks, which the Contractor for this Article do
"not deny." His remarks state that he found upon
enquiry that Arrack might on any months of
the year 1783 have been purchased at Tranquebar
from 55 to 80 Pags ℔ Leager - and at a lower rate
for ready money - He knows not what was the
nature of Mr Jackson's enquiry or on what evi-
-dence he founded his supposition on this
subject - Your Honor &ca will agree with us
that the evidence ought to be strong in an
extraordinary degree to outweigh the affirmat
-tion of Messrs Harrop & Shannon, & the declara-
-ration of Mr Sullivan on Oath - When Mr
Jackson says that the Contractor for Arrack do
not deny what he states in regard to the
prices of this Article, he has not attended to
that part of Mr Hepperley's Answer to his
remarks, where he asserts that the current
prices at the period mentioned were from
80 to 90 Pags ℔ Leager, & very small quantity
only to be had at that rate -

The expediency of providing
a large quantity of Arrack is stated in Mr
Sullivan's declaration on Oath: also the necessity
of contracting for it with Mr Hepperley who
was in possession of almost all the Arrack
for Sale on that part of the Coast, as there were
no funds which could be appropriated to
such a purchase - Whether the Contract was
reasonable or otherwise your Honor &ca will be
able to form a judgement from a compara-
-tive view of it with the prices paid by Go-
-vernment to others - For Arrack provided

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by Mr Cochrane at Tranquebar & Negapatam in May 1783 for the use of the Army before Cuddalore, the Company paid 135 Pags exclusive of commission at 10 P Ct on the Supplies or 10 Pr Pag above the price agreed for with Mr Hepperley: at the Presidency it was exceeded by 62 Pags. Mr Rose the Agent having been paid by Government 200 Pags pr Leager - And the nature & extent of Mr Hepperley's pro= =fits on this Contract will be easily conceived on taking into Consideration the protraction & mode of payment - The current price of Paddy at Tranquebar in 1783 was as Mr Hepperley asserts from 80 to 90 Pags that is upon an average 85 pr Leager - Her Contract therefore for 138 Pags paid in 1786 in Company's Certificates, that bear a Discount of about 40 P Ct will be reduced to a Sum under prime Cost; while he sustains the loss by all contingent expences of many Lea= =gers, that burst in the Godowns of Messrs Harrop & Stevenson, & of Leakage of many Leagers to a third & even to a half - to all which is to be added the delay of payment for three years - Your Honble Board will not be of opinion that a price is unreasonably high, when the Seller proves in= =contestably that he might have had a conside= =rably higher, & that from the manner of pay= =ment he has actually sustained much loss by the Transaction -

The second Article referred to the consideration of your Hons &c is the contingeon 10795 2 Callums of Rice & on three Lacks of Callums of new Paddy of which 61626 were Carr Paddy, on this we beg leave to observe that the deficiency in the Rice received & issued by Mr Sullivan is about 2 Pr Cent, or one P Cent less than the lowest deficiency charged in any of the Departments at the Presidency, even when the Rice was issued immediately as it was received - the whole deficiency on the Rice & Paddy together is only about 5 3/4 P Ct & the Paddy, from the urgent

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urgent necessity of the times, was brought into the
Fort as it was cut, green & moist, laid up in
Store in that state, a very large deficiency must
surely obtain within a few months, & the Corn
so pulpy & watery a kind that it never laid up
but in cases of great emergency, or in a short time
it rots, & even moulders into dust - to this the
Revd Mr Swartz in the annexed letter Nº 6. bears
testimony -

The quantity of that Grain, which
necessity obliged Mr Sullivan to store so in the
judgement of those, who know the nature of
dusty sufficient to produce a deficiency equal
to that stated by Mr Sullivan -

Mr Jackson assigns as his reason
for objecting to this charge of wastage that none
had appeared in the Accounts of the Monopoly
of Trichinopoly & Palamcotah, but the Grain
mentioned in those Accounts was kept in the
Storehouses of the Renters, & issued by them to the
Troops as called for - In those Accounts therefore
no wastage could appear, if Mr Sullivan's accounts
be compared with any other where just grounds
of comparison exist, instead of mismanagement
or extraordinary loss, there will appear uncom-
-mon care & attention to the Company's interest
- on Paddy brought into the Fort of Vellore, nearly
cut 5 pr Cent deficiency in drying & preparing
it to be laid up in Store, has been charged, and
allowed, exclusive of 5 pr Cent wastage by keeping
and issuing - By this there appears a difference
in deficiency in Mr Sullivan's Accounts compared
with those of Vellore of 11 3/4 in the Company
favor, to which we add, that in all grain
transactions with Merchants, the Madras
garce is equal to 160 Tanjore Cullums, & ought
160 Cullums should contain 4800 Pucka Seers
or 32 Pucka Seers to one Tanjore Cullum, and no
more, but in October 1782 when the Troops were

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served with Rice from the Company's Stores at Tanjore, Mr Sullivan caused a Cullum to be measured in his presence, and finding that it would give 3lb Pucka Seer, he has invariably credited the Company at that rate, when a less scrupulous Agent might have followed the ordinary computation of only 30 Seer p Cullum - On this there would have been a difference of 1/6 p Cent which is now carried to the Company's Credit & more than doubly covers the stated deficiency.

We shall conclude our defence of Mr Sullivan's Accounts by stating to your Honor that the ultimate test prescribed by Government in cases of unauthorized charges or defect of Vouchers is the Oath of the Party with other proofs of the fairness of his Accounts Mr Sullivan before he left this Country addued this conclusive evidence - We beg leave to submit to your Honble Board the following Extract from his Declaration on Oath, which we trust would of itself be deemed a sufficient vindication from greater irregularities than he is charged with -

"As charged with the publick
"Expenditure of this Garrison, I can aver that the
"Disbursements, Receipts & Issues stated to Govern
"ment on the Store Accounts during the term
"of my Employ are strictly & bona fide just -
"The charges of purchase are such, as have either
"been actually paid, or engaged to be paid, to
"the Merchants or providitors, without the
"least advantage express or implied on my
"part, either as a Servant of the Company, or
"in any other Character"

Though we have at the

commencement

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commencement of this Address adverted to the ex-
traordinary latitude of Authority & discre-
-tionary representation, which Government
had been pleased to delegate to Mr Sulivan, we
have not in our defence of the charges objected
to, sought his indemnification in the unusual
powers he was invested with, we have shewn the
the most material had their warrant in ex-
-pidity - that others were justified by unobjected
precedent, and we hope it will appear in all
that without any given rule of conduct, he
evinced himself a faithful & zealous Servant
of the Honble Company -

Relying on the candour and
justice of your Honble Board, & convinced of the
fairness of Mr Sulivans Accounts, we request
that you will be pleased to direct that the
Articles in them, which we have defended may
be admitted -

We have the honor to be &c &c

Signed Benj Sulivan
J Balfour

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17th May 1786

To William Jackson Esq
Commissioner of Accounts
at Warrore

Sir.

I have the honor to receive your
letter of the 15th Inst. on the subject of Mr Sulivans
Accounts, & as the balances have been brought
forward into the current months, since my
succeeding to the office of Paymaster, I think
myself bound, in that Capacity, to credit the
Company in the several amounts you have
directed -

As one of the joint Attorneys of
Mr Sulivan I shall transmit my Correspondence
to

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to my Associates Mess.rs B. Sulivan, & J. Balfour
together with your finial determination on the
Accounts of your Constituent.

Tanjore
19th April 1786

I have the honor to be &. &.

/ Signd / J. C. Hippesley
Pay.r of Tanjore
One of the Attys of Mr. Sulivan

I Venkatachellum, Bullock Mastry of Tanjore, do
declare on the most solemn manner before the
Rev.d Mr. Swartz that Mr. Sulivan always paid
me at the rate of 1 Mastry to 50 Carriage Bullocks
& 2 drivers to every three draft Bullocks, not
only for the Bullocks employed in the fields,
but also in the Garrison, which were constantly
going out on some service. In those times, Mas
-trys & Drivers could not be got on short no-
-tice, unless they were on the abovementioned
terms entertained.

That the mark above this time has
been made by the Venkatachellum Bul-
-lock Mastry certifieth,

/ Signed / C. T. Swartz

A true Copy
Hoze Hippesley
original sent to Mr. Jackson

To John Coxe Hippesley Esq.r
Paymaster of Tanjore

Sir.

In reply to Mr. Auditor Jackson's
8.th Parag.: I have to say that the 40 Star Pag.s
charged in the month of April as cash paid
me as Commissary to Col. Brathwaite's Detach-
-ment is a mistake in the entry; the before-
-mentioned 40 Star Pag.s having been paid to
one of Mr. Favel Wordsworth's Servants on account
of his Master, who was appointed Commissary by
the Honble the Governor Council.

I have the honor to be &c.r

/ Signed / H.y Taylor
Late Paymaster

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To Revd Mr Swartz.

My dear Sir,

In giving an opinion of the Tanjore Carr Paddy. I have estimated it to be of a very soft, pulpy, & watery kind, very improper to be laid up in Store, the over exertion (as you know) during the War, obliged Me to take large quantities of it, but from its nature that it is subject to large waste in drying, soon grows black and rotten, & even runs to Powder. I think this opinion to be well established, but I should be happy to have your's on the same subject. As the Carr Paddy is generally cut in the Monsoon in the months of October & Novr it is generally brought in wet, and exposed again to the Rains before it can finally be got into Store.

Your opinion my dear Sir will ob.

Sgd

Signed J. C. Kippenberg

P. S. A Line at the foot of this will be sufficient, if I am correct.

This Statement is strictly true, and of course very unfit to be laid up for the Company besides that it is reckoned to be unwholesome, especially during the wet Season.

Signed C. D. Swartz

True Copy J. Cone Kippenberg

N.B. the original sent to Mr Jackson.

Minute thereon.

In Consequence of the Reasons given and the Testimonies adduced in the foregoing Letter it is resolved, that the Excess of Charge upon the Carrack purchased by Mr Sullivan, and his Charge of Wastage upon Grain be admitted.

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Read the following Letter

from the Chief Engineer.

To the Honble Major Genl Sir Archd Campbell

President & Governor &ca Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

I take the Liberty to request

From the Chief Engineer requesting that Mr Dorman may be retained as Head Draughtsman in the Engineers Office at a monthly allowance of 80 Pags.

your permission, to employ Mr Dorman, an English Draughtsman, whose services I have now an opportunity of availing myself of. I would propose him to be Head Draughtsman, in the Engineers Office, to relieve me from the dependence, I have hitherto been obliged to place in Foreigners. And as he has been in the habit of teaching his Instructions in Mathematics, as well as drawing, may be of great Use to the young Engineers.

As this Gentleman came out on an Allowance of £100 Sterling a year, I apprehend Pagodas 80 p Month will not be thought too much for him, to receive in this Country.

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I am very respectfully
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
Your most Obed Servt
Signed Patrick Ross

Agreed

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Agreed to.

Agreed that the Chief Engineer be permitted to employ Mr Dorman as principal Draughtsman, and that he be allowed Pagodas 40 p. Month.

W. C. Jackson
Dep. Sec.

Alex Campbell
" John Dalrymple
" Alex Davidson
" W. H. Kissamayer

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8th Sent the following Letters -

To Lieut General Sir John Dalling Bart

President &c Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen,

In answer to your Letter of the 3d Instant, I am directed by the President & Council to inform you that, although they have hitherto declined allowing Contingent Charges to the Kings Regiments in India, they are sensible that some Contingencies ought to be admitted, for which reason, they have deemed you to report to them your opinion upon the Subject, together with a Statement of such Charges under the Head of Contingencies, which you may think proper to recommend as admissible, and which accord with the Regulations for the Company's Troops -

To the Military Board to report their opinion of what Contingencies ought to be allowed to the Kings Regiments in India - Extracts of a General Letter from England on the Subject enclosed -

I enclose Extracts of a General Letter from the Court of Directors, by which it appears in Para: 39 that provision is made for Extraordinaries, under which Head Contingencies may with propriety be classed -

I have the honor to be &c

/Signed/ John Chamier

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To the Honble Basil Cochrane

Sir

I am directed by the Board to enclose to you, Copies of Minutes delivered in by the Honble President & the Commander in Chief, and to desire you will signify your determination upon the two Propositions contained in the Presidents Minute —

Should you acquiesce in the two abovementioned Propositions, a new Office will be created in which you will be employed, under the authority of Government.

I am Sir &c &c

Signd John Cramer Secy

To Mr Cochrane, enclosing Minutes of the President & Commander in Chief on his Contract for Barrack, and desiring his Sentiments on two Propositions contained in the former —

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To Colonel Floyd

Commanding the 23d Regt of Light Dragoons

Sir

I am directed by the Honble President & Council to acknowledge the receipt of yours Letters dated 16th Ult & 1st Instant —

In reply to the latter I am to inform you, that they cannot make any alteration in the terms proposed to you, by the Instructions from Bengal. They conceive 120 Rupees for the price of each Horse a Sum sufficient to counterbalance any loss by the payment on Certificate

To Col. Floyd, desiring him to notify his acquiescence or non Acceptance to the Terms proposed to him for recruiting his Regiment with Horses — Bills on the Northern Subordinates will be granted to him for a moiety of the Arrears of the Contract for finding the Horses of his Regt the remainder to be liquidated by a Bengal Certificate

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8. Certificates upon that Presidency, and they desire in consequence you will notify your acquiescence, or non acceptance of the Propositions made to you for supplying the 23d Regt with Horses upon the above Terms.

Althó the Board do not think themselves authorized to deviate in the present instance from the directions of the Gov. Genl & Co they will forward a Copy of your Letter to the Bengal Government, & state your Representations on the Subject.

If you acquiesce in the Proposals of the Supreme Council, respecting the purchase of Horses for your Regiment it will be proper that you transmit the names of the Persons, you intend sending to the Nizam's Country, in order that they may be furnished with Letters from this Government, & also from the Government Genl recommending them to the countenance & Protection of the Nizam -

In reply to your Letter of the 16 May I am directed to inform you, that the Board will give you Bills on the Northern Subordinates for half the amount of the Arrears of the Contract for feeding the Horses of your Regiment - the other half can only be liquidated by a Certificate for a Bengal Bond as before signified to you.

I am Sir &c &c

/Signed/ John Chamier
Secy

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Sent

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Sent the undermentioned Letters
(entered in MB. Nos 30-31-32, 33.

To Mr Popham a Company's Bond
To Mr Popham to be granted him for the Ground purchased for
the Inhabitants of Hog Hill, being the amount
of Pagodas 16,087. 21. his Claim for Interest
thereon inadmissible.

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly
To Mr Pabke informing him that all Surgeons, excepting
those in charge of Hospitals, are on the same
footing; and that all Officers under the orders
of this Government are to receive full Pay.

To the Chief Engineer, acquain
-ting him that Government consent to
To Col. Ross Mr Dorman being employed as Head Draught-
-man with the allowance of 80 Pagodas per Month
and to Captain Byres being sent to Palamco-
-tah to inspect the State of the Quarters in
that Garrison.

To General Horne, desiring
To Genl Horne him to desire Captain Byres to proceed to
Palamcotah, for the abovementioned purpose.

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Received the following Letters
(entered in MB Nos 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40
41-42-43-44-45-46-47.)

From Doctor David, requesting
From Dr Davies an additional allowance for Mr Lepper Assis
-tant Surgeon, in consequence of his assiduity
and attention in the Hospital.

From Lieut Cuningham, enc-
From Lt Cuningham -closing Copy of a General Order, directing
him

10. him to act as Captain of Pioneers, & requesting the allowances due to him as such.

From the King's Paymaster General, requesting the orders of Government for permission to discharge Batta bills &c. which are signed by the Commissary General.

From Mr. Burke

From Captain Oliver, stating his having expended a Sum of Money for procuring Intelligence & soliciting to be reimbursed.

From Capt. Oliver

From Capt. Montgomery, will adopt the mode of procuring Intelligence, as pointed out by Government.

From Capt. Montgomery

From Mr. Hayde, stating his having served as an Assistant Surgeon to the 73d Regt of Light Dragoons, & requesting the same Allowances as were enjoyed by his Predecessor.

From Mr. Hayde

From John Stevenson, Quarter Master to the 52d Regt, stating his having discounted Chitts to a large amount, & requesting a Bill on Bengal for the Amount.

From John Stevenson

From Masulipatam, enclosing a Report made by the Committee of Stores, relative to Arms &c. & requesting a reinforcement of Invalids as soon as possible.

From Masulipatam

From Genl Horne, stating that he has been obliged to pay to the amt of 150 Pagodas for Intelligence, which he requests may be reimbursed. That the Barracks at Warriore have suffered by a Storm, and that the Detachment of Cavalry is arrived from Palamcotah.

From Genl Horne

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From Mr. Johnston — From the Paymaster at Madura, stating that the Store Serjeant has been put under an Arrest by the Commanding Officer for obeying his Orders, in examining the powder

From Genl. Horne — From General Horne, requesting the orders of Government relative to sendeng a Troop of Horse, and a Brigade of Guns to Nattam with five Companys of Sepoys—

From Mr. Torin — From Mr. Torin, stating his having received a Lack of Pagodas from the Nabobs Phoundar, & his having granted Receipts for the same—

From Mr. Torians. — From the Paymaster at Vellore desireng to know whether it is the Duty of the Paymaster, or the Engineer to pay the People employed by the Latter, & enclosing Letter from Lieut. Ryland on the Subject—

From Mr. Torians. — From the Storekeeper at Vellore, enclosing a Bill for Intelligence from Lt. Nixon, & requesting Government's Orders thereon—600 Gallums of Horse Gram tendered to him by the Nabobs Manager, & requesting Instructions concerning it.

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From Ranganah Chitty — Received a Petition from Ranganah Chitty, alias Singanah, stating that the Ground claimed by Mr. Popham, and for which the Board at the last Consultation resolved to grant him a Bond for, his Ranganah Chitty's right. Received also a

From Mr. Bromley. — Letter from Mr. Charles Bromley, Acting Executor to the Estate of Mr. John Douglas

deceased

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11. Deceased (both entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 49 & 50) requesting that the order for the delivery of the Bond to Mr Popham, may be postponed till the matter is investigated, as it appears on the Books of the said Mr Douglas, that a Moiety of the Ground is the property of the Estate -

Minute thereon

Ordered in consequence of the foregoing that Directions be given to the Accountant forbidding the Delivery of the Bond to Mr Popham till further Orders.

13. Sent the following Letters (as entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58)

To Colonel Coby. directing

To Colo Coby

him to inform Government how long he has served in War & Peace as a Cavalry Officer, & to specify the exact time in Years and Days -

To Captn Young

The same to Captain Young

To Mr Burke, Government con

To Mr Burke

=cent to his discharging the Batta Bills &c as countersigned by the Commissary -

To Lieut Cunyngham. Govt

To Lieut Cunningham

cannot comply with his Request of being permitted to draw the allowances of Captain of Pioneers -

To Doctor Davis, Government

To Dr Davis -

cannot allow Mr Lepper any Salary at present, but will consider his Services at a future period when an opportunity offers -

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To Captain Olivier, his Bills to be discharged for procuring Intelligence, if they are reasonable.

To Captn Olivier

To the Paymaster at Vellore, directing him to receive the Grain tendered to him by the Nabobs Manager, & to discharge Col. Nixon's Bill for Secret Service —

To Mr Torriano

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly =poly, enclosing Copy of a Letter addressed to Genl Horne, & directing him to pay attention to the Contents thereof —

To Mr Falk

To General Horne, acquainting him, that Government have directed Mr Falk to discharge his Bill for Secret Service, being the amount of 150 Pags & approve his repairing the damages sustained by the Storm with directions to the Paymaster to defray the Expence thereof —

To Genl Horne

Received the following Letter as entered in the Miscellany Book N° 59 —

From Captain Lieutenant Thompson, requesting permission to proceed to England for three Years on half Pay —

From Captain Lieut. Thompson

Granted accordingly.

Minute thereon

Received the following Letter from Mr Torin —

To

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To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Military
& Political Department

Sir.

I am now to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 17th May, informing me that it is the Boards pleasure, to establish a permanent Exchange, & that I must adhere to your former Address of the 3d in every respect - I have also been favored with your Letter of the 30th Ultimo enclosing translate of a Letter from the Circar to the Cawn, in the expectation that it will terminate all the disputes in the Tinnevelly District.

From Mr Irwin in reply to the several Complaints preferred by the Nabob relative to the Tinnevelly Exchange

You will be pleased to inform the Honble the President & Council that I have only contended with the Circar on points, that I conceived relative to the Company's immediate Interest or general Credit, and it is evident that the Exchange and the suppression of Mr Irwin's Janams, are two of great importance - As they are at length brought to some conclusion I shall leave it to the Board to judge how far I merited the Complaints of the Durbar, & what were their Motives for attacking Mr Irwin & myself without the least reason, or justice to support their accusation -

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Agreeable to the Nabob's proposals to Government I called upon the Cawn to re=place the decried Fanams with an equal number of the old Coin, or to make another advance for the immediate expences of this Cantonment, & the Garrison of Madura - He was at last under the necessity of confessing his inability for want of Current Specie unless he had recourse to Mr Irwin's Fanams, I did not neglect the opportunity to remark that as he could no longer dispute their vale=dity, that the revival of the Company's Coin would at once remove every difficulty between us, & at the same time relieve the Provinces of Tinnevelly, Madura, & Trichinopoly from a grievous oppression - The Cawn then acknowledged that he had received permission from the Durbar, but proposed to let them pass with a Vattam or Batta, to denote an inferiority to the old fanams - convinced of their superior Value I persisted in their equality at least, and at length persuaded him to restore Mr Irwin's Fanams to their primitive Value, & an Order was this day published by Tom Tom making them Cur=rent as heretofore - The Cawn also pledged himself to me in presence of the Soucars, & principal Merchants &c never to sup=press them again, & the joyful Satisfaction discovered by all ranks on the occasion is not only a testimony of their goodness but of the Misrepresentations that have been made of the Inhabitants aversion to them - I have desired the Cawn to inform the

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P. Amildars of Madura & Trichinopoly of the
change, & hope I shall myself stand excused
to the Board, for promoting it, since so
many advantages attend the Event, besides
the Credit that would result from it, both
to the Company & Mr. Irwin -

The Board's Orders relative to the
Exchange is a subject I cannot consider myself
competent to determine on, & despair of settling
so intricate a business to the Satisfaction
of all Parties - Tho' I by no means wish to
excuse myself from an implicit obedience
to their Commands - On the 2d Instant Col.
Biddulph & myself waited on the Cauon at the
Cutcherry, & fixed the Exchange for the present
Payment at the Bazar rate of 16 5/8 p Star Pago
& as the Cauon means to pay in a Lack of Pags
he has taken Engagements from the Soucars
&c to keep it at this rate - for this Month
past, we have been Witnesses to the fall of the
Exchange, & the probability of its sinking still
lower, from the Suspension of the new Janams
& the quantity of Gold lately disbursed among
the Weavers by the Dutch - these two causes
operating upon it at one time, must very
soon have reduced the Exchange to 16 or 15
Janams p Pagoda - the rate it bore in the
year 1782 - & when the Troops would have
found themselves equally losers by receiving
the Janams at the Exchange of the day, as they
were before, when they complained of the fixt
Exchange of 16 2/8 established by Mr. Irwin -
- which from the enclosed Paper you will
perceive to be near to the medium rate of
Exchange from the time the Troops were

first

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B. first paid in their Coin, to the last Spanes made at Trichinopoly at 19 5/16 - & this medium, differs but very little from the present Exchange of the Bazar - in the long run then it will hardly appear to be a matter of choice, whether the Company give the Nabob credit for his Flints at the medium rate, or 16 5/8, & pay the Troops for the future at the Exchange of the Day - or if either of these rates be established for a fixed Exchange for all Receipts & Disbursements - The former is only preferable from the certainty of its relieving Government from all further complaints from the Troops, & the Board alone to be the best judges to whose account the Profit & Loss shall be carried -

I have the honor to be &c &c

/ Signed / Benj.n Torin

Palamcotah
5th June 1786

Account Particular of Monthly Rates of Exchange from October 1st 81 to the present date.

1781				
October	31	Exchange	16 1/8	p Star Pagoda -
November		Do	Do	Do
December	31	Do	Do	Do
1782 Janry	31	Do	Do	Do
Febry	28	Do	15 3/8	Do
March	31	Do	15 1/8	Do
April	30	Do	15 3/8	Do
May	30	Do	15 7/16	Do
June	30	Do	15 7/16	Do
July	31	Do	15 1/2	Do
August	31	Do	15 1/2	Do
September	30	Do	15 1/2	Do
October	31	Do	15 9/16	Do
November	30	Do	15 9/16	Do

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13 1782 December	31	Exchange	15 9/16	p Star Pagoda
1783 Janry	31	Do	15 5/32	Do
Febry	28	Do	15 1/8	Do
March	31	Do	15	Do
April	30	Do	15	Do
May	31	Do	14 15/16	Do
June	30	Do	14 15/16	Do
July	31	Do	14 15/16	Do
August	31	Do	14 5/8	Do
September	30	Do	14 5/8	Do
October	31	Do	14 5/8	Do
November	30	Do	14 5/8	Do
December	31	Do	14 5/8	Do
1784 Janry	31	Do	14 9/16	Do
Febry	28	Do	14 5/8	Do
March	31	Do	14 5/8	Do
April	30	Do	14 5/8	Do
May	31	Do	14 5/8	Do
June	30	Do	15 1/16	Do
July	31	Do	16 1/8	Do
August	31	Do	16 1/8	Do
September	31	Do	15 15/16	Do
October	31	Do	16 5/16	Do
November	30	Do	16 5/16	Do
December	31	Do	16 5/16	Do

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January	31	Exchange	16 5/6	p Star Pagoda
February	28	Do	16 5/6	Do
March	31	Do	16 5/6	Do
April	30	Do	16 5/6	Do
May	31	Do	16 5/6	Do
June	30	Do	16 5/6	Do
July	31			
August	31	Do	16 5/6	Do

Since August 1785 the Troops have been paid in this Province at { 16 5/6 / 18 1/4 } p Star Pagoda

Tinnevelly at 19 5/6 Do

The Medium of the above rates is 16 5/6 p Star Pag.

Benj.a Torin.

Received the following Letter from Mr Popham.

To the Honble Major General Sir Archibald Campbell, President & Governor &c. Council of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Having received Mr Secretary Chamier's Letter of the 8th instant informing me that the Honble Board had been pleased to order a Bond to be made out in my favour for Pags 14087. 21. being the Purchase Money

From Mr. Popham stating that the Estate of Mr. Douglas has no claims to the disputed Ground & requesting in consequence that the Accountant may be directed to issue the Bonds.

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13 Money of Ground for the Inhabitants of Hog Hill, but that your Honor &co could not admit my Claim of Interest. I applied at the Accountants Office for the Bonds, when I heard that in Consequence of a Letter from Mr Bromley acting for the Estate of Mr John Douglas and claiming the Money in question as the right of Mr Douglas, Your Honor &ca were pleased to stop the issuing of these Bonds in my favor.

Mr Bromley stands directly in the same predicament as to me, in which Moodoo Ramah (whose Petition was thrown out as frivolous) stood before. Mr Bromley claims under Sunkoo Chinnah Kistnamah Chitty. The award of Messieurs Haliburton & Moubray determines the Right in question to be in me preferably to Sunkoo Chinna Kistnamah Chitty. Mr Douglas therefore as claiming under him cannot have any other right than he professed. I therefore hope your Honor &co will be pleased to permit the Accountant to make out the Bonds in my favor in pursuance of your Order of the 8th Instant, and conformably to the Resolution of the Honorable Board of the 23d Ultimo.

I have the honor to be &co &co

Madras
12th June 1786

(Signed) I. Popham

Received the following Letter from Bengal, with Enclosures sent to the Accountant.

To

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell

President &c. and Council

at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Bengal on the subject of discounting Bengal Certificates granted for Military Arrears at thirty p Cent. These Terms deemed very disadvantageous to the Soldier - Resolutions of the Supreme Board in consequence -

1

In the Governor Generals Plan for discharging the Military Arrears on India, which accompanied our Letter of 11th Novemr 1785. an expectation was suggested, which we must own we think a very reasonable one, that the Bills you were authorized to draw upon us, payable in preference to all other demands in 8 Months with an Int. of 8 p Ct & a premium of 4 p Ct p Annm would be readily bought up at the other Presidencies in consequence of the Interest & Premium, the probable discount on their Sale, & the certainty of Payment when presented -

2

In the Letter, which we wrote to you on 16th January, we assured you that, altho' we had adopted a general Principle for the discharge of all demands upon the Government due to Individuals, we did not mean to assert the application of that Principle to affect the discharge of the Bills, which we had allowed you to draw on the 11th November, but that these would be paid punctually as they became due.

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After these assurances, We were not a little surprized to observe that the Rate of 30 p Cent was declared to be the lowest at which these Bills could be discounted at your Presidency, and as we are inclined to think that this unreasonable Depreciation of the Company's Credit - may, if annotticed by us, tend not a little to the encouragement of pernicious Practices, we have deemed it proper to refer a Question upon the Subject to the opinion of our Advocate General, which we shall transmit

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to you for your Information as soon as We
receive it, together with our Sentiments as to
the Steps, which should be taken.

4th As it appears from the Letter
which was addressed by Mr Porcher to your
late President that the Rate of Exchange by
which you supposed these Bills would be discharg
-ged has in some measure determined the to
Offer made by that Gentleman, and must, as we
suppose have had an equal influence in deter=
=mining the Sums offered by Mr Menzies, we
have Resolved that the Bills, which may be
issued to these Gentlemen, shall be paid according
to the Rate at which it appears that they ex=
=pected to have had them discharged: But as
we think that we are in justice bound to
pay in Bengal, the Bills drawn for the Ar=
=rears of pay due to the Company's Troops serving
in the Carnatic, at the Rate at which we
have agreed to make the advances in Bengal
to the Kings Paymaster, We request that you
will grant other Bills to such Subalterns &
others as may have been under the necessity of
negociating their Certificates upon these dis=
=advantageous terms. the said Bills being for
the difference between the value in Current
Rupees, of the number of Pagodas for which their
Certificates were granted at the Exchange of 80 Rs
a 2 p.c. Sept.
& 10 p.c Pagodas or Rs 442.12.9.6 & Rs 415.12.9
the Rate at which you first supposed that these
Bills would be paid. We request further that
you will fully explain this Circumstance to the
Army in general, who will We trust, be indu=
to Infer from it, that they may rely with Confi=
=dence upon our Exertions to secure the complete
discharge of their just Claims, & that we shall
take every means in our power, to prevent Individuals

from

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13. from taking an unreasonable advantage of their Distresses -

5 As the Papers marked A B C D and E which accompanied the Letter to your Board from the Military Paymaster General of your Presidency, do not afford any accurate Specification of the Amount, which we shall have to provide for the discharge of these Bills, since we are at a loss to know whether any, and if any, what part of the Sum, which we supplied to your Government for this purpose was appropriated thereto between the 16th and 31st December. We request that you will as soon as possible furnish us either with an account of the whole of these Claims, which you mean to discharge by Bills upon us or an Estimate of the utmost extent of that Sum, which you may be inclined to think we ought to set apart for this purpose - The Estimate we imagine may be soon transmitted to us -

6 And as the Assurances which were pledged in our Letter of the 16th January, do not seem to have obtained sufficient Credit at your Presidency. We beg that you will repeat them in the most formal manner, and that you will exert your influence to prevent the Sepoys & others from parting with their Bills upon any such unfavorable Terms, as those which were offered by Messrs Boehm & Redhead & Mr Menzies, under the unfounded apprehension of their not being discharged with the utmost punctuality by this Government as they become due -

7 It having been suggested to us that the principle by which we conceived that the Rate of Bills to be drawn in discharge of such annual Interest upon the Arrear Bonds

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13 as the Holders wished to have discharged in England might be supposed to extend to the Determination of the Exchange at which all the Bonds for Military Arrears should be converted into Current Rupees we think it proper to inform you that with respect to those Bonds the Principal and Interest of which may be to be discharged in Bengal, the Rate at which their value should be converted from Star Pagodas into Current Rupees is to be that at which we have agreed to make the advances required by the Nizam's Paymaster.

8. We request that you will take due care to prevent any improper advan=tage from being taken of our Resolution to allow you to draw other Bills in Current Rupees for the difference pointed out in the 4th Paragraph of this Letter. We think that these Bills should be drawn payable at 8 Months after date of 1st January 1786. and that in drawing them, you should advert to those first granted to the Persons, who dis=counted the Certificates given for Arrears according to the Form herewith sent.

We have the honor to be &c.

John Macpherson

R. Sloper

/ Signed / John Stables

Chas. Stuart

Fort William
Secret Department
24th April 1786.

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

Lieut General Sir John Dalling Baronet

Alexander Davidson Esqr

James Henry Casamayor Esqr

Tuesday 13th June 1786.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following Letter from Mr Commissioner Jackson

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &c Council at Fort St George

From Mr Commr Jackson, finishing the Audit of the Southern Accounts. transmits a Copy of his Remarks on some Charges in the Accounts of Mr Digby: with that Gentlemans Reply thereto.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I now do myself the honor of informing you that I have finished the Audit of the Southern Army Accounts.

A part of the Charges entered into those Accounts, which I have deemed inadmissible, amount to the Sum of Pagodas 54.918.40.76 and which Mr Digby on his own Account, as well as on Mr Cripps's, has promised to transfer to the Credit of the Honble Company

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Company - The other part amounts to Pags 1,71,342, 1, 48. which I cannot decide upon & I am therefore under the necessity of submitting my Remarks, on the Charges in question, with Mr Digby's Replies, to your Honor &ca for your final Judgement -

Remarks on Mr Digby's Accounts as Paymaster to the Southern Army. Comments Remarks -

Para 9th In the Months of January 1784. I perceive a most extraordinary Charge of Pags 12,959. 29 for Stores paid for to Capt Byres of the Engineer Corps - on a Reference to your Voucher for this Charge. I find that it is therein expressed, that the Articles were delivered into the Stores at Camp after the Seiges of Poly gaut cherry & Coimbatore - The Proofs of Captain Byres having purchased & delivered them, are however wanting in support of the Charge on the contrary it should appear that the said Stores belonged to the Company, before the Seiges commenced, and if this was the case, I know of no orders of Government

Mr Digby's Replies to the Commissioners Remarks -

Para 9th This Bill for Engineer Stores came to me under the approval of the Commanding Officer together with his requisition, that I would for the discharge of it, draw a Bill on Lieut Colo Fullarton, before her acquiescence was obtained however, as it was a verbal one, I have required a further explanation from Capt Byres, Extract of which I have annexed tendering to prove the Company had never before been charged for them, & that it was agreeable to former Custom

Extract of a Letter from Capt Byres -

"The first charge in the Account in question is for thirteen wooden Plate Forms of Teak at 70 Pags 62

"I can prove

"That there were no Plate Forms whatever provided by the Company when the

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Remarks Continued

Copies &c Continued

Government, that entitle the Southern Army mar-
any Engineer to the Com^d^ chest against Paiyacherry
-pany's Stores after a Siege that there were two Bat-
much less that the Com^y^ should be charged each, & consequently as
-pany should be charged for new heavy Guns
for what had been before provided at their Expence many Platforms opened
against Paiyacherry that
Wants & encumbent furnished the Redwood
upon me to call upon the other materials for the
you to refund their Charge construction of those Platforms. I had therefore a
it being altogether un- right to charge the Com-
precedented, that the pany for them, except
Company should pay a much higher rate for ren-
more than once for dering the part of the
whatever Stores are Country we were in of those
provided for their Service I have done, I beg leave to
ask on what Storekeepers,
or other Officers Accounts,
those Platforms are charged
or how it appears that the
Company ever paid for them
before

"The other Plat-
"Form was prepared for
a Battery against Com-
"batoor, which would
"have been opened next
"morning had not the
"Enemy during the night
"whilst the Battery was
"constructing given up
"the Fort

"With respect to
"all the entrenching Tools
"charged in the said Account
"they were found in the
"Enemy's Garrisons, they
"were not paid for before

"by

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Remarks continued — Replies &c continued

"by the Company, every Officer
"in the Army will recollect
"the quantity of entrenching
"Tools, were found in Paly-
"-cacherry being European
"make (particularly the
"Spades) we had reason to
"believe they had been taken
"by the Enemy amongst the
"Baggage of Col. Humber-
"-stone's Army: who were
"obliged to raise the Siege
"& retreat from Palyca-
"-cherry the year before
"we took it. they were
"considered by the whole
"Army as the fair perquisite
"of the Engineer".

"The 7165 Cannon
"shot were what had been
"fired against Palycacherry
"from our own Guns, by order
"of the Commander in Chief.
"I paid people out of my
"own pocket, for picking
"them out of the Walls, breaches
"& ditch of the Place, & had
"a right to charge all I
"found"

"As to the Sand
"bags, I am informed that
"it has ever been the Custom
"of the Service, that whatever
"number of them can be found
"fit for Service after having
"been built up in a Battery
"& resisted the Enemy's Shot.
"are supposed to have done
"their duty, & paid for themselves

"to

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Remarks Continued.

Replies &c Continued

'to the Company by saving
'the lives of the Troops, & are
'at the end of a Siege rewarded
'as the perquisite of the Engi-
-neer, in consideration of
'the superior Fatigue and
'danger he undergoes in such
'operations, at least Colonel
Fullarton the Commander
'in Chief of the Southern
'Army thought so, & was
'well satisfied that every
'part of this Account was
'just, & proper, otherwise
'he would not have put
'his name to it, nor to
'the Bill on Mr. Swan,
'which was given in pay-
'ment of it. I believe the
'Signature of a Commander
'in Chief has hitherto been
'considered sufficiently
'sacred, to authorize a
'Paymaster in Camp to
'make Disbursements of
"this was not to be the Case
"I should suppose it im-
-possible to carry on the
"operations of the Army"-

(Signed) J. Byres-

Parag. 16. In different Months I find that the Sum of Pag. 44.909. 57. have been charged to the Company

Para. 16. The heavy charge for Stores alluded to in this Paragraph is not supported by official countersigns required

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Remarks Continued

Company for Stores of various denominations, independent of others charged by you under the head of Paymas=ters Stores, without rece=ipts being sent with your Accounts in support of these Charges which I think ought at least to have been done, more especially as the Commanding Officer= directed that the Quarter Master General or his Deputy should counter= =sign them. The Orders I mean are as follow,

G. O. By Col. Fullarton

Camp near Combetore
Friday 5th Dec. 1783.

"The Receipt of
"all Stores, Camp Equipage
"& Cattle, for the use of the
"Army, received from the
"Garrisons, or otherwise, to
"be countersigned by the
"D. M. Gen.l or his Deputy.

Unless you can give very satisfactory rea= =sons for not having observed the Orders as necessary for the public Service, I shall be under the necessity of making a special Report to Government of these Irregularities.

Replies &c Continued.

required by Orders of Dec.r 1783, were sent to Camp under predicaments that almost excluded the Com= =pliance with orders, viz. all the forms required by them, more than two thirds of the whole amt. were contracted for, under the Sanction of the Com= =manding Officer, & sent to the Army from whence they were immediately dis= tributed into different Garrisons of Trichinopoly, Tanjore, & Madura (except some few Gunnies & Twine for the Grainkeeper) in the absence of the D.r M.r General, & his Deputy, without going thro' his hands, or being expended by the Army - a considerable part of the remainder were delivered to the Detachm.t under Col. Stewart when seperated, & his D.r Master had of necessity the sole charge of them, whose countersign is affixed, another portion was sent to Camp from the Southward received in charge by M.r Charnley, who omitted forwarding a Receipt before he died, & those that were received in Madura, from Cochin, never reached the Army - This is the best explanation I can give you, for the want

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Replies &c continued--

Para 17. Lieut O'Brien as B. M: to the Artillery, & Beale as Deputy Adjutant Genl Ensigns Charnley, and Gunn as Deputy Dr. Mr Genl. Ens: Conyngham as Captain of Pioneers, Ensign C. Campbell, & Ensign C. Dogherty as Dr. Master Brigade Major to the Pioneer Battalion, as Commissary of Stores have in different Months been paid the usual allowances of Brigade Staff Officers, on a reference to Colonel Fullarton's order of Encampment transmitted to the Select Committee in his Letter dated 26th September 1780, which Government were pleased to approve of. I do not find that these Appointments are included, & as I have been directed to

Para 17. The authority under which I disbursed the Staff allowances alluded to in this Para: I deemed sufficient for a Paymaster in my situation & I should at that time have conceived myself guilty of disobedience of Orders (the propriety of which I was certainly no judge of) but as soon as I discovered they had not been formally approved by Government I immediately refused all similar Charges those that are past I trust I shall not be held responsible for, as it is evident I could not have been justified in refusing payment, in consideration of which allow me to quote the commanding Officers Sentiments on the Subject as transmitted me by the Board, after urging Government to declare the immediate tendency of some part of their Orders he remarks that "He (the Paymaster) may

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Remarks Continued

Reply Continued

to make the Colonels Order may possibly be ruined
of Encampment, the Rule in consequence of his
of my Guidance. I think obeying those positive
it incumbent upon me Orders, which I at various
to call on you to refund times gave him, for ref-
the Sum of Pag 1496.34.68 =ing of Money from the
charged by you, in diffe Sumbrit, which if he
=rent Months on account had attempted to refuse,
of the above Staff Officers — would have proved him
ignorant of his duty, &
would have had no Effect.
because Exigency & hourly
necessities of Service are
such in many instances,
that I must in that
event have enforced such
injuring as to me appeared
necessary.

Para. 20. Notwithstanding Para 20. I must refer
the clear & pointed Order you for these Disbursements
of Government bearing to G. O. by Col. Fullarton
date 29th of April 1784 — & 20th May 1784 "Batta
you have charged full & Field Allowances to be
Batta instead of half drawn by the European
to the Officers doing duty & Native Troops in the
with the Southern Army Field until they are ac-
for the Month of May 1784 =tually settled in Canton=
for such Officers & Troops =ments or Garrisons and
as appear to have been the 31st May 1784 as far as
on Detachment; I have relates to the Case in point
taken upon myself to The Commanding Officer
admit of, but for all the directs, that all full
rest not coming under Batta & Staff allowances
this description, I am of do cease from 1st of June
opinion the amount published immediately
charged, must be refunded after the Order you here
the difference between the quote & for which Colonel
Sum you have charged & Fullarton, must have
what ought only to have =quently would, & did
been paid, agreeably to expect unlimited obedience

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the Orders of Government to different Officers, being Page 3895. N. 77 carried to the credit of the Company.

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on my part, but having thereby fulfilled my immediate duty, I sought this Mean on the proper channel an indemnification for disobedience on the other side, for acting under orders contradicting one another I was made culpable, which ever line I took, yet persevered in all Services will I believe approve the one I adopted, as the Board furnished me with Colonel Fullarton's correspondence on this subject, I shall take the liberty of extracting such parts as appertains to this transaction.

Mr Digby urges me for a specific answer, order, or Indemnification on the following points &c.

"Mr Digby For the Field Allowances to the Southern Army for the Month of May 1784 notwithstanding "the General Orders of Government on that subject, which could not apply "to the Troops necessarily "contained in the Field or "the Service several of the "Corps remained in the "Tondegul Country & in "our own provinces collecting Grain for themselves "& for the Troops in August "these Corps are therefore "undisputably entitled to "Field Allowances by the

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"Book of Regulations & if
"the continuation of these
"Corps in the Field so long
"should appear improper.
"I presume that I, & Only
"am responsible to the Board
"for the continuing them on
"a Situation, which entitles
"them to these Allowances"
Their reply acknowledges
the discretionary Powers
in a Commanding Officer
as you will find from their
Letter, & having stated this
matter more at length
in my preliminary ob-
-servations I shall leave
the whole to your conside-
-ration, & representation
should you be of opinion
it is unavoidable —

Para. 27th Besides the full Batta for the month of May 1784, I observe you have likewise paid Brigade Staff allowances for that & other subsequent Months, Government however directed, that these Charges should cease on the 30th of April — The Amount irregularly charged being Pagodas 1525. 38. 68 must be carried to the Credit of the Company —

Para. 27th The decision on Colonel Fullarton's Order directing Field allowances to be paid for May 1784 will determine this — for Particulars vide Paragraph 20th —

Para. 29th After the 1st of May 1784 agreably to

Para. 29th Vide Para 20th on which this depends for

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the orders of Government the month of May 1784. this already quoted, Comp Co. the Regiments on which this Gentlemen should not have is charged, were in the field been charged for, it being exempt till September, considered a field Allowance that is to say, the 78th was the Sum overcharged to charged for Garrison the 27th the 31st August 1784 being of August 98th 1st 1785 some Pagodas 542 must be time in Septr 1784 about carried to the Credit of the the 16th to the best of my Company recollection

Para 30th In the Month of Para 30th Agreeable to my July 1784 I find the Sum of Letter to you of the 12th Febry Pag 3500. charged on acct 1785. on the Subject every of Captains Moody & Agnew charge for Secret Service & Lieut Patterson, who that may appear on my were employed on some Accounts must be carried Service by the Comman- to the Credit of the Company -ding Officer - as it ap- to be hereafter adjusted -pears they were constantly by Col Fullarton, but paid their field Allow- there are two Sums in this -ances besides, I cannot Para that I confess myself comprehend what other puzzled how to decide Service these Officers could upon, namely 3500 Pags be employed upon, to paid to Captains Moody & entitle them to receive Agnew & Patterson, & the such large Sums of Money Sum of Pags 723. 16 paid to more especially as it ap- Shunmadoo Valoydam, the -pears by your Account, former as you will observe Current for the Month by the Voucher was dis- of August 1784 that the -bursed in the form of a Sum of Pags 29333. 11 Bill of Exchange drawn is charged under the head upon me as Paymaster of Secret Service paid to by the Commanding Officer Colonel Fullarton, out of & specified that the Sum which Sum, I am of opinion therein contained was to all incidental Charges defray certain Expences, for extra Service performed incurred by these Gentlemen on distant & publick Services, so far as expressed

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by his own immediate Staff ought to have been paid I shall therefore, if you cannot produce the orders of Government for the special appointments of Captains Moody and Agnew, & Lieut Patterson, as well as the advances of Cash made to them, be under the necessity of rejecting the Charges incurred on their Account & likewise sending a Report to the Board of the Sum paid Colonel Fullarton for which you have sent no Voucher —

In December 1783 & other Months Cash paid different

Sepoys for Intelligence	178.—
Paid Tappals People on account of Col. Fullarton	680.2.—
Paid Lt. Bannerman for Secret Service	300.—
Paid Captain White for Hircars	7.—
Paid Lt. Gibbings for Secret Service	30.—
Paid Col. Fullarton for Shambage Villaidem	723.14.—
Paid the Killedar of Palacacherry by Col. Fullarton	300.—
Pagt.	2218.16

It appears to me that all the above Charges should be carried to Col. Fullarton's Account, especially as you have informed me that he received such a considerable Sum on the score of Secret Service.

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in the Bill to which I can add from my own knowledge, that they were sent from the Army then lying at Coimbatore, Captn. Moody to Madras, Lieut Agnew to Cochin on the Malabar Coast, & Lieut Patterson to Tanjore, Trichinopoly, & Negapatam to forward the preparation of the Army to corroborate the above fact I myself went at the same time, & upon the same errand to Tinnevelly, tho' it did not become me to accept of similar reimbursement of Expence as my official avocations called me thither; as to Shummadoo Valoyadom he was appointed as I was informed, by the Superintendant of the Conquered Countrys at certain monthly wages, in character of Manager, or Amildar for those Countrys, & actually accompanied the Army in that line at Daraporam however the Money was neither disbursed by me, nor under my Sanction, but by the Superintendant at Tanjore, who forwarded me the Voucher with other Accounts of those Countrys, the Revenue of which have credited in my Books, under the head of Superintendant of the Conquered Countrys. The Receipt that Col. Fullarton gave for a Lack & Ten thousand Rupees or Pagodas

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Para: 3d In consequence of the Gr. O. of Colonel Fullarton dated 31st Aug. 1784 & repeated on the 8th September following. I am of opinion that the meaning as well as the Spirit of his Orders directs that all public followers Cattle &c not particularly mentioned in the said G. O: should be discharged on 31st August 1784 and their Accounts made up to the 1st September — you have however charged the 2d. through an evident Error in the transcription for fifteen days in that Month, which I conceive the Order mentions in to be a mistake, as I find upon enquiry that August, instead of to all the Certificates you enclose, as Coll. Fullarton's have hitherto delivered orders are full, I enquire are to the period the Commanding Officer directed. Certificates were therefore I am therefore of opinion made out according to that the Sum of Rupees the Spirit of the order. 2798 and 10 charged for Arrang Instructions for the -tificate, Tent Lascar, Body Certificates specified the Bearers &c. must be carried to 31st Augt. 1784 as the to the Credit of the Company. period they were to cease

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29,333. 4. I have now the honor to enclose, although I have omitted & debited for it as if received, and advanced, yet it never passed thro' my hands, but appears in my Books in obedience to the instructions by the Right Honorable the President. No 5 —

Para: 3d As it was found impracticable from the different Stations of the Army to carry the Order of 31st Augt 1784 into exe- -cution, they were consequently delayed by subsequent ones & it was near the end of September before all descriptions of followers could be collected & discharged, in consequence of which, I made repre- -sentations to the Board, that the odd days in September might be added to August 1784 with which they complied

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Para: 35. In the under-mentioned Months I find the following Sums carried to the debit of the Company.

March 1784.	Cash advanced Mr. Brown Apis: Surgeon	}	200
June 5th	5 Capt.n Maitland.		1000
Do	Do the Officers of the 101st Regt by Coll. Kay	}	325
Augt 6 & Do	Apis Surgeon Mr. Brown	}	189
Do	advanced Ensign Kirkpatrick for Sick Europeans	}	21 9 2½
	Pags		1963 2½ 10

The above Charges must refer to some Accounts, which have not been entered into your Military payments or disbursements, for I cannot find any deduction made from the Officers mentioned, nor do the Vouchers clear up the points in question. I shall therefore be under the necessity of calling upon you to give the Company Credit for the above Sums, if I could only state it upon more satisfactory Reasons are not sent —

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& the extra days were included in each Certificate to the followers. but with Bullockmen seperate Certificates were made out for the 15 days as their Accts were of a nature that would admit a seperation tho the same date is mentioned; if you think it necessary to have the order rectified, I make no doubt, but upon a representation & explanation thro the Secretary it may easily be obtained —

Para: 35. The Sums here alluded to excepting the last, were not advanced by me, nor did they come to my knowledge before the parties were embarked; the receipts for them were forwarded to me, & were all the Vouchers and Satisfaction I could obtain on this head for which reason I state them in the foregoing manner, the amount I have credited for in my Receipt to the Resident, who made the advances, but I must further add that I sent a list of such advances as were made to the 101st Regt to the Pay.r Genl's Office, but whether it arrived in time to have the Stoppages made from their Accounts settled at Madras I have never yet learnt, nor had any acknowledgement of the receipt of my letter — The last Sum above excepted was advanced for the sick in the Hospital to the Officer, who was left in charge of them, but he neglecting to draw out the Accounts in the usual form & receipt, & he is now in Bengal.

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Para. 10th Under the Head Para. 10th These Stores form a part of Charges extraordinary for which the Bills for July 1784 I find the Saint Agnes on the Malabar Coast, for which the Bills Sum of Pags 1429.34 ½ were granted on Mr Irwin, charged for Tents delivered & also the only Receipts for to the Storekeeper at Money - The Stores sent Madura by the Rajah sent round by Travancore of Travancore there attached Madura, as the are three Companies Army was breaking up. in support of this Charge I had only the Paymasters -ficate that the Tents were never delivered, altho' -ficate the Storekeepers Or. Receipt for them as they were delivered by him for intended for the Army and the use of the Southern Mr Irwin debited the Army, otherwise I do not Paymaster of the Army ved what business you have for the Disbursements. by to pray charges which which means they found appertain to his Office place in my Accounts. - Secondly, the Rajah sent for the Money, & thirdly otherwise they would the D. Mr Genl's Receipt never have been accepted for the Tents agreeably to by me. but the nature of the order of Col. Fullarton the transaction & mee already quoted. accounts for the informa- -tity you remark -

Para. 48 - Under the Para. 48. When these same Head, namely demands were presented Charges extraordinary, I me to be exchanged for find the following charged by a Cornet, the Adjutant Paid John Campbell Lieutenant (now Captain) D. Mr for mutiny Stores } 532.7 John Campbell of the Ditto Ditto 633.34 78th Regiment, explained Ditto Ditto 253.29 his Situation with a party of 9 Men & he said Pags 1419. 28 received Orders to join the Southern Army, and On examining the Vouch- -chers for these Charges escort the Clothing of

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I find they are signed by "J. Campbell Lieut.t and Quarter Master" to a Detachment, but whether belonging to the Southern Army, does not appear. If however the charges were supported as all charges for Stores ought to be, I do not think the Honorable Company should have been debited for those in question, because they do not appear to me, to be incurred on account of the Company, being solely for the packing & Carriage of the Cloathing of His Majesty's 78.d 101.st & 102.d Regiments. I may however be mistaken, as I have no Rule for my guidance never having before seen a charge of this kind, made by any Officer in His Majesty's Service, I do not therefore think it consistent with my Instructions to admit of the

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His Majesty's Troops serving in the Southern Army, to the respective Regiments, we were then hurrying from place to place, and in endeavouring to overtake us, he moved from Garrison to Garrison, before we met him at Madura. I have written for the particulars but as yet had no Answer however I hesitated at the time about the propriety of carrying it to the Company's Account, & some lights into the Subject those best informed on these matters averred, that as the Charges were incurred after the Cloathing was landed, at a proper Port, and by the Army's being in the field, and at a distance under the orders of the Company, they alone occasioned the extra Expence, which with other Considerations that will naturally

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Para: 59th Before I conclude this address, I think it necessary to remark that your Credits of Cash received from the Resident of Tanjore, and the Superintendant of the late Nyegud Countries, fall short of their Debits against you, the Sum of Pags 17627.2.2 which I cannot account for, especially as I understand upon Enquiry, that their Debits are founded on your own Receipts.

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Para: 59. However enormous this Sum may appear to those not conversant in the causes of a more fluctuating Exchange, in the Southern Provinces than elsewhere, as the sole effect, yet even this Loss sustained by the Company will bear no proportion to that of the Individuals whose Complaints on this head have reached Government, and produced Enquiries that render a further investigation, or explanation here unnecessary. Than will shew Reason, why the Loss to the Company on exchange here is exhibited

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exhibited, should appear in my Book preferable to those of the Revenue - 1st For the sake of perspicuity in stating the particulars of Exchange on each Sum from whatever quarter received in one point of view, as exemplified in my Accounts from your Remarks - 2d In the Score of Accommodation to the Managers of the Revenue, who receive their Kists in the various currencies yet keep their general Books in Coin with the Company, & which would require intricate adjustments in the closing of them without exhibiting after all in one place the whole, & actual loss to the Company as is now effected 3d But the most solid plea for the whole being stated in the Pay.rs Books seems to be, that it arises solely from the Army disbursements, as it is evident the several Sums are charged by the Revenue Officers at the Buzar Exchange of the day, & if they had been expended in their several Provinces would have circulated back without variation, but being sent to the Army where they are strangers & bear a precarious & always an under value - the difference arises there, and there alone, exist the proofs that the rates of the Issues were just & real.

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For the Sum expended by Colonel Fullarton on account of Secret Service. Mr Begby has sent me two Papers endorsed No 5 as Vouchers in support of the charges in question, of which the following are exact Copies —

To Vera & Chena Murda, Ministers to the Rajah

of Shevegunga.

Gentlemen,

I have received from your Agents Lamy Naugier & Mahuly Mootoo Pulley a Statement of the Balance due to the Honble East India Company from the Country of Shevegunga, under the Rajah Vizier Ragonada Perya Neya Dauer, for the space of two years, commencing the tenth of July one thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty one, and ending the tenth of July one thousand, seven hundred and eighty three, by which Statement it appears that for the aforesaid term, you are indebted, one Lack and ten Thousand, seven hundred and Sixty six Rupees, which I hereby acknowledge to have received from you by Money, Jewells, and Soucar Bills, which when discharged will be in full of your Tribute, due to the Honorable East India Company, agreeably to the Statement you have delivered to me for the time above specified —

Shevegunga
8th August 1783

(Signed) Will: Fullarton

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Trivadoor 26th September 1783.- Received from Vencatachellum Mordeliar Dubash to Mr. John Sulivan, by order of Colonel William Fullarton, twenty three Parcels, which he says contains, eighty four Bags, containing five thousand Porto. Nova Pagodas, and thirty nine thousand, five hundred Chuckrums of Sherca fanams the Exchange of the Pagoda being twenty six fanams, and that of the Rupee, seven and an half fanams, the whole amounting to seventy thousand Rupees, which Sum is a part of the Revenue, and Tribute due by the Rajah of Shevenganga, for the payment of which in Money, Jewells, and Soucar Bills, Col. Fullarton, granted a Receipt bearing date the 8th day of August 1783

/ Signed / James Oliver

Your Honor & Co now have before you, the Observations, which have been made by me on certain Charges entered into the Accounts of Mr Digby, as Paymaster to the Southern Army; with his Explanations thereon, as also his other Charges together with Mr. Orpen's as Agents Victuallers with my Remarks on, such Expenditures of the Publick Money as I cannot decide upon, are likewise submitted to your final Judgment - The Subjects of Appeal are as follow.

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Remarks on the Accounts of Messrs Digby & Arpen as Agent Victuallers to the Southern Army—

Replies of Mr Digby on Behalf of himself and Mr Arpen—

Vard: 7th Cart hire for carrying Arrack &c greatly exceeds the Regulations, by having seperated the Charges for Cart, Bullocks & Drivers which should be Pags 6/ p Month each, by the Method observed from the Commencement of your Accounts, to the conclusion of them, the Sum overcharged amounts to P. 1731.12.28 on which is included the Hire of a Cart, Bullocks & Drivers for 4 Months, being the difference to the 30th of June 1783— the above Sum must be refunded if satisfactory Reasons are not given, in support of the Charges in question—

Vard: 7th. It is but very lately & that by accident, I saw a Copy of the Order of the 4th April 1780, but it was long after the Accounts were before you, & is not your Account, have lost consideration to be wondered at = siderably. I procure the Carts & the regulations thereof are not charged at the ordained, have not been same rate in every Month followed with us, but I shall but which however are not animadvert further all overcharged— the Orders upon our situation to the of Government dated 4th Southward, respecting this & April 1780 decided that in other Orders in the same future the Hire of a Cart predicament having & Bullocks & Drivers included recently gone over this should be Pags 6/ p Month grounded in my reply, as by the Method observed from Paymaster— But proceed the Commencement of your to observe that never Accounts, to the conclusion than 4, sometimes more of them, the Sum overcharged Bullocks were through amounts to P. 1731.12.28 actual, incapacity, attached on which is included the to a Cart, & which incapacity Sum I objected against, in I shall have occasion to my former Report to Mr set forth in a future Para Digby, on the same Account. I must however remark amounting to Pag. 370.2.8 that it destroys the pro- being the difference to the portion rated in the 30th of June 1783— the above Order alluded to, for Bullocks Sum must be refunded if not Carts are here repre- satisfactory Reasons are sented as overcharged— to form not given, in support of an equitable estimate of the Charges in question— these departments one should enter into the peculiarities of our situation, & I may venture

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venture to pronounce that it cannot be done now the difficulties & risks are over, with all the energy that they deserved. nay numerous as our Cattle were. the never ceasing Marches, & severe Weather rendered them not near so effective as a far less number would be, in ordinary campaigning and proper Seasons. nor could any remedy be applied from local & incidental causes, which I shall have occasion to enlarge upon hereafter—

Para: 8th Under the Head of Charges Extraordinary for the European Department observed from 1st July 1783 was by particular recommendation of the Commanding Officer, who insisted in every Month, amount to 31st August 1784 a very unusual Charge incurred during that the Carriage for the being altogether to the Europeans should be kept Sum of Pags 24,915. 11. 40 seperate, distinct & sufficient at any hour to move for the Expence of Bullock Cart hire in carrying with a certain quantity, Rice for the Europeans, when & wherever called for, for which I cannot com nor would allow of those prehend the necessity: con- being expended or diminished sidering the small quan but accidents supplied tity of Arrack, which from the other Departments appears by your Accounts & I can touch my recollection to have been in Store to aver (for I have unfortu- monthly, could scarcely nately no copies of his have required such a correspondence) his particular number as are charged - lastly marks this step in for on that Account only a letter to the President,

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and as the Arrack was attending to the execution expended the empty Carts of certain objects them in would have done for the contemplation. In his estimate carriage of Rice in the subsequent arrangement of the Victualling Department, our return, & the Peace this I conceive might have concluded (notwithstanding been accomplished, by my Government planed such a being daily Indents for the little faith in it, as to prep Rice wanted for the Euro: on preparations with our pleans. It appears by the Army to Cutt as Paty 1786 Commissary's monthly Return, It was a stipulation on that in the Grain Depart: his part that an Agent ment only, there were Victuallers Department on Bullocks sufficient to this footing should be provided have carried Grain for the upon a much larger scale consumption of the Southern Army for a Month, which nat: my Letter on the Con however I cannot upon Exact carriage, from how enquiry find was ever the you will perceive it was Case, even allowing that not possible for the Deputy it was, I should be glad Agent to practice the wise you would explain to me more you point out under the necessity of charging the such restrictions of the Company for Bullocks to Commanding Officer with carry Rice for the Europeans objects in view of a peculiar when those under the Grain nature, the execution of keeper were retained solely which he alone was res for the purpose: no charge - possible for - should have been therefore

It was never my make by you in any other wish or intention to have Department on the same extended Political Causes Account. An Explanation in support of the detail therefore with the most System, but there in that satisfactory Reasons must, province it lay, being be given, before it will be now absent, that I have in my Power to pass of responsibility accruing these Charges — from the influence that they had on our expences, &

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Economy, now falls on me, and may well occasion a momentary depression —

From the hour of our forming at Tanjore in 1782 under Colonel Lang, the constant language held out to me by my Superiors, was to entertain & keep every Bullock and Man that could thereafter be useful, when advanced whether immediately wanted or not — It is true that until the Country opened, & our Southern Provinces again poured in their Resources, it was of no great moment but an inefficiency (not comfortably to the Regulations of or what is usually thought necessary but proportionate to the Plans upon which this Army originated) was continually urged by the executive power for not pushing forward with the promptitude & expedition accordingly preparations were carried on or risk was echoed back to me by the projecting one, & when in the sequel our Force grew considerable enough, & our inclination coarmer to the grand object, by a Supercession in Command, this rage for enterprise redoubled, and

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after every nerve was stretched to collect the numbers you will observe upon the Returns, not one that could recover however unserviceable for a while, was allowed to be dismissed notwithstanding the Owners & Masters urged in the most pitiable manner their discharge & dismission together, I myself more than once joined my representation to echo the Surgeons opinion of sore & jaded Cattle, but could never obtain permission, which however causes the Quartermasters Department to appear more extensive, when in fact it was in a great degree an Hospital, into which the Sick of the other Departments are exchanged, & a considerable part of it consists in those Cattle for which you have payed a separate Audet to such Officers as entertained them upon the encouragement & assurances of the Commanding Officer - However in justice to the foregoing plan I must remark that having been checked in our career by the negociations for Peace, the providing of it, is not now so conspicuous, but even with such a battering train & Stores to move some hundred of Miles, where no difficulties could be replaced might justify such a system, calculated to provide carriage & encourage the owners, who it must be confessed indured hardships sufficient to disgust them with the Service -

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Para. 19th By the General Orders of Col. Fullarton dated 31st Augt 1784 & repeated on 8 days after those, that specifies the 8th of September following - fixd the time the Accounts he was pleased to direct that all the Cattle not particularly specified in the said G. O. should be discharged & the Accounts made up to all arrive after the publication of Sept.r - I observe however of the General Order, in that the Hire of Draught & Carriage Bullocks &c. to amounting to Pags das 10587, 4. 40 have been charged in your Accounts for the preceding Months. unless the most satisfactory Reasons are given for not complying with the Orders of the Commanding Officer my Duty will oblige me to call upon you to refund the Sum.

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Para. 19th As the Orders for dismission were not issued until 31st Augt 1784 & repeated on 8 days after those. that specified the 8th of September following - fixd the time the Accounts should be made up to, and the Month of September was particularly specified in the very near a period before the said G. O. should be discharged distant stationed Cattle could & the Accounts made up to all arrive after the publication of Sept.r - I observe however of the General Order, in that the Hire of Draught compliance with the earnest & Carriage Bullocks &c. to entreaties of the owners I for 15 days in September stated the circumstances to the Board and that as the same people had Cattle coming from divers Places at different days an equation of the whole for 15 days to August might be granted. which was acquiesced in, tho from what I must include (agreable to the common Sense) an error in the transcription as before remarked upon similar objections on my Paymasters Accounts has made it in Augt with the same propriety I might have petitioned a specific Order for any given Month during the Campaign but as the circumstances will clearly point out the intention of the Board, I flatter myself you will have no objection to my delivering the Certificates for this period to the proprietors after a deduction of the 15 days charged in the Current Months for the Draught Cattle here included.

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Para 20th In my former Report on Mr Digby's Accounts as Agent Victualler, I took notice of his Charges for Arrack the Answer I received from him not being satisfactory I thought proper to refer the Case to the Commissioners of Accounts, & recommended the Sums of 80 Pags ℔ Leager to be paid Mr Digby - The Commissrs in their reply to me, were however of opinion that provided Mr Digby was at the Expence & risque of transporting the Arrack from Negapatam to the Camp, that he ought to be allowed the selling Price then at Freehinopoly - By Mr Pallis Accounts it appears from them that he never charged the Company more than 80 Pags ℔ Leager, which I must conclude was the Selling prices at Freehinopoly, & I am therefore of opinion that as Mr Digby has charged the Company for the hire of Carts &c for transporting the Arrack in question, and which he sold to the Company at Negapatam, I think that the Sum of 100 Star Pagodas ℔ Leager is fully sufficient - the difference between what Mr Digby has charged, and the Sums which I am of Opinion the Company ought only to pay, being Pagodas 2004.24.31 should be carried to the Credit of the Company -

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Para 20th The Arguments already advanced in support of my original Charge not appearing to you of weight to admit it, I shall here only beg, that you will state what appears to you favorable upon any future opportunity, and that I am always ready to prove the original Sum I sustain by selling my Arrack to the Company, & the further one by receiving Paper, the discount of which is well known, in payment, after waiting upwards of three Years.

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Para: 21st I observe likewise that Col. Forbes in his Victualling Accounts has charged the Company including the Carriage at the rate of 159 Pags. each for 25 Leagers 6 Galls. which makes this Charge for this Article to amount to Pags. 3994. 17. 70 without making any observations on the Irregularity of an Officer victualling the Europeans, when there was an Agent Victualler in the field; I cannot here avoid remarking, that I think the Company ought not to have been charged, for transporting the Arrack issued by Col. Forbes, because there was a sufficiency of Carriage in the Department of the Deputy Agent to have answered any Emergency of this Sort, I am therefore of Opinion that the Sum of 100 Pags. is fully sufficient, for each Leager of Arrack charged to the Company by Col. Forbes, the difference being Pags. 1490. 12. 5 must be deducted from his Charges.

Para: 22. The Interest Account amounting to Pags. 5393. 5. 30, which I received with the Agents Accounts for Augt. 1784 requires to be more particularly explained, nor can I take upon me to admit of the Charge, + without Mr. Digby will declare bonâ fide, that the principal Sums were borrowed or advanced by him, for the public Service.

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Para: 21. As I know of no further Argument than what I have brought forward, it must stand in the same light with the foregoing —

Para: 22d. The Sums on which Interest is charged, are for the purchase of Arrack, Cattle, Sheep, Salt, and Servants wages, purchased by the Agent either from his own funds, Money borrowed or his personal Credit; ever considered equal in their claim for Interest, when the Company are allowed the same rate on all Monies advanced by the Paymaster,

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Remarks Continued –

Replies Continued –

as well appear to be the Case by the Interest Account – That large Sums of Money have been paid on these Accounts I can when called upon easily prove as well as that the Agents Credit is now staked for Sums still due to discharge, which Company's Paper must be discounted, & I can further vouch for Money having been taken up on this account at 12 p^{ct} p^{t} t^{o} being myself Security on the Bond, that I hope are sufficient to support my claim –

In justice to Mr Digby I think it necessary to enclose Extracts of his Letters to me dated the 27th and 31st of May last, in which your Honor &c^{a} will be pleased to observe he has endeavored to persuade me that he acted agreeably to the Orders of Mr Sullivan, and the Commanding Officers of the Southern Forces, who were he understood entrusted with the Powers of Govern=ment, to which I shall only add, that if your Honor &c^{a} had in the most pointed manner confirmed to me, what Mr Digby has asserted, I could not agreeably to my Instruc=tions, have acted in any other manner, than I have done towards him, and other Paymas=ters, whose Accounts have come under my Inspection –

Warrior
5th June 1786

I have the honor to be &c^{a}

/Signed/ Wm^{t} Jackson
Comm^{r}
of Accounts South of the
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Extracts of a Letter from Mr Digby, as Paymaster to the Southern Army to Mr Jackson dated 27th May 1786

The importance of your Letter of the 6th Instant to every person concerned with the Southern Army Accounts, as well as to my=self, will I trust, sufficiently apologize for the time I have taken to acknowledge it - and I must further plead it, for prefacing a paragraphical reply, with some general reflections, & observations naturally arising from, and opposite to, its contents; more especially respecting myself, since the Government orders concentrating all respon=sibility of Army disbursements in the Commis=sary, and Paymaster, have been succeeded by a concatenation of embarrassing events, which have drawn upon my head a far greater portion of that responsibility, than would in the ordinary course of things have rested with me; without leaving those supports, that would now be so essential for a defence I little dreamt at the time they occurred, would ever have required one. But had it even been known, forseen, I know not whether, in the line of my duty, I could have adopted any other measures, or Conduct, than those I did -

I do not here mean to trouble you with a detail of the Services & hardships encountered by the Southern Army, and its departments, during a long & active campaign - much has already been said on that subject, on a variety of occasions, & I may probably in the Sequel find a minute explanation necessary,

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to obviate some of your objections. The grand points I presume, on which every thing material hinges are the powers delegated by Government, to the Administrators of all the Company's Affairs South of the Coleroon; & the obedience due from particular Situations, to such representatives Civil & Military, whether jointly, or seperately, in the exercise of those Powers: according to the received opinion of their latitude; for like most matters of general notoriety, an implicit confidence was universally given to their plenitude, & existence, without any one (even if such a right would be allowed) requiring proof of their nature, and extent, & however it may now prove upon an accurate Scrutiny, it was then uniformly understood, that the Authority delegated to the Resident of Tanjore, & Commanding Officer of the Southern Army (set on foot the latter end of 1782) were sufficient & binding on all cases, & to all people South of the Coleroon, & so far discretionary as the purposes in view for their Army, might occasionally enact. These I suppose the basis of all following Orders, & may be ascertained from the Records of those days: a succession in the Command of the Army, cannot be allowed, that I could ever learn, unless by an encrease of Authority, as I may conclude from the tenor of subsequent Orders. My appointments as far as they were connected with the Civil line, I received from the Resident, fully, & officially, & was removed from some of my Employs, & other persons appointed in my room, with all the formality of Authority observed by the Board, and I ever paid him the same deference as was due

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due to the immediate representative of Governm.t
deeming his Instructions in all cases my rule, &
Guide - In like manner of the Orders of the
Commanding Officer, while on Service, demanding
my immediate acquiescence, & that all Dis-
-bursements sanctified by his Orders, were
amply sanctified to me -

But no sooner were my appre-
-hensions awakened by the Orders of December 1784
than I applied for those publick Documents I
foresaw might be necessary in the Sequel, & also
stated those particular points, there now required
an explicit declaration of Government upon:
& Col.o Fullarton without delay urged the Board
in the most pointed manner thereon, which
Correspondence the Board transmitted for my
guidance, informing me, another copy had
been forwarded you: but as no notice is taken
in their reply, of the several heads specified by
Col.o Fullarton, little benefit can be reaped
from it - particular decisions were entreated-
& only general constructions vouchsafed - nor
did these constructions tend to the objects in
question, nor was there time allowed for further
eclaircissement - The Principals embarked for
Europe, almost immediately, & left the whole
in this outward situation, & even the authen-
-ticated Copies of what had passed with the
President never reached me. (I have reason to
believe from a miscarriage in the Tappal,)
at any rate I now find myself in a most
singular predicament, held responsible for
the propriety of General Orders published at

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the head of an Army, & for any obedience thereto, called upon to respond me up a Sum Sham 11,324.10.5 3/4 issued officially in consequence thereof, upon grounds certainly tenable from the spirit of the Service, as far as relates to discretionary Powers ever vested in a Commanding Officer, for deviation on times of exigence, & to Field allowances, when the Troops were to all intents & purposes as much in the Field, as during any part of the War; & also a further considerable amount, by following the Instructions of the only Civil power held out to us, as full & ample, and under whose authority I more immediately acted -

I must yet entreat your attention a moment longer to another severity I labour under with respect to G. B. in a different point of view, such I mean as were published to the Northward in 1779 & 1780 but unknown either publicly or privately to the Southward, consequently, operating to all intents & purposes upon us, with the rigour of Export Facts Laws & ordinances, and had our resources admitted of regular payments (unless intuitively endowed) to what an amount might I not, at this hour been involved from the inadvertency of Office, or the miscarriages incident to times of trouble, or whatever cause impeded the publication of these Orders, in such place, or manner, as they might come to my knowledge, either directly or indirectly - but it is needless to sum up the difficulties & dangers by which a Paymaster in my situation is surrounded, they are so conspicuous, & glaring

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they present themselves, & call for Protection & the liberal judgement of Government, on which I place the utmost reliance.

After all I have rather sketched the Grounds than collated the Arguments that support my plea for Mitigation, on these matters every other deviation from the established Rules will be specifically explained & accounted for in due order, & certainly within your final cognizance, but, if you should find yourself incompetant to these matters, on which I have more particularly digressed, or that they are of a nature on which Government alone can decide, I shall rely on your candid representation of them as the best judge of the concurring Circumstances & situations, and trust my Appeal (if you will so far favor me as to undertake it) to the same Impartiality that I shall ever readily acknowledge has stampt your Proceedings in the present examination.

Extracts of a Letter from Mr Digby as Deputy Agent to the Southern Army to Mr Jackson dated 31st May 1786.

The drift of my former introduction to your Audit on my Paymasters Accounts is so applicable here, that I shall now trouble you, this day with general Observations.

That it was the earnest endeavour of our Superiors, to have as many Calls as could be collected in every way, & never to discharge any that could possibly be recovered, it would be incontestably proved, could the Correspondence on this Subject be brought to light.

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That the Cattle so entertained on the Company's pay, were applied in the Services most conducive to the ends in view, & to the best of our judgements, according to circumstances, & Situations, in which we were engaged, there can be no reason to doubt; this want of judgement will ever be matter of opinion, & mostly decided upon by the event, yet on a review none can be produced during Service that materially indicate such want since Success, the best of Proofs, as far as time admitted, crowned our operations beyond the most sanguine expectation. This remark occurs from observing that the appropriation or arrangement of the Cattle earns a considerable objection, but it should also be remembered that in many cases, the Agent was over ruled by a superior Power - With respect to numbers they were often times more than were really effective for reasons hereafter mentioned; but that we had not twice as many was owing neither to the Intentions nor exertions of the leading Channels, but to inability to procure more, & the disappointment rendered them so very tenacious of those we had, as to keep many in Pay, that in ordinary Service would certainly have been discharged

I hope I shall be held excusable for laying a stress on these facts since we alone are now made answerable where our authority hither or direct was extremely limitted; & to which I particularly entreat your attention, when such Cases occur -

True Extracts
W Jackson.

Ordered

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To lie on the Table till Mr Jackson's arrival at the Presidency –

Ordered to lie on the Table, until the Arrival of Mr Jackson, who is expected at the Presidency in a few days –

Read the following Letter from the Committee for investigating the Claims of the Mysorean Prisoners –

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen.

From the Committee for investigating the Claims of the Mysorean Prisoners enclosing a list of Non-Commissioned & Privates entitled to Batta –

Agreeably to the Intimation contained in our last Address under date the 13th May. We do ourselves the honor of transmitting you a List of the whole of the European Non-Commissioned & Privates of His Majestys & the Company's Corps who suffered imprisonment in the Mysore Country during the late War, as reported to us by their respective Commanding Officers including the Batta due to each for the Time they were confined & on a Reference to the G:O: & Instructions which your Hble Board have at different times issued & laid before us. for our guidance we conceive the business allotted for this Committee to be now fully adjusted –

We have the honor to be &c &c –

Fort St George
12th June 1786

John Elphinston
Fr. Lind
Signed / Robt Geo. Latham
B.T. Close

Agreed

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Agreed that Copy of the fore-going with the annexed Statement be sent to Bengal, also Copy of the Letter dated 13th Inst. from the Committee for investigating the Claims of the Prisoners, with the Statement accompanying it. Resolved also that the Gentlemen at Bengal be requested to instruct this Government in what manner the Claims of the Prisoners are to be liquidated, which amount, as follows.

	Pags
To the Officers, Surgeons &c	1.11.715. 35. 78
To the Non Commissioned &c	43586. 38. 70
Pags	155.302. 20. 68

The Proceedings of this Committee to be sent to Bengal

Read the following Letter from the Hospital Board, accompanying their Proceedings.

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &c Council

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the Honor to enclose our Proceedings of the 1st, 2nd and 5th Instants.

We have the honor to be &c

Jas Anderson

/Signed/ Colley Lucas

Thos Davis

Hospital Board
Fort St George
6th June 1786

Hospital

Report of the Hospital Board. The stations for the Surgeons & Assistant Surgeons of this Establishment recommended - Messrs Tooke, Moore & Bernard Mac Mahon proposed for the Appointment of Assist. Surgeons - Mr Gordon recommended to have an Allowance of 100 Pags per annum. Plan of Diet, Card &c for victualling the Hospitals by Contract - The Claims of Mr Stewart an Assistant Surgeon appear to have been made under the Sanction of the President and Paymaster at Tanjore - the Claim of Mr Gordon to the charge of a General Hospital ill founded - Observations of the Board on the foregoing

To request Instructions from Bengal with respect to the mode of liquidating those Claims

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Hospital Board
June 1st & 2d 1786.

Read a letter from
Mr Briggs at Maddapollam

Received a letter from
Mr Pringle at Chicacole.—

The Hospital Board
observing a disposition in
these two Gentlemen to remain
in their present situations
agree to proceed with the
Recommendations of the
Surgeons for Stations at
large, & refer their appli-
-cations to the determination
of the Honble the President,
& Council, to whom the
said Letters are herewith
enclosed, especially as there
is no difficulty in filling
up all the Stations with-
-out them—

As by the General
Order under date 30th May
the Honble President and
Council have thought
proper to change the
General Hospital from
Tanjore to Trichinopoly,
the Board beg leave to
consider Mr White as
belonging to that Hos-
-pital, and that Mr
Stewart, who was formerly
appointed Senior Apothy
to the Hospital at Tanjore
may

Approved that the Stations
be filled up without them—

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Approved, if the Applicants wish for this change.

Approved.

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may be allowed to remain at Tanjore with the Residency and Mr Trotter to have the appointment of Senior Assistant to the Hospital at Trichinopoly in his stead

Mr Turing and Mr Duffin having mutually agreed to exchange Stations & apprehending no inconvenience to the Service by so doing; the Board hope the Honble the President & Council will be pleased to allow of Mr Duffin remaining at Vellore, and Mr Turing proceeding to Masulipatam

Mr Roxborough being permitted to remain at Samulcotah. The Board recommend Mr Robb to be appointed to the third Regiment, Mr Werton to be Joint Surgeon to the Hospital at Masulipatam, & Mr Forgeson to be Surgeon of the second Regiment of European Infantry.

The great distance of Arka, & the troubles frequently occurring on the

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the Northern Circars, induce the Board to recommend Mr Richardsons remaining at Arka, as well as the two Assistants Mr Chas Ogilvie, and Mr Swinwright, the first at Vizagapatam, the other at Ganjam, who are always to be in readiness for the Emergencies of the Services there.

Approved

The Garrisons directed by Government to have Surgeons being Madura, Palamcotah, & Chingleput. The Board recommend the Gentlemen now residing at these, to be continued, as well as at the three Chiefships of Vizagapatam, Ganjam & Cuddalore.

Approved

The Board also recommend Mr Watson to be Surgeon of the 2nd Batt.n of Artillery, and Mr Rudiman Surgeon of the 4th European Regt.

Approved.

Of the four Brevet Surgeons, three only being stationed on the duty of the Service (viz.t) Mr Alex.r Mein Wallajahbad. Mr Geo: Anderson Angole and Mr Alex.r Anderson, Commee

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Approved: but it must be considered that Brevet Surgeons can only be paid as Mates –

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of Circuit – The Board recommend that Brevet Surgeon Mr Geo. Ogilvie be appointed to Nagapatam one of the Residencies –

For the two Residencies Nagore & Tengeram, they recommend Mr Walker Assistant to be appointed to the former & Mr Patrick Bruce to be continued at the latter –

The Duty at the four General Hospitals, requiring that more Assistants should be appointed to them, as the four Seniors will necessarily be employed on the care of the Medicines the Board recommend for the Hospital at Madras Mr Barry to be 2d Assist: Mr Lepper 3d Do. At Trichinopoly Mr Laird 2d Do. at Vellore Mr Renaud 2d Do. and to visit the Garrisons of Amboor, in case any Europeans are sick there – at Masulipatam Mr Harris to be 2d Assist:

For Regimental Duty.

The Board recommend that Mr Bell should remain with the Native Cavalry Mr Corbett 1st Battalion of Artillery, Mr Baird 2d Battalion of Do. Mr

Bird

Bra 3d Regiment of Euro=
=peans & Mr Campbell
4th Do

Altho Mr Bell is
here put down for Regi=
=mental Duty, yet the
Board beg leave to con=
=sider Mr Lepper, and
consequently all above
him in the list of Assis=
=tants, as Hospital Mates

By these Arrange=
=ments the Surgeons and
Assistant Surgeons on
this Establishment will
stand as follows.

Madras Hospital

Mr Davis Head Surgeon
Mr Simpson First Do
Mr Thompson Senior Assist:
Mr Berry Second Do
Mr Lepper Third Do

Trichinopoly Hospital

Mr White Head Surgeon
Mr Nicol Mein First Do
Mr Trotter Senior Assist:
Mr Laird Second Do

Vellore Hospital

Mr Duffin Head Surgeon
Mr Gahagan First Do
Mr Lord Senior Assist:
Mr Hencaid Second Do

Masulipatam Hospital

Mr Turing Head Surgeon
Mr Weston First Do

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Mr Millar Senior Apsistant
Mr Harris Second Do
For Regimental Duty
Mr Howel Surgeon 1st Batt Europ:
Mr Ferguson Surgeon 2d Do. Do
Mr Rolla Third Regiment
Mr Bird Apsistant
Mr Ruddiman Fourth Do
Mr Campbell Apsistant
Mr Geo Bell Apsis: Native Cav:
Mr Adderton Surgeon } 1st Battn Artillery
Mr Corbett Apsistant }
Mr Watson Surgeon } 2d Battn Artillery
Mr Baird Apsistant }

For Garrison Duty
Mr Gordon Surgn Palamcotah
Mr Blackadder Do Madura
Mr Gillespie Do Chinglepat

For Chiefships
Mr Benny Ganjam
Mr Sewewright Apsistant
Mr Farrier Negapatam
Mr Chas Ogilvie Apsistant
Mr Simmes Cuddalore

For Residencies
Mr Stewart Apsist: Tanjore
Mr Geo Ogilvie Brevet
Surgeon Negapatam

Mr

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Mr. Walker Assist: Nagore
Mr. Bowe Do.- Ingeram

Stations, where Surgeons
& Brevet Surgeons are not
coming under these Heads -
Mr. Roxborough Surg.n Samalcotah
Mr. Richardson Do. Arka
Mr. Alex.r Mein Brevet Surgeon
Wallajahbad -
Mr. Geo. Anderson Angole Brevet Do.
Mr. Alex.r Anderson Committee
of Circuit Brevet Surg.n

The Hospital Board
beg leave to recommend Mr.
Fowke Moore & Mr. Bernard
Mac Mahon to the appoint-
ment of Assistant Surgeons
on this Establishment -

Approved. -

The Honble the
President & Council having
been pleased to remark on
the Minute respecting Mr.
Gordon, that a specifick
Sum should be mentioned
by the Hospital Board
in consequence of having
passed him over as a
Person unfit for the charge
of a General Hospital - the
Board beg leave to observe
that they feel themselves
embarrassed on this head
the application not having
come from Mr. Gordon
himself

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If a Surgeon is not qualified to discharge the duties of Hospital Surgeon, when it may be his turn to succeed to that Station, it is not just that he should be appointed in his turn, nor reasonable that he should be considered entitled to additional pay as a Surgeon on account of his being found unfit to fill a superior Station.—

himself, but attendeng to his length of Service, his large Family, & the conviction they have, of his not having had it in his power to make any provision for them, they hope it will appear reasonable that they recommend Mr. Gordon to have an allowance of 100 Pags p. Month with permission to remain at Palamcotah.

With respect to the Dieting the Sick in the Hospitals, agreable to the Orders of the 10th. of May. The Board recommend to the Honble the President and Council to contract for the victualling the Hospitals according to the following Plan of Diet—

Full Diet
- Breakfast: Two Hollocks of Patchery Rice made into Congee with one Hollock of Milk—
- Dinner: Four Hollocks of Boaringel Rice boiled—one joint of Mutton (Five Rats of one Sheep to every Eight Men—
- Supper: The same as Breakfast

N.B. Two Pallams of Salt & two Pallams of Sugar for the use of the Patients in the course of the day, whatever Diet, he may be upon.—

Middle Diet
- Breakfast: The same as Full Diet.
- A Measure of Broth such as the Surgeon

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Middle Diet
- Dinner
  - Surgeon shall direct, with a Pudding composed of a loaf of Bread, one Egg. & one Pollock of Milk –
- Supper
  - The Same as Full Diet

Low Diet
- Breakfast
  - One Pint of Sago with Sugar
- Dinner
  - One Chicken made into Broth with a loaf of Bread
- Supper
  - Sago with Sugar

Good Water must be supplied for all purposes of the Sick.

Besides the above three Species of Diet, which may in general be adopted to the cases of all the Patients in an Hospital – The Contractor for victual= ling must supply Greens, Toddy, Fruit, Spices, Wines & Spirituous Liquors, such as may be ordered by the visiting Surgeon, also Utensils, Fire Wood & Cooks.

The Secretary of the Council will prepare without loss of time a Sketch of Proposals for supplying the Hospitals with the Articles necessary for dieting the Sick agreable to the Plan recom= =mended by the Hospital Board, & immediate Orders will be issued for their being pub= =lished & contracted for –

The Hospital Board are to be placed on the same footing with the other publick Offices respecting Letters on the pub= =lick Service –

As the Hospital Board have Letters, Returns &c.a from the different but Garrisons under their adress they conceive such Letters ought to come to them free of Postage, & hope the Honble President & Council will be pleased to issue Orders to this purpose as well as Letters going from them on the publick Service –

The enclosed Papers having been received from Mr Stewart Assistant at Tanjore – The Board are at a loss how to give

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Auditor Sachrons decisions have been already approved by the Board

an opinion on the propriety of the Claims, further than that they appear to have been made under the sanction of the President and Paymaster.

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Read a letter from the Military Secretary under date 3d June directing this Board to report upon a letter with Enclosures from Mr Gordon to the Honble the President & Council. Agreed that it is the opinion of the Board, that Mr Gordon's letter was unnecessary altogether to the Honble the President & Council, but commenting upon the letter itself, it is abundantly ver=iant, & over strained. They are also of opinion, that neither the letter, nor the Enclo=sures seem at all to subver=tiate her Claim to the charge of a General Hospital - how=ever much it may tend to strengthen our recommendation of him to the favour of the Honble the President & Council in the manner we have al=ready done it. But the Board do not think, he has said, or can advance ought, which will outweigh the Arguments adduced in the former mention of Mr. Gordon, invalidating him as a Surgeon for the Duty of a General Hospital. And as in the first Paragraph of their Instructions, the

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Hospital Board are held responsible for all whom they do recommend to so considerable a charge; so, out of regard to themselves, and from a nice attention to that medical Reputation, they shall ever be studious to preserve in their choice of Persons to fill Stations of such Responsibility, they beg leave to repeat their former recommendation of Mr Gordon, and they moreover think, that in their Proceedings of the 2nd Instant, they did Mr Gordon the most ample Justice in their mention of him.

Approved

As the Honble the President and Council have been pleased to order, that all original Papers received from the Military Secretary's Office should be returned. The Hospital Board having none of that description at present in their possession, besides Mr Gordon's, beg leave herewith to return them enclosed.

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Letter from the Superintendant of the Nabob's Disbursements of the 10th Decr 1785 taken into consideration

The Letter from the Superintendant of the Nabob's Disbursements dated the 10th December last being taken into Consideration, it is Agreed that Application be made to the Nabob, and to the Governor General & Council for the Accounts, which are necessary to the adjustment of the General Books

Minute thereon

Resolved that Messrs Haliburton Moubray & Woodly be appointed a Committee for the purpose of ascertaining the Sum, for which the Nabob is to be credited on Account of Money, Grain, Cattle &ca furnished from the Nellore District before the Assignment took place of

Read the following Letter

from Mr Proctor

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &ca Council

at Fort St George

From Mr Proctor requesting that the absent Native Witnesses to be examined in the Causes of the Company in the Mayor's Court against him, may be ordered to Madras for vindicating his Conduct while in the appointment of Renters of the Revenues of the Tinnevelly Country

Honble Sir & Sirs,

After above eight Months had elapsed since the Cause of the Honble Company in the Mayor's Court against me had arrived at that point in which the Examination of Witnesses on both sides takes place, and the Company's Solicitors had in the month of January last laid before the Honble Board List of Witnesses to be brought up hither for Examination in the Cause which I conceived had been done with their entire approbation, the Honble Board will judge

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judge what must have been my Concern & Surprize last Court day that the peremptory Rule for the Examination of Witnesses on both sides was to expire, when I found that the Company's Solicitors had received their Directions to move for a Commission to examine the absent native Witnesses —

The Matters that gave rise to the present Suit against me, refer entirely to my Conduct in my late Station of Receiver of the Revenues of the Tinnivelly Country, which had been assigned over to the Honble Company by the Nabob to enable this Government to bear the heavy Expences of the War that then raged throughout all the Country; but previous to my Appointment of Receiver, the Revenues had been entirely branched out among different Individuals, Europeans and Natives on account of their private Money Dealings, which the Assignment and and Operation of my Appointment putting a stop to, I experienced constantly from the Self-interested on the Spot the strongest marks of Ill will and a disposition on every occasion to do me the utmost Injury in their power, which was more particularly manifested in unceasing Efforts on their part to excite the very Persons who may now stand on the List of Witnesses to be examined on the part of the Company, to exhibit unjust & malicious Complaints against me; And as the above Persons now remain in the Tinnivelly Country, or their Influence and ill-grounded Zeal against me is kept alive by their respective Dubashes, Agents & Dependants

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and as moreover the Relations, Servants in Office & Dependants of the Renter, who exhibited false Com=plaints here of my having made Advantages on the Exchange of Money & Measurement of Grain to effect my Removal from my Station, that he might embezzle the Revenues of the Country free from every Check & Controul, and without any fear of Detection, which his Conduct in the event has clearly evinced the truth of, from the great Deficiencies in the Revenues during his Management, & who still possess great power & Influence in the Tennieully Country, I have the fullest reason to apprehend they would not fail by Rewards, Threats & Secret Intrigue to prevail on the Native Witnesses to suppress the Truth in their Examinations, where it would make for me, and to give false Testimony where it might prove against me, but as un=justifiable a Procedure, & all possibility even of a perversion of the Truth, & Justice in the present Cause, would be entirely prevented by the Native Witnesses being brought up hither for Examination

It was for the above Reasons that I applied to Mr Davidson the beginning of January last, then President, that the Native Witnesses to be examined in the Cause should be brought up to Madras, who seemed entirely satisfied with the propriety & justness of that Measure, & said at the same time, that the Witnesses to be exami=ned on the part of the Company should be brought up at their Expence & those wanted by Me at mine, which I readily acceded to; but if the defraying any

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Part of the Expence of bringing up the Native Wit-
-nesses for examination here is an objection with
the Honble Board against adopting that Mode,
from their Willingness to examine all the Witnesses
on the Part of the Company by Commissioners on
the Spot, I engage in order to remove the impe-
-diment to defray the whole of that Expence myself
-In respect of all absent European Witnesses whose
Evidence may be necessary in the Cause, I have
no objection to their being examined by Commissi-
-oners, the same reasons not operating in regard
to them as with the Native Witnesses of their
being overawed and intimidated by any undue
exertion of Power, or of being biased by secret
Influence from giving as true and impartial
Evidence as if they were examined here -

This is not a new idea lately
taken up on my Part - Mr Popham the Senior
Solicitor of the Honble Company, will I am persuaded
acknowledge I had always declared, that I never
could with any Justice to myself trust to the
Examination of Native Witnesses in the Cause
in the Tinnevelly Country by Commissioners, and
he will moreover I am persuaded own, that he has
always been of opinion / independant of the Reasons
I have heretofore alledged for the Native Wit
-nesses being brought up hither / that that
Mode was every way best on behalf of the Com-
-pany, from its being more effectual in lea-
-ding to a full Discovery of the Truth of the
several matters in Litigation - This was the
Mode that I understand was pointed out in
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the Company's Solicitor at the Commencement of the present Action, and in two late Instances of Enquiries into certain Matters regarding Mr. Cochrane and Mr. Norris not on any judicial Proceedings the Honble Board caused the Witnesses to be brought up for Examination, & whether this was done at the Election of Government or by Choice of the opposite Parties, still less should I conceive the Honble Board would be averse to that mode at present in a Trial at Law on Points so important as those that constitute the present Suit, and when I am persuaded they will be convinced from what I have herein set forth that important Evidence as respects me cannot otherwise be obtained on the Examination of the Native Witnesses —

I shall at the time the Honorable Board may take this Letter into Consideration they should think it necessary to require the Attendance of the Company's Solicitor, I hope it will meet their Pleasure to require my Attendance also at the same time —

As the whole Matters in Suit between the Honble Company and me are brought into a clear & intelligible point of view from the Arguments & Explanations on the Papers that have been produced on the Mayor's Court on each Side, I cannot avoid embracing the present opportunity to request your Honor &c. would order the said Proceedings at Law to be laid before you, or appoint a Committee from among the Civil Servants of the Honble Company to examine and report

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the same, being perswaded from the full and true Explanation I have given in my Answer & Re-joinder in Court to the several Charges brought against me that your Honor &ca will be convinced that the Prosecution is altogether groundless. being founded entirely on false & malicious Com-plaints of the Renter of the Tinnevelly Country in order to get me removed from my Station of Recuiver on account of the constant exertion of every Effort in my power for the Security of the Revenues of that Country on account of the Honble Company against his fraudulent Appro-priations thereof to his own use, & for the Con-cerns of others. And I am moreover perswaded from this Examination or Report on a Reference your Honor &ca will be fully of opinion that the present Prosecution against me affords an Instance of Severity unexampled in any time, as in the several Employs that I have at different Times held in the Service, & particularly that of Auditor of all the Civil and Military Accounts of this Settlement in the Years 1778, 1779, & 1780. I have always acted with the utmost Zeal, Fidelity & Disinterestness as regarded the Welfare and Interests of the Honble Company, & it is owing to the Malice of interested Enemies only that an unjust Attempt has been made to give a diffe-rent Impression of my Conduct, while I held the appointment of Recuiver of the Revenues of the Tinnevelly Country-

Sam &c &c

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3d June 1786

/Signed/ George Proctor

Agreed

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Agreed that the President

be requested to obtain the Nabobs Consent to the

bringing up the Witnesses from Tinnevelly as proposed

Minute thereon. aided by Mr Proctor as necessary, and that Mr

Proctor as necessary and that Mr Proctor be

informed of this Resolution, which has taken

place on condition that he defrays all charges

which may arise on this Account -

Read the following Letter

from Mr Burke -

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.

President &c.a Council

at

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

As I am on the point of re-

From His Majes-ty's Paymaster General, apply-ing for Stationary, two Writers, and an Allowance of 50 Pag.s p Annum for an Office -

-turning to Bengal upon the Business of my Office, I beg leave to trouble your Honble Board with certain Applications, that I hope you will think it just & reasonable to comply with -

I trust you will see, that it is reasonable that I should be supplied once a Quarter with a Box of Stationary from the Honorable Company's Stores -

I must beg leave to offer it

to the Consideration of your Honble Board, that the Act constituting the Agreement between the King and Company establishes that the Sum stipulated to be paid by the Company is to be

over.

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over and above all Extraordinaries, which Extra-
-ordinaries are to be on the Company, and I
humbly submit, that Stationary naturally comes
under that Description, and the late Governor
Mr Davidson was so good to furnish me with
Stationary accordingly —

I beg leave further to mention
that as the Company's Allowances now pass
through me, I of course shall consume in that
Service the Paper, which was formerly consumed
in the Company's Pay Office, so that there is no
additional Expence incurred to the Company
though my Consumption of Stationary must of
necessity be greater than it has been —

The Clerk business of my Office
is considerably encreased by my paying the Com-
-pany's Allowances, and the Office of your own
Paymaster, is in proportion, saved so much
trouble — I shall therefore hope you Sir and Sirs
will allow me to charge two Portuguese Writers
at 15 Pagodas each p. Month, for it is necessary
for the regular carrying on the Business of the
Office, that they should write well, & understand
what they are about, and such Men cannot be
engaged under that Price. I should hope also
that you would allow me a Book-keeper at
thirty Pagodas p. Month for the detail of the
Company's Allowances make such a Person
absolutely necessary —

The Kings Payments make
one great Mass in what is called a Distribution
but

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but the Company's Allowances are not a Mass they are a Detail of various Articles paid to a variety of Persons from the Colonel down to the Corporal, so that great Care and Attention in keeping the Books is absolutely necessary—

I should hope too, that you would allow me 50 Pags p Month for an Office since I have a great deal of official Business to transact, I you will allow me to affirm very seriously, that every single Article stated in this my Application is a Subject of real Expence out of my Pocket—

Madras
8th June 1786

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) William Burke

Agreed that Mr Burke be furnished annually with a Box of Stationary for the use of his Office—With regard to the other Allowances, which he has requested, the Board are of Opinion that they should be defrayed by the Governor General & Council, who have taken upon themselves the payment of all Charges attendant on the Kings Troops—

One Box of Stationary p Annum to be furnished, the cost to be referred to Bengal

Resolved in conformity to the above Opinion that Copy of Mr Burke's Letter be transmitted to Bengal, and that his Applica=tion be referred to that Government.

Read the following Letter from Mr Greerson—

To

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To the Honble Major General Sir Archd Campbell KB.

President & Governor &c. Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Mr Stephen Popham having obtained an order from your Honble Board, for Payment of certain Grounds, said to have been originally the Property of one Baddriah, situated in the Black Town, and disposed of by Sunkoo Chenna Kistnanah Chetty to the Honble Company, as appears by his Letter addressed to the Board, under date the 13th of December 1780.

From Mr Grison requesting on behalf of his Client the Heir & Representative of Moodoo Ramah deed. that the delivery of the Bond to Mr Popham for certain Grounds sold the Company for the Inhabitants of Hog Hill may be postponed till the Right & Property is legally ascertained —

Sunkoo Chenna Kistnanah Chetty, having sometime previous thereto, disposed of his Right to the said Grounds, to one Moodoo Ramah Chetty, since deceased, & acted at that time merely as the Agent of Moodoo Ramah & was to have a Commission upon the Amount of the Sale for his Trouble, but had then no Interest in the Property himself, as clearly appears by authentic Papers now in my possession

I am further instructed to say, that Mr Popham lately prevailed upon Sunkoo Chenna Kistnanah Chetty to enter into an Arbitration respecting the Grounds in question, although he knew that he had disposed of his Right & Interest — I appeared at such Arbitration on behalf of the Brother and Heir of

Moodoo

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Moodoo Ramah & stated to Mr Mowbray & Mr Haliburton, the nature of my Clients claims, and shewed them the Deeds, whereby Lunkoo had disposed of his Right; protesting against their Proceedings, as their Decision would be ex parte & could have no legal Effect; notwithstanding they thought proper to make an Award, and every use has been made thereof, as if the same had been a fair, regular Determination made in the presence of all Parties concerned with their Consent and Approbation —

I also understand that my Client has twice petitioned your Honble Board for a Copy of Mr Popham's Letter requesting Payment for the Premises in question, to enable him to answer the same, and to state his Claims fully to your Satisfaction, but was never favored with any Answer —

I therefore humbly request on behalf of the Heir and Representative of the deceased Moodoo Ramah to appear before your Honorable Board in support of their Right and Interest, and that in the mean time you will be pleased to postpone the issuing of any Order for payment to Mr Popham, until the Right of Property is legally ascertained —

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I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) J Grierson

Agent

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Minute thereon

Agreed that all the Papers which refer to Mr Popham's Claim be sent to Mr Sullivan, the Attorney General, & that he be desired to report whether those Persons, who have preferred Recensions in opposition to Mr Popham have any, and what legal Demand upon the Company -

Read the following Letter from Mr Hudleston -

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

From Mr Hudleston requesting an Encrease of Salary.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I trust your Honble Board will forgive me if after having devoted my attention solely to the Interests of the Company at this Durbar for upwards of a Year, I now venture to submit a few words to you concerning my own Situation -

I intreat your permission to represent to you that the only Emolument that has belonged to this Station since it was conferred on me is an Allowance of 250 Pag.s p. Month while the Expences incident to it, & which I have found it impossible to retrench consistently with a due Regard to the public Character in which I have the honor to be placed, amount to more than double that Sum - The employs

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of Paymaster & Storekeeper, which had been annexed to that of Resident, & were united with it in my Predecessor, have during the whole of my time been held by one of my Assistants on the other hand, the Oath established by a late Act of Parliament against the receipt of all Presents whatsoever, will not admit of my supposing even the expences of my Table to be defrayed by the Prince with whom I reside agreably to the established Custom at every Court in India - Precluded therefore alike from legal & illegal advantages invested with the representative Character at a foreign Court, and charged with a considerable Revenue, yet without Appointments adequate even to the expence, which the holding those Trusts involves me in, I humbly refer myself to your Honble Board in the hope that you will think these Circumstances deserving of your Consideration - an hope, which I am the more encouraged to indulge by reflecting on the Confidence you have reposed in me, and the Sense you have been pleased to express of my Conduct and Endeavours here for the publick Welfare.

I have the Honor to be &c &c

Signed / J Huddleston

Tanjore
29th May 1786

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table -

Read

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Read a Letter (entered in the Miscellany Book No 60) dated the 10th Ultimo from Mr Dupuy, inclosing an Account, certified by the Accountant of Gratuity due to Lieut Colonel Johnston Deceased amounting to Pags 1,516.21.76 -

From Mr Dupuy

Agreed that a Company's Bond be given for the above Sum -

Minute thereon.

The President lays before the Board, Translation of a Letter received from His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore under date 30th Ultimo with his Reply thereto dated 8th Instant both entered in Country Correspondence No 57 & 58 the former states that out of the five Lacks of Pagodas he had agreed to pay into the Company's Treasury this year, he has advanced Ps 45000, & laid up Seventy Thousand Collums of Grain; & encloses Letter for the Governor General of Bengal; the latter represents the dreadful Calamity and Wretchedness of his Country in consequence of the Cruelty, Injustice & oppression of his Minister, who has brought an Odium upon his Government & Ruin & desolation upon his Country, & earnestly advises him to banish this Man from his Presence without Delay, & call to his Councils those, who are worthy of so great a Trust - The President also lays before the Board the following Letter to Mr Hudleston, which gave Cover to his Letter to the Rajah -

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore

Substance of a Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore

To

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To John Hudleston Esqr

Tanjore

Sir

To the Resident at Tanjore, inclosing the aforementioned letter to the Rajah, the Contents of which he is to exert himself to see carried into Execution -

I have been prevented by a severe Indisposition from writing sooner to the Rajah of Tanjore upon the alarming State of his Country but the Accounts transmitted me by you, and authentic Information received from other Channels have alarmed me much, and have filled my Mind with apprehensions of the worst Consequences to the Tanjore Country, and its Inhabitants, unless immediate Relief is procured -

It appears to me that this most desireable Object is no way to be obtained unless the Removal of the Minister, who has occasioned the inordinate growth of the Evils complained of, is first accomplished -

From a Conviction of the absolute Necessity of these Measures I have written my Sentiments strongly & fatingly to the Rajah, as you will see by my Letter to him of this date a Copy of which I send you enclosed for your information & guidance on the present actual occasion, for such I certainly consider it to be -

I likewise send you my Letter to the Rajah, there is an English Translation and a Mahrattah Translation of it, & I have to request that you in company with the Reverend Mr Swartz will wait upon the Rajah, and present

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present it to him, & my hopes are great that with the assistance of Mr Swartz in explaining & enforcing my Arguments you may procure her Compliance to my Wishes, & in that happy Event I will look forward with pleasure to the restoration of happiness & prosperity to the Kingdom of Tanjore.

I need not say any thing further to convince you of my great anxiety on this Subject, and I will look for your answer with much impatience.

Present my respects to Mr Swartz and Sam with Esteem,

Sir &c &c

Signed / Arch.d Campbell

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Read the following Letter from Mr Jackson, Auditor of Accounts.

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

From Mr Comm.t Jackson, states the Accounts he has audited to the Southward. Recommends that the Commissary General do circulate to the Paym.rs all Orders & Regulations of Government respecting their Departments.

Honble Sir & Sirs

In obedience to your Commands dated the 21st May 1786 I have the honor now of informing you, that I have examined, and audited the following Accounts, Viz.t

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Tanjore from the 1st of May 1780 to the 30th of
Sept 1781 Duncan Andr Baine Bayr
Do from 1st Octr 1781 to 31st Janry 1782 Harry
Taylor Acting Paymaster
Do from 1st Febry 1782 to 29th Febry 1785 John
Sullivan Paymaster.

Sebbendees at Tanjore from 1st May 1780 to 28th
Febry 1782 Harry Taylor Paymaster.

Ramnadporam & Tripatore from 1st Decr 1781 to
31st Augt 1784 John Sullivan Paymr

Trichinopoly from 1st May 1780 to the 31st of
Decr 1784 Thomas Palk Paymaster

Madura from 1st May 1780 to the 31st January
1782 Robert Barclay Paymaster
Do from the 1st February 1782 to the 31st Decmr
1784 Samuel Johnston Paymaster.

Palamcotah from the 1st May 1780 to the 31st
Decr 1784 William Light Paymr

Southern Army. Military Payments
& Disbursements from 1st Octr 1782 to the 31st
May 1785. Henelm Digby Paymaster.

Agent Victualler to the Southern Army
from 1st October 1782 to the 30th of June 1783
Henelm Digby Deputy Agent

Agent

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Agent Victualler to the Southern Army
from the 1st July 1783 to 30th April 1784
Richd Tho.s Orpen Dep.y Agent.
Do from 1st May to the 31st August 1784
Henelan Digby Deputy Agent.

In the above are also included all Accounts of commanding Officers, who have from necessity, acted in the several Employments of Paymasters, Storekeepers, Grainkeepers and Agent Victuallers.

The Overcharges which have been inserted in the Southern Accounts, amount to the Sum of one hundred & twelve thousand two hundred and three Pagodas, twenty seven fanams and fifty eight Cash (Pag.s 112.203.27.58) of which the Sum of Pag.s 97941.37.47 will be duly carried to the Credit of the Honble Company.

The following Sums, the amount of which are included in the overcharges still remain not credited for, to my knowledge viz.t

1st The irregular charges entered into the Tanjore Accounts from 1st May 1780 to the 31st July 1781 amounting to Pagodas 654.29.40.

2d The irregular charges, which I refused to pass in the Palamcotah Accounts from 1st May 1780 to 30th April 1783 amounting to Pag.s 2938.31.79.

3d The irregular charges entered into the Tanjore

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Accounts from 1st Octr 1781 to 31st January 1782 amounting to Pags 10.670. 3. 12. All which I have before represented to your Honor &co in my several Letters dated 18th Octr 1st Novr 1785 and 24th April 1786.

My Audet on the above irregular Charges, your Honor &co have already been pleased to approve of.

The undermentioned, I have done myself the Honor to lay before you, for your final Judgement. Viz.

	Pags fs 6s
Mr Sullivan's Excess of Charges for Arrack	1145 . .
Do . . . . Do	1330 . .
Do Wastage of Grain estimated at a Medium Price	13288 . .
Mr Digby's Charges for Stores paid for to Captn Boyce	2959 29 .
Do Excess of Charges for full Batta in May 1786	3895 . .
Staff Allowance for Do	1525 38 68
Colonel Fullarton and his Staff for Secret Service	32.893. 14 .
Do Sundry Officers on account of Do .	2218 16 .
Quarter Master Campbell's Charges for Stores	1119 28 .
Sundry Charges for Stores	4909 37½
Staff Officers not included in Colo Fullarton's order of Encampment	1196 34 68
Carried over Pagodas —	10021 29 56

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Brought over Pags		110021.	29 56
Camp Colourmen after 30th April 1784		542.	- -
Charges for Lascars, Coolies, Artificers &ca 15 days in September 1784		2798	. 40
Cash advanced Sundry Officers		1963	24 40
Difference of Exchange		17627	3 2
Overcharge for Cart Hire		11731	12 48
Carriage of Rice for the Europeans		21915	11 40
Bullock & Cart hire 15 days in Sept. 1784		10587.	41. 40
Mr. Digby's Excess of Charges for Arrack		2004	24 51
Colonel Forbes's Do. Do.		1490	12 5
Interest Account		5393	5 30
Pagodas		189074	39 32

The Grain Accounts of the Southern Army stand as follows... Vizt.

To the Amount issued by different Storekeepers purchased & received from the Superintendants of the Assigned Countries from the 1st. of October 1782 to the 31st August 1784	234997	. 74
From which must be deducted the Amount of Rice served to the Europeans from the victualling Department during the same period	19029	31 73
Nett Amount of Rice issued to the fighting Men and followers	215967	11 1
Cash collected and duly carried to the Credit of the Honble Company	236772	30 21
Gained	20805	13 20
My Commission on the amount of the Collections 2½ Cr. agreably to the orders of the Board dated 21st July 1785	4735	18 38
Balance in favor of the Company Pags.	16069	36 62

During

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the Commissioners of the Board of Accounts, which I observed at first, but finding, that it did not facilitate Business, I thought proper to discontinue making Reports to them, & adjusted every thing myself, without troubling them with References

The second Instance is, my having audited the Charges of Individuals, which considering the nature of the Business, has given me infinite Trouble & Anxiety, but knowing that I have expedited the final Adjustment of their Accounts as well as saved the Company's Money by doing it, I trust your Honor & will do me the justice to believe, that my Motives for deviating from my Instructions in these Instances, were necessary for the publick Service.

Warrore
6th June 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) W.m Jackson Commissioner
of Accounts &c. of the Carnatic

Agreed that the Charges in
Mr Digby's Accounts for Camp Equipments, being
Pag.s 542 for Excess of Charges for Arrack Pag.s
2064, 25, 51 and the Interest Account being
Pag.s 5393, 5, 30 be admitted.

With respect to the Charges
for Larcum, Coolies &c Pag.s 2798 / for Bullock &
Cart hire, 15 days in Sept.r 1784 Pag.s 10587 also
for Stores paid for to Capt.n Byres Pag.s 2959 &
the overcharge for Cart hire Pag.s 11731. It is
resolved that one half of each Charge be carried
to the Credit of the Company.

Resolved

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Resolved that the Consideration of the following Charges be deferred till Mr Digby's Return to the Presidency - Viz.t Cash advanced sundry Officers - also Carriage of Rice for Europeans & Difference of Exchange -

The Board being of opinion that the head of Sundry Charges for Stores Pag.t 1169 - is enormous, agree to defer passing it untill they know whether Mr Digby can produce regular Vouchers in support of it -

Resolved that the Sums charged for Staff Officers not included in Col.o Fullartons Order of encampment being Pag.t 1196 - for Excess of Charges for full Batta in May 1784 being Pag.t 3895 & for Staff Allowance for Do being Pag.t 1525 be carried to the Company's Credit -

With regard to Col.o Forbes's Excess of Charges for Arrack being Pag.t 1190 the Board resolve to deduct Pag.t 20 p League for the Charge of Carts, of which there appears to have been a sufficiency for this Service in the Agents Department.

The Board have already referred to the Court of Directors in the General Letter dated Col.o Fullartons Charges for Secret Service, & desired that he might be called upon for an explanation - the charges in Mr Digby's Accounts of Pag.t 2283, & 2218 for account of Secret Service to Col.o Fullarton & his Staff will therefore be reported to the Court of Directors by the next Dispatch -

Resolved

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Minute on Mr Commissioner Jackson's Letter. ——

Resolved that Quarter Master Campbells Charges for Stores, Pags 1819 be brought to the debit of the Contingent Account, between the King and the Company, & that Mr Jackson be directed to advise the Military Paymaster General accordingly.

The Board hereby approve Mr Jackson's Conduct in the execution of the Service entrusted to him, & agree that such Approbation be communicated to him —

Mr Jackson's Condut approved

W. C. Jackson
Dep. Secy

" Archd Campbell

" John Dalrymple

" Alex Davidson

" Jas Hodgson Casamayor

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13th Received the following Letter and Enclosure from Mr Porcher

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Mr Porcher stating his reasons for entering into an agreement with this Presidency to discount bills for Military Arrears at 30 p.ct & enclosing Copy of his Letter to several Commanding Officers of Battalions on the Subject —

I have lately received a Letter from Calcutta informing me that the Governor General & Council considering the Discount of 30 p.ct on Bills to be granted on them payable at Eight Months date, as exorbitant & usurious, have referred the Question to their Advocate, and directed him to report on it —

The Engagement I lately entered into with your Honble Board to discount Bills on Bengal for certain Military Arrears, being the object of this Reference for legal opinion, I am called upon in justification of myself to lay before you the Circumstances under which I consented to facilitate the execution of the Orders of the Supreme Government to your Honble Board, and at the same time to shew the exact advantage likely to result from the Transaction —

Soon after the Orders were received at Madras for opening Offices to discount Bills granted to Subalterns and Sepoys in discharge

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13 discharge of Arrears the late President M.r Dundas made them known to all the Principal Mer= chants, & did me the honor to send for me upon the same Subject - he mentioned the Orders the Government had received to establish Discount Offices and expressed his Hopes that I would step forward on the occasion, and enable him to execute those Orders -

On calculating the Expence of drawing Money from Calcutta, & for Insurance Commission, Coinage &c.a I found it would not be less than 10 p.cent, to which was to be added at least 5 p.c for the difference between the Current Exchange and that established by the Supreme Board making together 15 p.cent - I considered that after engageing to discount Bills it would be necessary to be prepared for the utmost Demands that could be made on me at every Station of the Troops, & probably that a much larger Sum would be provided than might have occasion for - that it would take some time to collect Money - that the negoci= =ation itself would necessarily be of some Conti= =nuance, & that a certain time ought to elapse before I could withdraw the compleat= a certain Loss of Interest would then be incurred on which Account and to afford a reasonable advantage I could not engage under 15 p.cent=

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13. making together 30 ℔ᶜᵉ on the Bills to be discounted.

The Terms I had offered were pub-
=lickly known & every person inclined to discount
at a lower rate had an opportunity of doing so
- I hoped that I had thereby shewn my readiness
to assist the Government in carrying into effect
the Orders they had received - I openly declared on
what terms I would engage, but so little was it
a favorite undertaking that I resolved to with=
=draw in case any other Person should be inclined
to discount accordingly, when I learnt that Mr.
Menzies had been induced to offer, to negociate
on the same Terms, I should have thought myself
at liberty to decline the Business altogether, had
not the late President informed me that Mr.
Menzies, though desirous of shewing a readiness
to assist the Government, could engage only in a
very limitted degree - Most of the Principal Mer=
=chants having given personal attendance before
the Board declined entering into Engagements
of Discount, but declard unanimously that
easier terms than those I had offerd could not
be expected -

It must be obvious to every
one what superior advantage a private Discoun
=ter would possess in the liberty of offering such
specific Sum, and at such Garrison as might
suit his convenience over the public Discounter
who engaged to have Money ready wherever it
could be wanted - the declared Intention also

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13 of Government to dissuade if possible the Subaltern & Sepoys from discounting at all, & if that were impracticable, the Option left to them of discounting where the easiest Terms could be obtained, were Circumstances so discouraging to a public Engagement to discount if required, that no less powerfull a Motive than that of assisting the Government could have reconciled me to the undertaking. Yet I was not altogether without Hopes that the Subalterns & Sepoys might be induced to wait the Expiration of the Term when the Bills would be payable & in this idea I wrote a circular letter to Capt.ns Belcastle, Blacker, Clarke, M.c Leod, Brown, Mackay, Negors, Cooke, Wahab, Montgomery and Trent, Commanding Battalions, wherein I explained the Terms on which I had consented to discount the Bills for Arrears declaring the trifling advantage it would yield me at the same time, and the greater Satisfaction I should receive on their determining to wait Payment of them on Bengal, that I should infinitely prefer the Agency of a Merchant, on which Terms I offered to transact the business - Copy of their Letter as likewise of a Letter I addressed to the late President on the Subject of the Discount I take the liberty of enclosing.

I feel so deep an Interest as a Merchant, and I hope I may add as a Zealous

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B zealous Servant of the Company in removing all idea of being guided by any unbecoming Motive in my Engagement with Government. that I trust I need not apologize for the Detail I have entered into - I declare again on my Honor that the primary Consideration with me was to enable Government to comply with the Orders they had received from Bengal for holding out to the Subalterns & Sepoys a mode of realizing on certain Terms the Bills to be issued for Arrears, & had those means been offered by others, so little was I guided by views of pecuniary advantage that I should certainly not have engaged in the Business -

I have the honor to be &c

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2.d June 1786

Signed / Jot. Du Pré Porcher

Sir

You have no doubt been fully informed ere this of the Intentions of Government respecting the payment of Arrears due to the Subalterns and Privates on this Establishment - they mean to grant Bills on Bengal payable in Eight Months from the Date at 15. 12. 9 - 8 p.cent Interest and 4 p.cent Premium p.Annum, and for the convenience of those, who may wish to

dispose

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13 dispose of their Certificates have appointed Mr Menzies & myself to open seperate Offices under their authority & we have accordingly engaged to transact their busines at the rate of 30 P Cent discount.

This will no doubt fall heavy on the Sepoys at the same time promises so little advantage to myself that I shall feel infinite Satisfaction should your Battalion determine to endure the present inconvenience of taking Bills for their Arrears & waiting payment of them in Bengal. I should in such Case be happy to transact the business for them on the usual Commission of 1 P Cent and will be as attentive to their Interests as I would to my own in the same Situation.

I beg you to believe Sir that I am sincere in the above declaration, and entreat you to recommend to your Battalion to employ me as an Agent, but not as a Discount one. Excuse the Liberty of this address.

I believe me.

Fort St George
15th March 1786

Sir, Your humble command

/Signed/ Lt Dan'l Le Vesconte Porcher

A true Copy/ Lt Dan'l Le Vesconte Porcher.

To Captain Bidcliffe, Blacker, M'Cleod, Clarke, Brown Mackay, Hagan, Croker, Wahab, Montgomery and Grant.

Sent

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Sent the undermentioned Letters (as entered in MB No 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67 68 69. 70)

To Mr Dupuy

To Mr Dupuy. granting him a Bond for Gratuity due to Lieut Colonel Johnston being Pagodas 1546. 21. 76.

To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam, directing them to communicate to the Commanding Officer at Ellore the Board's disapprobation of his conduct in enlisting Deserters, & directing that they be ordered to Masulipatam & from thence embarked for Bengal.

To Mr Falk

To Mr Falk desiring him to pay from the 1st Inst. 12 Rup. p. Mensem to Mahomed Jumma, Native Commandant of the 1st Regiment Cavalry, for keeping a Palanquin.

To Genl Horne

To General Horne, to order a Detachment from the 20th Battn with a Brigade of Guns & a Troop of Cavalry to proceed to Nellore.

To Lt Col. Ross

To Colonel Ross, to give in an Estimate of the Expence to be incurred in finishing the Barracks at Poonamallee.

To Mr Stevenson

To Mr Stevenson, the Military Paym. General will deliver to him Bills on Bengal for Chitts discounted, according to the G: O: of 17th March last.

To Mr Burke

To Mr Burke, to pay to Captain Wight of the 36th Regiment ten Shillings p. Diem from the 1st Instant, as Deputy Judge Advocate to the Kings Troops.

To

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To Mr Torriano 15

To Mr Torriano, to muster and pay daily the People employed under the Engineer.

To Mr Burke

To Mr Burke, a box of Stationary to be allowed him annually for her Office, his other Requests to be referred to Bengal.

To Mr Mayne

To Mr Mayne, his Bills to be discharged, if properly certified.

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The Commander in Chief sends in Circulation the following Minute.—

Commander in Chief's Minute, recommending the appointment of a Barrack Master to the new Cantonments.

It will be necessary to provide the European Troops now at Chintadrypettah & Mallapuram with those Articles, which are furnished to the Europeans at the out Garrisons.—

Such Cantonments are in an advanced State, I therefore, that no Complaints may be made of the want of these necessary Articles, I beg leave to propose that, as a Barrack Master must be appointed to them, whose duty it will be, not only to take care that every necessary preparation be made for the accommodation of the Men, but also, by carefully attending to the Buildings, prevent their going to ruin for want of proper & timely repair — Cornet Maxwell may be favored with such a charge.

(Signed) John Dalling

The

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The foregoing Recommendation of

Recommendation approved

Cornet Maxwell having been approved, his Appoint-
-ment was published in General Orders

Received the following Letter

To John Chamier Esq.
Military Secretary

Sir

From the Resident at Tanjore, enclo-
-sing his Correspon-
-dence with the French Comman-
-dant at Karical regarding a Dispute between the Tanjore and French Inhabitants

I request you will be so good as to lay before the Honble the President & Council the enclosed Papers being a Letter to me from the Commandant of Karical, and Copies of two Letters written to him in consequence

I should not have thought it necessary to trouble the Honble Board with matters of so trivial a Nature, but for the mis-
-representation, which was made to them of my Conduct in a late dispute between the French and Tanjore Inhabitants

Tanjore
10th June 1786

I have the honor to be &c

/Signed/ Hudleston

Sir

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Fort St George June 1786

15. Sir

I have the honor to inform you that 2 of the Rajahs of Tanjours People came, and carried off forty five Oxen belonging to the Inhabitants now under the French Government, the Owners went to seize them, and while some were looking for them in one place, others collected near one hundred on the next Village. I send them back to you & request you will remark to the Rajahs People that this is the fifth time they have been the Aggressors. it appears upon that that these Incursions should cease for neither you or I forget that by the Treaty of Peace His Britannic Majesty engages & guarantees to His Most Christian Majesty the Villages that have been ceded.

I wish to recall to your remembrance that the Committee at Madras promised to pay to the Inhabitants of Karical half the value of the Boats, which you took possession of for the Service of your Army. This Payment should have been made the Day it was demanded. don't you conceive that a delay of 5 Months is too long. where the rights of Nations is so much interested will you be kind enough to let me know when I have you intended to discharge this Debt.

I have the honor to be &c &c

Signed le Bon de Fenmarke le Maire

P. L.

Karical
30th May 1786

1145 Fort St George June 1756

15 P. S. Having no Idea of the Act of Violence committed by the Rajahs People, it was impossible for me to foresee the act of re-prisal. I have just given Orders to the head People of our Villages not to permit any one to pass our Bounds, convinced that at Sir on the first demand you will render me the speediest Justice.

A true Translation
I Chane French Translator

To Mr. Maisville Baron of Penmark
Commandant at Karical

Sir

I am honored with the receipt of your Letter of the 31st Ultimo.

During my Residence here several disputes have happened between the Inhabitants of the Magans lately ceded to His most Christian Majesty, & those of the neighbouring Districts belonging to the Rajah of Tanjore, & of the causes, & particular circumstances of those disputes, as might naturally be expected, opposite relations have been given to you, and me, by the opposite parties in these cases where bodies of Men apert

Facto

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15 Facts in direct contradiction to each other, and where we are obliged to receive Evidence & information thro' the medium of a foreign language it is not easy to ascertain the exact truth. I have always been cautious of yielding my belief to the representations that have been made to me by the Rajahs people, being aware of their Litigious dispositions — on the other hand I have seen no proofs to enable me to pronounce that they have been so often the Aggressors as you think they have been — one thing at all events is certain that in every instance of Complaint from you I have immediately made the necessary application to the Rajah, & where redress or a due Investigation, has not immediately followed, you would have done me no more than justice if you had attributed the delay to causes independant of my Controul —

In the present Case it appears from your Letter that your Inhabitants have undertaken to redress themselves, & in pursuing 45 head of Cattle, which were their right, have thought proper to seize about 100, which were not their right, nor the property of those who had injured them — I doubt not you have felt and manifested disapprobation of this Conduct, which affords so dangerous a precedent, and example, to the Rajahs people — You mention the having given orders to the Chiefs of the Villages to suffer none to pass your Limits —

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15 I must also, this you do not mention it, that you have caused the 100 Cattle to be restored to the right Owners - I, on my part, let the 45 head of Cattle first taken from your Inhabitants, should not yet have been delivered up. have required of the Minister to send Orders immediately for that purpose - I have urged him also in the most strenuous terms to cause a strict enquiry to be made into the Affair, & to inflict an exemplary Punishment on the persons, whom he shall find to have been guilty of the outrage - as soon as I shall have received his Answer I will do myself the honor to communicate it to you -

You may rest assured, Sir,

That the faithfull adherence of Great Britain to the late Treaty of Peace shall never be brought in question by my Conduct - The good understanding, which that Treaty, has established between the respective Nations is not liable to be shaken by the casual disputes of Husbandmen in the frontier Villages of Tanjore, and Karical, provided we do all that depends on us to prevent such disputes and to compose them, when they arise, as they sometimes will, in spite of our endeavors.

Respecting the Boats you allude to, I assure you, Sir, the Government

at

Fort St George June 1786

15 at Madras did not engage or direct me to pay half the price of them - They authorized me to pay the whole of the price at which they had been estimated by the Gentleman (Mr Mc Intosh) who dispatched them from Tranquebar, & who from his long experience in naval Affairs in this Country & particularly from his having acted in the Port of Master Attendant, who was a very competent judge of their value. Mr Mc Intosh estimated the Boats at 50 Pags each, as I had the honor to inform you in my Letter of the 10th February last - The amount of the whole (600 Pags) I had hopes that Mr Falkofield would have been able to pay you, and I am sorry there should have been any delay in settling the business - the only Coins in the Treasury in the Tanjore Jamaw. which I fear is not current at Karical, and I therefore now write again to Mr Falkofield to request that he will be so good as to send you the amount - should he still be unable to do it, I must beg that you will either draw a Bill upon me for 600 Pagodas or permit me to send you that Sum in Gold Fanams -

Tanjore
2d June 1786

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) T Hubberston

A true Copy

T Hubberton,

To

1149 Fort St George June 1786

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To Mr Manville Baron of Penmark

Commandant

at Karical

Sir

Respecting the late affair the
Minister acknowledges that the Tanjore people
brought a few Bullocks belonging to some
of the Rajahs Inhabitants, who lately deserted
to your Districts, and he adds that your
Amildars immediately pursued them, and after
they had retaken those Bullocks, drove off
100 besides, which were demanded but re-
-fused to be given up - this the Minister
said was the News for 8 days ago, since which
it appears from the Report of your Hurcarrah
that when he left your limits the 100
Bullocks had been restored, and the matter
settled -

It appears evidently that
on this instance the Tanjore people were
the Aggressors, and I have represented to the
the Aggressors, and I have represented to the
Ministers in the strongest terms the necessity
of his taking effectual measures to prevent
such Irregularities in future. -

I have the honor to be &c

Tanjore
5th June 1786

/Signed/ J Hudleston

(A true Copy)
J Hudleston

To

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Fort St George June 1786

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To the Hontble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &c. Council

Fort St George

Hontble Sir & Sirs

When I was appointed a full Colonel on consequence of forming the two European Regiments into four with a Colonel to Command each, your Hontble Board were pleased to direct that I should only draw Lieut Colonels Allowances until the pleasure of the Hontble the Court of Directors was known relative to that attention in the Establishment.

As the Orders lately receivd from Europe by the Talbot for new forming the Army allow of four Colonels, there can I conceive no doubt remains of the Confirmation of my Appointment. I am therefore now to request you will be pleased to permit me to draw on the Paymaster at Palamcotah for the difference of Pay and Batta.

I have the honor to be &c.

Signed J. H. M. Cosby

Colonel

From Col. Cosby requesting in consequence of the late Orders from England his Arrears of Pay as full Colonel.

Madras 16th June 1786

Ordered.

Ordered accordingly

Despatched the following letter.

To

1151 Fort St George June 1786

15.

To the Honble John Macpherson Esqr

Governor General &c^a Council

at

Fort William

Gentlemen,

To Bengal with Extract of a letter from the Superintendant of the Nabobs Disbursements, requiring some Account from Bengal necessary for the adjustment of the General Books.

We have the honor to send you an Extract of a letter from the Superintendant of the Nabobs Disbursements, and to request you will be pleased to direct your Accountant to furnish the Accounts requisite for the adjustment of our General Books.

Enclosing copies of Letters to & from Mr Burke on the subject of Allowances claimed by him.

We beg leave to enclose Copy of a Letter addressed to us by Mr Burke on the Subject of Allowances claimed by him in consequence of the increase of business in his Office, since charged with the paym^t of all Allowances to the Kings Troops. We have thought it right to refer Mr Burkes Application to your Government, by whom We conceive a decision can with more propriety be given, than by us. A Copy of our Letter to Mr Burke is enclosed.

Fort St George
13th June 1786

We have the honor to be

/signed/ Arch^d Campbell
&c^a Council

&c

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Fort St George June 1786

To the Honorable John Macpherson Esq.

Governor General &c. Council

at

Fort William

Gentlemen

We have the honor to inform you that in consequence of the Postscript in your Letter of the 11th November last We appointed a Committee, & directed them to ascertain with precision, what was due to every Officer &c. who suffered Imprisonment under the Nabobs Hyder Ally & Tippoo Sultaun.

To Bengal, enclosing Copies of the Reports of the Committee for investigating the Claims of the Officers &c. entitled to Batta in consequence of their Captivity in Mysore.

We now have the honor to send to you two Statements containing the Batta Claims of the Officers &c. and of the European Non Commissioned & Private together with Copies of the Letters addressed to us on the Subject by the abovementioned Committee.

In the Letter from the Committee under date 13th May you will observe that they have suggested the propriety & justice of putting every Officer upon an equal footing, in which recommendation We entirely concur, & trust it will be adopted by your Board, when We shall be favored with your Instructions relative to the liquidation of the above Claims.

We entrust this Packet to the care of Major Macleod, whom We have permitted to proceed to Bengal on account of his

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15. his private Affairs – as Major Macleod is a gallant Officer, who has served the Company many years, we beg leave to recommend him to your favorable Notice & Protection.

We have the honor to be &c

Fort St George
14th June 1786

/Signed/ Archd Campbell
&c Council

To Messrs David Haliburton
George Moubray
& Robert Woolf.

To Messrs Haliburton Moubray & Woolf appointing them a Committee to ascertain the Sum to be brought to the Nabobs Credit on account of Money Grain Cattle &c furnished the Company from the Nellore District

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Board to inform you that they have appointed you a Committee for the purpose of ascertaining the Sum, which is to be brought to the Nabobs Credit on account of Money, Grain Cattle &c furnished the Company, previous to the assignment from the Nellore &c Districts –

You will be pleased in consequence to investigate this matter & examine such Vouchers as may be necessary to adjust this Account between His Highness & the Company, for which purpose you will have access to the Records of the Military Department, & to the Books of the late Committee of Assigned Revenue, which are lodged in the Secretary's Office –

Fort St George
13th June 1786

I am Gentlemen &c

/Signed/ John Chamier
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To

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Fort St George June 1786

15.

To Benjamin Sulivan Esq.

Attorney General

To the Attorney General enclosing Papers for his opinion relative to a Claim made by Mr Popham of Ground sold by him to the Company for the Inhabitants of Hog Hill.

Sir

I am directed by the Board to send you some Papers relative to a Claim which Mr Popham has made upon them, & to desire you will report to them, whether it is founded, & whether those Persons who have preferred Pretensions in opposition to Mr Popham have any, & what legal demand upon the Company.

If further Information should be necessary, I am directed by the Board to give you Access to the Records of the Office as far as they relate to the Subject.

I enclose a List of the Papers sent to you.

Fort St George
15th June 1786

I am &c &c
Signed John Chamier Secy

To Mr William Jackson

Commissioner of Accounts

To Mr Comm.r Jackson with the Boards Observations upon his audit of the Accounts of Mr John Sulivan & Mr Henchman Digby.

Sir

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters dated the 24th Ult.o 5th & 6th Instant. and to confirm their Audits

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15 Audits thereon contained —

Having duely considered those Charges in Mr Sullivans & Mr Digbys Accounts, which you have referred for ultimate Decision to the Board, they have determined as follows —

For the Reasons given & the Testimonies adduced by Mr Sullivans Attornies the Board consent to admit his Excess of Charges for Arrack, & his Charge for the Wastage on Grain —

The Charges in Mr Digbys Accounts for Camp Colourmen being Pagodas 542. for Excess of Charges for Arrack P 2004.25.51 and the Interest Account being Pag 1393.5.30 are to be admitted —

With respect to the Charges for Lascars, Coolies &c Pag 1798. & for Bullock & Cart Hire 15 days in Sept 1784 Pag 10.587 also for Stores paid for to Capt Byres P 2959 & the Overcharge for Cart hire Pag 11.731 the Board have resolved that one half of each Charge be carried to the Credit of the Company —

The Board have resolved to defer their judgement upon the following Charges until Mr Digbys return to the Presidency Viz — Cash advanced Sundry Officers; also Carriage of Rice for Europeans & difference of Exchange —

The Board are of opinion that the Head of Sundry Charges for Stores

Pagodas

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15 Pay Sh. 909 as anomalous, I have referred paying it until they know whether Mr Digby can produce regular Vouchers in support of it.

The Sums charged for Staff Officers not included in Col. Fullarton's order of Encampment being Pr 1496 - for Batta of Charges for full Batta in May 1784 being Pr 3895 - 2 for Staff Allowance for Do being Pr 1525 are to be carried to the Company's Credit.

With regard to Col. Forbes Sums of Charges for Arrack being Pr 1890 - the Board have determined to deduct Pr 20 of Leager for the charge for Carts, of which there appears to have been a sufficiency for this Service in the Agents Departm.

The Board have already reported to the Court of Directors in the General Letter dated Colonel Fullarton's Charges for Secret Service, and desired that he might be called upon for an Explanation - the Charges in Mr Digby's Accounts of Pagodas 32233. and 2218 for Account of Secret Service to Colonel Fullarton and his Staff will therefore be reported to the Court of Directors by the next Dispatch.

The Board are of opinion that Quarter Master Campbell's Charges for Stores (May 1784) should be brought to the Debit of the Contingent Account between the King and the Company, and they desire you will advise the Mil. Paym. Genl accordingly

The

1157 Fort St George June 1786

15 The Board will take into due consideration the Remarks & Recommendations contained in the latter part of your Letter dated 6th Instant, and they direct me to express their perfect Approbation of your Conduct in the execution of the Service entrusted to you.

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

(Signed) John Chamier Secry

Fort St George
14th June 1786

16 Received the undermentioned

Letters (entered in Mil Bd Nos 1-71-72-73-74-75-76
77-78-79)

From the Resident at Tanjore

From Mr Hudleston — advising that certain Disputes are likely to arise between the right & left hand Casts, & of the Steps he has taken to prevent them -

From Manalipatam, enclosing

From Manalipatam — Copy of a Letter from Captn Prescott with Estimates of Repairs necessary for the Garrisons of Ellore and Samulcotah -

From Mr Mackenzie at

From Mr Mackenzie — Calcutta, receives the Sum of thirty thousand Rupees (on account of Mr Anderson) which he has invested in Rice to this Presidency -

From Ensign Currie, requesting permission to proceed to Europe for two years on half Pay -

From Ens: Currie

From

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From the Secretary to the Milv. Board

From the Secretary to the Milty Board enclosing Copies of all their Proceedings, and returning the original Papers received from the Military Secretary's Office.

From Surgn Shaw

From Surgn Shaw requesting that his Name may be inserted on the List of the Army agreeably to his Rank, it having been omitted by Mistake.

Ordered

Ordered accordingly.

From the Secretary to the Hospital Board

From the Secretary to the Hospital Board. Mr Gordon's ill health at Palamcotah requiring his Absence, it is recommended to Government that Mr. Stewart, Assistant Surgeon at Tanjore be directed to proceed to Palamcotah, & to duty there till the Return of Mr Gordon.

do

Ordered.

Ordered accordingly.

From Mr Balk

From Mr Balk, Paymaster at Trichinopoly, transmitting a Report of the Grain received from the Nabobs Manager, and requesting Government to publish in G. O. the necessary restrictions to be observed in the discharge of Officers Bills.

Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 80-81-82-83-84-85-86).

To

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16th

To Messrs Sullivan and Balfour.

To Messrs Sullivan & Balfour.

The Board consent to admit the Charges in Mr Sullivan's Accounts for Aorack & wastage on Grains, and have advised Mr Jackson accordingly

To Masulipatam, the Repairs

To Masulipatam

of which Estimates were received the 22d Ultimo are to be carried into immediate Execution.

To Captain Lieut Thompson.

To Captn Thompson

with permission to proceed to Europe for three Years on half Pay.

To the Hospital Board.

To the Hospital Board

with Copy of their Proceedings of the 1st 2d and 5th Instant, & Government's remarks thereon.

To Captain Flint, Commanding at Madura & to Lieut Kepselback at Nellore, enclosing Copy of a Complaint against them by the Nabob, and desiring their Reply thereto.

To Captn Flint & To Lt Kepselback

To Ensign Currie, with permission to proceed to Europe on half Pay.

To Ens: Currie

17th

Received the following Letters.

To

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17.

Fort St George June 1786

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &c Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Lieut Colonel Bowes stating his Services, & requesting his concern at not having been appointed to a more eligible Situation than Tanjore.

When a Report prevailed that the Field Officers were to be appointed to the new formed Brigades and Stations given them accordingly - placing that Confidence in the Honble Board, that every Officer should do as Guardians of the Rights of every person under their Government, I was perfectly satisfied, & trusted, that as the Senior Officer, who had expectations, my Station would of course have been one of the most eligible. from the Rule I had of Seniority & hitherto approved Service, I even thought I had a right to expect it. But how great has been my Astonishment, & Mortification to find by the late General Orders, that most of my Seniors are stationed so as to command, while I, whose claims are superior, am placed in an unprofitable & subordinate State. How possible this might have happened by chance; but when on reflection it is perceived how particularly hard my Situation is: I yet trust something may be done, that I may not appear to be pointedly slighted: & to prevent the Mortification this situation must of course give me, for having spent three and twenty years in this Service, in the Smiles

of

1161 Fort St George June 1786

If my Superiors this enattention offered at this time of day must make the deeper impression — excuse me Honble Sir & Sirs, but as I am conscious I do not deserve to be slighted I feel the more that I am so, & trust something will be adopted to remedy what I am almost led to think an injustice towards me —

Madras
16th June 1786

I have the honor to be &c

Signed Tho. Bruce

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Chamier's letter of the 13th Instant, accompanying several Papers relative to a Claim, which Mr. Popham has made upon your Honor &c & desiring that I would report to you whether it is founded, as also whether those persons, who have preferred pretensions in opposition to Mr. Popham have any & what legal demand upon the Company — Upon an attentive perusal of the Papers referred to me I submit it to you as my opinion that Mr. Popham's Claim

From the Attorney General, giving it as his opinion that the Ground sold the Company for the Inhabitants of Hog Hill, was the undoubted property of Mr. Popham —

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17 Claim is founded & that it does not appear to me that the Parties setting up opposite pretensions have any legal demands upon the Company — My reasons for forming this opinion are these — Mr Popham claims under Verumadah Boudriah, the adopted Son & Heir of Verumadah Soubiah the Son & heir of Boudriah Metr Bromley & Gruson, on behalf of their respective Clients, claim under Sunco Chenna Kistnamah Chitty, who claims under Narramah the Widow of Verumadah Soubiah — All Parties agree that Boudriah was the original Proprietor, & that his right descended to his Son & heir Verumadah Soubiah; the Question therefore in dispute came to be in whom it vested after their mans death — whether in his Widow, or his adopted Son — This question appears to have been fully investigated by Messrs Haliburton & Mowbray, two Gentlemen of known integrity & ability, to whose Arbitration Mr Popham & Sunco Chenah Kistnamah Chitty agreed to submit their respective Claims, & whose Award was to have been made a rule of the Mayors Court to put a legal end to the dispute — From the award of these Gentlemen, which I have before me, & which appears to have been registered upon the records of the Mayors Court, it appears that they examined Witnesses to the

adoption

17 adoption, & that it was fully proved; & that they also examined several Banyans & others, who stated that where the adoption is regularly made, the adopted Son has the right to the property in preference to the Widow - This I have always conceived to be the Gentoo Law; & think it ought to put an end to all claims under the Widow, for certainly if she had no right, she could not by any Act of hers vest a right in Sooncoo Chinah Kistnamah Chitty or in any other person; and this Man having of course no legal title in himself could convey none either to Mr Douglas, in whose right Mr Bromley addresses you, or to Moodoo Ramah Chitty in favor of whose Brother & heir is the letter from Mr Grierson - It does not seem to me that these Gentlemen will ever be able to establish the Claims they have set up, & I therefore conceive that your Honor &ca run little risque on the part of the Company in settling with Mr Popham, in whom, deriving under the adopted Son, the legal Title appears to be vested - I would however advise in the Deed of Sale from Mr Popham, that a Clause be inserted to warrant the Company in the possession & to indemnify them for any expence they may be put to in defending that possession against the claims in question or any other; I recommend this as cautionary, for Claims may be made however ill founded, - it is a Clause never omitted in any deed of Sale in Europe, and Mr Popham, as a Man

of

1164 Fort St George June 1786

17 of Profession, cannot doubt of its propriety, tho
in general I believe not customary here -

In regard to the Letters of
Messrs Bromley & Grierson I have only to add
that derivative rights necessarily standing or
falling with those from which they proceed
their Clients seem to me to be incidentally
concluded by the decision of the Arbitrators:
who appear to have conducted their investi-
gation with great Judgment & impartiality.

I have the honor to be &c.

Fort St George
17th June 1786.

/Signed/ Benj Sullivan

To John Chamier Esq.

Secretary to the Military
& Political Department -

Sir

I have received your Letter
of the 6th June, inclosing Copy of one to
Mr Johnston for my Guidance -

By my Letter of the 5th
Instant the Honorable President & Council
will be informed that the new Tenants are
no longer deemed and that the Nabob's
Manager

From the Acting Collr
at Palamcotah, the
new Tenants come
to me were deemed
throughout the
Southern Provinces
are again made
Current by order
of the Nabob.

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17. Manager with his Highness's permission, has again made them Current, and not less than from a conviction of their Validity, as from necessity - for exclusive of exchanging the number of those Fanams in the hands of the different Paymasters - enough Specie of any other Coin is not to be found in the Country to make good the Circar's proportion of the 3d Kist.

It is a fact, that for a Month before the decried Fanams were made to circulate again - that the Renters were scarcely able to dispose of a Colah of Paddy, or to pay a thousand Chuckrums into the Circar Treasury, in part of their Engagements and there is no doubt, but the same difficulty will return to prevent their Highness from compleating his Engagements, should the new Fanams be again suppressed -

Palamcotah
12th June 1786

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
/Signed/ Benjn Torin
Act.g Paym.r

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Fort St George June 1786

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Masulipatam the French Resident protests against the Decision of the Government of Madras, in respect to the levying of duties on French Goods, imported & exported at that Factory: - Their Correspondence with him on the Subject enclosed.

= with to enclose to you, copy of a Letter, We have received from the French Chief bearing date 13th May together with our answer of the 8th Instt & his reply of the 12th Instt containing a Protest against the purport of a Letter written to him by this Board, under date the 23d Febry conformable to the Instructions received from your Honor &c

We take this opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Dep^y Secry Jackson's Letter of the 30th Ult^o & to acquaint your Honor &c that the General Orders, which accompanied it, have been published in this District -

We have the honor to be &c

Masulipatam
14th June 1786

Charles Floyer
Geo Westcott
Joseph Revell
Saml Statham

[Signed]

To

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No 18.

To Mr Floyer Chief

& the Gentlemen of Council

of Masulipatam

Gentlemen

The Troubles which have for some time agitated the Council of Masulipa-tam obliged me to suspend some just repre-sentations, which I had to make -

Now, that by new Arrange-ments, which coincide with the wishes of the Majority, Tranquility is likely to be restored, permit me, Gentlemen to demand redress for some Acts of injustice committed against some of the French Nation.

Since the 16th March 1785 the Epoch when the French reentered into possession of their right at Masulipatam, they enjoyed those priviledges undisturbed, until the December following, when the Council of Masu-lipatam was pleased to exact payment of Duties from the French -

This new Arrangement was communicated to me by a Note from Mr Hodges, and the day after was confirmed by a black Man belonging to the Dewan -

Mr Hodges probably fol-lowed the Orders he had received -

I shall observe Gentlemen

that

Fort St George June 1786

18 That laying aside the attentions, which the Coun-
-cil ought to have had for my Station, an order
such as that, which was contrary to the will
of our respective Kings, should have been
communicated to me in a different manner
and strengthened by some reasons -

I had the honor to write
the Council requesting them to communicate
to me the Causes, which obliged them to exact
Duties from the French. without answer-
-ing me, the Duties continued to be paid -

With respect to some Bales
which were sent to the Duwan to be em-
-barked on board a Vessel for Pondicherry
I protested, and caused the Bales to be with-
-drawn from the Duwan.

I had the honor to advise
the Council of this by my Letter of the 16. Dec.

These Gentlemen did me
the honor to reply, that they had written
to the Council of Madras, & waited its decision
- awaiting this decision, the Council of Mas-
-lipatam of their own authority always made
the French pay the Duties, who neither had
time, nor power to resist against this abuse
of authority & these vexations, I now Gentlemen
demand your Justice -

The

18 The decision of the Council of S.
Madras is arrived, & the Council of Masulipatam
communicated it to me the 22d Febry. The
substance is "that provided a submission on
"the part of the French Chief to pay in the
"case it may be so decided in Europe, the diffi=
=culties will thus be removed".

Without waiting to discuss
whether the decision of the Council of Madras
be legal or not, I demand of you, Gentlemen,
in virtue of this decision, that I may be
ordered to be rembursed in the Money that
has been unjustly exacted of the French, and
I shall give an obligation to pay the amount
of these Sums in case it shall be so decided
in Europe.

I had besides, another representa=
=tion to make to you Gentlemen, the Mi=
=nattes established at Paucapatte have always
enjoyed the priviledges granted by the Moors,
& continued by the English, of bleaching the
Cloths of the French, without paying any
Duties, about the end of last year, some Peons,
(whose, I know not, for I have never been in-
-formed) were at Pacanpatte, exacting Duties
from the Minattes, for the Cloths, which they
were bleaching for the French - The head
Man of the Minattes in vain demanded their
ancient priviledges: duties were not only
exacted

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18 enacted for the present & in future but they were even obliged to pay for the year past; which valuation was made at random —

The Merchants, very properly making difficulties, their Work was suspended till they had paid — I expect Gentlemen from your Justice, that the Merchants of Paulapett recover their antient rights & that you will order the proper persons to restore to those unfortunate People, the Money, which has been extorted from them —

Masulipatam
13th May 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ Forestier

/A true Translation/

F. Chase French Translator

To Le Forestier Esqr

Chief of the French Factory

at Masulipatam

Sir

Many matters incidental to the arrival of a new Chief at our Settlement, have hitherto prevented us from the honor of replying to your Letter of the 13th Ultimo —

You are therein pleased to quote a passage in our Letter to you of the 23d

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18. 23.d of Febry last & thence infer that by the
orders even of our Superiors we ought not to
refuse acceptance of Certificates from you
for the amount of Duties arising on the
Import & Export Articles of Commerce car=
=ried on by the Subjects of your Nation
at this Port.-

Professing, as we do, a sincere
Desire of removing all doubts, & of preserving
that good understanding, which we shall
studiously endeavour to cultivate with you.
Sir, as the Representative of the French Nation
within its Factory, we shall here take occa=
=sion to insert the following Extract from
our said Letter of the 23.d of February-

"You will observe that
conformably to such decision, Messrs. Gouyon
& Chappelier neither of whom have resided
within the limits of your Factory professions
are not entitled to any priviledges thereunto
annexed and under these circumstances
ought to have paid Duties on the Merchan=
=dize exported by them in like manner, as
if they had exported the same from Fort=
St George, or any other of our Company's Settle
=ments on the Coast."-

The Letter of which the
aforegoing is an Extract, was not written
merely upon our own Ideas or conjectures
upon

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18 upon that point, I meaning, of the 15th Art.
of the Definitive Treaty of Peace between
our two Nations, but founded upon the
deliberate reflections & upon the more
respectable Authority of our Government
at Fort St George, whose Sentiments are
so clearly expressive of the right we possess
of levying the Duties in question that
you must be sensible we cannot deviate
from them - It is a right, which we con-
-ceive has been already acknowledged by
Merchants of your Nation, residing under
this Government, who have paid the Duties.

It could not therefore
but afford us some Surprize at being
informed by our Sea Customer that Monr.
Vapien did on the 29th of last Month
refuse to pay Customs upon a quantity
of Brandy imported in the preceding Month
the amount of which is 15, 2, 6 an Act so
contrary to the usual Practice of Mer-
-chants, and to that which had prevailed
among those of your Nation, for Goods im-
-ported at, & exported from this Settlement
as well preceding, as succeeding the date of
our letter of the 23d Febry (the sum of 1000 Pags
& upwards having been paid by them for
Duties so imported & exported from the
Month of January last, to the present time)

we

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18 we must repeat, excited our surprize.

Mr Papin being precisely in the same Situation with Messrs Goyon and Chappellier he can have no right, it is conceived to withhold payment of the Duty in question, and we have therefore given Directions to our Sea Customer to repeat his demand upon that Gentleman.

On the Subject of the Exactions complained of by you upon the Washers in France & Pettah, we have to inform you that our Chief is employed in examining the Merafsdors Accounts, which he conceives will either establish the Right of exemption in those Washers from paying any Tax, or will confirm that, which we may possess in the Collection thereof: His examination made, we shall have the honor to communicate it to you.

We have the honor to be &c

Masulipatam
8th June 1786

/Signed/ Chas Floyer
& Council

A true Copy
Roger Darvall
Acting Secry.

To

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To Mr Floyer Chief

& Gentlemen of the Council

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I have received the Letter
with which you honored me the 8. Current
in Answer to mine of the 13th Ultimo.

Your Decision Gentlemen
dictated by the Council at Madras being
directly contrary to the Spirit of the 13.
Art. of the Treaty of Peace between England
& France, & consequently contrary to the
Interests of my Nation, I protest for, & in
the name of His Most Christian Majesty
the King my Master against the decision
of the Council of Madras.

Masulipatam
13th June 1786

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

A true translation
T. Chase French Transl.

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Received the undermentioned
Letters (entered in Mls Nos 86-87-88-89-90-
91-92-93)

From Mr Graham, requesting
From Mr Graham permission to resign the Paymastership of
Samulcotah.

From

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From Mr Torrens, stating the
Renters refusal to comply with his mode of
granting Receipts for Paddy.

From Mr Torrens —

From Ens: Kirkpatrick, requesting permission to withdraw his application
to go home, and to prolong his absence in
Bengal to the 1st October next.

From Ens: Kirkpatrick

From Manulipatam with
the Military Storekeepers Indent for Stores
wanted at that Settlement.

From Manulipatam

From Mr Welch enclosing an
account of Grain received since 1st March last
from the Renters of Arcot & Arnee, & specifying the Quantity served to the Troops —
The Renter of Arcot wishes to have Receipts
for the Grain at the Cutwals Price.

From Mr Welch —

From Cuddalore, requesting
an Encrease of Sepoys, Invalids &ca & enclosing
an Indent for Military Stores for the use of
that Garrison.

From Cuddalore

From Cuddalore, requesting
information relative to the discharge of the
Surgeons bills for May; & enclosing a petition
from Noor Mahomed Hussein, Tendal, soliciting to succeed to the Station of his Brother
Meera Hussun, Syrang, deceased.

From Cuddalore

From Lieut Kilpatrick, states
the Inconvenience attending Travellers passing
through the Nellore District, in consequence

From Lt Kilpatrick

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20. of the improper Behaviour of the Nabob's Annuldar -

Dispatched the following Letters

To William Bruere Esqr

Secretary to the Honble Governor General & Council at Fort William

To Mr. Bruere, with Returns of Recruits landed from the Sulivan & General Goddard, those arrived on the former will be sent to Calcutta the first opportunity

Sir

Inclose by order of the Board a Returns of Recruits embarked on the Ganges, & I have also the honor to send to you Returns of those landed from the Sulivan and General Goddard.

The Recruits arrived on the Sulivans were landed in a very sickly State, owing to an epidemical Fever, which broke out after leaving the Latitude of the Cape, they are on the recovery, & will be sent to Calcutta as soon as Opportunities offer.

I have the honor to be &c.

Fort St George
19th June 1786

Signed John Chamier Secry

To

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20.

To Mr Benjamin Torin

Acting Paymaster

at Palamcotah

Sir

I am directed by the Honble

To Mr Benjn Torin to receive what Sums may be tendered to him by the Nabob's Agent, on account of his third Instt. the greater part of which must be remitted to the Presidency by Bills upon Madras - enclosing Letter from the Nabob to Citabar Cawn directing him to give every assis- -tance in this affair.

President & Council to achnowledge the receipt of your Letters dated the 5th 7th & 12th Instant, and to inform you that they ap- =prove your Procedings mentioned therein.

It was the Intention of Government not to have received any more Money from the Nabob to the Southward, on account of his third Instt. than would be necessary to pay the Troops at Palamcotah Madura, & Trichinopoly. But to accommo- -date the Nabob, it is now agreed that you & the other Paymasters shall be authorized to receive as much Money as the Nabob may wish to pay into your Hands, towards com- =pleating his third Instt. as the greater part of the Money will be immediately wanted at the Presidency, you are to do all in your power to procure Bills upon Madras, payable in Pagodas & the Nabob's Manager is to pay all expence of Exchange &c. upon the Bills, so that the Company shall not

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20. be put to any Loss or inconvenience by receiving the Money at Tinnivelly. The Nabob has in consequence of this arrangement sent an order to Eitabar Caun, directing him to assist in procuring the Bills, & ordering him to pay the Expence attending the Transactions.

The Board therefore direct that you do every thing in your power to procure Bills upon Madras, and get them remitted without Delay.

I enclose Copy of the Order sent by the Nabob to Eitabar Caun. &c.

Fort St George
19th June 1786

Sir,

Your most Obt Servt

Signed / John Cranier Jr

Translation of an Order from His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatica, directed to Eitabar Caun

Dated 18th Shabaun 1200 or 15th June 1786.

For the Monies which you may pay in Tinnevelly on account of the 3d. List to the Paymaster of Palamcotah, he will grant you Receipts agreeably to the Governor's former directions. But as it is the Governor's Work, after the amount of the List is paid to the Paymaster, that the Monies

20. Monies beyond what is necessary for the Troops to the Southward, should be brought to Madras you are therefore directed, as soon as you shall have paid off the amount of the third Kist, to the Paymaster of Palamcotah, to assist him in procuring Bills on Madras, by introducing the Soucars Shroffs & Setties to him for that purpose - so that they may receive the money from the Paymaster & give him Bills on Madras - You are also to pay the Expences of Wondawan &c for conveying the Money to Madras from the Circar, & not to suffer the Company to sustain Losses thereby - Consider this as a positive order on this subject.

I shall do all in my power to procure Bills to be sent you from hence, from any Persons here, who will pay Money to the Company at this place in exchange of the Monies in the hands of the Paymaster at Palamcotah - and this will likewise be of assistance to you -

22.

To Lieutenant Colonel Bruce

Sir.

To Lt. Col. Bruce stating why he was appointed to the first Brigade, and stationed at Tanjore

I am directed by the Honble President & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 16th Instant, and to inform you that as your Rank entitled you to the Command of the 1st Brigade, you were

22 were accordingly appointed to it; & that, the Brigade being so stationed as not to afford you a separate Command was the effect of Chance, to which a Remedy could not be applied, unless by an entire alteration of System, which would be attended with inconvenience to the publick Service.

The Board regret that the present Arrangement of the Troops, disenables them from paying that attention to the claims of Seniority & of meritorious Services, which you can so justly exhibit - it is their wish to reward deserving Officers & they will avail themselves with pleasure of the first opportunity, consistent with the rules of the Service, of appointing you to a Command suitable to your Rank & Merit.

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22d June 1786

I am Sir &c &c

(Signed) John Chamier Secy

Sent the undermentioned

Letters (entered in Mil Sts 94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-107)

To the Committee for investigating the Claims of Officers &c late Prisoners in Mysore.

To the Committee for investigating the Claims of Officers &c late Prisoners in Mysore, with full approbation of their Conduct in the execution of the Service entrusted to them.

To

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To Mr Tonans, to mention Pagodas &
To Mr Tonans Rupees on receipt of Grain, the Exchange & price
to be conformable to those of the day, the
Grain is delivered —

To Mr Burke, to grant Limit
To Mr Burke Imits the usual allowance for Foreign Officers
returning to Europe —

Circular Letter to Paymasters
Circular Letter to Paymasters enclosing an alphabetical arrangement &
Form of Return of Stores, which are to be trans=
=mitted monthly to the Commissary General
of Stores, agreeably thereto.

To Mr Floyer Junr. the Board appoint=
To Mr Floyer Junr. him to the Paymastership of Samulcotah,
in consequence of Mr Grahams resignation —

To Mr Graham, informing him
To Mr Graham of the above.

To Mr Popham, the Bonds for
To Mr Popham the Ground will be delivered to him, on his
inserting a sufficient Clause in the Bill of
Sale, to guarantee the Company in the Pos=
=session thereof —

To Ensign Kirkpatrick, al=
To Ens: Kirkpatrick lowing Calcutta, with permission to withdraw his
application to go to Europe, & to prolong his
absence to 1st October next.

To the Military Board, enclo=
To the Mil.y Board. =sing them copy of a Letter from Cuddalore as to
Military Stores wanted for that Garrison —

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To the Hospital Board. Mr
To the Hospital Board Ferguson's Claims to superior Rank, are ill
founded. & no alteration is therefore to take plan.

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To the Committee of Works, to
To Commee of Works order the Guard room & shed to be built at
the Mount agreably to an accompanying
Estimate, & conformably to the Chief Engineer's
Plan.

To Cuddalore. Mr Simmons
To Cuddalore permitted to draw his allowances for May/.
according to the late Medical arrangements
& to visit the Presidency. Mirr Mahomed
Hussein Syrang to be appointed to succeed
his late Brother.

To the Paymaster at Madura,
To Mr Johnston to supply Mr Valk with the Sum necessary
for completing his payments to the Troops
on 1st July next.

To Mr Valk, to apply to
To Mr Valk Mr Johnston for the Sum requisite to
compleat his payment on the 1st July.

Received Letter from Mr
From Mr Bromley Charles Bromley, stating that he has discov-
-covered part of the Ground sold the Company
by Mr Popham for the Inhabitants of
Hog Hill, to be the absolute property of
Mr Douglas Vide MB N. 108.

In consequence of the
To the Advy General foregoing Letter from Mr Bromley, an
application

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Wt application was made to the Attorney General
for his opinion upon it when it was given
from the Att.y General in favor of Mr Popham.
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25th Received the following Letter -

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen.

From Bengal. on-
closing an advertize-
ment with respect
to an extension of
Cash payments on
account of personal
Allowances -

Having discharged the
Arrears due to our Army & finding ourselves
enabled to extend the monthly Issues of Cash
on account of personal Allowances beyond
the limits assigned to them in our Regula-
tions of 29th Dec.r 1785, without contenuing
our Certificates in Currency undischarged
more than twelve Months, & without affec-
ting the Encouragement which we afforded
to the public in the last part of those Regu
-lations, We think it proper to inform you,
of your having duly considered that Circumstance
before we resolved upon the extension of our
Cash Payments for Personal allowances, which
you will find authorized in the enclosed Ad-
-vertizement - Those persons of your Settlement
whose Agents in Bengal may not yet have
obtained from us the discharge of the Bills
& Certificates remitted by them need not therefore
apprehend

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25 apprehend that this will cause any delay in
the discharge of such Bills & Certificates, beyond
what are spared the Public in the 29th Dec.
1785 was likely to occur —

Fort William
Secret Depart. of Inspection
23d May 1786. —

We are &c &c
John Macpherson
Signed / R. Cooper
John Stables
Chas. Stuart

Fort William.
Secret Department of Inspection
22d May 1786

The Honble the Governor Genl
& Council having discharged Arrears due to
the Army, & finding themselves enabled to extend
their monthly Issues of Cash, on account of
Personal allowances beyond the Limits pres-
cribed for the Rules of payment in their adver-
tizement of the 29th December 1785, without
contemning their Certificates in Currency, un-
discharged more than twelve Months. Notice
is hereby given that the whole of the Monthly
Allowances payable to the Persons alluded to,
in the 24. 5 & 6th Act: of that Advertizement
& not exceeding the Sum of 1000 Rs will be
paid in Cash, & that one Moiety of the monthly
exceeding this Sum will be paid in Cash
Allowances, & the other Moiety in Certificates.
This rule of payment is to commence with
the allowances for the month of May, there
not becoming due before 1st of June but all
Allowances that were due before 1st of June
are

25 are to be discharged according to the Regulations of the 29th December 1785 -

All Servants of the Company & others, receiving monthly allowances for more than one Office, which amount collectively to a Sum exceeding one thousand Current Rupees are to be paid one Moiety of each Allowance in Cash and the other Moiety in Certificates by the Paymasters of the Offices on which they are Stationed -

The Honorable the Governor General and Council find themselves enabled to assure the Publick, that this extension of their Cash payments is not in the least likely to prevent them, from fulfilling the expectations, which they encouraged in the last part of their Advertizement of the 29th of December 1785 - Viz.t That all the Paper them in Currency would be paid off in course of twelve Monthes -

By Order of the Honorable Board -

/Signed/ E. Hay Secry

To

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.

President &c. Council

From the Hospital Board enclosing their Proceedings of 16th 19th & 20th Instant submitting to the Consideration of Government a letter from the Surgeon of the 52d Regt as to Patents for Medicines requesting permission for Mr Simpson, Surgeon, to proceed to Europe recommending a mode to prevent abuse in the purchase of Bazar Medicines Messrs Moore and Mackatosh appointed to Patients Remarks of Government on the above.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the honor to enclose our Proceedings of the 16th 19th & 20th Instant —

We are &c.

Jas Anderson
Physician General
(Signed) Colley Lucas C. S.
Thos Davies H. S.

Proceedings of the Hospital Board 16th 19th & 20th June 1786 —

Read a Letter from Mr Chase Secretary to Brigadier General Horne, enclosing another from Major Bideliffe to Colo Stuart, informing him of Mr Gordon's Interposition & request for leave to come to the Coast, for the recovery of his Health —

Approved

Agreed

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Agreed that Mr Stuart Assistant Surgeon be ordered from Tanjore immediately, to relieve Mr Gordon, & do the Duty at Palamcotah, till Mr Gordon's return there; and that an Extract of the above with the letters from Mr Chare, be sent to the Military Secretary, that no unnecessary delay may happen, in issuing the necessary orders for the above purpose -

Read the enclosed Letter from Mr Drummond Surgeon of His Majesty's 52d Regiment dated the 2d Instant - & Mr Drummonds Indents have been regularly laid before this Board, and have been complied with as fully as the Stores would admit of, and as was judged necessary, his Letter is submitted to the Consideration of the Honble President and Council -

The Honble President & Council ought to place their confidence in the Hospital Board, respecting all Decisions of this nature - The Hospital Board however by saying that Mr Drummonds Indents were complied with, as fully as the Stores would admit, seems to imply that there was a want of Stores at this period, or he should have had more - If so, the extra quantity which was necessary for Mr Drummond to purchase, ought to be discharged by the Apothecary - But the Hospital Board alone are to judge & regulate what extra Medicines may be necessary & proper on this & all such occasions -

Having received

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Approved

The enclosed letter from Mr Simpson, the Board beg leave to forward it to the Honble President & Council for their determination, and hope his request will be complied with, as no difficulty occurs in filling up his Station - Mr Pringle being ready to supply his place, whom the Board recommend may be ordered here, if the Honble President and Council should be pleased to allow of Mr Simpson's application -

When the President & Council resolved on the 30th Ult. that the Senior Assistant Surgeon to visitate the Hospitals, under the direction of the Head Surgeon of every Garrison Hospital should be furnished to furnish Bazar Medicines, & that his Accounts should be subject to the Controul of the Apothecary; they were also of opinion that the List of Bazar Medicines to be furnished by the Senior Assistant Surgeons at the Hospitals in Districts distant from the Presidency ought to be confined to the following Articles namely Cloth, Cantharides

Honble the President & Council have resolved to agree to the Plan of Diet, the Board had the honor to transmit on the 6th Instant, and observing by their remarks respecting the furnishing Bazar Medicines on the 30th Ult. that it was intended to be confined to the Senior Assistant Surgeons under the direction of the Head Surgeon

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25. Cocoanut Oil, Capsia, Honey, namely, Toddy Coriander Seeds Jaggery Limes Fruit, Country Thread for Lent, Cane paper soft Sugar, Quills, Hogs Lard, Ginger, Liquorice Root, Apoculse Seeds, Sugar Candy & Twine -

As the other Articles under the denomination of Bazar Medicines may be at all seasons of the year, supplied of better quality & cheaper from the Apothecary at the Presidency, such as Wine, Spirituous Liquors &c. The President and Council direct that their Rule shall be punctually attended to in future -

Approved

Surgeon and subject to the Controul of the Apothecary &c. The Board think it their Duty to recommend in order to prevent as much as possible every species of Abuse, that the Contract for victualling be limited to the supply of the three Tables of Diet including Water, Firewood Cooks & Utensils, and that the Supplement, which the Board proposed of Greens, Fruits, Toddy, Spices, Wine, & Spirituous Liquours be considered as Bazar Articles. This mode the Board are of opinion will be more perfect, as it will obviate the possibility of those Articles being twice charged for, that is to say, both as Articles of Diet and of Medicine and will considerably reduce the expence of Victualling -

The Hospital Board recommend Mr. Fowke Moore, to be appointed Assistant to the first Regiment, and Mr. Bernard MacMahon to the second Regiment of European Infantry.

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26 Received the following Letters

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B

President &c Council

at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

We have been honored by the

Receipt of your Letters of the 4th & 25th of last Month.

In the first of these

From Bengal
desiring that the
differences between
Mr Davidson and
Mr Floyer, relative
to the Interest
upon the Nabob's
Debts, may be re-
ferred to the
decision of Sir
Archibald Campbell
& enclosing copy
of a letter to them
from their Advocate
General, with his
sentiments on
the Discount of
30 p.c. upon
Bengal Certifi-
cates granted
for Military Arrears
the Exchange of
Bonds for Military
Arrear Certificates
stated —

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Letters, which is dated before the arrival of Sir Archibald Campbell at your Presidency, you are pleased to desire our Sentiments upon a difference of opinion which had arisen, between your Presi=dent and Mr Floyer relative to the Interest upon the Nabob's Debts. Not doubting that Sir Archibald Campbell, who is now at the head of your Councils, is fully informed of the wishes and Intentions of the Honble Court of Directors upon all subjects which have a relation to Affairs at your Presidency, we request that you will refer the Question between Mr Davidson, and Mr Floyer, to the opinion of your present Governor, & we hope that you will be guided by it

We have been favored with

Copies of your Proceedings from 1st January to the 31st March & have received also four Volumes of the Proceedings & Correspondence of the late Committee of Assigned Revenue —

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26 No Register having yet been transmitted to us, of the first Twenty four Certificates which you granted between 7th January and 24th March, to be exchanged for Bengal Bonds on account of the Military Arrears at your Presidency, we request that you will order the same to be forwarded to us as soon as possible, & we request also that we may have weekly Registers of the Certificates you issue on this account —

It is likewise our Wish that you will order a Clause to be inserted, in the Certificates you may grant after the Receipt of this Letter, shewing the nature of the Military Arrears for which they are respectively given, and in the event of their being given for Pay Batta, or other allowances, stating the periods from and to which the Arrears are discharged by them —

We have already acquainted you by our Letter of the 22d March, that all Bengal Bonds granted in Exchange for Certificates, given at your Presidency for Military Arrears, should bear the same date as those Certificates. We have since thought proper to resolve, that the Exchange at which Bonds shall be given for the Military Arrear Certificates at your Presidency, shall be 415 CRs. 12 an. 9 pie for 100 Star Pagodas & that the Interest if paid in England shall be paid at the Exchange of Seven Shillings and four Pence p Star Pagoda —

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26. We informed you in our Letter of the 24th of last Month, that we had called upon our Advocate General for his opinion of the legality of the rate of discount, at which the President & Council at Fort St George had agreed to allow a negociation of the Bills granted on account of their Military Arrear Debt, & that we should transmit a copy of this opinion to you as soon as we received it. The Advocate General having late last night delivered us his opinion on that subject We enclose a Copy of his Letter for your Information.

We have the honor to be &c.a

John Macpherson
R.d Cooper
John Stables
Chas. Stuart

Fort William
Secret Department
16th May 1786.

To the Honorable John Macpherson Esq.r
Governor General &c.a Council

Hon.ble Sir & Gentlemen

I have perused with attention the several Papers referred to me by your Hon.ble Board, respecting the Engagement made by the Madras Government, with Mess.rs Cooke & Redhead and Mr. Menzies, for discounting the outstanding Arrears due to the Commissi-oned, Non Commissioned, and Privates of the Madras Army, which were transmitted me

on

26 on the 4th Instant with a Letter from your Secre=
=tary Mr Hay, requiring my opinion on the
Legality of that Transaction and other points therein
stated. Although the taking of more than
legal Interest upon discounting of a Bill of
Exchange, subjects the Party accepting the
same (if a British Subject) to the Penalty of
the Statute 13th of Geo. 3. c. 63. yet I do not think
the Agreement between the Madras Board &
Messrs Porcher & Redhead & Mr. Menzies of such
a nature, as to make those Gentlemen liable to
the Penalty of Usury, for purchasing the Certi=
=ficates at the very high Discount settled by
that Agreement. Although the Bills to be
drawn in their favor should be duly paid, & the
enormous profit realized, which it is stated by
the Accountant General they will derive from
that Engagement.

To subject a Person to the
penalty of the Statute against Usury, the usurious
Profit must be taken on a Loan: the Penalty
cannot be incurred by any profit accruing from
a Purchase if made bonâ fide & not intended &
used as a colour for a Loan. In the case of dis=
=counting a Bill of Exchange, the person offering
it to be discounted, whether he be the drawer,
endorser, or accepter, continues liable to the dis=
=counter for the repayment of the Money advanced
by him on the Bill. The transaction is therefore

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26 in effect a loan & as such is universally under=
-stood to be within the penalty of the Statute.

But by the Letter from the
Secretary at Fort St George to Messrs Porcher &
Redhead, it appears that those Gentlemen
were to purchase from the Troops, Certificates
entitling the holders of them to Bills on Bengal
& it does not appear from any thing stated to
me that the Vendors of those Certificates will
be liable to be called on for repayment of the
Money advanced by Messrs Porcher & Redhead
altho those Gentlemen should not receive pay=
-ment of the Bills when due, or even if they should
never be paid at all. I am of opinion therefore
that the Agreement being for an actual Sale
& not intended as a loan, the purchasers of the
Certificates are not liable to the penalty on usury.

It is much to be regretted that
the before mentioned Statute has not extended the
Penalty on usury to all persons inhabitants of the
several Presidencies & Factories of the Company
in India, as well as to British Subjects. Whilst
the Natives of all descriptions are exempt from
the penalty of this Law, it will be impossible
to repress by any legal measures the usurious
practices complained of. The principal Lenders
& Money Brokers are among the Natives, &
even where such practices are carried on by Bri
-tish Subjects they are generally managed under
cover of Native Agents, who are rarely known to

Betray

26 betray their Principals—

It may be proper to add, that however extravagant the Discount may be on Certi-
-ficates issued at this Presidency, since 28th of Febry last & however disproportioned to the probable time of their Payment. Yet it is not ascertained as no specified day is fixed, when they become demand-
-able, but the liquidation of them is contingent uncertain & dependant on the exigencies of the Company—

I know therefore of no constitutional, or effectual measure, which this Government can adopt for the suppression of the Evil, but by striking at once at the Cause of it, and removing that as far as the State of their Treasury will admit That Cause I apprehend to be principally, if not entirely the Necessity which the Servants and numerous Dependants of the Company, who have no other support but their monthly Salaries lie under, by selling their Certificates for their immediate Subsistance, unable to wait till the period of payment comes round, they are obliged to dispose of them on many terms the monied Men taking the advantage of their Situation, fix a price proportioned to the urgency of the Seller not to the value of the thing sold, & there is no probability that the Discount will be considerably reduced, untill the whole of the Salaries shall be paid in Specie to the Dependants on the Company, or at least such a proportion of Cash as shall enable them to subsist

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26 subsist without discounting the remainder, which may be paid to them in Certificates —

Calcutta
11th May 1786

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

[Signed] T. H. Davies
Sdo. Genl.

A true Copy
Thomas Sutherland

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

From the Resident at Poona with Political Intelligence

Under the 8th March I had the honor to advise you of my Appointment, to reside at the Peshwa's Court by the Honble the Governor General and Council as their Minister, of my arrival at Poona the 3d & of my first audience & Presentment of my Credentials to that Prince on the 7th of the same Month —

On the 20th Ultimo I left Poona in consequence of an Invitation from Ballaju Janardun & Nanna Furnaveese the Prime Minister to join him at the Army acting against Tippoo Sultaun & on the 10th Instant arrived on the Banks of the Kistna —

You will probably have learnt that Syam Ally Khan left the Army near

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26 near Buddamma on the 25. Ult. I marched
towards Hyderabad, leaving a large Body of his
Troops under the Command of Mushier Ul Mulk
to act in concert with the Mahrattah Forces.

About the same time the
Mahrattas commenced their operations, against
Buddamma in three distinct Attacks conduc=
=ted by the Bouncelle, Hurry Pundit, & Perseram
Bhaò. I do not yet learn that they have made
any great Progress, and in the opinion of the
People of this Country, with whom I have had
an opportunity of conversing, the near Approach
of the Rains makes the Success of the Enterprize
very doubtful.

On the 5.th Instant, The Vakeels
of Tippoo Sultaun who had till now been with
the Mahratta Army were honorably dismissed by
the Mahratta Minister with Dresses & expressions
of personal Esteem & approbation of their Conduct,
& with injunctions to act in future as was becom=
=ming their Wisdom - a Body of Sar Horse was
ordered to escort them beyond the range of the
Mahratta Parties -

Having been informed by the
Honble the Governor General and Council, that
it was in agitation to send a Gentleman from
your Presidency to Seringapatam, on the persua
=sion of the Death of Tippoo Sultaun; I am very
solicitous to know whether that Measure has
been adopted - The Report of the Death of that
Prince is not at all credited in these Parts -

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On my Arrival at Poona I received a Visit from Rago Punt, who introduced himself to me as your Vakeel, on my Departure from that place He acquainted me that he also had received Orders to proceed to the Army, but represented his Distress for Cash, as so great that he could not leave Poona without a pistarcen. I accordingly advanced him 700 Rupees on his promise to repay me on his arrival at the army. He is now with me, but as he complains much of the straitness of his Finances, for he will rather stand in need of another supply than be able to discharge my present demand, unless assisted by you.

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I am informed that Dadaroo the Vakeel of the Nabob Walajah, has left the Army & is gone to Poona. you Gentlemen are the best judges how far it will be expedient to procure Orders from that Prince to his Agents to act in concert with me.

Permit me to repeat the Request contained in my last that you will honor me with your Commands, & such Intelligence as you may deem at all conducive to the effectual discharge of the duties of my Office at this critical period.

Various Reasons inducing me to protract my Arrival at the Army I shall not probably reach it, these ten days tho' I am now but thirty Cos from it.

Tho' informed by very good Authority

26 Authority, that Murhur ul Mulk was left by
Nizam Ally Khan in command of his Forces
with the Mahratta Army. I have just learnt
that Tehouvur Jung is entrusted with that
Charge.

I can procure no authentick
Intelligence of the motions or Designs of Tippoo
Sultaun, but all Accounts agree that he is
making great warlike Preparations.

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

/Signed/ W. Malet
Poona Resident

Encampment on the N.o Bank of the Pertna 11th May 1786

Received the undermentioned
Letters (entered in Mis. N.os 111-112-113-114-115
-116-117-118-119-120-121 122-123-124-125.)

From the Kings Paymaster
General, requesting to be informed if his appli-
From M.r Burke cation every two months for leave to pay the
usual regular demands properly authenticated
will not satisfy the order & restriction, which
Government wish to have observed.

From Ditto with Copy of a
Letter from Lieut Thermann, Paymaster of the 14th
From Ditto Hanoverean Regiment, in respect to the payment
of Batta to the Troops on His Majesty's Birth
day, upon which he requests the Orders of the Board.

From Lieut Kepselback
From D.o Kepselback Commanding at Nellorein vendication of his
Conduct

26 Conduct against the accusations of Venkatarow as preferred to Government by the Amer -

27 From Mr Foreir, defers the receipt of a Pacht of Pagodas in Chuckrums tendered to him by the Nabob's Manager, till the course of exchange is properly established by Government and states that the Godown allotted by the Cawn for the reception of 1½6000 Sum of Grains, is much out of repair -

From Mr Foreir

28 From Captain Flint, enclosing a reply to a Complaint preferred against him by His Highness the Nabob -

From Capt. Flint

From the Military Board, stating that the quantity of Stores to be kept up at Cuddalore must depend upon the views of Government, with respect to that Garrison.

From the Milty Board.

From His Majesty's Deputy Paymaster General - desiring to be informed of how to discharge the distributions of the several Kings Regiments with the usual allowances for the month of June &c.

From Mr Pouchee

29 From the Chief Engineer - With an Estimate of the expence incurred in finishing the new Barracks at Poonamallee -

From Col. Ross

From Doc. Cunningham enclosing a Certificate of ill Health, from the Physician General and requesting permission to proceed to China -

From Co. Cunningham

Ordered

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Minute thereon 29 Ordered accordingly.

From Lt Elphant 30th From Lieut Elphant requesting
leave to proceed to China for the benefit of his health

Minute thereon Ordered accordingly.

From Masulipatam From Masulipatam, stating
that Instructions have been given for undertaking
the repairs necessary for the Garrisons of Moreed
Samulcotah, & enclosing a general return of
Troops doing duty in that District.

From Vizagapatam From Vizagapatam - repres-
-enting that the Detachment under Capt. Grant,
has effectually quieted the disturbances in the Kelly

From the Chief Engineer - with
From Col. Ross copy of a Letter from Lieut Hilsebeck at Nellore
desiring leave to visit the Presidency on account
of ill health.

Minute thereon Ordered accordingly.

From Lieut Croston - Having
From Lt Croston occasion to visit Europe on business of Im-
-portance, begs permission to resign the Honble
Company's Service.

Minute thereon Ordered that the above Resig-
-nation be published in General Orders -

From the Commandant
From Capt. Montgomery of Angola - Tippoo Sultaun lays close Siege
to Adonie with a numerous Army -

July 1st Received the following

Report from the Hospital Board -

To

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell Kt.

From the Hospital Board stating a Request of Mr Anderson at Ongole to visit the Presidency, of Mr Ruddiman to remain for the present at Arcot, of Mr Stuart Assis: Surgeon to be appointed Head Assistant at Trichinopoly of Mr Cassamire the Deputy Apothecary to an allowance for quarters expressing their Sentiments on the Surgeon of the 52d Regt purchasing Medicines uncontrouled by their Board — Remarks of Government on the foregoing.

President & Governor &ca Council

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the honor to enclose our Proceedings of the 27th and the 28th Instant.

We are with all due respect

Honble Sir & Sirs, &c &c

Hospital Board
29th June 1786.

Jas Anderson
P. G.

{Signed} Colley Lucas
C. S.

Thos Davis
H. S.

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Proceedings of the Hospital Board June 27th.

Approved

Read a Letter from Mr George Anderson at Ongole solicitang leave to come to the Presidency for the reestablishment of his Health, to which the Hospital Board have no objection should it appear that he has obtained the permission of his Commanding Officer.

Approved

Received a Letter from Mr Ruddiman Surgeon of the 4th Regiment (but now doing duty with the Native Cavalry at Arcot) requesting he may be permitted to remain there untill an Assistant can be sent to relieve him, as he has a number of Sick at present under his Care. The Hospital Board deeming his solicitation founded on the principles of Humanity acquiesce with his proposal and hope it will meet with the approbation of the Honble President and Council, as they will lose no time in sending him the solicited relief to enable him to join his Regiment agreeable to the General Orders.

Received

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Received a Letter from Mr Stuart at Tanjore, excusing himself on account of ill health, from proceeding to Palamcotah, & soliciting the appointment of Senior Assistant to the Hospital at Trichinopoly. On the plea of ill health, the Board would be sorry to direct Mr Stuart to proceed to Palamcotah, but with respect to his secondre-quent of the appointment of Senior Assistant to the Hospital at Trichinopoly, they think it their Duty to remark, that Mr Stuart was favored with the appointment to Tanjore at his own desire, and hope no change in that respect will be permitted.

Approved

The Hospital Board taking into Consideration the returning of Mr Gordon at Palamcotah in consequence of his former application, agree that as Mr Stuart is indisposed, Mr Laird second Assistant at Trichinopoly be ordered for that Service.

Approved

Received

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Received a Letter from

Mr Casimire Deputy Apothecary

begging to know what is to be

the allowance for House Rent,

which the Honble President and

Council were pleased to promise

him for having vacated the

Quarters he formerly occupied

at the General Hospital -

The Hospital Board ought to specify what they conceive to be reasonable.

The Board hope that some

consideration will be made on

account of his large Family

and long Services -

June 28th -

Taking into conside=

=ration the subject of Mr Drum

=monds ordering the purchase

of Medecines, the Board can only

remark that his Indents ap=

=peared to them greater than

the proportion, the Sick of the

52d Regiment could be supplied

with, without prejudice to

the rest of the Sick on the Coast.

no particular hardship however

being intended to Mr Drummond

or the Sick of that Regiment,

the disposition of Government

that the Apothecary reimburse

Mr Drummond is admissible,

on every ground. excepting the

Contract, with which it was

supposed this Board was invested

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Minute thereon

Ordered that a Copy of the above Report with the Observations of Government thereon be sent to the Hospital Board &c

Sent the undermentioned Letters

(entered in Mlls for the Month of July Nº 123. 4)

To Mr Welch

To Mr Welch Paymaster at Arcot enclosing Copy of a Letter addressed to Mr Burke by the Paymaster of the 18th Regiment of Hanoverians, requesting a Reimbursement for Money advanced the Troops on the Kings Birth Day, which is to be granted accordingly.

To Mr Porter

To His Majestys Deputy Paymaster General, informing him of the above & directing him to discharge the Distributions & the other annual Allowances mentioned in his Letter of the 26th of June.

To Mr Town

To the Acting Paymaster at Palamcotah to return to the Nabobs Phouzdar the whole or any part of the second Pucka of Pagodas which he may have received on the Nabob has agreed to pay that Sumat. Madras.

To the Military Board

3d To the Military Board, enclosing for their opinion the Claims and Merits of the Native Officers of the late Tanjore Subbendies, and Trichinopoly Independants, as transmitted by Colonel Kelly; also a Claim of Lieut Munsons to Batta, while on Duty at Bombay.

Received

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3 Received the undermentioned

Letters (entered in the Miscellany Book Nos

5 6 7)

From Ganjam dated 16th June

stating that the number of Troops in their

District is very insufficient and requesting

From Ganjam that such a Reinforcement may be ordered

as will be judged sufficient for the necessary

Duties, and that the Commandant do re-

-ceive Directions to communicate all Orders

to them previous to their Publication -

From the Military Paymr.

General desiring to know if the Surgeons

From the Military Paymaster General are to be paid their Salaries by the month

or Year -

From the Commandant

From the Commandant at Arcot, stating that in consequence

at Arcot of Disputes between the Amildars and

Managers in the District of Arnee, the

Inhabitants are all deserting -

Received Letter from the

Rajah of Tanjore (entered in C. C. No 63)

From the Rajah of Tanjore In reply to the President's Letter to him of

the 8th June recommending the displacing

his Minister -

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell KB.

President

Monday the 3d July 1786.

Lieut General Sir John Dalling Bart

Alexander Davidson Esqr

Mr Casamayor indisposed.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

The Letter from Bengal

of the 28th April being taken into consideration

it is Agreed that the following Answer be

written.

To the Honorable John Macpherson Esqr

Governor General & ca Council

at Fort William

To Bengal, stating only their Consent to grant fresh Bills to such Officers & Privates as have encamped their Subscriptions at thirty p Cent for the difference of Exchange between the B and the B Current Rupee cannot be carried into execution

Gentlemen,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 28th April which did not reach us until the 28th May

We have seriously considered that part of your above Letter in which you have directed, that fresh Bills shall be granted

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granted to such Officers & Privates as have discounted their Certificates at the rate of 30 p Cent for the difference of Exchange between 415 & 442 Current Rupees, the latter being the rate at which you have determined to discharge Bills for Arrears- after having resolved the same in our minds, and endeavoured to devise a mode by which your directions on this head might be carried into execution, we are sorry to inform you, that the accomplishment of your wishes is so surrounded with difficulties that we have despaired of being able to comply with your Instructions. We shall request your attention to those difficulties which are the most striking, & We trust that you will attribute our noncompliance with your commands solely to our inability to carry them into effect

It appears to be your intention to put the whole of the Troops on the same footing with respect to Arrears, and to make up to them a deficiency in the rate of Exchange, at which the Bills were expected to be paid, and the Exchange you have now determined upon, & We conceive you have made this Arrange- -ment upon the idea that the Bills given to Messrs Porcher & Redhead and Mr. Menzies are singly within this description, and that none others have discounted; this is not the case, for previous to the receipt of your Letters by Mr Baker many of the Natives seeing no prot- -pect of a liquidation of their Arrears, chose rather

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rather to part with their Certificates at any rate, than keep what they conceived would never be discharged, — they accordingly discounted even at 45 à 40 pr Cent of these Certificates nearly the Sum of Pags 3,50,000 were actually transfered to Merchants and others who immediately received Bonds of this Presidency, in return for them, & you may recollect that the transactions with Mr Raphael, from whom in our distress we procured a supply of Money, included Pags 50000 of Certificates of the very description — In order then to put all the Troops on a footing to convince them that a reliance on Government would secure to them the full payment of their Claims, we conceive, that the difference in the discount at which these latter were taken and the present established one / being at 60 à 65 to 30 / should be made good to the person, whose want of confidence induced him, or necessity perhaps drove him, at that time to take what alone was procurable — no Bills have been granted for them transfered Chetty people Mr Raphaels at 40 à 42 / of course no difference in exchange is to be made good on them, & we conceive it would be admitting of too great an encrease of expence to permit the difference on Discounts to be charged to the Company even supposing we could make good the loss to the person by whom it was sustained, which we think totally impossible —

In respect to those who have discounted with Messrs Porcher and Redhead and Mr Menzies, whose terms of Discount were more favorable than the last abovementioned, we

send

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find very great difficulty - The Troops since the business of discounting was commenced, have been twice drafted from one Battalion to another and sent from one part of the Country to a distant one, in consequence of the alteration in the Establishment & many have been disbanded & cannot now be collected - the Certificate which was held by the Sepoy & proved his identity to claim such Arrear as due to him, is now no longer in his possession, but given up as a Voucher to the Paymaster General - the Commandant under whom he formerly served, & who could alone know him to be the person entitled to the difference in exchange, is at the distance of many Miles from him, the expence of proceeding thither would exceed the amount he would receive, or would be an additional expence to Government on Batta & a detriment to the Corps in permitting him to be absent; having them, no check upon them, or anything to be a Guide in the distribution of the Money, the crafty by personating others would be enabled to impose & obtain a greater Share than might be due to them and the intention of your Board be entirely defeated - There would be many no doubt in each Battalion, who would be entitled to this difference & many also who having discounted previous to the late arrangement, would be excluded from such indulgence - We submit to you whether it would be good policy, thus partially to give to a part of a Corps (who are at present confessedly in a better state than the rest) & to exclude the remainder; we are apprehensive that the latter might draw inferences & reflect on their own situation, when necessity had obliged them to discount at 110 & 45 for

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which no recompence was made to them, while others with similar Claims are not only in the first instance of discount in a better situation, but, in addition thereto have a Douceur given them to make up a supposed loss — Such the fear might be the reasoning on this subject, and thus what was intended to conciliate the Minds of the Soldiery might be the cause of heart burnings & discontent. Those who have discounted, convinced in their own Minds, that nothing more is to be expected, have become reconciled to the measure & are now satisfied — We therefore conceive, that it would be impolitick to recall to their remembrance a Circumstance, which we could wish should be entirely obliterated, more especially, when we have it not in our power to offer them anything more in alleviation of a Discount of 30 p Cent (setting aside every idea of difficulty in the execution of the Order) than will amount to just 2 p 23 Cash p Pagoda of Arrears due, & that not to be paid in Cash, but by a Bill on your Presidency, out of which, they must allow Commission, Freight, Charges &c. They are Corps on the Service, who depending on the faith of Government, have waited & taken Bills thro' Agents appointed by them on your Presidency, as will be seen by the endorsement on the Bills — time will experience the good effect of your present arrangement of exchange & when the Cash is returned to their Agents here & the full amount received in Money they will be fully convinced of the particular attention of Government to their Claims, & will sufficiently prove to others, whose

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Confidence was not so great, that had they also plaid a firm reliance on Government and waited the time mentioned, their demands would have been fully liquidated, a distinction which we imagine will have a good effect – but we think, that, were any thing offered to those who have discounted (including in the number, those who sustained a loss of £40 & £5 as well as those who have applied to Messieurs Porcher & Redhead & Mr. Menzies) that nothing short of the same proportion to be received by the Corps, who have waited, should be tendered to them, as we are fully convinced that in the event of making the offer nothing less will ever fully satisfy them – Upon the whole therefore we are decidedly of opinion that the matter should remain as it is, being convinced, that the less now is said in this business, the sooner the minds of the Troops will become reconciled to it, & we are the more induced to think that no alteration should take place, as we do not see any possible mode of carrying your Commands into execution in their respect, so as to do justice to those, whom it is your Wish should be considered.

With respect to the claims of Officers who may have discounted, our Ideas are nearly the same as regarding the Men; we think that any arrangement that is made should also include those who previous to our receiving your permission to draw on you, had parted with their claims to others, for what they thought a sufficient consideration at the time from their own necessities, and the little

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little Prospect we then had of liquidating their Arrears in any way but by Bonds, which were given on discharge of these Claims - since the late Arrangements there are but few who have deserved[illegible], most have preferred appointing their Agents on Calcutta to transact the negociation of their Bills there will receive the proceeds, at the rate of Exchange you have fixed and all such as may hereafter take Bills will be included in the proportion of those, who have descented lately, being very small in comparison of those who parted with their Claims on a discount prior to your Arrangement for paying our Arrears and who have an equal claim to the difference of Discount, as those have to difference of Exchange) We conceive that the matter respecting them also had better remain as at present as it is not advisable to benefit the few at the risk of disgusting the many -

We have directed our Military Paymaster General to pay particular attention to the fifth Paragraph of your Letter, and to prepare immediately the Statements therein required -

We have publickly repeated the assurances pledged in your Letter of 16th January & shall endeavor by every means in our power to ensure that Credit to them at this Presidency, which you are apprehensive they have not obtained.

Fort St George
5th July 1786

We have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Archd Campbell
&c Council

Sir

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Sir John Dalling & Mr Davidson beg leave to make the following Observations upon the Letter from Bengal of the 24th April.

Observations of Sr John Dalling & Mr Davidson, upon the measure of their consenting to sanction a discount to Office for Certificates for Military Arrears at thirty p Cent—

Mr Davidson & Sir John Dalling beg to observe on the Letter just read that Mr Porcher by his Letter & Enclosures of the seems to us to have justified himself as a Merchant and as a Man of Integrity against the Crime of Usury, which is indirectly charged against him by the Letter from the Supreme Council.

As an implied Censure at the same time is evidently meant against the late Government, Sir John Dalling & Mr Davidson think it incumbent on them as the remaining Members of that Administration to remark, that while they acknowledge the most effectual assistance received from Bengal, yet they must in justice to themselves and for the Information of their Superiors record that the Orders from Bengal instituting a Discount Office were executed in the most guarded & favorable manner for the Subaltern and Sepoy [illegible] power] conformably to such Institution—

Messrs J. C. Holland, Mr de Tonen, Mr Ewing, Mr de Souza, and Mr Raphael principal Merchants were summoned before the Board on the and informed of the Terms offered by Messrs Porcher and Co and Mr Menzies, and desired to inform the Board whether they would discount the Subaltern and Sepoy Arrears

on

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on more favorable Terms, which they declined, observing that if the Transaction suited them, they could not engage to discount on lower Terms.

The Subalterns and Sepoys by the General Order of Government of the 17th of March were denied, if possible for them to walk to wait till the 31st August, the period at which the Bills became due, when they would receive Pagoda for Pagoda and Rupee for Rupee, being an Interest and Premium equal to 12 p Cent. But if they were reckonated to discount, and they could get better Terms from other Merchants than from Messrs Porcher and Company and Mr Menzies they would of course apply where they could negociate to the best advantage. Sir J. Dalling and Mr Davidson acted to the best of their Judgement under the Bengal Order. The raising a Discount Office proved an unpopular measure, but appointing such an Office was by the Command of the Government General. Had the rate of Discount been limited or fixed by them, or had the Terms of Exchange in the first instance been at length ordered by them the first Exchange they established Rs 116 instead of 115 it is probable the Censure of the Government of Bengal would not have followed, nor the illiberal & unjust Reports been circulated to the prejudice of the late President.

It might have been observed above that at the time the Bengal Orders were received here Company's Paper at Madras was at a Discount between 30 & 40 p Ct. And at Bengal Treasury Orders at Calcutta about 18 p Cent.

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Read the following Letter from

Bengal.

To the Honble Sir. Archibald Campbell

President &c.a Council

at

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

From Bengal, on respect to the Secret Orders of the Company as to our negotiation with the Nizam, relative to the Guntoor Circar; to ascertain with precision the amount received yearly by the Nizam, since that Circar has been under his Management.

We have received Advices from the Secret Committee of the Honble Court of Directors bearing date the 22.d September 1785 which are addressed as well to your Presidency as to this Government. The Wishes of the Secret Committee are sufficiently plain, but the accomplishment of them as far as they relate to the Guntoor Circar, and the Arrears of Peishcush due to the Nabob Nizam Ally Cawn cannot be immediate. The one depending upon the other it is not yet in our Power to discharge the Arrears of Peishcush, even if those Arrears were accurately ascertained and if they were we are not perswaded that the present Time is the most proper to insist on the Claim of the Guntoor Circar. On this Subject however We are desirous of hearing by your Opinion and in the meantime We hope that you will take the necessary Measures for ascertaining with as much precision as possible what amount has been actually received yearly by the Nizam from the Guntoor Circar, since that Circar has been under his Management, as the Secret Committee have been advised that the

average

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average of three Receipts as stated from your Presidency in 1784 is an Average much too high

Fort William
Secret Department
16th May 1786

We have the honor to be &c.

John Macpherson
Signed / R Stepner
John Stables
Chas Stuart

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following Letter

from Mr Muller

To the Honble Major General Sir Archd Campbell
Governor & President &c Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr Muller
adviso of his arri-
val in India
in order to obtain
from the Rajah
of Tanjore a liqui-
dation of the
Claim upon him
in consequence
of a Seizure of
Grain at the
Restoration of
the present Rajah
& requests the
Assistance of
Government to
effect it.

As I suppose it to be the
Duty of every Gentlemen not in the Service of the
Honble East India Company to acquaint the
Honble Board with his Arrival under their Go-
vernment, so I beg leave to inform your Honors
that I arrived here a few days ago in a French
Snow from the Cape of Good Hope and that my
Stay here will only be of short duration -

I can have but little doubt
but the Errand on which I now for the second time
return to India is well known to you, in this
Confidence I forbear going back into a Relation
of all the different Accidents & Circumstances which

have

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have brought me into the disagreeable Predicament of coming the distance of Ten Thousand Miles to seek redress for an Injury suffered without any fault on my part: Perhaps my case stands singular, yet, whatever has caused the delay of Ten Years, which have elapsed since my first bringing forward my just Claims, nothing can operate, nor has happened to invalidate them, nay, I presume, that this very delay will be a powerful Argument in my favor for a speedy Redress and final Conclusion of the disagreeable Business in question -

Premising then that your Honor &ca are already fully instructed by the Honble Company of the nature of my Claim on them for Grain (my Property) being seized upon in July 1776 and taken from me by Violence by the Honorable Company's Sepoys (acting under the orders of the Rajah's Ameldar) in the confusion of collecting the Grain belonging to Government in the Tanjore Country, on the restoration of the Rajah by Lord Pigot, I only beg leave here to enclose an Account comprehending the amount of what I claim on Oath, making with the legal Interest of India a Sum of 8703 Star Pagodas - To this I have added for Expences & Charges to, at & from Europe during seven Years and a half. One Thousand Pounds Sterling or Two thousand five hundred Pagodas: a Sum by no means equal to what I have really expended during that time; making in all Star Pagodas 11,203.21. But expecting my Redress from the Honble Company, I waive every

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every thing, to which objections possibly could be made (meaning the loss of time trouble & Anxieties of Body & Mind, I have suffered in pursuit of this business & being deprived of my property so long) and only claim what I have a clear and just Title to, excluding all unjustifiable Pretensions I could with propriety demand. I have in my possession a variety of Papers relative to this business, & all corroborating the justness of my Demand: But it would be improper in me to trespass on your Time & Patience by bulky details of a Story which lays in so narrow a Compass as mine does: - Permit me therefore only to represent in the strongest yet most respectfull manner, that I have the fullest confidence from the unequivocal Equity & clearness of my Claim, from the Resolutions of the Honble the Court of Directors in consequence of the application made to them in my favor by Count Louis Ambassador from the Prussian Majesty, whose Subject and Servant I am, and from the strong testimony of Mr William Petrie then English Resident at Tanjore, who was directed to enquire into the justness of my demand, and gave Evidence thereof upon Oath in England as did also Mr Jones late Paymaster of Tanjore and several other English Gentlemen; & lastly from your own feelings on a Consideration of my present disagreeable Situation, I say, I trust that your Honors will be pleased to render me the Justice I deserve

Permit me to add, that

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if any further enducement were necessary, the gracious and repeated Interference of His Prussian Majesty on my behalf through his Minister would have no small weight with an English Government - In order however to obviate any thing which possibly could cause delay, on account of the Rajah of Tanjore; I beg leave to say that after the full and ample proofs I have been at the trouble of procuring in support of my Claim and which have been already recog= =nized and acknowledged by the Court of Directors I hope I shall not be referred by your Honorable Board to any thing which may be urged by the Rajah - But that your Honors will be pleased, by Virtue of the Orders from home, to see me righted as the present Trial is my last Resource here -

And as it is the Rajah of Tanjore who finally must reimburse the Honorable East India Company the amount of my Claim, I am willing to facilitate the Company's advances to me as much as my present circumstances will admit of, and therefore beg leave to propose that I shall be ready to receive the half of my demand in ready Money (a point indispensably neces= =sary to me to satisfy my pressing Creditors

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and restore my Credit / and the other half in Bills on the Bengal Presidency at the Buxar Exchange; By this Arrangement I may be relieved from the distress I have suffered by this Money being so long withheld from me and by the Expences I have been at in travelling about for its recovery, and the Honorable Company by their readily fulfilling their Promise to His Prussian Majesty will prove and cement the old existing Friendship between the two Nations - for permit me to say it, he has been pleased to hear my Representation verbally and personally and to espouse my Cause warmly. -

To conclude I beg leave to recommend my unfortunate Case to your most serious Consideration, and to favor me with a speedy Answer as convenient, that I may know whereon to rely - particularly as my Expences here are very extravagant. -

I have the Honor to sub= =scribe myself very respectfully -

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Honble Sir & Sirs, &c &c

/ Signed / C.A. Muller

Agent of Court & Commerce
of his Majesty the King of
Prussia.

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The Honble East India Company Dr
on account of the Rajah of Tanjore -

To Gabriel Muller late Captain in His Highness the Nabob's Artillery, & now Agent to His Prussian Majesty for the amount of Grain (his Property) seized on in the Tanjore Country by the Company's Sepoys in July 1776 at the Restoration of the Rajah Viz.t

Paddy Lost on my own account as p Certificate & Printed Accounts Callums 18188. 11/4 Morals at the Bazar price in the Year 1776 Pag.s 3992.21.-

To Interest on Do from July 1776 to May 1786 is 9 Years & 10. Mos & 12 p6.t p Ann. } 1711.--.-

To Charges & Expences to, at, & from Europe during 7 Years ---- } 2500.--.-

Pagodas 11.203.21.-

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Errors Excepted

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Agreably to the repeated Orders from the Court of Directors, the Board have made the strongest representations to the Rajah of Tanjore in favor of Mr. Muller's Claim; & they have received uniform Accounts from the Resident, that his Excellency will not admit it - this has been reported to the Company in the General Letter of the 12 Jan.y & is to be found in several Letters from the Resident of Tanjore - Agreed that the foregoing be communicated to Mr. Muller, & that Extracts be sent to him of what has passed on the Subject. -

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The President delivers in the following Minute —

As the Orders for forming the Commission for the examination of Accounts extended only to the disbursements during the late War, it becomes requisite that a Regulation should be adopted for the auditing & controuling the Current Disbursements on Military Charges under the Presidency from the Month of Decr 1784 to the present period, & to continue in force and in the regular examination of the several Paymasters' Accounts in the Order they are transmitted to the Presidency, under similar Instructions, and invested with similar Powers as the late Commission of Accounts. It appears for many reasons that one permanent Officer appointed for this purpose, will fulfill the Objects of the Trust in a much more effectual manner, than a Board composed of several Persons, not individually responsible nor individually stimulated to a zealous exertion of their Talents for the public Advantage —

President to Minute proposing that Col. Capper be appointed Comptroller General of Army Accounts, with a suitable Salary —

Laborious and extensive as their Task may appear, there is little doubt but that one Person with two or three good Assistants, whose Attention shall not be divided by other occupations and with other Pursuits, will make a greater progress in the Investigation of voluminous Accounts, than a greater number of Commissioners, who will always

always be liable to consider this Task as only a secondary consideration in the discharge of his Duty - Proofs on point could easily be adduced to confirm this opinion, but it is unpleasant to quote names and the recollection of every man who has served in duties of this kind give evidence of the Fact -

From an intimate know-
-ledge of the various heads of Military Expen-
-diture - from long & unremitting attention
to those Subjects - from acknowledged Integrity
Ability, & an unwearied application to business
it will not probably be denied that there is
not a Person in the Service so well qualified
to hold the Office of Auditor & Comptroller of the
Army Accounts as Col Capper - His experience
application & habits for the examination of
Accounts may be directed in such an Office
to objects of great public Advantage, and if
invested with sufficient power and properly
supported in his Office, I am well convinced
that considerable Savings will accrue to the
Company - It may be said, that as Commissary
General it is now the duty of Col Capper to
audit and controul the Army Accounts, but
surely no one will argue that the Salary he
holds at present of One hundred and Sixty
Pagodas p Month is an adequate or a just
reward for the discharge of perhaps the most
laborious Office in the Services, when Junior Ser-
-vants of a very inferior denomination, possess
much superior advantages to that Allowance -

Col Capper was a Captain of Artillery
on this Coast in the year 1768, & has held the Brevet
rank of Col with the Army, & a Civil Rank
such to Council ever since the Year 1773.

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Approved, & allowed 300 Sags per Month

The Board coming in opinion with the President, and it is accordingly Resolved that Colonel Capper be appointed Comptroller General of Army Accounts, and that he be allowed Pay & 300 p Month.

The following Instructions to him are drafted and approved.

To Colonel James Capper

Sir

I am directed by the Honble President and Council to inform you that having resolved to abolish the Board of Accts as soon as they shall have reported finally upon the Publick Accounts during the late War and to the end of the Year 1784 they are pleased in lieu thereof to establish the Office of Auditor, or Comptroller General of Military Accounts, which had been abolished by the Orders of the 12th June 1784.

Instructions to Colonel Capper in consequence of the above Appointment.

Conceiving you particularly qualified for this Office from your knowledge of all the various heads of Military Expenditure & having the greatest confidence in your Integrity, Abilities, and Application, the President & Council have been pleased to appoint you Comptroller General

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General of Military Accounts & hereby authorize and direct you to examine & audit all Milly Accounts at the Presidency and Subordinates together with those of the several Out Garrisons & Detachments of Armies acting in the Field and all Military Paymasters, Storekepers, Grainkepers, Contractors, & Agents for victualling or cloathing the Troops will be ordered to furnish you with Vouchers, or any other Information that you may require respecting the Publick Accounts -

It is the Intention of the Board that you shall be invested with Powers exactly similar to those given to the Commissioners of Accounts under date the 21.st May 1784. & they assure themselves that although the Charge thus entrusted to you will be extensive and laborious you will be able to execute it with equal credit to yourself and advantage to your Employers -

In Consideration of the Services which you are to perform, the President and Council have resolved that you shall be allowed Pagodas 300 p Month from the period when the Allowances to the present Commissioners of Accounts are to cease, & they have agreed to appoint such a number of Assistants to be employed under you as you may judge necessary -

I am Sir &c &c

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Signed / John Cramer Secry

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A General Order to be published announcing Col. Capper's appointment

Resolved that a General Order notifying the Appointment of Colonel Capper be published —

Read the following Letter from Colonel Floyd —

To the Honble the President and Council of Fort St George

Hon'ble Sir & Gentlemen

From Col. Floyd stating that he is entitled to Rupees for such Horses as the Sum of 120 Pag.s in Bengal certificates after deducting a Discount of 18 p.c. will procure.

I have the honor of your Letter of the 6th Instant covering my final answer to the Proposals for purchasing Horses for the 23d Dragoons — Highly sensible as I am of the honor done me by the Supreme Board, & of that confidence on me by the readiness with which you have been pleased to assent to me — I shall not hesitate to acknowledge it by my ready acceptance of the Proposals since you think the Sum sufficient under all its circumstances; & by my exertions to use that Sum to the best advantage for the Publick Service — I request that it may be remembered that I am only answerable for such Horses as the Sum of 98 2/5 Pag.s will procure — But if, in consequence of your representation

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representation to the Supreme Board, it is thought fit to make the Contract equal to what was given to Sir John Burgoyne I will be answerable that the quality of the Horses shall be fit for the 23d Dragoons.

The Party is now at Madras ready to sett off for Hyderabad whenever you think proper to authorize me to send them.

The Names of the Europeans are as follow. Quarter Master Thos Dutton, Serjeant John Cowley, Corporal Samuel Payne. The names of the Native Followers shall be sent to the Military Secretary as soon as they can be known.

I request you will be pleased to grant me the necessary Certificates for Pagodas 15,120 to purchase 126 Horses at 120 Pagodas each, and that the Sum may be divided into four equal Certificates, each for Pagodas 3780 and that the Certificates may be so ordered that the Sums may all bear Interest from the present Date.

The following is the State of the Horses of the Regiment this day.

Present	Fit for Duty		281
	Unfit for Service	40	126
	Wanting	86	
Establishment			407

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N.B. The Colonels, The Forge Carts and the Gun Horses are not included.

With regard to the Arrears due on the Horse Account, I beg the favour that the Bills on the Northern Subordinates & the Certificates for Bengal Bonds, may be made out in certain proportions, as due to the several Officers concerned in them, a List of which with your permission shall be sent to the Military Secretary.

I have the honor to be &c.

Camp at
Cheviliamoordoo
12th June 1786

Signed J. Floyd Colo

To the Honorable the President
and Council
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

From Colo Floyd. offering to purchase lower priced Horses for the Native Cavalry, taking care that the quality of the Horse, be equal to the price.

In the Proposals for supplying Horses for the Native Cavalry, which I had the honor of laying before you dated the 7th June, I omitted to say, that if you should prefer lower priced Horses, I am still ready to exert the advantages I possess with any other Sum you think proper to fix as the price of a Horse, taking care that there shall be no other difference in his quality than

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the difference of the Sums will warrant –

Chevilimoordoo
23d June 1786.

I have the honor to be &ca

(Signed) J. Floyd.

List of Europeans & Natives going to Hyderabad with 2 Master Dutton of his Majesty's 23d Lt Dragoons

European { John Cowley Sergeant
Saml Payne Corporal

natives { Fonteroy Interpreter
Most maistry horsekeeper

Agreed that the Certificates upon Bengal as desired by Colonel Floyd be delivered to him, and that a Letter be drafted to the Governor General & Council, enclosing the whole of the Correspondence between this Board and Colonel Floyd, & advising of the Drafts upon them in his favor, agreeably to their Instructions –

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Committee for investigating the Nabob's Debts –

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell
President & Governor &ca Council
Fort St George

From the Committee for investigating the Nabob's Debts, stating that His Highness is desirous of cancelling the four Bonds which constitute the Cavalry Loan, and of having Bonds for smaller Sums made out; & recommending that the same be adopted – Their Proceedings transmitted –

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the honor to transmit to you herewith our Proceedings at large while acting under the immediate Orders of Government as a Committee appointed for investigating the Claims of Individuals on His Highness the Nabob of Arcot.

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The Orders of the Court of Direc-
tors which we had the honor to receive thro
Government, particularly specify three
species of Debts of different descriptions,
which being of a publick Nature had at
various times been referred to them, and are
of great Magnitude; after a constant at-
tention to the Business for near a Year
and by going into a variety of Papers, &c
which at different times had passed between
the Nabob and the Creditors, in order clearly
to know the Grounds on which the Claims
were founded, it will appear by our Pro-
=ceedings at large, that the three Debts par-
=ticularly specified are fully brought up
and finally closed, a complete Index is
annexed, and we shall in this place, to ave
a reference, state the Amount of all the
Publick Debts, which was the great purpose
of our Appointment -

The Debt of 1767 on the 1st January 1785		7.96.45.23.29
1777 on the 31st Dec. 1784	54.98500.--	
Cavalry Loan 1777 on the 31st Dec. 1784 --	6.90.626.21.10	
Total amount Pags	69.85.570.8.39	

Acting under subsequent

Orders from Government, it will be hardly
necessary for us here to say, that your Com-
=mittee have on continuation, made out
the particular allotment of Dividend, on

the

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the Bonds of every Denomination in the pro-
-portion of the 12 Lacks which is to be received
annually from the Nabob, and agreeable to
there Statements, the Creditors have regularly
been paid.

In the 101st Paragraph of
the General Letter 9th December 1784 from
the Honble the Court of Directors, which be-
-came a part of our Instructions, it was
pointed out to us to receive an Account of
any private Debts due to British Subjects
from the Nabob and to investigate fully and
report the nature of them - several applica
-tions have in consequence been made to
us by Individuals, stating particularly the
Grounds on which their Claims were founded
it was impossible for us to decide upon
their propriety, without first laying them
before the Nabob in the mode in which
we received them, the List of these Claims
is now abstracted from our Proceedings &
entered as follows; with exception to the
claim of General Horne, which has been
allowed of; we have not to this Time received
any of them back again -

General Horne -- One Bond for -- 16000 --

Mesrs

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Messrs Bakeley & Holland's Trustees between Major Eyraght and his Lady —

one Bond for 10000
one Bond for 9854
one Do — 800
And Do — 788

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Mr Keith Macalister Heir to Capt John Macalister — for Cavalry Horses

One Do — 6000
one Do — 5004.27.23

17004.27.23

Colonel Corby for Cavalry Horses

One Bond for 10000
one Do — 10000
one Do — 10000
one Do — 12393.39.68

42393.39.68

Major D Campbell for Cavalry Horses

one Bond for 10000
one Do — 10000
one Do — 10000
one Do — 6130.28.65

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Captain

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Captain Jordan for Cavalry Arrears One Bond for		10000
Captain Wynch for Arrears of Pay one Bond for		6000
Messrs Floyer & Call, Attornies to Sir R: Barker, Messrs Lockerell & Drummonds one Bond for		5000
Mr Robt Storey Executor to the Estate of Majr Gillis for Arrears of Pay one Bond for		18022 10/16
Mr Cockburne Attorney to Captn Alexr Tod one Bond for	5520	
one Do	500	6020
Messrs Storey & Bulman attornies of Colonel George Buck one Bond for		20210
Captain H: B: Bowles on account of Arrears of Pay		1172.23.44
Lieut Cuthbert Wilson on account of Arrears of Pay		1535.16.48
Captain Stevenson for Cavalry Arrears		5362.23.68
Lieut Fireworker Jno Jordan on account of Arrears of Pay		1072.10.8
Pags		2,19,366.18.4

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On the 23d Instant we received a Letter from Messrs Roney and Benny at the instance of the Nabob desiring that it might be represented as His Highness's wish that the Four Bonds which constitute the Cavalry Loan may be cancelled with the Consent of the Parties, and that Bonds for smaller Sums be made out, taking date from the same period on which our Report makes them up - This will be a great convenience to the present Bond Holders in the way of Negociation as well as a real advantage to those persons with whom they have Transactions in Business. We can foresee no evil that can possibly arise from this request, & we take the Liberty to recommend it as a measure, which may with propriety be adopted - due attention being paid that the new Bonds be all brought in at one Time, & that their Amount agree with our report upon that Debt; & to prevent any future Mistakes or difference that the new List be regularly registered. the Bonds certified on the Body of them by the Committee, & when done reported to your Honor &c.

We cannot conclude this Address without expressing our Acknowledgments to Mr Landon one of our Committee, who offered himself & has acted as our Secretary in the course of these voluminous Proceedings -

We have the honor to be &c &c.

Edward Garrow

Wm Webb

James Landon

Revd

Fort St George
29th June 1786

[Signed]

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Resolved that the Proceedings of the Committee be lodged in the Office, and that they be directed to acquiesce in the Nabob's wishes for cancelling the Bonds of the Cavalry Loan and for granting new ones for smaller Sums, agreably to the mode and subject to the Regulations mentioned in the above Letter.

The Board acquiesce in His Highness's Wish.

Read the following Letter from the Committee appointed to investigate the Claims of the Prisoners in the Mysore Country.

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell KB.
President & Governor &c Council
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

As the Account of Batta due to Officers &c a lately delivered in by us to your Honorable Board hath met with your entire Approbation, and could not possibly have been adjusted without a tedious and painful Investigation; - We take the liberty of submitting to the consideration of the Honble Board the

From the Committee for investigating the claims of the Prisoners in the Mysore Country requesting some compensation for their Labour & Trouble.

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the propriety of granting us some Compen=
-sation for our Trouble -

Fort St George
25th June 1786.

We have the honor to be &c.a

John Elphinston
/Signed/ Fr. Lind
Robt Geo: Latham
B.y Close

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Read the following Letter

from Mr Popham -

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell Kt.
President & Governor &c.a Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr Popham requesting Interest upon the Principal of the Sum agreed by Government on the 25 Decr 1780, to be paid for Ground sold the Company --

By the Resolution of your Honor &c.a of the 23d Ulto you were pleased to order payment to me on Bonds for Star Pags 14087. 21 - being the Principal Money agreed by Government on the 25 of December 1780 to be paid for the Ground then sold them by Sunkoo Chenna Kistnamah Chetty & which Ground by the Award of Messrs Haliburton & Mowbray was determined in my favor,

your

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- your Honor &ca declined paying the Interest on that Sum -

Although my right to the Interest stands directly on the same Grounds with that to the Principal I had determined to have acquiesced rather than to urge any Appeal or reference from the decision of your Honble Board - but as your Honor &ca on three occasions since your Order of the 23.d Ult.o have thought proper to refer my rights to the consideration of the Attorney General from a principle of Caution, I trust & hope that you will be pleased to make one more reference from a principle of Justice to me.

I know that in cases of post-poned payments for Commodities purchased at a certain price - of Arrears of pay & allowances - of unpaid Balances of Accounts &ca &ca this Go-vernment have not allowed an Interest, and it is on that usage that your Honor &ca deter-mined against my right thereto; but my Claim stands on a very different grounds, and those grounds are clear, express, & unequivocal -

The proposition of Sunkoo Chenna Kistnamah Chetty is to be paid in Bonds at 12 Months with 8 per Cent Interest: that Proposition is accepted, and I affirm, as a Lawyer that my Right is indisputable -

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When this Business was first in agitation I proposed to Mr Davidson (the only Member of Government who was in Council when the Business happened) to refer the whole to the Mayor's Court, if there appeared a doubt of Government having made the bargain so as to bind themselves legally thereby: The proposition was from motives of delicacy, but I was happy the reference was unnecessary, having had enough of Law during five years & upwards that this Affair has been on the Carpet.

I beg leave to observe to your Honor &.ca that I never made a Claim to which I did not know I had a Title in Law or in Conscience - In this case I am equally clear in both, and I therefore request your Honor &.ca will refer Sunkoo Chinna Veitnamah Chetty's Letter of 13.th of December 1780 and the Resolution of the Select Committee of the 25.th Ditto to the judgement of the Mayor's Court - the opinion of the Attorney General or the determination of two Arbitrators - I give to your Honor &.ca the option of the three, I am sensible myself well founded in my pretensions, I rely with confidence that your Honor &.ca will not refuse me so plain an Act of Justice -

On the litigious opposition I have experienced since your Institution of the 23.d Ult.o I shall not make any other Comment than to declare that, as a professional Man, I could not have manifested or avoided so vexatious a Line of Conduct for the whole Sum which was the object of Controversy.

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

/ Signed / S. Bpsham

Madras
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Agreed that Copy of Mr Popham's Letter be sent to the Attorney General, & that he be desired to report his opinion fully upon Mr Popham's Claim of Interest, taking into Consideration all the Circumstances attending this transaction.

To be referred to the Attorney General

As there is little or no prospect that an opportunity will soon offer for conveying from hence to Europe the Men of His Majesty's 78.th Regt now at St Thomé, who will not reinlist & have been long waiting for a Passage; & as the number of Company's Ships to be dispatched from Bengal will render it a very easy matter to forward these Men to Europe from thence as well as the Invalids of His Majesty's Regiments serving on the Coast, The President proposes to send the whole to Bengal for that purpose, & to request that the Governor General & Council will forward them to Europe accordingly.—

President recommends that the Men of the 78.th Regt now at St Thomé who have refused to reinlist as well as the Invalids of His Majesty's Regts be sent to Bengal to be forwarded from thence to Europe—

Only one or at most two Ships will be dispatched to Europe from Madras in October & January next, & these are barely sufficient to carry home the Men who have served their time in the Company's Service, and apply to return to Europe, & those, who have been at different times recommended to be sent thither, having been found unfit for the Service at the time of, & soon after their arrival in India - several of the Company's Soldiers have been waiting two years at Madras for a Passage

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to Europe, but by sending the Men of the 78th and the Invalids of the Kings Regts to Bengal to be sent from thence to Europe, it will enable the Board to send home the rest from this place in the October or January Ships —

The Board approve the propo-
-sal of the President, & it is in consequence
Agreed, that a Letter be written to Bengal
Approved on the Subject —

Read the following Letter
from the Military Board —

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell KB
Governor & President &c. Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Military Board stating that the Claims of Major Cooke are inadmissible & requesting that Lieut Wilkins may be appointed their Deputy Secretary —

We have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's
Letter of the 2d Instant enclosing Copies of
Papers relating to the Claims of Major Cooke
and in obedience to your Order, have the honor
of reporting to your Honble Board, that it
appears to us, that the Claims of Major Cooke
are inadmissible from the tenor of the General
Orders by Government of the 30th of December
1775 and of the 19th May 1778 And more
particularly

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particularly, as we apprehend, that the granting the request of Major Cooke in this instance, will subject the Company to innumerable applications of the same Nature —

As from the Constitution of our Board, we have reason to expect our official business will be in time considerably encreased, and that our Secretary may, often from a multiplicity of business, or sometimes from indisposition, stand in need of an established Assistant, we take the liberty of requesting your Honble Board to allow the appointment of a Deputy Secretary, and Mr Wilkes, an Officer of acknowledged Ability with every necessary qualification, having offered his Services, we beg leave to recommend him to your Honors &ca as a Gentleman, in all respects eligible for that appointment —

We have the honor to be &ca

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10th June 1786

(Signed) John Dalling
J Dapper
Patrick Ross
Jno Rigault
James Eidingtoun
Henry Malcolm

Agreed that Ensign Wilkes be appointed Deputy Secretary to the Military Board with a Salary of Pags 50 p Mo. Resolved also that the Secretary Lieut Stuart be allowed Pags 100 per Month —

Mr Wilkes appointed with a Salary of 50 Pags per Mo their Secretary to have 100 Pags per Mensem —

Read

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Read the following Letter from
Mr Hudleston.

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell Kt:
President & Governor of
Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From the Resident at Tanjore stating the Substance of his Conference with the Rajah on the subject of displacing the Ministers.

I shall now do myself the
honor to lay before you the substance, & result
of our Conference last night with his Excellency
the Rajah.

On delivering your Letter I
told the Rajah that we waited on his Excellency
at the particular desire of the Governor to deliver
to his Excellency in person a Letter of great con-
-sequence, which it was the Governor's wish that
his Excellency would be so good as to peruse in
our presence.

The Rajah received the
Letter, and laid it down, saying that he was
then much indisposed, but would peruse it
another time, and return the Governor an Answer
- as it was evident that he was endeavouring
to avoid the discussion, I told his Excellency
in reply that the Governor had sent me a
Copy of the Letter with orders to confer with
his Excellency in company with Mr Swartz.

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on its contents, which I would therefore with his permission explain to him if his Excellency found himself then too much indisposed to peruse the Letter - to this the Rajah signified his consent, and I went through an explanation of the several parts of the Letter, endeavouring to do justice to the expressions it contained of friendship and regard towards the Rajah, and to soften as much as I could, consistently with an avowal of the Aim, and object of the Letter, those parts which I knew would give him pain -

The moment I had finished the explanation of the letter, the Rajah asked if I had any thing further to add, desiring that in case I would proceed as he was ready to hear it - from his manner, which shewed him to be displeased. Mr Swartz and I concurred in opinion that it was advisable to proceed immediately to state to the Rajah whatever we wished to represent to him, lest he should be unwilling, or be really too much indisposed to continue the Conference after he should have finished his Reply -

I therefore told his Excellency that I certainly wished to say a few words on my own behalf, and that of Mr Swartz in addition to what was contained in the Governor's Letter, and would avail myself of his permission to state to his Excellency freely and sincerely our concurrent opinion and advice, for the Danger, which threatened him, & his Country were too imminent, and too alarming to suffer

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any real friend to his Excellency to be silent - that if the Governor's Letter contained what it had been painful to his Excellency to hear, he was surely too wise, and just not to consider from whom it came and the only motive with which it could have been written - that the Governor knew and had the highest sense of his Excellency's fidelity, and steady attachment to the Company, the benefits they had received from him, his faithful adherence to the engagements subsisting between them - the Misfortunes they had sustained & shared together, and lastly the common Interests by which they were united, and which made it impossible for one to suffer without the other - From these considerations what could arise but friendship and good will towards his Excellency, and what other motive could have dictated the Letter, which I had just explained to his Excellency? that Mr Swartz, & I were sincerely his friends from the same Considerations, & added to them, from personal acquaintance with his Excellency, and esteem founded upon it, and that we from the bottom of our hearts joined in the representation contained in the Governor's Letter, and in declaring it to his Excellency as our opinion and belief, that the change therein recommended, & a total change of System in future were absolutely necessary to prevent the ruin of his Country - That we had lately more than once

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represented to his Excellency the emigration of great numbers of his Subjects, and that however painful the Task, we must now inform him not only that the emigration was increased, but that the people who remained in the Southern and Western Districts having lost all Confidence, had declared they would not cultivate the Lands, while the present Administration continued - that his Excellency's Hircarrahs could inform him of this fact if they dared to speak their Minds - and his Excellency by moving only a few Miles from Tanjore would see sufficient proof of it in the neglect of the usual preparations - that the Karical, Nagore & Trichinopoly Districts were full of Tanjore people - What could be the issue of these things but ruin, and what could prevent that issue but a change in the administration of his Affairs? that I understood the Minister consoled himself under the prospect of failure in the produce of the Country with an Idea that the price of the Grain would be so high as to compensate the deficiency in quantity; but was it possible for his Excellency to listen to so gross a Fallacy, or to acquiesce in the condition of his Country, which such an Argument supposed? it must surely be obvious to his Excellency's Wisdom that the want of Cultivation in such a Country as this, necessarily implied the desertion, or destruction of its Inhabitants - that the neighbouring Districts stocked with his People would be enriched, and

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completely cultivated by their Labor, and Grain would in consequence be cheap, and in plenty every where but in the Tanjore Country; who would then have occasion to come hither, and pay an high price for Grain; where would the Minister find Purchasers?

I concluded with recurring to the necessity of a change in his Administration to restore confidence to his people, and avert the ruin, which threatened his Country —

The Rajahs Answer was as follows —

1st. "I believe that the Governor, Sir Archibald Campbell has written the Letter out of kindness to me in consequence of many Stories that have been told him" —

2d. "But the Company have nothing to do with my Government, as the Directors in their Letters to me have declared, neither should the Governor interfere in it —

3d. "I have collected the Money for the Company — all that Baba has done, he has done by my Command, and Order — do you think me ignorant of my own Affairs? is it kindness to me to think so" —

4th. "Was it kind to demand the Arrears, which accumulated in the War when my Country was laid waste? but I have agreed to pay them — I have paid 8 Lacks within a short time; I have stopped my Servants allowances — having thus toiled for the Company, are you to ensure the reward I have deserved?" —

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The above Sir, was nearly word for word the Rajah's answer, to the best of my own recollection, assisted by that of Mr Swartz. It was delivered with a considerable degree of Warmth, and Mr Swartz was fully of opinion that it would be in vain to urge any thing in reply - I was beginning however to express my hope that his Excellency would not permit me to return you an Answer so little suitable to the kindness and regard manifested in your Letter, when the Rajah said in a milder tone than he had used before, that he should attentively peruse, & consider what the Governor had written, & prepare an answer, and that as soon as it was ready, he would let me know & we might have a further conference - The Rajah then addressed himself to Mr Swartz and reproached him, but in a manner that indicated concern, rather than displeasure, with no longer entertaining those sentiments of Friendship, and regard for him which he formerly professed; Mr Swartz in reply assured the Rajah that his Regard for him was as strong & sincere as it had ever been - that he was ready to wash his Feet if that could be of Service to him, but that one thing his Excellency must remember, & be assured of, that he (Mr Swartz) should always adhere to Truth, - calling Milk, Milk, & Water, Water.

The Rajah sent me a Message this morning that he hoped very soon

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soon to come me, & to deliver me her answer to the Governor's Letter — in reply I entreated him to consider well before he resolved to disregard the salutary advice, which that Letter contained, & to be aprais'd that his Conduct in the present crisis would be decisive of her future peace, and welfare —

This Letter is drawn to a tedious length, but I thought I could not be too minute in my relation of what passed on so particular & interesting an occasion — I was yesterday so unable to finish it from indisposition, occasioned I believe by the suffocating heat of the Rajah's Chamber —

Tanjore
20th & 21st June 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c
(Signed) F Budleston

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell Kt
President & Governor
&c &c &c
Fort St George

From the Resident at Tanjore on the same Subject enclosing Letter from the Rajah to the Governor.

Honble Sir.

Last night I waited on the Rajah by his appointment in company with Mr Swartz, and received from his Excellency the enclosed Letter in answer to the one which I had the honor to deliver to him from you the 19th Instant —

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On giving me the Letter his Excellency, seemingly alluding to it's contents, said a few words to nearly the same purport as at the last Conference, namely,

1st "My Country, as is well known "suffered extremely from the War, notwithstanding which I have paid the Company "Eight Lacks of Pagodas within a year - to "effect this my people have been oppressed "- that cannot be denied -

2d "The Country is mine, and the "people are mine; can any person at Madras "or here, be more concerned for their Welfare "than I? -

"I have sent into the Country "Sumildars & Subadars to collect the people "& promote the cultivation; more I cannot do."

As soon as the Rajah had said the above, the Minister hinted to us that his Excellency wished the conference to be as short as possible, as he was in great pain - I said in answer that I would detain him only a few Minutes, but that I felt it to be my Duty to say a few words in answer to each of the points the Rajah had stated -

To the first, that I well knew both his Country & his people had suffered extremely from the War, but that those Sufferings called for Indulgence, and

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Family, and rendered the Severity that had been exercised the more intolerable - That during the first years of Peace, his Excellency's fourth policy would have been to forego even just demands, and to exact no more from the Country than would be barely sufficient to pay the Company & maintain himself, & his Family. -

To the second, that it was true the Country and the People were his as Excellency's, but if both, and consequently his Excellency himself were in danger of Ruin, could any friend to his Excellency, who really deserved that Name neglect to warn him of the Danger? If a Man see his friend involving himself in Ruin, and unhappiness can he really be a friend, and yet remain silent? there then was one strong motive for General Campbell's interference, and the advice he had given to his Excellency; and there was another equally strong in the inseparable connection of his Excellency's Interests with those of the Company which as I had already observed to his Excellency made it impossible for one to suffer without the other. -

To the third point, I answered, that if his Excellency had taken the necessary measures to restore confidence to the people, & endeavour them to set about the Cultivation, I should be extremely happy, but that I had not found that any of the people who had left the Country were as yet come back, and in a few days (within 15, or 20) it would be too late. -

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The Rajah said in reply that he had answered all this before - why then did I again mention the Subject? The reason I told his Excellency was that I had orders from the Governor to explain and set before his Eyes the importance of what the Governor had written to his Excellency - that besides my sincere regard for his Excellency, & my duty to the Company required of me that I should represent to his Excellency whatever tended to his benefit, and welfare; even this I should by that conduct be so unfortunate as to incur his displeasure - & that supposing I had acted otherwise in the present important Crisis his Excellency not many days hence, after the consequences, which I apprehended, should be irretrievable, would ask why professing myself his Friend, I had not told him that these things would happen -

While the Minister followed me out of the Rajahs Chamber his Excellency spoke to Mr Swartz, and gave him an opportunity, which he readily embraced, of repeating his opinion, & good advice relative to the situation of the Country; but the Rajah only told him in reply that he could say no more on the subject than he had already said to me - in the mean time I spoke to the Minister in the most unreserved terms, & advised him to make the Sacrifice, which his Masters Welfare required by retiring from the Ministry.

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In reply he declared to me in the most solemn manner, that he had entreated of the Rajah to permit him to do so, but without effect.

Although the Rajah, Sir, has not as yet consented to adopt the salutary advice contained in your Letter, I think it is scarcely possible that that Letter, & all that has been said to him, can have failed to make an impression upon his Mind. I shall keep an observant Eye upon the measures the Minister may now take, and inform you of every thing material, that may come to my Knowledge.

Tanjore
29th June 1786

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

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Read the following Letter

from the Committee of Works.

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

From the Committee of Works enclosing Letter & Memorial to them from Mr. Roebuck, praying for a discharge of his Balance, & recommending the same to the favorable consideration of the Board.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the honor to lay before you a copy of a Letter addressed to us by Mr. Benjamin Roebuck together with a Memorial from

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from the same Gentleman stating Losses which he has sustained, in consequance of the War, on his Contract with the Company for Bricks and Chunam, likewise his Statement of his Account with the Company.

Upon a reference to our Books we find that there is a Balance due to the Company by Messrs Strange and Roebuck, Con=tractors for Bricks and Chunam, against which Mr. Roebuck states Claims on them as in the above mentioned Account.

We have taken into Consi=deration the Memorial of Mr. Roebuck, and likewise the Contract for Bricks & Chunam.

We find that there is in the Contract an exception to the obligation to provide Bricks & Chunam in case any unforseen accident should occur to render it impossible; & being of opinion that the War was such an Event as was intended by this exception we consider that Mr. Roebuck has a just claim on the Company for the extra Expence, as stated by him, of such Materials as he sup=plied after that event, during a period of the utmost embarrassment, when the obligation to do so had ceased.

In regard to the Losses sus=tained by Mr. Roebuck, altho we do not consider that the Company are bound by Law to indem=nify him, yet there are circumstances of par=ticular hardship in his case, which we are of opinion entitle him to recompence.

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The Contract with Messrs Strange & Roebuck having expired in 1780. it appears that it was renewed by a former Committee in consideration of their very great exertions in the provision of Bricks & Chunams. while from the situation of Publick Affairs it became absolutely necessary that the Fortifications should be pushed rapidly forward; and with a view to secure them a Sale for the large Stock of Materials they had on hand at that time. This intention to secure those Gentlemen, and to reward their Labours, was not only entirely defeated by the breaking out of the War, but unfortunately became the means of involving them in more extensive Losses, than they otherwise might have sustained. The Materials which they had collected in many parts of the Country were plundered, & their Bullocks and Carts employed in the conveyance of those Materials to Madras were seized; in all to the amount of Pags 2615 H. as stated by Mr Roebuck.

The Conviction, which we have of Mr Roebucks great exertions in supplying Materials and of his heavy Losses in consequence of them, claim our recommendation of his Case to the consideration of your Honor &c.

Fort St George
22d June 1786

We have the honor to be &c &c

Alex Davidson
[Signed] Capper
Patrick Ross

To

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To Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President &c. Committee

of Works.

Gentlemen,

On the 12th October 1783, before I was sent to the Circar, on a Committee of Investigation, I did myself the honor of present-ing to your Committee, a Memorial of which the enclosed is a Copy—

Permit me now to request the early attention of you Gentlemen to it, the Loss I which I have sustained by my Contract in conse-quence of the War, and my exertions for com-pleating the Fortifications, after it had begun, bear very heavy on me; And I am confident when you attend to the quantity of Materials I furnished after it's commence-ment, and compare, what I state as the Extra charge, with what have since that time, been delivered to the Company, You will think me not only entitled to this moderate charge, but will look upon me as deserving of your Consideration for providing so large a quantity of Materials, at such a Crisis and on terms so much under

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what you have found to be the Cost of 2
Materials since provided.

You Gentlemen must be
sensible of the difficulties, I had to encounter
and the Exertions I must have made, to have
furnished the Quantity of Materials required
while the Works were carried so rapidly forward
- And you must also be sensible of the very
heavy Losses, which happened to me, from
the commencement of Hostilities, which broke
out so violently and unexpectedly, independant
of those I have stated in my Memorial.

Submitting myself to
your Candour and Justice, I trust you will
be pleased to make me such a Compensation
as the Circumstances of my case and the
Exertions I have made for the Public Service
under your Committee may appear to you
to merit.

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22d April 1786

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt Hble Servt
Signed Benjn Roebuck

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The Memorial of Benjamin Roebuck

Brick & Chunam Contractor

To Alexander Davidson Esqr

President &ca Committee

of Works.

Your Memorialist on the 15th April 1777 in company with Mr Ja's Strange now in England entered into Contract with your Board, on behalf of the Honble Company for supplying Bricks & Chunam.

Your Memorialist expected at his entering into this Engagement, that from a business which required a Capital of Pags 50,000 as well as much Labour, and attention, he should reap some benefit, but he soon had the mortification to find this Expectation was ill grounded, the Situation of the Publick Affairs requiring such imme-diate exertions in the supply of Materials for the Fortification, as entirely precluded every idea of Oeconomy; He was obliged to adopt every means to encrease these Supplies to employ people in every place where there was a prospect of obtaining them, and to encrease, and extend advances to the fur-nishers, so as to require a considerable +

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Addition to the large Capital, which he had at first supposed equal to the Business.

Your Memorialist & Mr Strange in the Month of Decr 1778 represented their Situation to your Board; when you were pleased in consideration of the large, & necessary Advances they had made to pass an Order that the next Contractor should be obliged to take upon him the balances outstanding at the expiration of the Contract.

During the time the Fortifications were so rapidly carried on, a large Stock of the Inhabitants sort of Bricks were accumulating & as the Inhabitants were not allowed any supply of Chunam, & all the Bricklayers were employed on the Publick Works, there was not the least prospect of reducing it.

Your Board were so sensible of this, & other great inconveniencies set forth in a Letter from Mr Strange, and your Memorialist dated 5th March 1780, that you were pleased to approve of the Justice of their representation, to recommend it to the Honble the Select Commee & to desire a continuance of the Contract for two years further, as a compensation, & means to enable them to reduce their large outstanding balances, & to dispose of the Stock of Bricks on hand at the same time. You were likewise pleased to mention their Exertions, & that they had supplied a much greater quantity of Chunam than ever had been done at any former period.

But this well meant interposition

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for the continuance of the Contract, from the unex-
-pected Change of times, & Circumstances, instead
of producing the desired effect of alleviating
the Condition of the Contractors, has been the
cause of involving them in still farther, and
greater difficulties —

In the month of July following
the whole Country was over run by the Enemy —
The furnishers of Materials were drove from their
Habitations, themselves ruined, & the property
of the Contractors either destroyed or left to perish

Upon collecting & forming the
Army to oppose the Enemy, Bullocks & Carts
were seized from all quarters, & your Memorialists
found that by the month of January following
there had been taken from him 1269 Carts,
2938 Bullocks, & 550 Carriage Bullocks, without
being able to obtain either Account, or receipt
for them of any kind: Mr Gray the Agent
was dead, & the Confusion that then prevailed
put it out of your Memorialists power to
obtain any Satisfaction though the fact was
well known to the late President —

But this loss great as it is
was not less severe in its consequences, striking
at the very root of the business and almost in-
-capacitating him from carrying it on in any
way —

Your Memorialist had at
this time prepared and ready to be removed, at
different out places 18,000 Parras of Shells, 10,000
Parras of Charcoal 22,50,000 Firewood, which he

has

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has found it impossible since to bring to the Presidency, or to turn to any Account, & which is now entirely lost -

When your Memorialist afterwards had procured other Carts and Bullocks, with a view of disposing of his Stock of Bricks, in the Neighbourhood, they were constantly stopped & taken by the Agents of the Government. And notwithstanding his great loss already, it will appear, that upon different Applications of Government afterwards, he supplied Bullocks & Carts to the amount of near Pags.s 3000 - for which he has never yet been able to obtain Payment - His Attempts to procure Boats to bring his large property from the Nellore Country, & to transport 20,000 Parras of Chunam from Pondicherry, were also defeated - the Boats after they had been hired were either detained, or employed otherwise, and the advances made to the Boat people, lost to the amount of some Hundred Pagodas -

Your Memorialist sensible to the Publick Calamities, & relying on the future justice of Government, & of the Honble Company not only forbore Complaint, but did all in his power to promote the Service, even at the hazard of his own private Fortune -

On the first general Alarm, preping demands were made for Bricks and Chunam; Your Memorialist notwithstanding

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the "Unforeseen Accident" had actually hap=
=pened, against which the Contract especially
provides, without stipulating any Indemnifi=
=cation for himself, continued his utmost en=
=deavours, & stretched every nerve to obtain
large Supplies, and did actually deliver by
the Month of January, between Sixty and
Seventy Lacks of Bricks & near forty thou=
=sand Parras of Chunam, althó the Months
of October, November & December, had inter=
=vened in which the Contractor is exempted
from furnishing any, but his Efforts were
liberal; for from the disturbances in the
Country, which evidently implys the "unfore=
=seen Accident" above alluded to, he was no
longer bound by the Contract.

Your Memorialist used his
endeavours to procure Supplies, althó it
must consist with the Knowledge of your
Board, that by doing so he was involving
himself, as the Materials furnished, cost
him much more than the Contract price;
-from the Commencement of the troubles in
the Country to this time; your Memorialist
has supplied about 85 Lacks of Bricks and
upwards of 50,000 Parras of Chunam.

When your Board consi=
=ders the difficulties and peculiar hardsh=
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under which he laboured and compares
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what he has done with what has been done other
=wise, in consequence of the applications of Govern
=ment to every quarter, he will leave it with appe
to determine how far he has deserved well upon
this occasion. He wishes likewise to submit to
your Notice that although the Contract expressly
fixes that an Advance of 20,000 Pags is to be made
to the Contractors, they have never had upon the
whole much above the half of that Sum, which
they received partially in a running Account with
your Board, & that the last payments made were
2000 Pags in Bills on Masulipatam, & 6500 in Copper.

In times of imminent Danger
your Memorialist could not think of stickling
difficulties or of making bargains for himself
nor was it in your Memorialists nature to
have acted otherwise; upon the first notice of the
wants of the Garrison he chearfully gave up
all the firewood in his possession, which by keeping
it in his own hands, it would have turned out
to considerable advantage. —

After this general Sketch
of your Memorialist's present Situation as con=
=nected with the Breche and Chunam Contracts
he begs to draw your Attention to the following
short Abstract of Facts Viz.t —

Your

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Your Memorialist was in
possession of 11698 & 2938 Bullocks of which
were appropriated, & prest. at different
times, betwixt the Months of July 1780 and
Janry 1781 by the Agents & others for the
Publick Service, but for which he has
neither been able to obtain Account or
Receipt of any kind —

1036 Carts with two Bullocks each were estimated at 10 Pagodas	10360
433 Ditto of Ditto at 18 Pag.s	7794
550 Carriage Bullocks at 3 Pag.s	1650
Your Memorialist has sustained loss in consequence by not being able to remove or dispose of 18,000 Parras of Shells. 10,000 Do of Charcoal 22,50,000 Firewood	3850
Since the Commencement of the Troubles, your Memorialist has furnished 84½ Lack of Bricks of which 63 were made under every disadvantage and to make that quantity he was obliged to pile & burn 8180800 — so that this quantity has stood him, after making a large allowance for Inhabitants sort of Bricks & which only served to encrease his immense Stock already on hand, & making no Charge for the heavy Expences of Servants Wages which was thereby continued, 1958 Pag.s & the 36,764 Parras of Chunam stood him over the Company's Price 1427 Pag.s making no charge for Servants Wages &c	6485 —
Carried over Pag.s	30139

Bal.

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Brought over Pag.s 30139-

20000 Kerras of Chunam lost at Pondichurry ---------- 500

Interest on 25000 Pag.s Stock on hand which could not be disposed of for want of the means of removing it for 2 Years and 4 Months ---------- 1000

Pagodas 37639

He delivered to Mr Brodie 1000 Timwood at which it cost him Pag.s 162 ½ per Lack, which was then worth to himself from 200 to 220 Pag.s p Lack, by which he gave up a profit of upwards of 600 Pag.s besides putting himself to great inconvenience as he was obliged to buy at at a more advanced Price -

He has also sustained several Loss's by advances to Boat people to the Amount of near 500 Pagodas

Your Board will find that without any allowance for your Memorialists Labour, for Interest on his large outstanding Balances, which cannot be collected in these times, or the loss that will be sustained by said Debts, which he cannot yet ascertain, he has suffered in his Property within these last Twenty Eight months near 40000 Pag.s and that in consequence of the Calamities in the Country from which he could not be protected

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protected, the necessities of Government, and his liberally continuing to them his labor & assistance.

Your Memorialist having always experienced the equity of your Board, commits his case to your Consideration, in full Confidence that you will adopt such measures as will best afford him effectual relief and redress; & that you will recommend this as soon as convenient to the Right Honble President & Select Committee.

Fort St George
12.th October 1782

/signed/ Benj.n Roebuck

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Read the following Letters

(entered in the MB. N.os 8-9-10-11)

From Mr Gardiner, Paymaster at Bngole dated 30.th May and 21.st June — the former representing the want of Granaries, or other places for the reception of Grain, & desiring to know what Steps he is to take, when the Nabob Amuldar delivers in the promised Stock — stating also the quantity of decayed Stores in the Garrison; the latter declaring that the Balance due to him from the Company did not arise from accumulated Emoluments of Employs but simply for Sums advanced in time of need, & requesting on that account

From the Paym.r at Bngole.

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Account that his Balance may be suffered to go on without bringing back to account the Decrease thereof since the 1st January last, in conformity to the Orders of the Board of the 21st April last.

Agreed that Mr Gardiner be informed that he must construct a Set of Gomahs for the reception of the Grain to be laid in by the Nabob's Renter, & that he must sell off the damaged Stores in the best manner he is able. With respect to his request that the decreased Balance may not be brought back to the Company's Credit, it is Agreed that he be informed the the Orders of Government of the 21st April must be obeyed.

Minute thereon.

From Dr Anderson and Mr Lucas dated 19th June, complaining that some Captains of the 73d Regiment have with held from them the Subsistence of the Men belonging to their Companies during the time they were victualled in the General Hospital at the Expence of the Surgeons & desiring that Government will direct the liquidation of the same.

From Dr Anderson & Mr Lucas

Agreed that a Letter be written to Colo Mackenzie, who commands the 73d Regt desiring that he will direct his Officers to discharge the Sums due to the Surgeons.

Minute thereon.

From

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From Captn Hugh Montgomery

From Captain Hugh Montgomery

dated 14th June, repeating the Request of him=
=self & the other Officers present at the =
Capture of Jaggernaudgoram that their res=
=pective Shares of the Prize Money may be
discharged —

Minute thereon.

Agreed to repeat to Captain
Montgomery that the Orders of the Company
for the distribution of the Prize Money above
=mentioned are not yet received, & that no
time will be lost in doing Justice to him
& to the other Officers, when the Board shall
be enabled to make payments by Order of
the Court of Directors —

Wm Campbell

W. C. Jackson
Dep. Sec.y

" Thos Dallas

" Alex Davidson

Examined