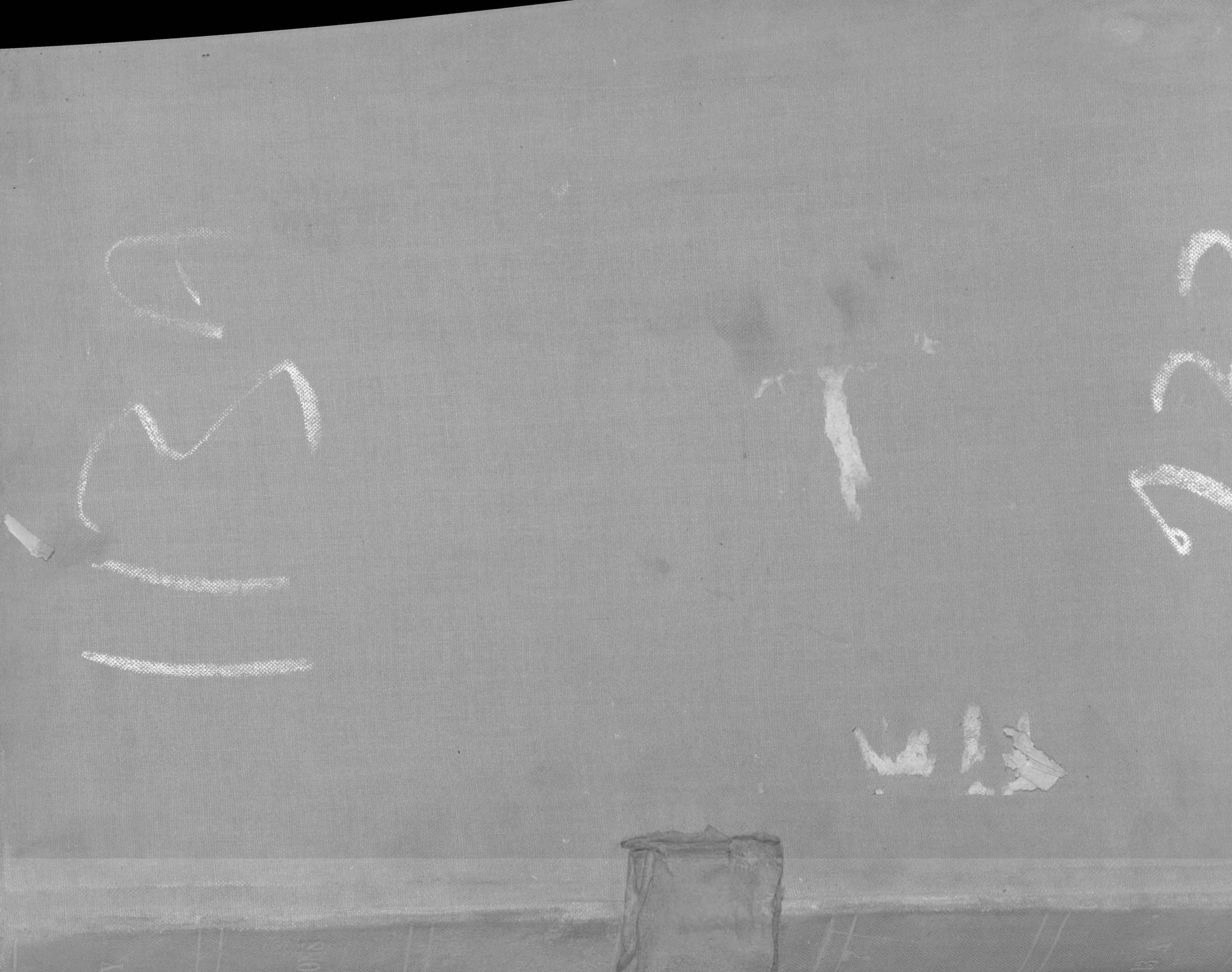


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1st Dispatched the following Letters

To Messrs Edward Garrow
William Webb
&
James Landon

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Board

To the Committee for investigating the Debts of His Highness the Nabob informing them that the Board consent to annul the four Bonds constituting the Cavalry Loan, & agree to have Bonds for smaller Sums made out.

to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter, dated the 29th Ultimo accompanying your Proceedings which are ordered to be lodged in the Secretary's Office.

With respect to the application from the Agents of the Nabob, expressing His Highness's wish that the four Bonds which constitute the Cavalry Loan should be cancelled, & Bonds for smaller Sums made out, I am directed to inform you, that the President & Co. consent to the adoption of the above mode, & direct you to carry it into Execution conformably to the manner recommended in your Letter

I am Gentlemen, &c &c &c

Fort St George
1st July 1786

Signd J. John Chamier Secy

To Mr Gabriel Mullers

Sir

I am directed by the Honorable

President

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To Mr. Mutter. stating the Steps taken by the Board in order to obtain for him a Liquidation of his Claim upon the Rajah of Tanjore —

To the President & Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 3d Ult.o & to inform you that, in conformity to the Orders of the Court of Directors, they have made repeatedly the strongest representations to the Rajah of Tanjore, in favor of your Claims, & have received uniform Accounts from the Resident, that his Excellency considering them inadmissible, is determined to decline making provision for their Liquidation —

As the President and Council are desirous of proving to you that every Effort has been made to obtain a favorable adjustment for you, they have directed me to enclose for your information Copies of the principal Correspondence with the Rajah of Tanjore and with the Court of Directors on the Subject of your Claims — These Papers will, it is conceived, demonstrate the attention which has been paid to the Orders of the Company in your favor.

I also enclose a Report from the Resident at Tanjore on the subject of Mr. Wood's Claim, which shews the Rajah's Ideas of the Board's interference in favor of Individuals —

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14th July 1786

I am Sir &c &c &c

(Signed) John Cranmer
Secy

To

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To Charles Warre Malet Esqre

Resident at Poonah

Sir

To the Resident at Poona; Cash will be advanced Rajah Punt to reimburse him for Money advanced the latter - states why the Embassy to Mysore did not take place - Requests Intelligence

I am directed by the Honorable President and Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter, dated the 11th May and to inform you, that Rago Punt will have a supply of Cash to enable him to repay the Advances you have made him -

The Governor General and Council did instruct this Government, to send an Embassy to Mysore, which has not taken place, since it has appeared that the Reports long circulated of the Death of Tippoo were not founded -

The Board are desirous of having frequent Accounts from you, of the Events which may occur among the contending Powers around you, & will not fail from time to time to transmit to you, any Intelligence, which may forward the Service entrusted to your Management -

I am Sir &ca &ca

Fort St George
3d July 1786.

/Signed/ John Chamier
Secy

To

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

Gentlemen,

To Bengal, with the Correspondence between this Government & Colonel Floyd, in regard to the purchase of Horses for his Regiment—

We have the honor to inform you that agreably to your Instructions of the 21st April, We made an offer to Colonel Floyd to provide Horses for his Regiment at the rate of 120 Pags for each Horse, payable by Certificates on your Government.

To this Letter Colonel Floyd replied accepting the Terms, & desiring an explanation of the mode of payment, which was accordingly given in a second Letter.

In Colonel Floyds Answer to the second Letter, he states that he must necessarily dispose of the Certificates to procure Money for the Market, & expresses his idea that as probably the same terms were intended to be allowed him, as were given to Sir J. Burgoyne, the Discount upon the Certificates should be deducted, and the Certificates advanced to 115 Pags for each Horse — upon a calculation, that the Discount upon them is about 18 p Cent.

We informed Colonel Floyd

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1st in reply that We conceived the Price (120 Pags.) for each Horse, sufficient to counterbalance any loss for the payment in Certificate, and desired him to notify his Acquiescence, or non Acceptance of the Proporetions made to him, conformably to your Instructions —

Colonel Floyd in answer declared his ready acceptance of the Proposals made to him and his determination to exert himself to the utmost for the Publick Service, observing at the same time that he is only answerable for such Horses as the Sum of 98 2/5 Pagodas will procure — We request your attention to this Letter from Colonel Floyd, which is dated the 12th Ultimo; We have informed him that We shall draw upon you on his favor agreably to your Directions —

We beg leave to enclose Copies of all the Letters, which have passed on this Subject, & to request you will recommend the Persons employed by Colo Floyd to the Countenance & protection of the Soubahdar of the Decan Their Names are mentioned in Colo Floyds Letters of the 12th & 23d Ultmo

We have the honor to be &ca

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/Signed/ Archd Campbell
&ca Council

Received

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Received the following Report
from the Hospital Board —

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &ca Council

From the Hospital Board proposing that Mr Canniere be allowed 20 Pags p. Mensem, House Rent — stating the distribution of Europe Medicines arrived p. Lanneltart recommending the Communication to the Paymr &ca of the Rules & Orders transmitted to them the 16th April, and Mr Pringle being appointed to Mr Simpson's Station — Observations of Government on the foregoing —

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the honor herewith to enclose our Proceedings of Yesterday —

We are with all due Respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient & very humble Servants,

Jas Anderson
Physician General

{Signed} Colley Lucas
C. S.

Thomas Davies
Mr Surgn

Hospital Board
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Proceedings of the Hospital
Board 3d July 1786.-

The last Proceedings
having met with the approbation
of Government, who likewise
expect that this Board will
specify what House Rent ought
to be allowed the Deputy Apo-
thecary Mr Casimire.-

Agreed, for the
reasons already set forth, as
well as that the peculiar Si-
tuation of Mr Casimire, can
never be considered as a prece-
dent for a Claim by any
other Person, that he be allowed
20 Pags p. Month House rent.-

Approved.

Received from
the Apothecary a list of Stores
p Company's Ship Nansittart,

Agreed to order him
without loss of time to distribute
one half of them agreeable to
the intentions of Government
betwixt the 4 Genl Hospitals.

Approved.

Read a Letter from
Colonel Brathwaite to the
Physician General relative
to the situation of the Sick
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with his Regiment at Ellore.

Agreed to order the Surveyor to report to this Board the Rate of Hospital Stores & Servants under his Charge agreeable to the 11th Article of Instructions from the 1st of March to the 1st Instant. to enable us to answer this. & all such Letters as well as for the purpose of acquiring an insight into the Department competent to direct its future Operations.

Read Letters from several Surgeons containing Queries, by which it appears the present Hospital Establishment is not yet fully understood, for want of communication

Agreed to recommend to Government, that a Copy of Rules and Orders in the 4th 11th Article as transmitted to this Board April 16th be forthwith sent to the Head Surgeons at Trichinopoly, Vellore, & Masulipatam, for the information of all the Surgeons in their different Districts, as well as to the Surveyor & Paymasters that it may be fully understood

A General Order containing the 16th Article will be published

This

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This Board limits the receipts of Surgeons & Assistant Surgeons to their respective Salaries, as all Articles of Supply must be found by the Purveyor, Apothecary, & Contractor for Diet, as well as Servants Wages of all denominations

The Honble President and Council having been pleased to grant permission to Mr. Simpson to go to Europe, the Hospital Board beg leave to observe, it appears to them, from the perusal of a Letter addressed to the Physician General by Mr. Pringle, the next on the List, that his first Letter communicated to Government was the result of his being unacquainted with the present State of the Service, the impropriety of which he is now sensible of, and therefore hope he may be favored with the appointment to the Vacancy occasioned by Mr. Simpsons resignation, and that the Honorable Board will be pleased to order it accordingly

Approved.

Received

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Received the following Letter from Bengal.

To Charles N. White Esq.

Secretary at

Fort St George

From Bengal, enclosing Receipts for Cash advanced on account of His Majesty's Paym.s General

Sir,

Enclosed I transmit you two Receipts for Rs. 150,000 and Rs. 193750.3.3 paid to Mr. John Ferguson on account of Wm. Burke Esq.r Paymaster of His Majesty's Forces in India.

Pub. Dept. Council Chr. 12th June 1786

I am Sir &c.a &c.a

Signed W. Bruere Secry

Minute thereon.

Ordered that the Receipts be sent to the Military Paymaster General.—

Sent the following Letter to Bengal.—

To William Bruere Esq.r

Secretary to the Honble Governor General, & Council

To Bengal, notifying a Mistake in the Bill drawn in favor of Messrs Porcher & Medlicott and

Sir

A Mistake having been made in the Accountants Office, in drawing out

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& Mr. Menzies. & inclosing Extract of a Letter to the above persons in Elucidation thereof

6. out the Bills in favor of Messrs. Porcher & Redhead and Mr. Menzies, for Certificates discounted by them, & the Interest having been specified to commence from the 1st. Janry last, instead of commencing from the date of the Bills given, I lose no time in advising you of this Circumstance, & in remarking that Interest from the 1st. Janry relates only to the Bills granted on favor of those Subalterns & Privates, who obtained their Certificates for Arrears, & not to the Discounters, who are only to have Interest from the date of their discounting -

In further Elucidation of this business I enclose Extract from that part of the official Letter to Messrs. Porcher and Redhead on the Subject -

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

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/ Signed / John Chamier Secry

Read the following Letter

From Mr. Torin -

To John Chamier Esqr.
Secretary to the Milly & Political Departt.

From Mr. Torin, negociates a remittance to the Presidency of Ninety thousand Pagodas -

Sir,

I have been favoured with your Letter of the 19th Ult. & am truely happy that my Conduct has been found deserving the approbation of Government - in cases where the Companys Interest

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6 Interest is concerned I shall not fail to continue
my best Endeavours for their Credit & advantage.
tho' I appear to be acting on very unequal terms
with the Nabobs Servants from their frequent
Misrepresentations to His Highness.

I beg you will inform the
Honble President & Councils, that these last
three or four Days has been employed in
arranging a remittance for a Lack of Pagodas
for Ninety thousand of which, I have this
day paid my Receipt, and thro' the means
of the Soucars introduced to me by the Cawn,
have negociated Bills in favor of Government
to that amount in the following Manner.
The Cawn has promised to compleat the
Lack in ten Days, which I believe would
not have been deficient but for the Expence
of the Remittance.

A Bill on Voliapuram Gorindoss at 63 days sight		27,000 P. N.Pe	
Ditto on Jaganada Saker	a Do	31,500 Do	
Ditto on Mr. Josias Dutre Porcher	a Do	16,800 Do	
at the Madras Exchange of 117 P. N. Pags p Co. Stars is		Star Pags	90,000

The Charges on the remittance
are conformable to the custom of the Province,
though they appear to be much increased by the
(difference)

6th difference of Exchange, but this is more an imaginary than a real Loss, & takes its rise on the percentage between Mar & Porto Novo Pag.s here, & at Madras - also, on the Bazar or purchasing price & the rate fixed by the Sircars for the payment of their Rents, by which rate he draws the comparison when he complains of the Loss.

The reason of the Bills being drawn in P. N. Pag.s proceeds from the necessity all Merchants are under, of purchasing that Coin in this Province, & sending it in sufficient time to Madras, to honor their own Drafts, for want of other means of negociation, & the Exchange, raises in proportion to the demand for Pagodas and obliges them to give an Advance on the fixed and established rate. -

From the few public transactions the Soucars have had with their Houses at Madras for some years past, & the difficulty they meet with, in making this remittance, induced them to hope for a little indulgence from the consideration of the Honble Board - Though I promised to mention their Wishes, I gave them no cause to rely on the remission of a day in the terms of payment, but enjoined them to prove by a punctual discharge of the Bills, that they possessed the Credit, the Nabobs Manager has pledged them for, & for which he has ultimately made His Highness responsible to Government. -

The Bills go enclosed & will I hope prove satisfactory to the Honble Governor &c.a

I have the honor to be &c.a

Palamcotah
2.d July 1786

/ Sgnd / Benj.a Torin
Act.g Pay.r

Sen.r

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Sent the undermentioned Letters

(entered in MB Nos 12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21
22-23-24.)

To Mr Archer — To His Majesty's Deputy Paymaster General, desiring him to pay Lieut Miller, late of the 98th Regt the usual Passage Money granted to His Majesty's Officers, returning to Europe —

To Col Floyd — To Col Floyd: the Accountant has been directed to make out the Certificates upon Bengal in the manner he requests: Copies of the Correspondence between this Government & him, in respect to the purchase of Horses, will be sent to Bengal —

To the Military Boards — To the Military Board — Mr Hilkes appointed Dep Secry to their Board with a Salary of 50 Pags p Mo & Lieut Stewart allowed Pags 100 p Mo to commence from 1st April last —

To Mr Turing — To the Mil: Paym: Gen: informing him of the Contents of the foregoing Letter, and that the Salaries of the Hospital Board are to be paid quarterly. —

To Col Mackenzie — To the Honble Col Mackenzie of the 73d Regiment, desiring him to collect and pay the Money due to Dr Anderson and Mr Lucas, for the Subsistence of some of the Men of his Regiment, while in the Hospital —

To Mr Sullivan — To the Attorney General, desiring him to report his opinion on Mr Popham's Claim to Interest on the Sum of 114087.21 Pagodas

6 Pagodas for Ground sold the Company.

To Captain Hugh Montgomery

To Captain Hugh Montgomery

acquainting him that the Board conceive it proper to defer any Appropriation of the Saggernaut-porams Prize Money, until the Orders of the Court of Directors upon the Subject, are received.

To Mr. Robert Gardenier, Mas-
-master at Angole, directing him to construct
a set of Gomahs, for the reception of Grain, &
to sell off to the best advantage, the Ghee
Oil, Grain &ca which are at present in a
state of decay.

To Mr. Gardiner

To Messrs. Storey and Bulman,

To Messrs. Storey & Bulman.

Attorneys to Major Cooke, whose claim on
the Company is deemed inadmissible.

To William Bruere Esquire,

To Mr. Bruere

Secretary to the Honorable Governor General
and Council, transmitting him copy of the
Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry on Sergeant
Burrowes with a Return of Recruits on the
Earl of Oxford.

To the Attorney General,

To Mr. Sullivan.

with the Contract entered into by the late
Government with the Honble Basil Cochrane,
upon which he is to report his opinion as to

the

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6 the extent, in which it is binding upon the Company —

To Ganjam — To Ganjam, with Copy of a General Order directing Commandants to communicate to the Chiefs & Residents, all General Orders from the Commander in Chief, previous to their publication —

8.

To Commrs of Stores — To the Committee of Stores, with Extracts of a Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors, under date 26th February 1786 in respect to Stores indented for to Europe —

9.

Received the undermentioned Letters (entered in. HB. Nos 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33.) —

From Lt. Carey — From Lieut Carey, Commanding at Arnee, with the present State of the Granaries, & an Estimate for the repairs of Godowns —

From Capt. Muat — From Captain Muat, stating that the Sepoys of the 17th Battalion prefer having their Stoppages returned them for the Cloathing of the year 1782, than to receive the Clothes; and recommending the same —

From Mr. George Stuart — From Mr. George Stuart, Surgeons Mate of the 78th Regt requesting, that the usual Allowance of Passage Money may be granted him —

Minute thereon. — Ordered accordingly.

From

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From Colonel Mackenzie, declares
that Captains Baird, Dalrymple &ca have
repeatedly offered payment to the Surgeons
From Colonel Mackenzie at the rate the Men receive their Pay;
and at the same rates the Surgeons pay for
the different Articles supplied the Soldiers,
while in the General Hospital -

From the Governor of Goa, reques-
From the Governor of Goa =ting, that the Military quartered in the
Churches of St Thomé may be removed; & that
the Bishop may be left in the uninterrupted
possession of his Diocese as in former times -

From Mr. Toriano, Storekeeper
From Mr. Toriano at Vellore, transmits an account of Grain
received from His Highness the Nabobs Manager
at Vellore to the 30th June -

10th From Batavia, with Congra-
From Batavia =tulations on the Peace -

From Mr. Blaanhamer, res-
From Mr. Blaanhamer =pecting the desertion of three Soldiers from
the Garrison of Pulicat, which he requests
may be secured and sent back -

From Captain Mapey, Com-
From Capt.n Mapey =manding at Chandernagherry, advising of
the plunder of two Villages in the District of
Gurum Conda, by a Set of wandering Polygars,
the Hillidar of which threatens to make re-
=prisals, if Satisfaction is not given -

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell Kt B.

President

Monday 10th July 1786

Lieut General Sir John Dalling Bart

Alexander Davidson Esqr

Mr Casamajor indisposed.

Minutes of last consultation read and approved.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Letter from Lieut Colonel Kegault.

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell Kt. B.

President & Governor &ca Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Lieut Colonel Kegault requesting permission to foreign the Service & to be recommended to the Court of Directors for a participation of Lord Clives Bounty.

Finding my Health and Constitution much impaired, by the effects of a long Residence in this Country, and the fatigues of the Service, in which for the space of 21 years, I have constantly done my Duty with Credit, and to the best of my Abilities, I beg leave to solicit your permission to return to Europe in one of this Honble Comp.ys Ships of this Season, by the way of China, and to request that you will be pleased, in consideration of my faithful Services to

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to the Company for so long a period, & the state of my Health which will not admit of my remaining longer in India, to recommend me for the provision established by the late Lord Clive for the support of Officers & Soldiers who from Wounds, or infirmities are incapable of any further Duty in India.

As I depend entirely on this Provision for being enabled to pass the remainder of my Days with Comfort in my Native Country, I trust that the Honble Court of Directors will think it cannot be better bestowed than on an Officer who has arrived by progressive advancement to the Head of a Corps, distinguished for its Services; who was never a moment out of the Field during the whole of the late toying War in the Carnatic, and who is now rendered incapable of serving the Honble Company any longer by the fatiguer of Duty so arduous & severe. I also trust, that the Honble Court will consider my Claim to this provision strengthened by the voluntary Act of quitting a respectable & eligible Situation upon a principle of Duty, to the Service & Justice to my own Character, when I feel that I am no longer able to perform the duties of that situation in the manner that the Service requires.

I beg leave Honble Sir & Sirs, to place my reliance on your favorable recommendations of me to the Honble Court of Directors, & to assure you, that, I shall be as grateful for the provision I solicit, as I have been zealous for the Interest of the Honorable Company, from the moment I entered their Service.

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

St. Thomas's Mount
9th July 1786

/Signed/ John Pigault

Agreed

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Lieut Colonel Rigault's Request acceded to.

Agreed that Lieut Colonel Rigault be permitted to resign the Service, and that in Consideration of his health & Constitution being much impaired by long and meritorious Services he be strongly recommended to the Court of Directors for a participation of Lord Clive's Bounty.

In consequence of Colonel Rigault's Resignation being admitted, the Commander in Chief recommends the following Promotions.

Promotions in the Corps of Artillery in consequence of the resignation of Lieut. Colonel Rigault.

Major Wm Sydenham to be Lieut Colonel, and to command the 2d Bn of Artillery stationed at the Mount, vice Rigault resigned.

Captain Wm Leybourn Lloyd to be Major vice Sydenham; and

Captain Lieut Thos Bedford to be Captain, vice Lloyd.

To be published in G: O:

Ordered that the foregoing be published in General Orders.

Mr Davidson taken the opportunity of Major Sydenham's Promotion to the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and to the Command of a Battalion of Artillery, by which he will necessarily vacate his Office of Town Major to record his perfect approbation of Lieut Col. Sydenham's Services, while acting under his Orders as Town Major, & to declare that to his certain Knowledge he also gave entire

Mr Davidson records his approbation of Lieut Col. Sydenham while acting under his Orders as Town Major.

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entire Satisfaction to the different Governors under whom he has been placed since the Year 1776, when he was first appointed to the above Office –

The President desires it may at the same time be recorded, that he has found in Lieut Colonel Sydenham a very active, and useful Officer ever since his Arrival, & that Lieut Colonel Sydenham has conducted himself to the Governor's entire Satisfaction –

The President declares his entire approbation of Lieut Col. Sydenham's Conduct –

Read the following Letter from Mr Commissioner Jackson, enclosing one addressed to him by Mr Harry Taylor –

To John Chanier Esq.
Secretary to the Military & Secret Departmt.

Sir.

In consequence of your Letter to me dated 28th Janry last, I immediately advised Mr Harry Taylor that the Honble Board had refused to admit of the Sum of Star Ps 18,670. 3. 12 for irregular Charges in his Accounts as Paymaster to a Detachment, formerly under the Command of Col. Brathwaite – Mr Taylor has lately addressed me on the Subject, offering further reasons why the objectionable Sums should be admitted, his Letter is herewith enclosed, which I request you would lay before the Honble Board, for their final determination –

From Mr Commr Jackson, enclosing Letter to him from Mr Harry Taylor, requesting his Interposition with the Board to obtain a more favorable Decision in respect to the Balance due from him to the Company, than what has already been resolved on –

I am Sir &ca

Madras
6th July 1786

(Signed) W. Jackson
Commr of Accounts

To

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To William Jackson Esqr

Commissioner of Accounts

South of the Coleroon

Sir

Though I can say nothing in addition to the Arguments I made use of in my last Address of the 1st Novr 1785, on the Subject of the heavy debit now standing against me, I must now beg to offer the only remaining Act in my power, to impress the Honble Board with an opinion, that my Situation is such, as may in their equity entitle me to a mitigation of the Rigour of System, which Government has promised to extend, when the occasion requires it. I will therefore entreat the favour of your representation to Government, that I may be admitted to make Affidavit before the President here that no part of the Sums received on account of, or sent to Coll Brathwaite's Detachment was embezzled, or detained by me, and that I have neither been accessary to, or known of any fraud on the part of my Servants, or any other Person, in appropriating any part of the Balance against me to my own, or to their use, or advantage

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An Affidavit to this effect.

I hope Sir will afford me relief in my pre=
=sent unfortunate Situation — I therefore
Sir beg thro' you, to address Government
for this purpose —

I have the honor to be &c &c

Negapatam
24th June 1786

(Signed) H J Taylor

Agreed that Mr Jackson be
desired to inform Mr Taylor, that the Board
must decline making any mitigation of their
Resolution respecting the Balance due from him.

Minute thereon

The Commander in Chief begs
leave to state to the Board, the inconveniences
which arise to the Publick Service from the pre=
=sent mode of transmitting to the Commander
in Chief in India for approval, the Sentences of
Courts Martial held on this Coast — From the
Power of Punishment not being lodged in this
Government, he finds it very difficult to
enforce Obedience, and the want of Authority
which he experiences in not being able to con=
=firm the Sentences of Courts Martial, together
with the frequent instances of indiscriminate
Pardon granted to great Offenders, has, he is
apprehensive, inculcated an opinion among
the European Soldiery that there is not any
any where in India, an Authority to punish
with

Sir John Dalling strongly recommends to the Board that a Reference be made to Bengal on the subject of enabling the Commander in Chief on the Coast to confirm the Sentences of General Court Martial held under his Authority —

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with Death in any Instance — for these Reasons, the Commander in Chief recommends that a Letter be drafted to the Governor General & Council stating the necessity & legality of a Power being given to him from the Commander in Chief in India to confirm the Sentences of General Court Martial held upon the Coast of Choro-mandell:

The Board approve the recommendation of the Comm.r in Chief —

The Board being sensible of the expediency of Sir John Dalling's Recommendation it is Agreed that the Secretary be directed to draft a Letter on this Subject to the Governor General and Council

Read the following Letter from Mr. Johnston, Paymaster at Madura —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I have the honor to inform you, that there are disputes at Madura, concerning the Exchange, which this Highness the Nabob has been pleased to fix, on the Value of the Star Pagoda, and the Military are so dissatisfied therewith, that they have refused to draw their Pay for May and June; —

Agreable

from the Paym.r at Madura, the Military declines drawing their pay upon the Terms of Exchange agreed to by the Government and the Nabob, & Mr Palk refuses to receive the Money ordered to be sent to Trichinopoly because it is in Colley Fanams.

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Agreable to Instructions

received from your Honor &ca I have regulated my Conduct in this busineſs by the Proposals made by the Nabob, and accuded to by you, in conequence of this arrangement His Highneſs sent down orders to Tinnevelly & Madura, or= =dering the Exchange to be fixed at 16 5/8 Colley fanams for one Star Pagoda; & I have granted Receipts for the Money paid me since by his Amuldar in Chuckrums at that rate of ex= =change - When the fanams, known by the name of Irwins, were decried, the exchange rose to 19 p% & until the Nabobs Orders came; this was understood to be the Exchange & Pay had been issued agreable thereto; the difference be= =tween 19 p% & 16 5/8 occasions the present Discon= =tents, I have therefore to entreat your Honor &ca will take the Subject into your Conside= =ration & favor me with such Directions as may appear to you best calculated, for the purpose of regulating the Exchange, & preventing such disentions in future -

I have further to inform your Honor &ca that in obedience to your Orders, the Money is ready in Colley fanams to supply Mr Falk Pay. Mr of Trichinopoly, but he refuses receiving it in this Coin, saying it is not current in that Garrison -

I have the honor to be &ca

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9th July 1786.

/Signed/ Sam. Johnston
Dmr of Madura.

Agred

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Minute thereon

Agreed that a Letter be addressed to Brigadier General Horne desiring him to publish in General Orders South of the Coleroon that in future the Exchange of the Colley Fanam is to be at 16 5/8 p Star Pagoda, which is considered as an equitable Medium Exchange between the above Fanam and the Star Pagoda.

Do

The Board desire the President will request the Nabob to direct his Amildars to the Southwards to make a publication similar to the orders which will be issued by General Horne.

President recommends that a Survey be made of the Ground at the new Cantonments at Walajahad for the Parade, Exercising Ground & Followers of the Army

The President proposes to the Board, that the Chief Engineer Colonel Ross be directed to ascertain the Space requisite for the Buildings of the Cantonments Parade and Exercising Grounds at Walajahbad, and for the accomodation of the Followers of the Army at there Cantonments, and to make a Survey of the Ground belonging to His Highness the Nabob, which may be necessary to take into the Circuit of the Cantonments for this purpose, that the Superintendant of the Company's Sagnire, may give an equal Quantity of Lands in lieu thereof to His Highness—

That the Chief Engineer be directed also, to ascertain certain limits at the distance of about Two Miles round the Cantonments

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Cantonments of Walajahbad, within which, Camp Discipline will hence forth be observed, & within which, no Arrack Shops belonging to the Renters or others shall be permitted to be estab-lished — But altho' Camp Discipline is to be strictly observed within those Limits, and that the Military are to be punished in transgressing them, yet it must nevertheless be understood, that the Commanding Officer of the Cantonments is not to interfere with the Cultivation of the Grounds within the boundaries here prescribed, on any pretence whatever.

/Signed/ A. Campbell

The Board approve the Proposal of the President, & it is accordingly Agreed that the necessary Directions be given to Mr. Dighton and to the Chief Engineer —

Approved.

Read the following Letter from Mr William Jackson —

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

From Mr W. Jackson requests permission to proceed to Europe for the re-establishment of his Health to be recommended to the Court of Directors, & to have the balance of the Sums due to him by the Company discharged —

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Having for these two years past labored under a very indifferent State of Health, owing to repeated attacks of the Bile,

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I am under the necessity of requesting your
permission to return to Europe by the way of
China, for the benefit of my Health - The
Faculty with whom I have consulted strongly
recommend it, as your Honor &ca will find by
the annexed Certificates; & I am further to
request your Honor &ca would recommend me
to the Court of Directors in such a manner, as
will secure my Return to India with my
Rank, when my Health shall be reestablished.

I beg leave to enclose an Abs=
=tract of the sums, which are at present due
to me from the Honble Company, & to express
my Hope that your Honble Board, will order
the Balance to be discharged -

I have the honor to be &c &ca

/Signed/ W. Jackson

Fort St George
7th July 1786

William Jackson Esq. during
the time he presided at Trichinopoly, as Commiss.
of Accounts to the Southward of the Coleroon,
was frequently under the necessity of putting
himself under my Care, for severe bilious Attacks,
to which he was subject, and which I believe
were aggravated & often brought on by intense
application to business, & setting over the
Desks - By the timely use of Medicines however
& a strict attention to his Diet, he reaped
much benefit, & was always relieved from the
violence

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violence of the Complaint - but in consequence of frequent relapses, his whole System is at length so much debilitated & relaxed, as in my opinion to render a Voyage to Sea & a Cold Climate absolutely necessary for the Re-esta-blishment of his Health & Strength -

Fort St George
3d July 1786

/Signed/ D.d Simpson
Surgeon

These are to certify from a knowledge of Mr Jackson's constitution for several Years past, that it is my opinion a Voyage to Europe & his Native Air are absolutely necessary to reestablish Strength -

Fort St George
5th July 1786.

/Signed/ Jas. Anderson
Physician General

I subscribe to Mr Simpson's opinion fully, from having attended Mr Jackson when with the Army, & having at that period been convinced of the necessity for his going into a cold Climate, to establish his Health -

/Signed/ Tho.s Davis.

We three Surgeons declare on Oath for the aforementioned Reasons a Voyage to Europe is absolutely necessary to reestablish

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reestablish Mr Jackson's Health.

Ja.s Anderson
Physician General

{Signed} Thos Davis
Head Surgeon

D.o Simpson
Surgeon

Fort St George,

Sworn before me on the 12th of July 1786

Ja.s Casamajor
Justice of the Peace

The Honble Company ——— Dr.

To the Balance due for my Commission &c.a on the Grand Army Grain Collections	Pag.s 1586.—
D.o —— D.o on the Grain Collections of the Southern Army —— ——	4735.18.38
Diet Money from the 1st Janry 1784 to July 1786 —— —— —— ——	265.8.55
Pag.s	9586.27.13

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/Signed/ W. Jackson
Supt of Army
Grain Accounts

Mr Jackson to be permitted to procud to Europe via China

Mr Jackson having delivered in a proper Certificate upon Oath from three Surgeons, of the necessity of his proceeding to Europe for the recovery of his Health

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Health, it is Agreed that he be permitted to proceed on one of the China Ships, agreeably to his Request.

To be strongly recommended to the Court of Directors.

In justice to the Merit and Services of Mr Jackson, the Board record their perfect approbation of his Conduct, and will recommend him in the strongest manner to the Court of Directors, that he may be enabled to return to his Station so soon as his Health shall be reestablished.

The Balance due him to be discharged by a Bill on Ganjam.

With the view also of accommodating a Servant who has deserved so well from his Employer, it is Agreed that the Balance due to Mr Jackson being Pagodas 9586. 27. 13 be liquidated in as favorable a mode as the present State of the Finances will admit. Resolved accordingly that a Bill be granted on Ganjam for the Amount.

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor & President &c. Council

of Fort St George

From the Military Board with Statement of the differences in the Sums total between the Originals & Copies of the Contingent Accounts of the 23d Regt. L. Dr. the 73d Regt. L. Dr. & 36th Regiment of Foot

Honble Sir & Sirs,

In Obedience to your Orders of the 7th Ult. we have examined the Copies of the Contingent

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Contingent Accounts of His Majestys 2Bd Regt of Lt Drags & 36th Regt of Foot, which appearing to us enormous we applied to Mr Secretary Charnier for the Originals & upon comparing the Copies with them, we find them essentially different.

As it may be necessary for your Honble Board to ascertain, without delay, whence this difference arises, we therefore immediately report to you the progress we have made in the examination, & comparison of those Accounts: which together with our Statement of the differ=rence, we have now the honor to enclose.

At our next Meeting, we hope to conclude this Subject, and transmit to your Honble Board, our final Report thereon, together with our Sentiments on such Contingent Charges as we humbly apprehend, should be allowed to His Majestys Regiments serving in India.

We have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St George
8th July 1786

John Dalling
Capper
Patrick Ross
{Signed} Mo Rigault
James Sidnglown
Henry Malcolm

Statement

No. 1202

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Statement of the Difference in the Sums Total between the Originals & Copies of the Contingent Accounts of His Majesty's 23d Regt of Light Dragoons, & 36th Regt of Foot.

23d Regt Light Dragoons

Dates	Sums Total in ye Originals			Sums Total in ye Copies			Difference in ye Sums Total		
From 25th Decr 1782 to 24th June 1783	£ 20	17	5	£ 6	2	5	£ 55	5	"
" 25 June to 24th Decr 1783	18	5	5	38	5	5	20	"	"
" 25 Decr 1783 to 24th June 1784	18	5	5	38	5	5	20	"	"
" 25 June to 24th Decr 1784	18	5	5	31	7	9	13	2	4
" 25 Decr 1784 to 24th June 1785	18	5	5	32	6	5	14	"	1
" 25 June to 24th Decr 1785	26	9	5	66	9	5	40	"	4
" 25 Decr 1785 to 24th June 1786	24	11	10	54	12	2	30	"	4
							Total of £ 192	2	3

36th Regiment of Foot

From 1st March to 24th Decr 1783	£ 32	16	6	£ 52	16	6	£ 20	"	10
" 25th Decr 1783 to 24th June 1784	30	10	"	76	15	"	16	5	"
" 25 June to 24th Decr 1784	22	16	"	42	16	"	20	"	"
" 25 Decr 1784 to 24th June 1785	20	6	"	54	6	"	34	"	"
" 25 June to 25th Decr 1785	23	4	"	33	4	"	10	"	"
							Total of £ 130	5	"

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The Claims of the Officers serving with Col. Brown's Detachment, and detained at Tellicherry to Double Batta to be liquidated by Certificates for Bengal Bonds.

The Board do now take into Consideration the Claims of the Officers who served on the Malabar Coast in the year for Arrears of Batta, which were referred to Bombay in order to be ascertained, and as from the Letter from Tellicherry under date the 20th May last, there appears to be little chance of obtaining any further Information, it is Agreed that Certificates for Bengal Bonds be granted to each Claimant for the Sums mentioned in the following List.

Abstract of Double Batta due to the Officers of Colonel Brown's Detachment, who were detained at Tellicherry.

Abstract of double Batta due to the abovementioned Officers.

Names	Rank	Length of Time	Amount P	A	C
David Muirhead	Captain	18 Months	876	35	20
Donald Mc Leod	Do	4 Do	195	32	
Thomas Smith	Lieutenant	18 Do	584	16	72
Francis Torrens	Do	5 Do	162	5	48
Alex. Mc Pherson	Do	4 Do	130	5	48
John Richardson	Do Qr Mr	3 Do	145	25	16
Barry Close	Do	18 Do	584	16	72
George Saxon	Do	18 Do	584	16	72
Joseph Johnson	Do	6 Do	190	8	32
Thomas Coke	Ensign	11 Do	268	33	72
Donald. Mc Donald	Do	18 Do	439	8	33
William Brooke	Do	18 Do	439	8	33
Thomas Hart	Do	18 Do	439	8	33
Peter Dejoe	Do	18 Do	439	8	33
			5479	20	24

Read

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Read a Memorial from Major

Memorial from Major Short.

Short (entered in the Miscellany Book N° 34)
desiring that he may again be put on the
Effective List.

Agreed that Major Short

Minute thereon.

be informed that the Board are obliged to
decline complying with his Request -

" Arch.d Campbell

" W.m C. Jackson
Dep.t Mer.t J

" John Dalling

" Alex.r Davidson

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Dispatched the following Letter.

To Lieutenant Colonel Ross

Chief Engineer

Sir,

To the Chief Engineer with Instructions respecting the Cantonments Parade, exercising & manoeuvering Ground at Walajahbad.

I am directed by the Honorable President and Council to desire you will without loss of time ascertain the Space requisite for the Buildings of the Cantonments Parade, Exercising & manoeuvring Ground at Waulanjahbad, & make a Survey of the Ground belonging to His Highness the Nabob, which may be necessary to take into the Circuit of the Cantonments for those purposes, that an equal quantity of Land from the Sagbire may be given in lieu thereof to His Highness.

You will be pleased also to ascertain certain Limits at the distance of about 2 Miles around the Cantonment of Waulanjahbad within which Camp Discipline will hence forth be observed and within which no Arrack Shops belonging to the Renters or others will be permitted to be established, but although Camp Discipline is strictly to be observed within those Limits, and the Military to be punished if transgressing them, yet it must never be understood that the Commanding Officer of the Cantonments is not to interfere with the Cultivation of the Grounds within the boundaries here prescribed on any pretence whatever.

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11th The Board have directed Mr Deighton the Resident in the Saghire to cooperate with you in this Service, and will make application to the Nabob that a Person on his part may also attend the execution of this Service —

I am Sir &ca &ca

Fort St George
10th July 1786

/Signed/ John Chamier Secy

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

Gentlemen,

To Bengal, stating the Inconveniencies resulting from an insufficiency of Power in the Commander in Chief on the Coast, to confirm Sentences of Courts Martial held under his authority.

The Commander in Chief on this Coast having represented to us the Inconveniencies, which arise to the Publick Service from the present mode of transmitting to the Commander in Chief in India for approval the Sentences of Courts Martial held here, We have taken the Subject into serious Consideration, & beg leave to lay before General Stoper, through the Channel of your Board, the opinion We have formed, in the hope that he will see the expediency of an alteration in the present System.

In forming a Decision re-
specting the necessity and the legality of
empowering

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11th empowering the Commander in Chief on the Coast to confirm the Sentences of General Courts Martial, two principal points are to be considered - First the necessity of empowering the Commander in Chief on the Coast to enforce the adjudications of Courts Martial, & Second the Authority, which invested in the Commander in Chief of the Kings Troops in India to delegate the power of approval to the Commander in Chief on the Coast - Of the First - The Presidency of Fort St George being in many respects but, with regard to its Armies especially, on the footing of a Sovereign State possessing power within itself, it must appear a glaring imperfection, as it has already been found an insurmountable deficiency, if with the power of levying Troops & granting Commissions, the power of enforcing Obedience is not also lodged somewhere within the Presidency - If the power of punishing be not in the hands of the immediate Rulers, the degree of respect and obedience necessary to ensure the prosperity of the State will not be yielded -

As the Companys Armies in the Carnatic are of many Nations, Colours and Religions, not possessing the Motives to yield voluntary Obedience, which arise from common manners & the natural attachment Men possess for the State in whose Allegiance they are born, a vigorous Administration of Military discipline supported by

11th by an Authority to enforce the Judgements of a Courts Martial seem necessary to secure uni= =form Obedience & is the more requisite, as the Troops have on too many occasions broken forth into open Sedition. If the Sentences of Courts Martial are to be sent from Madras to Bengal for Approval, the space of time that will be consumed in the transmission to and fro, will by prolonging the Confinement of Prisoners be of itself a heavy punishment, & when a Prisoner is punished after a tedious Confinement, the benefit of the example is lost: his Sufferings are new, his Offence is old: to this may be added the many opportunities, Prisoners will have of effecting escapes or creating Disturbances. The want of authority in the Commander in Chief on the Coast to confirm the Sentences of Court to Martial together with the frequent Instances of indiscriminate Pardon granted to great Offenders, has endeared an opinion in the Euro= =pean Soldiery, that there is not any where in India an authority to punish with death in any instance, by Sentence of a Court Mar= =tial, & this, it is presumed has occasioned the late extraordinary instances of desertions from the Corps of Artillery=

Of the Second= The Commander in Chief of the Kings Troops serving in India, is possessed during their presence with the entire power of admi= =nistering Martial law among the Troops of the Company=

The present Commander in Chief

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The present Commander in
Chief

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11. Chief of the Kings Troops in India, who holds that Authority under a Warrant from His Majesty has declared his opinion that he is not authorized to delegate the power of Approval in any instance.

With due respect to General Mapier's opinion it is to be observed, that the Kings warrant of which he is possessed, relates not in any particular, either to the Company's Troops or to the law by which they are subjected to Military Discipline, and cannot by any inference or implication, be construed to contain a power of ordering Courts Martial for the Treal of Offences committed amongst them.

It is also highly questionable how far this Warrant ought to operate with regard to the Kings Troops, seeing that they are by Royal Authority, subjected while in India to the same Law, which governs those of the Company. The present Commander in Chief has by resorting to the use of the Kings Warrant failed to adopt the only Authority by which the sole power of ordering Courts Martial among the Company's Troops can be vested in him. That extraordinary power in the hands of the Commander in Chief of the Kings Troops can it is conceived be authorized solely by the provisions of the India Mutiny Act of 1754 & by the Kings Warrant instead of relating the authority

conveyed.

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It conveyed by that Law relates the Authority of another Law enacted for purposes totally different no doubt can remain that such Warrant is inapplicable.

It is to be observed that by Authority of the abovenamed Mutiny Act (Sections 2 and 3.d) the King may by Commission empower the Court of Directors to delegate a power to their Presidents and Councils to appoint Courts Martial & to authorize the Commander in Chief of any Detachment to assemble Courts Martial &ca but that in the presence of the Kings Troops in India the power of ordering and appointing Courts Martial as aforesaid shall be in the Commander in Chief of such His Majestys forces for the time being &ca

It is not in this place said that the King may grant a Commission or Warrant to the Commander in Chief of His Troops serving in India as aforesaid wherefore it must be admitted as a fair & reasonable construction of the Act, that the original & entire power of authorizing & appointing Courts Martial among the Companys Troops, vests in the person of such Commander in Chief of the Kings Troops by force of the Act itself: to admit the contrary would be in the present State of things to annihilate all power & whatever of ordering Courts Martial in India seeing that the King has not under authority of this Act granted a Commission or warrant of any kind to his Commanders in Chiefs. In the annual Mutiny Act, the

power

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11. power of confirming the Sentences of Courts
Martial is spoke to; in the India Mutiny Act
it is not said in what manner that power is
to be exercised, no reservation is made however
on the part of the King - wherefore we are to
conclude that it is intended to be vested in
that power in India, which possesses the
Authority of appointing Courts Martial -

If the Commander in Chief of
the Kings Troops in India possessing the power
of authorizing Courts Martial to be held among
the Company's Troops can be induced to assume
that power on the simple Authority of the
India Mutiny Act, the power will then be in
him, not a delegated Power, but an origi=
=nal power, and it will rest in his dis=
=cretion to delegate it to those serving
under him in such manner and for such
purposes as he may think fit -

We trust that the foregoing
Observations will appear to your Board de=
=serving of attention, and that you will
second our Representation to the Commander
in Chief in India on a Subject of so much
Importance -

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11th July 1786

We have the honor to be &ca

/ Signed / Arch.d Campbell
&ca Council

To

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12.th

To Mr William Jackson

Sir.

I am directed by the Honble President & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 7.th Instant, and to inform you that you have permission to proceed to Europe agreably to your Request —

To Mr Wm Jackson with permission to proceed to Europe — to be recommended to the Court of Directors — Bills on Ganjam granted him for the Balance Due to him from the Company —

They further direct me to communicate to you their perfect approbation of your Conduct, with the assurance that they will in their next advices to the Court of Directors make that favorable recommendation of you, which your Services to the Company so justly merit —

With respect to the Balance due to you from the Company I am to inform that it will be discharged by Bills on Ganjam

I am Sir &c.a &c.a

Fort St George
12.th July 1786

/ Signed / John Chamier Secry

Received the following

Letter from Mr Torin —

To John Chamier Esq.r

Secretary to the Military & Political Department

From the Acting Paymaster at Palamcotah, the orders of Government of the 1st

Sir

I am just honored with your

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To Mr Dighton

To Mr Richard Dighton,
Resident in the Jaghires, ordered to coopunate
with Lieutenant Colonel Ross in the Survey
of the Parade Ground &c at Walajahbad —

To the Hospital Board

To the Hospital Board &
with Copy of their last Proceedings, & Govern=
=ments Observations thereon —

To Mr W. Jackson

To Mr William Jackson,
Commissioner of Accounts, directing him
to inform Mr Harry Taylor, that the
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To Major Short

To Major John Short,
the Board object to recording their Resolution
by which he is placed on the Invalid List —

To the Milty Board

To the Military Board,
to report their opinion on Captain Brown's
Letter, respecting the Arrears due to the 1st
Battalion of Sepoys —

To Col. Capper.

To Colonel James Capper,
Commissary General: Lieut Harry is entitled to
Brigade Majors Pay & full Batta by G. O.
of 11th March 1786.

To Stores Committee of Stores

To the Committee of Stores;
Mr Petrie appointed to the Office of Military
Storekeeper

12th Storekeeper from the 6th of July -

To Lieut Darell Carey, Commanding

To Lieut Carey. at Arnee; his Estimates for the repair of Granaries considered too extravagant -

To Mr Tho.s Kingscote, Agent

To Mr Kingscote for Sepoy Cloathing; to appropreate such part of the Cloathing of the 17th Batt.n for 1782 as is proper for the use of the Troops - the re= =mainder to be sold -

To Mr. Josias Du Pré Porcher,

To Mr Porcher Deputy Paymaster General to His Majesty's Forces; to pay Mr George Stuart, Surgeon's Mate of the 78th Regiment the usual passage Money to Europe -

To John Turing Esquire;

To Mr Turing Military Paymaster General; to give a Certificate for a Bengal Bond to Captain Muat on account of Cloathing for the 17th Battalion -

Received the undermentioned Letter (entered in the Miscellany Book N.o 51.)

From Captain Lieutenant

From Captain Lieut Baillie Baillie, requesting that the Arrears of Pay due him at Manelipatam and Arcot, may be discharged at the Presidency, in consequence of being on the Eve of his De= =parture for Europe -

At

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To Mr Dighton

To Mr Richard Dighton,
Resident in the Jaghires, ordered to cooperate
with Lieutenant Colonel Ross in the Survey
of the Parade Ground &ca at Walajahbad—

To the Hospital Board

To the Hospital Board &
with Copy of their last Proceedings, & Govern=
=ments Observations thereon—

To Mr W. Jackson

To Mr William Jackson,
Commissioner of Accounts, directing him
to inform Mr Harry Taylor, that the
Board decline making any Mitigation
of their Resolution, respecting his Accounts—

To Major Short

To Major John Short;
the Board object to rescinding their Resolution
by which he is placed on the Invalid List—

To the Milty Board

To the Military Board,
to report their opinion on Captain Brown's
Letter, respecting the Arrears due to the 4th
Battalion of Sepoys—

To Colo Capper.

To Colonel James Capper,
Commissary General: Lieut Wemyss entitled to
Brigade Majors Pay & full Batta by G. O.
of 11th March 1786.

Forge Commrs of Stores

To the Committee of Stores:
Mr Petrie appointed to the Office of Military
Storekeeper

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12 Storekeeper from the 6th of July -

To Lieut Darell Carey, Commanding

To Lieut Carey. at Arnee; his Estimates for the repair of Granaries considered too extravagant -

To Mr Tho.s Kingscote, Agent

To Mr Kingscote for Sepoy Cloathing; to appropriate such part of the Cloathing of the 17th Batt.n for 1782 as is proper for the use of the Troops - the re= =mainder to be sold -

To Mr. Josias Du Pré Porcher,

To Mr Porcher Deputy Paymaster General to His Majesty's Forces; to pay Mr George Stuart, Surgeon's Mate of the 78.th Regiment the usual passage Money to Europe -

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President & Governor

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May your Days be long

Chepauk
12th. July 1786 and happy.— What can I say more?

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Highness the 28th June 1785. I do not find any mention made of allowing the Balance due to your Highness under the Agreement with Lord Macartney, to pass as part of the Visits of this Year, & all the late Government, eight Months after that Agreement acquiesced in your Highness's desire that it should be so settled, I am apprehensive that it may become the Subject of Censure in England, where it is certainly expected that the full Sum of 16 Lacks of Pagodas should be brought into the Company's Treasury, without any deduction whatever

From Motives of Friendship I would therefore recommend it to your Highness to complete the Payment of the full Sum of 16 Lacs, & I shall then think it my Duty to represent to the Honble Court of Directors, the justice of your Highness's Claim to the balance of the One Sixth part of the Revenues due to you by Virtue of the Agreement with Lord Macartney, and I will ask their Permission to suffer me to pass that Balance to the Credit of your Highness in the subsequent Rents.

The India Company are your sincere Friends, they wish to make your Highness happy, & I think you may trust this matter to their decision, with a perfect conviction that every degree of Justice will certainly be done to your Highness.

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That your Highness may long
enjoy health and happiness, and every blessing
that this World can yield; is the sincere prayer

of

Your faithfull Friend

/ Signed / Archd Campbell

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His Highness the Nabob Wallajah Bahauder of
Arcot & the Carnatic &c &c &c &ca

To Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.
President & Governor
of Fort St George

My Friend,

I have received your Letter of
the 13th Instant in reply to mine of the 12, and
understand its Contents —

The Balance that is due to
me for my Sixth part of the Money collected
under the Assignment, is so evidently my right
and it was so clearly understood, that I should
either receive it in ready Cash, or be credited for
the Amount in my Accts, that it did not
appear necessary to make any provision for
it in the Agreement of the 28th June 1785 — I
had required Payment of this balance several

days

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Company are my sincere Friends, and that they will certainly do me Justice.—

May your Days be long, and

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happy—

What can I say more?—

To His Highness the Nabob Wallajah &c &c

May it please your Highness,

I have the honor to acquaint your Highness, that I have laid your Letters of the 12th and 13th. of this Month before Council, together with my Reply to the former on the Subject of your Highness's Wants; and I have great pleasure in the Name of the Board to assure your Highness that the steady and cheerful Reliance you have placed on the Justice of the Honble Company, and on the Friendship and Support of this Go-vernment, by compleating the full payment of 16 Lacks of Pagodas, without deducting the Lacks and sixteen Thousand due to your Highness by Lord Macartney's Government on account of the sixth part of the Revenue collected under the Assignment, reflects the highest honour on your conduct, and cannot fail to dispose the Honble Court of Directors to manifest their attention to the just Claims and Wishes of

your Highness.—

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I have also the honor to acquaint you, that the Board are unanimously of opinion the Right of your Highness to the sixth part of the Revenue stipulated to be paid, under the Agreement of Lord Macartney, is both just and reasonable, and that they shall signify the same to the Honble Court of Directors in the first Dispatch.

I feel sincere Satisfaction in acquainting your Highness, that the Punctuality with which you have completed the payment of your different Kists harmet with the warmest Applause from Government & that they consider it their indispensable Duty to represent the same to the Honble Court of Directors, in terms that cannot fail to secure to your Highness the fullest Approbation of the Honble Company -

That your Highness may live many Years in the full Enjoyment of Health: That your Family may be ever prosperous, and your People happy, is the sincere Wish of

Your Highness's faithful Friend
and most obedient
humble Servant
Signed / Arch: Campbell

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The Board approve the assurances which the President has given the Nabob relative to his Claim for the Balance of the Sixth part which was due to His Highness when the Assignment was surrendered to him, & it is accordingly Agreed that the Nabob's Claim be recommended in the strongest manner to the Court of Directors —

The Board approve the steps taken by the President —

Read the following Letter from Colonel Mutter, (with Enclosures entered in the Mins. Nos 52. 53. 54.)

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell KB
President &ca Members of Council
at
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

I have been honored with your Secretary's Letter dated 6th Instant — After having in the clearest manner established my Claims both in India and in England, after having received Assurances from the Honble the Court of Directors & his Excellency the Prussian Ambassador in London, that I should have full reparation for the Injury & vexations, which I have experienced, during eight Years

From Colo Mutter earnestly requesting that the Board will alleviate his distresses by taking upon themselves the payment of the Sum due to him from the Rajah of Tanjore, and enclosing Papers in support of his Requisition —

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Years past, I confess to your Honble Board that my Astonishment cannot be expressed, when I heard that the Rajah of Tanjore considers my Claims inadmissible, & that you have been pleased to receive this Answer from him. Thus circumstanced I am compelled to intrude my Case once more, & to recapitulate briefly the history of Claims, which must, if weighed in the Scale of Justice, merit, and obtain your fullest Support.

The Grain, which was forcibly taken from my Servants in the year 1776 was purchased at Markets by me, from the Farmers in the Tanjore Country; it was not an Assignment from the Nabob for Arrears of Pay, or a Donation in reward of Services. I can prove that I borrowed part of the Money for this purchase, and I have proved both here and in England, that my Property thus fairly obtained was violently and illegally seized by the Company's Sepoys acting under the Orders of Lord Pigot. I have proved that the Rajah was partly enabled to make good his payments to the Company by my Grain thus delivered to him by the Company's Sepoys, & unjustly seized from my people - after this Statement of Facts, surely Gentlemen you will not suffer

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a Claim thus established to be termed inadmissible by the Rajah —

If I could have entertained a Doubt of my receiving full Indemnification for the loss I have suffered I should not have left England untill that doubt was removed but after the appearances from my Royal Masters Ambassador in London that positive Orders were sent to India for the adjustment of my Claims, I should have thought it unbecoming in me to have expressed the slightest Suspicion that ample Justice would not be administered, more especially when his Excellency Count Lusi declared to me that my Claims being fully established, every thing would be settled to my Satisfaction — and that he should make his Report accordingly to his Prussian Majesty, who graciously granted me a Passport for the purpose of this Voyage.

Since the Rajah of Tanjore has declined admitting my Claims, I now respectfully call upon you Gentlemen, as the Representatives of the Company to declare Publicly; there publickly state that I am unable to satisfy my Creditors, & that I shall, thus vested with a publick Character, deliver myself up to them, & shall use my gracious Masters Protections from a Prison under your authority.

I shall not take up your time

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time further than to observe that Mr Petrie, who is on the Spot can give you the fullest information on the Subject, he can declare, that the Rajah of Tanjore has acknowledged the justice of my Claims in his Province, altho the Rajah has thought proper to say it was made subsequent application was made to him lately by Mr Hudleston - Mr Petrie will also support my assertion that my Property was seized by the Company's Troops, of course the Company must be ultimately responsible for what is done by Persons acting under the authority of their Representatives -

I trust your Honble Board will forgive the freedom of this Address, & will make allowance for the feelings of an injured Man: I have the fullest Confidence in your Justice & shall expect from your Government the liquidation of my Claims - In making this Arrangement the Company cannot suffer, for they will experience no difficulty in recovering from the Rajah, what he so unjustly withholds from an Individual -

I beg leave to enclose two Copies of Letters addressed to me by Attorneys in the Mayor's Court, & a Copy of the Letter addressed to the Prussian Ambassador by the Secretary to the Court of Directors -

I have the honor to be &c &c

/ Signed / Cox Muller Agent to Court & Commerce to the Prussian Majesty -

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Ordered to lie on the Table -

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The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Smith —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Having Business of importance to my Interest in Europe, which urgently calls for my particular attention on the Spot, I am impelled by this necessity to solicit the permission of your Honble Board to proceed thither in order to arrange them, & as when I have effected the purpose that calls me home, it is my intention to return to my Duty in the Honble Company's Service. I have to hope that a long & uninterrupted attention of 21 Years to the Duties of my Station, throughout the various Situations I have had the honor to be employed in, unattended by the least imputation either on my Character or Conduct, will place me in such point of view to your Honble Board as that you may be pleased to consider me entitled to such mark of your favor as to induce your Honors to make favorable mention of me to my Honble Employers at home — as the honorable Testimonial of this Government will be highly flattering to my Feelings — I have to hope that your Honors will be pleased to grant my request.

I am with the most respect
&c &c

/Signed/ George Smith

Agreed

From Lieut Colonel Smith requesting permission to resign the Service & to be recommended to the Court of Directors to return with his Rank to India when the Business which calls him to England shall be finished —

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Agreed to.

Agreed that Lieut Colonel Smiths Resignation be accepted, & that favorable mention of his Services be made to the Court of Directors.

In consequence of the above Resignation the Commander in Chief recommends the following Promotions.

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/Signd/ John Dalling

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To His Excellency Lieutenant General

Sir John Dalling Baronet,

Commander in Chief. &c &c &c

Sir.

From Genl. Horne to the Commander in Chief, recommending the appointment of a Barrack Master for the Cantonments, & Garrisons South of the Coleroon -

Although this Garrison has frequently had large bodys of Troops quartered in it, and various Sums of Money have been expended at different periods, on making Officers Allowances for Building or repairing Quarters, yet as no regular System was ever adopted, the Money expended was only on temporary Buildings or repairs of old Houses - It has of course always so happened that the Officers have been very badly quartered, & the Government have yearly been applied to for further Allowances, whenever any change of the Troops have happened; and as this Garrison is generally left with few Troops when the Army takes the Field, the quarters widely separated from each other throughout this extensive place & too remote for the immediate inspection of the Commanding Officer, have almost constantly been allowed to fall to Ruins, or seized on by the Inhabitants and converted to their own use, & are not easily recovered when again required, being generally supported by the Nabob, or his Deputy, in their encroachments - Neglect perhaps in some measure contributed to these inconveniencies, in which the Commanding Officer

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Officer probably had his Share; but as no regular System has ever been adopted respecting Officer's quarters or even the Soldier's Barracks or Hospital, much expence, and detainment have always been the consequence not only on this but several other Garrisons, particularly at Madura, where a large range of Quarters are now falling into Ruins, having long remained unoccupied, but which I intend Capt.n Byrne shall inspect on his way to Palamcotah.

I am induced to trouble your Excellency at this period, because I cannot poss=sibly provide Quarters in the Fort for the Establishment of Surgeons lately appointed, nor are their Houses to be hired fit for them to go into, it consequently will be necessary, that some quarters should be built for their reception & for other Officers not provided, who in lieu of quarters, receive five Pag. Per Mo. for House Rent.

I observe in G: O: that a Barrack Master has lately been appointed to the Canton=ment at Wallajabad; I beg leave to suggest a similar appointment for this Station, & its dependencies would be equally useful, viz the Officer appointed was invested with the charge of all Officer's quarters, Barracks &c.a provided he executed the duty with diligence & attention, such a measure would be of much advantage to the publick Service. Should your Excellency be of this opinion I request you'll lay this address before the Honble Board, whose Instructions I also re=quest respecting the quartering the Surgeons.

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

/Signed/ Matw Horne

Head Quarters
of the Southern forces
Trichinopoly
8th July 1786

Agreed.

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Captain Hugh Campbell appointed to the above Office.

Agreed, at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, that Captain Hugh Campbell be appointed Barrack Master to the Southward and that Captains Pay be allowed to that Office, and to the Barrack Master at Wallajahbad.

The President states to the Board that as great inconveniencies arise both to the Company's and to the French Service, from the frequent Desertions among the Troops, he has considered that it would perhaps be a politick Measure at this juncture, to propose to the Governor of Pondicherry the giving up mutually such Deserters from each Government as might seek protection. Upon these Grounds the President proposes that the following Letter should be written to the Governor of Pondicherry.

Sir,

The President lays before the Board the Draft of a Letter, which he recommends to be Sent to the Governor of Pondicherry, proposing the Establishment of a Cartel for Deserters between the two Governments.

Having considered the Inconveniencies, which the French and English at Pondicherry and Madras, have experienced by the occasional Desertion of Soldiers, which so far from being productive of any real advantage to either Nation, only tends to excite a Distrust, and to weaken that Harmony & good Understanding, which ought to subsist between a liberal People towards each other in times of Peace; & being desirous of furnishing your Excellency with a strong

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and convincing Proof how sincerely the Council of Madras are disposed to act on liberal Ideas, and to cultivate such an Understanding with your Government; I beg leave to propose the establishment of a Cartel for the restoration of Deserters to be observed by our respective Governments, on principles of the strictest Honor, good faith, & reciprocal advantage; subject however, to the future Control of our respective Courts & to the usual condition of a free pardon to such Deserters, as may be restored on both sides. And in order that such a Cartel may be established on the most liberal footing, I beg leave further to propose, that upon the desertion of Soldiers from our respective Governments, or upon the arrival of any Deserter or Deserters at either Settlement, Information thereof shall be immediately given by us to each other for the purpose of such Deserters being regularly announced and delivered up according to the Terms of the Cartel.

If in consequence of superior Orders, it may be found expedient, at any future period to put an end to this Agreement, it will be considered as a point of honor on both Governments to make the same known to each other on the earliest notice being received from our respective Courts for that purpose.

In the hope that these Propositions will meet with your Excellency's Concurrence, as a measure equally to be wished for by both Nations.

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

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/Signed/ Arch: Campbell

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The Board concur in opinion with the President, & approve the Draft, which he has laid before them.

The President's Recommendation approved.

The President lays before the Board a Letter from Mr Attorney General Sulivan on the Subject of Mr Cochrane's Contract, together with a letter from Mr Cochrane accompanied by a State of Facts — the latter entered in the M.B. N° 55.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I am to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Chamier's letter, of the 5th Instant, enclosing the Contract entered into by the late Government with the Honble Baret Cochrane on the 7th Febry last, and desiring my opinion as to the extent in which it is binding on the Company.

From Mr Attorney General Sulivan, thinks the Contract entered into with Mr Cochrane for supplying the Troops with Arrack, is not binding on the Company.

I have likewise received from the Honble President, the Commander in Chief's Minute of the 19th May, together with his own, & Mr Davidson's of the 8th June, and a Letter in consequence from Mr Cochrane to the Board with the State of Facts given in by that Gentleman.

In this Contract Mr Cochrane covenants

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covenants to supply the Troops with good Bengal or Bencoolen Arrack, at the several Garrisons on the Coast at the rate of 30 Cash p dram, and at the Garrisons inland at 60.

On behalf of the Company, the late Government grant that Mr Cochrane shall have the sole privilidge of selling spirituous Liquors to the Troops, with liberty to open as many retail Shops for the supply of the Inhabitants as he may think proper. & that they will limit their power of licensing Tavens to the Towns on the Sea Coast only, by which it would appear except in three few instances, that he was to enjoy the exclusive power of selling Spirituous liquors to the Natives as well as to the Troops; and with regard to the Natives not be restricted in point of price.—

The Company reaping no advantage whatever from the performance of this Contract on the part of Mr Cochrane, it can be considered only as a Grant binding, as is observed by the Commander in Chief, to the enriching the Individual at the expence of the Soldier; and it may be added of the Inhabitants in general.—

In this point of view I do not conceive it binding on the Company, for all Grants from the Crown, & this is of the same nature, have a condition either expressed or implied "that it be not oppressive to the Country" & therefore every Grant made in grievance of the Subject, is void.—

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But exclusive of this, the Terms are unreasonable: from Mr Cochrane's State of Facts it appears, that his former Contract, which he had for one year only was for 35 and 38 Cash per dram, whereas by this he is to be allowed 50 and 60 and to enjoy it for 7 Years: and that in time of Peace he could supply the Troops at a more moderate Rate appears by his Letter of last Month.

As a Grant injurious to the Subject, no Action at law brought by Mr Cochrane against the Company will, in my opinion, lie; and Equity, which never awards Damages, will not, when the terms of an Agreement appear to be unreasonable, direct a specific performance. The utmost it will allow, is a Reimbursement of actual Expences, and this only upon delivering up the Articles, or Contract.

For the Spirituous Liquors Mr Cochrane has already sold, under the Agreement, he has had his Profit; & for those remaining on hand I humbly conceive that the Honble President's proposal, is not equitable only but Liberal. further than making some such allowance I do not think the Contract binding on the Company.

I have the Honor to be &c &c

/Signd/ Benj Sullivan

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &c. Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I have the honor to acknow-

From Mr Cochran proposing two Models by which he will consent to modify the Contract; and transmitting a State of facts shewing the Rise & Progress of the Troops being supplied with Arrack by Contract.

-ledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Chamiers letter of the 8th Instant, inclosing Copies of 3 Minutes delivered in by the Honble President, and the Commander in Chief, and desiring, "that I will signify my determination upon "the two propositions contained in the Presidents "Minute, at the same time informing me, that "should I acquiesce in the two above mentioned "Propositions, a new Office will be created in "which I shall be employed, under the authority "of Government."

I have carefully perused the Honble the Presidents & Commander in Chiefs Minutes, & however it may be in my power to prove that the Contract entered into with me is regular & binding on the Company, & that the pieced for which it was granted, was considered for their advantage. As I agreed to encourage the Manufactures of our own Co-=lonies, & save the Company the expence of Keeping up a Stock of Liquor in the different Garrisons; yet in case the Honble Board are determined at all Events not to fulfill the Contract, I judge it necessary in Justice to myself to put upon Record the accompanying

State

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State of Facts, which point out the origen of the Troops being supplied by Contract, and the Transactions respecting it since that period, & in order to prove to the Honble Board, and my Honble Masters, that my disposition is not to litigate, I do hereby declare that it is my Wish to modify the Contract, and propose the two following Modes -

1.st As the Commander in Chief in Council recommends that the Commandants of the different Stations & Garrisons may be permitted to sell Arrack at 45 Cash p dram I do agree to supply the Kings & Company's Troops at the different Garrisons, Cantonments &ca at 45 Cash p dram during Peace, but in case of Hostilities being commenced with any Power by Sea or by Land, so as to occasion an increase of the present Rate of Arrack, or of any additional Expence or Risk in forwarding Arrack to the different Garrisons inland, in that case the rate p Dram to be increased in proportion as may be judged adequate by Arbitrators mutually nominated & appointed to settle the same, between the Honble Company & me; provided nevertheless that I am not confined to the supplying the Men with Bengal and Bencoolen Arrack only, also that the number of Leagers of Arracks to be kept up by me shall not exceed Three Hundred -

2.d Or if the Honble Board & will

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will not agree to the above Proposal, I do agree without any advance of Cash from the Company, to supply the Troops with Arrack at 45 Cash p Dram, or at such other rate or rates as the Honble Board shall fix upon, untill the 12th Febry 1788 & will then produce my Books upon Oath, before Arbitrators mutually nominated, who shall be empowered to decide whether my present Contract is unreasonable, or not, or what is the equitable Rate at which the Troops ought to have been supplied, & ought to be supplied for the remaining five years of my Contract, and in case they shall decide that the price nominated by the Honble Board has not been the equitable one, the Honble Company shall bind themselves to make up to me the difference during the period I shall have supplied them upon Trial.

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I have the honor to be &c &c.

(Signed) Basil Cochrane

President's opinion on the foregoing Subject

The President informs the Board that he has taken the subject of Mr. Cochrane's Contract into serious consideration, & now gives it as his opinion that it ought to be annulled, not only for the Reasons given by the Commander in Chief in his Minute of the 19th May, but also that of the President's entered in Consultation 8th of June, more especially as the Governor General and Council have

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have offered to supply this Coast with Arrack, manufactured in Bengal, in such Quantities as may be necessary for the Army -

The Board have already concurred with the President, in the opinion which he, and the Commander in Chief gave in Consult: 8th. June, and it is therefore Agreed that the following Letter be addressed to Mr. Cochrane -

The Board in opinion with the President, and Commander in Chief -

To the Honorable Basil Cochrane

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble President & Council to inform you, that having taken into serious Consideration the Subject of the Contract entered into by the late Govern=ment with you, & having received the opinion of Mr. Attorney General Sullivan as to the Extent, to which the Contract is binding upon the Company, they have determined to cancel it, & to supply the Troops with Arrack by the means of an Agent acting under the orders of this Government -

To Mr. Cochrane informing him that the Board have thought proper to annul his Contract, and offering to him the appoint=ment of Agent under this Govern=ment for supply=ing the Troops with Bengal Spirits -

Exclusive of the reasons already assigned by the Board, for annulling your Contract, & for carrying on the Business of supplying the Troops with Arrack by the means of an Agent, in behalf of the Company;

Officers

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Offers from the Governor General and Council to supply this Coast with Arrack manufactured in Bengal in such Quantities as may be requisite, have also contributed to this Determination - Such being the case, they offer to you the appointment of Agent under such Limitations as may hereafter be fixed, when the business of the Agents Department shall be finally arranged - And I am commanded by the Board to acquaint you that to the appointment abovementioned they propose to annex a Commission of 5 p Cent upon all Spirits delivered to the Agent - I enclose for your Information Copy of Mr Sullivans letter abovementioned, and am,

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Sir &c &c &c

(Signed) John Chamier
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The following Proposals for supplying the Native Cavalry with Horses are now opened, and read.

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

From Mr Remnant with Proposals for furnishing Horses for the Native Cavalry

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Notice having been given in the Madras Gazette that your Honor &ca would be ready on the 15th Inst: to receive Proposals

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Proposals for the supplying a certain number of
Horses for the Service of the Native Cavalry. I
beg leave to submit the following to your
Consideration; and I have Confidence in the
Justice of your Honble Board, that in case my
Proposals for this Service, are upon the whole,
more advantageous to the Interests of the
Company, than any other Tenders that may
be made to you, I may depend upon that
Preference, which I trust and hope I shall
be found to merit -

1st I am ready to engage with
your Honble Board, to provide & deliver 1500
Horses, for European Officers, & Native Troopers
of the Descriptions hereinafter mentioned, on
the following Proportions, and at the un-
-dermentioned Prices. Viz.t

150 Officers Horses at 160 Star Pagodas each
1350 Troopers Horses at 115 Star Pagodas each
Payable in Company's Bonds at six
Months Date, bearing Interest at the rate
of 8 p Cent p Annum, until discharged -
Should the Number wanted exceed
1500. I will engage for them in the same pro-
-portion, at the same rates, & upon the same terms

2d The Horses to be delivered
in Lots not less than 10 in number at any
one

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one time within 12 Months from the Date of the Contract, either at Masulipatam, or at Madras as may best suit the convenience of the Contractor, free of all Expence to the Government

3d

A Committee of Cavalry Officers to be appointed by Government, at each of the above mentioned places to inspect & receive such Horses, as the Contractor, or his Agent, shall give Notice he is ready to deliver

4th

All Horses to be inspected the day after Notice shall have been given to the Committee by the Contractor or his Agent of their Arrival, and in case the Committee shall not inspect such Horses within the abovementioned time, they shall be considered as approved, and remain from that period at the sole Expence and risque of the Company and the Contractor to be allowed at and after the rate of 5 Pagodas p Month for each Horse for their Subsistance until finally delivered

5th

The Contractor will engage to deliver Horses not under 3 Years old, or above 7 years old - With respect to the Size of the Horse, it shall be left to the Judgement of the Committee to reject such Horses, as shall not in their Opinion be proper Horses for mounting European Officers and Native Troopers

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6th The Contractor to be furnished with such Passes as may be requisite to pass the Horses Duty free, within the Company's Districts and the Nabobs.

7th Upon signing the Contract, the Contractor to have an Imprest in Company's Bonds payable as before mentioned, at & after the Rate of 30 Star Pagodas p Horse, & upon his producing Vouchers from the Committee of the Receipt of 250 Horses in number, or 28,750 Pagodas in value, to have a further Imprest in Bonds, at and after the Rate of 30 Star Pagodas each Horse each, and upon producing Vouchers from the Committee of the Receipt of the further number of 300 Horses or 34,500 Pags in Value (making together 550 Horses in number or 63,250 Pagodas in value) then to have a third Issue in Company's Bonds, at and after the rate of 35 Pagodas p Horse, and upon producing Vouchers from the Committee of the Receipt of 450 Horses in number or 51,750 Pagodas in value (making in the whole 1000 in number of 1,15,000 in value) to have a fourth Issue of Company's Bonds at the rate of 20 Pagodas each Horse; and upon producing Vouchers from the Committee of his having compleated his Contract by the delivery of the number & value of the Horses contracted for, then to have Bonds issued to him for the Balance, which may remain due to him, and he is ready

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to give such Security as the Honble Board may think proper to require in this Undertaking —

I beg leave to observe to your Honour &ca that having been engaged during the last War in very extensive Contracts with Government, & the Honble Company at home, for providing and furnishing every Military Appointment for the Troops both Cavalry, and Infantry on service in Europe, America, and this Country, I trust I shall be found equal to the execution of this Contract; and upon this point I beg permission to refer the Honble Board, to the opinion of your Commander in Chief, to whom my former Engagements with the Army, are not altogether unknown —

When your Honor &ca take into Consideration the essential advantage of having so powerful, and so complete a Body of Cavalry raised in a short time, without distressing your Finances, or advancing a Pagoda from your Treasury; the Difficulties I shall have to encounter from the scarcity of Cash; the heavy discount on Company's Paper; the present high and extravagant Price of Horses; the Labour and expence attending the procuring them; & the Losses I shall be liable to sustain by Death, & Accidents; When these Considera=tions are added to the Care, & attention necessary

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necessary to be paid to the purchasing such horses as will gain me credit, and answer the purpose & intention of Government, & above all, the small advantage (which is easily calculated) that I may eventually derive from this undertaking, I trust your Honble Board will be induced to accept there my Proposals; for the proper, & punctual execution of which, no endeavour, shall be wanting on my part.

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

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/Signed/ Sam.l Rennant

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Since the delivery of the

Mr Rennants' same Letter on the same Subject.

Proposals, which I had the honor of transmitting yesterday for supplying a number of Horses for the Native Cavalry, I have received some information, which will enable me to make an alteration in the Price at which I proposed to provide; and furnish them.

I therefore take the liberty of offering by this Letter to provide whatever number of Horses may be wanted for the Native Cavalry at 160 Star Pagodas for each

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each Officers Horse, & 110 Star Pagodas for each Troopers Horse —

The terms of Payment, the proportion of Number of Horses, and other particulars, after the same Rate, as in the Proposals of the 11th Inst. above referred to —

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

/Signed/ Sam.l Rennant —

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To the Honble the Governor and Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir, & Gentlemen,

From Colonel Lloyd on the same —

In consequence of your Advertizement I have the honor of stateing to you that I am in possession of all the circumstances relateing to the purchase of Horses in the Nizams Country —

The Amount of the 23d. Dragoons last year enables me to know, with some exactness what sort of Horses may be procured, & what will be the cost of such as are proper for the Native Cavalry — I have also two of the Europeans & some of the Natives, who were imployed on that occasion, & other judges of Horses, who are ready to be employed, if necessary —

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Being master of these Circumstances I submit it to you whether any other is likely to perform this Contract with equal advantage to the Publick —

I am ready to undertake this Contract on condition that I shall have one hundred Star Pagodas to lay out at Hydrabad for one Horse This I beg leave to propose as the Base — what remains is to calculate how much more it will require to fulfill the other conditions of your Advertizement —

I proceid then, to state my Proposals —

That 110 Star Pag.s be allowed for each Horse —

That the Horses be subsisted by Government from the date of their purchase, at their usual rate.

That Casualties be allowed by Government, unless the same shall appear to happen through neglect —

That any Horse not within the description of the advertizement be rejected, & no expence be incurred by Government on his account —

The Horses to be delivered over 200 at a time —

That payment be made 6 M.th after each delivery.

That an exemption from Tax on the Horses be procured by Government —

That the whole be supplied by me — Several Contractors would counteract each other —

That Government be pleased to name the number of Horses required, & fix on the place of delivery —

I have the honor to be &c.

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/Signed/ J. Floyd
Col.

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &ca Council

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Honble Sir & Sirs,

In consequence of your publick Notice on the 15th Ult.o I beg leave to make the following Tender for the Purchase of Horses —

From Mr. Vorcher on the same —

I will engage to deliver at Madras from 1500 to 2000 at the rate of 110 Pags for every private Troopers Horse, and will further engage that they shall answer the description required by your public Notice in every respect —

I shall willingly accept the mode of payment you have been pleased to offer, & have only to request that should these Proposals be accepted, you will use your Influence with the Nizam at whose Capital I propose making my Purchases and with His Highness the Nabob to relinquish the Duties usually levied on Horses passing through their Countries —

I have the honor to be,

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/ Signed / Jos.h Du Pré Vorcher

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Proposals by Captain William Younge of the Cavalry for furnishing the 3d. Regiment of Native Cavalry with Horses –

1st Captain Younge engages to furnish Horses warranted sound, free from Blemish, from 3 to 7 years of Age, and from 14 to 15 Hands and upwards, Officer's Horses included for an allowance of 120 Star Pags. each Horse –

From Captain Younge on the same –

2d Immediately on the purchase of the Horses, the usual Allowances for feeding & Horsekeepers & Grasscutters are to commence, & in case any Horse is found unfit for the Service, either from Age or being under size, then the Expences so attending are to be at the charge of the Purchaser, & not the Company –

3d From the great scarcity of Horses in the Country, It is hoped Government will furnish the Purchaser with their Sanction as also that of His Highness the Nabob, that all Horses brought into the Carnatic on account of the Honble Company may be exempt from Duties –

4th The Money advanced for the purchase of Horses to be secured to Captain Younge by the Honble Board, payable the 1st of January 1787 –

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27th May 1786.

/Signed/ Wm Younge
Capt. of Cav.y

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Proposals for purchasing Two Hundred and Forty Horses, or as many as may be wanting to compleat the 5th Regiment of Cavalry, and to keep it compleat on the same Terms.

That Government grant the Purchaser Bonds to the amount of 24,000 Pags or at the rate of 100 Pags p Horse to enable him to raise Money, he giving Security for the same.

From Captain Stevenson on the same

That the Horses shall be delivered in the course of this Year, agreable to the description in the Advertizement. Not. from three to seven Years old & fourteen hands high at 100 Pags p Horse - to be examined by the Commee appointed for that purpose three days after their arrival at Madras.

That when approved by the Committee & delivered over to the Company the Government are to grant Bills for their Amount, payable at six Months with Interest allowing a Premium of 4 p Cent p Annum if not paid at that time -

That when Government grant Bills for the amount, the Bonds and Securities shall be returned -

I shall readily engage, & will use my best Endeavors to compleat the Regiment under my Command, with the best Horses that can be procured on the above terms -

/Signed/ J. Stevenson Captain Com.g 5th Reg.t Cavalry

I lie on the Table

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Ordered to lie on the Table

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The Commander in Chief

Mr Porcher attends the Board at the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief, to give Testimony to the hand writing of Mr Box, a Clerk in Mr Burke's Office -

desires that Mr Porcher may be called before the Board in order to give Testimony to the handwriting of Mr Box, a Clerk in the Office of the Kings Paymaster, who copied some Bills for Contingencies now before the Mily Board for examination -

Mr Porcher being called in,

& being shewn the Bills abovementioned declares that they were copied by Mr Box -

Read the following Letter

(entered in the Miscellany Book No 56 - 57 - 58 - 59 -)

From Mr Attorney General

From Mr Sulivan

Sulivan dated 13th Instant giving it as his opinion that Mr Popham is not by Law entitled to Interest upon the Sum, for which sundry Lots of Ground were sold to the Company, and stating that if any compensation be made to him, it must be derived from the liberality of the Board.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Copy of the above Letter be sent to Mr Popham, and that he be advised of the Board's determina = tion to adhere to their Resolution res = = pecting his Claim, which was communi = = cated to him in the Secretary's Letter of

From

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From Mr Porcher Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops dated the 8th and 11th Instant desiring to know, whether the Board acquiesce in the demand made for the Balance of Recruiting Money due to the 52d Regiment, & whether he shall pay Pags 21. 11. 10 for Boundage and Gratuity to a Detachment of discharged Men from the 78th Regiment -

From Mr Porcher

Minute thereon

As the above Claims are regular, it is Agreed that they be discharged - In order to prevent the Inconveniences and delays, which arise from the reference by Letter from the Kings Paymaster Genl upon every trifling Disbursement, it is Resolved that the Commissary Generals Signature shall be sufficient authority for the Kings Paymasters common Payments, and that references to the Board shall only take place when Applications are made for extraordinary Disbursements -

Ordered that the above Resolution be notified to the Commissary General, and to Mr Porcher, the Deputy Paymaster

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Paymaster to the King's Troops —

From Captain Lieutenant

From Captain Lieut Godfrey

Godfrey dated 10th Instant stating that he went to Europe in the Year 1784 with the promise of a Recommendation from the Right Honorable President & Council for a participation of Lord Clives Bounty. — that this Recommendation was omitted to be sent, which involved him in the greatest Difficulties, and obliged him to contract Debts to enable him to return to this Country, having had the good for= — tune to recover his Health — requesting that the Board will be pleased to give him his Pay during the period of his Absence, in consideration of his distresses and the Zeal and Attachment he has shewn to the Company's Service —

As Captain Godfrey's

Minute thereon

Case is peculiar, and his Distresses were occasioned by an omission in Government's not recommending him, agreably to the Promise made to him in an official Letter; it is Agreed that he be permitted

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to draw the Pay and Gratuity of a Lieutenant during the period of her Absence from the Coast.

Commander in Chief states his Intention of visiting the Southern Garrisons

The Commander in Chief informs the Board that he purposes, with their approbation, to set out in a few days on an excursion to the Southward for the purpose of visiting the principal Ports and Garrisons in that Quarter.—

The Board approve the Commander in Chief's intended tour

The Board approve the proposed Tour of the Commander in Chief.

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Letter to him from Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse, & recommends that the Gentlemen mentioned therein, be appointed Conductors.—

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

From Lieut. Colonel Moorhouse to the Commander in Chief recommending six Conductors to be appointed.—

Sir,

The number of Conductors on this Establishment has never been fixt, but as several Promotions from that Station has lately been made, I beg leave to recommend the following Gentlemen, to be

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be appointed -

Mr Sanclair — 73d Regiment
Mr Thos Boles — 36th Do
Mr R. Gibson, Sub Conductor at Arcot
Mr Falconer
Mr Muirhead
Mr Weir -

I am with much Respect

Sir

Your very Obedient
& most humble Servant
/Signed/ Jos Moorhouse
Com'y Gen'l of Stores -

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Agreed to -
W. C. Jackson
Dep. Sec'y

Ordered accordingly -
" Arch Campbell
" Jno Dalrymple
" Alex Davidson
" Jas Abercrombie

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Received the following Report from the Hospital Board.

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor
& Co Council

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the honor to enclose our Proceedings of the 12th and 13th Instant for your Approval.

We are with all due respect

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most obedient
humble Servants,
Jas Anderson
Physician General
{Signed,} Colby Lucas
Chief Surgeon
Thos Davis
Head Surgeon

Hospital Board
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From the Hospital Board, respecting the allowances of Mr Raine as Surgeon on the Black Town - recommending that the Purveyor be directed to station Deputies at each of the General Hospitals to see that there be a sufficiency of Stores kept up; & that an Order be published prohibiting any Surgeon from purchasing drugs without the previous Consent of their Board - proposing that Mr Ramsay Surgeon of the Fort William be admitted an Assistant Surgeon on the Establishment. Resolution of Government on the foregoing.

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Hospital Board

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Read a Letter from

Mr Raine representing that

his Notes for the Allowance

annexed to his Employ as

Surgeon attending the Sick

Officers in the Black Town

are stopped at the Commissary

General's Office -

The Station of a

Surgeon for the care of sick

Officers there, was adopted in

Lord Macartney's Government,

and was settled by Mr Reding

till his departure for England

Although much

may be urged in favor of such

an Appointment, yet Govern-

-ment, upon Mr Reding's

going home, had an Idea

of abolishing it altogether,

untill Mr Raine made an

Application to succeed Mr

Reding, and as Mr Raine

had suffered very much

from long captivity, and is

a very old Surgeon on the

Establishment, he was confirmed

in the Appointment -

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Mr Raine permitted to remain on his Station as Surgeon for the Care of Sick Officers in the Black Town, with the allowances specified in the General Orders of 14th April last.

When the late Arrangements took place, he made an application to this Board to be continued in that Station in preference to any other Appointment. A Minute was made on the 19th April to that effect, which was understood to have been fully acceded to on the part of Government, as his acknowledged Services, especially to the Officers in Prison gave him a Claim to the indulgence of the Honble President and Council, of which he has produced a testimony, from the Records of the Select Committee under date the 16th June 1784.

Having perused the Surveyors Reports, the Board find since the first of March, he has only supplied Hospital Clothing, and Servants for the General Hospital at Madras, and 73d Regiment, the Hospitals of the 52d Do & 1st and 15th Do of Hanoverians at Arcot, the 23d Do at Chevilmoor 100

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the 36th Dº at Poonamallee
and the Artillery at the Mount

The Stores in use for
the other parts of the Service,
the Board have as yet been
able to get no account of,
whether there are or are not
Stores & Hospital Servants
supplied His Majestys 78th
Regiment, the Garrisons of
Trichinopoly, Tanjore Madura
Palamcotah, Cuddalore,
Chingleput, Vellore, Vizagapa-
tam, Ellore, Masulipatam,
and Ganjam, they are at a
loss to say, but believing there
are some old Stores still
remaining at there Stations,
the Board hope the Honble
President and Council will
be pleased to order Returns to
be made Mr Garrow without
delay, that no loss or Wastage
may take place, as it is their
intention with the approba-
tion of Government to order
him to station Deputies agre-
able to their Instructions, at
each of the General Hospitals
in support of Order and
Convenience for every part
of the Service —

Approved.

Read

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Read a Letter from Messrs Schmidyt and Weber Surgeons of the 14th & 15. Regts of Hanoverians, enclosing a Shopkeepers Bill for Drugs purchased by order of Colonel Rumbold, and requiring the same to be paid by an Order from this Board, alledging that without such Drugs they could not fulfill the Trust, they had undertaken by Oath to perform to the Sick under their Charge.

When Mr Drummond Surgeon to His Majesty's 52d Regt had acted upon Grounds nearly similar, this Board did not think it altogether justifiable, & were apprehensive it would open a door to abuse. The Apothecary was therefore authorized to comply with Mr Drummonds Indents as fully as the Stores would admit, & it was thought the Service could not suffer by any deficiency that might unavoidably occur, but those Indents, this Board judged necessary to curtail, yet even these parts he has been enabled to supply himself with.

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An Order will be issued to the Surgeons of His Majestys Regt & the Company's Forces specifying that no Drugs are to be purchased by them on Account of the Sick of their respective Corps without first obtaining permission from the Hospital Board.

Although Messrs Schmidyk and Weber say in their Letter, that the Sick must perish, if they have not what they want; the Board cannot acquiesce, especially, when the Nature of the Drugs purchased at so extravagant a Price are considered. At any Rate the Hospital Board hope the Honble President and Council will issue Orders that no Drugs shall be purchased without first obtaining their Consent.

Read Letters from Mr Foulter Senior Assistant to the Hospital at Trichinopoly, & from Mr Bell Assistant with the Native Cavalry, both complaining that Mr Falk the Paymr there has refused to pay the Allowances granted by the Honble President and Council; to the first, the Extra Allowance as a Mate in charge of Medecines; to the other, the pay and Emoluments of a Lieutenant, as was granted to a certain

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number of Mates on the List of Assistants although doing duty with Regiments & otherways (see Hospital Proceedings under date the 5th and 12th of June).

The Hospital Board taking these Letters into Consideration agree to recommend to Government that those parts of their Proceedings, that are approved, & which may be necessary for the information of the Paymaster, be issued in General Orders as soon as Possible after the Approval.

Order'd accordingly

Received a Letter from Mr Turing Head Surgeon of the Hospital at Masulipatam, requesting that he may be permitted to remain at Madras a Months or two to settle his private Affairs, at the same time mentioning that he has wrote Mr Wilton to take charge of that Hospital to prevent any inconvenience that may arise from his absence.

Agreed to recommend to Government, that he be allowed to remain here, till such time as he can hear from Mr Wilton, when it will be more fully considered.

Approved

Read

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Approved.

Read a Letter from Captain George Simpson of the Fort William India=man requesting that Mr. Ramsay, the present Surgeon of that Ship be permitted to leave her, and get appointed an Assistant Surgeon on this Establish=ment=

The Hospital Board beg leave to recom=mend Mr. Ramsay to Government as a well educated young Man, and hope, as the Captain mentions that he has got a Surgeon to take charge of the Ship home, that there will be no difficulty in granting him his Request.

And. Berry
Secry Hospital Board.

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Received the following Letter from Bengal.

To John Chamier Esqr

Secretary to the Honble the President and Council at Fort St George

Sir.

From the Secretary at Bengal, enclosing Extracts of a Petition from Gopaul Dosp.

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith in obedience to the Orders of the Honble the Governor General & Council, an Extract of a Petition from the House of Gopaul Dosp Shing Kissen Dosp Bankers & to acquaint you for the information of the Honble the President & Council, that the House of Gopaul Dosp has been very useful to the Company during the late War, & that the Board wish it to be encouraged and protected at the Company's other Presidencies —

Fort William 16th. June 1786

I am Sir &c &c

(Signed) C. Bay Secry

Extract from an Acct of Gopaul Dosps. Received the 17th of May 1786 —

Let a Letter to the Governor of Madras be granted that Diher Dosp the Gomastah of Gopaul Dosp is in the House at Madras and that Gopaul Dosp from a long period is the Banker of the English Company, & that he should assist & support & be favorable to his house which will give the Governor General Pleasure —

A true Extract

(Signed) Lumsden D. Secy

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15. Sent the following Letter

to Mr Torin.

To Mr Benjamin Torin

Acting Paymaster

at Palamcotah

Sir

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters Dated 2d and 7th Instant.

To Mr Torin, his Bills for Pags 90000 have been accepted; to procure a Remittance to the Presidency of the Balance of Cash in his hands.

The Bills for 90,000 Pags enclosed in your Letter of the 2d Inst. have been accepted, & the Nabob has consented that the Remittance shall stand, notwithstanding the advance of a Lack, which His Highness lately made here on this Account. The Nabob has also directed Sitabar Cawn in the accompanying Letter to assist you in procuring Bills for the Balance of Cash in your Hands.

You will be pleased therefore to procure good Bills for the above Balance, as soon as possible reserving in your hands a Sufficiency for two Months Pay to the Troops.

I am Sir &c &c &c

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/Signed/ John Chamier
Secy

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Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in the Miscellany Book N.o 60. 61 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67.

To Captain Mcat Commanding

To Capt.n Mcat

the 1.st 14th Battalion of Native Infantry; the Military Paymaster General has received Orders to grant a Bengal Bill in his Name for the amount of Stoppages made for Clothing his Battalion for the year 1782.

To the Military Paymaster

To M.r Tierney

General to advance M.r Porcher Deputy Pay= =master General to the Kings Troops Pag.s 157. 20. 30 being the Balance of the annexed Recruiting Account.

To M.r Porcher, informing

To M.r Porcher

him of the above, and that he is to pay Lieut.t Veitch Pagodas 21. 16. 70. for which he has made Application.

To Lieutenant Col.o Rigault

To Lieut.t Colonel Rigault

with permission to resign the Service, will be recommended to the Court of Directors for a participation of Lord Clive's Bounty.

To Captain Lieutenant

To Capt.n Lieut.t Trapaud

Trapaud, with permission to proceed to Europe on half pay for three Years, agree= =ably to his Request.

To Lieutenant Col.o Smith,

To Lt Col.o Smith

with

15. with permission to resign the Service - favourable mention will be made of him to the Court of Directors -

To Mr Stephen Popham - No

To Mr Popham

Interest can be allowed him on Pag 1408 ¶ 21. for Ground sold the Company -

To Brigadier General Horne,

informing him that Captain Hugh Campbell

To Genl Horne

has been appointed Barrack Master to the Garrisons South of the Coleroon; and that the usual Allowance of 5 Pagodas p Month for Surgeons is to be given, untill they are provided with Quarters -

the 17.

Received the undermentioned

Letters (entered in MB Nos 68-69-70-71-72-73)

From the Chief and Council

From Vizagapatam

at Vizagapatam, advising of Mr Ogilvie having been appointed to supply Mr Youngs place at Chicacole, untill the pleasure of the Board be known -

From General Horne; sends

From Genl Horne

a small Force to reduce to Obedience, Mootoo Naick, a refractory Poligar -

From the Chief and Council

From Masulipatam

at Masulipatam - advising of the Ships Tyrone, laden with Rice at Bengal for this Presidency, having put into their Port in distress, & the measures taken in consequence

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From Mr George Tyler; with

From Mr Tyler

Invoice and Bill of Lading of 5246 Bags of fine Cargo Rice, shipped on board the Tyrone on account of the Honble Company.

From Lieut Carey, Comandant at Arnee, states that the Granaries for the reception of 7,30,000 Seers of Paddy are completed & that the Gingee Choultries for 50,000 Seers of Grain will be finished by the 24th of this month.

From Capt.n Lieut Ure; with

From Captain Lieut Ure.

Animadversions on the Conduct of the Company's Paymasters; & requesting, that a reimbursement may be made the 19th Battalion, of the Sum withheld from them, on the payment of last May.

20th Dispatched the following

Letter to Bengal.

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

To Bengal, with Memorandum from the Committee of Stores, of deficiencies in the Stores landed from the Europe Ships bound for Bengal.

Gentlemen,

We have received a Letter from our Committee of Stores informing us, of some Deficiencies in the Stores, which ought to have been landed here from the Ships Phoenix, Manship, Ganges, Bennington & Earl of Oxford.

We

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We have the honor to enclose a Statement of the Deficiencies, & We beg leave to request you will call upon the different Captains of the above Ships to account for these Stores, which, by the Invoices appear to have been laden upon the Ships under their Command —

We have the honor to be &c

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Signed / Arch.t Campbell
& ca Councel

Memorandum —

1 Chest of small Arms p Ship Phanix not landed — Mr White, the Secretary, was informed of the same, who wrote to Capt.n Rattray about it; he replied, that they were sent out for the Recruits for Bengal for their exercise on Board.

1 Chest of small Arms p Ship Manship, not being landed. Capt.n Gregory has given a Certificate that no Chest of small Arms, was received by him for the Presidency of Fort St George

1 Chest of small Arms p Ganges not landed — repeated application was made to the Captain of the Ship, but he has proceeded to Bengal, without landing the Same —

3 Chests of small Arms. Two of Pistols, and one containing Muskets p Ship Bennington not being landed. Captain Thomas Ley was

applied

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20r applied to for the same, who said they were a
laying at the bottom of the Ship & promised
to deliver them at Bengal — N.B. He has
got a Receipt only for what he has delivered
here —

1 Chest of small Arms p Ship Earl of Oxford
has not been landed; Capt.n John White Rep.d
has certified they were sent for the Exercise
of the Recruits for Bengal on the Voyage, &
has promised to deliver them there —

Sent the undermentioned Letters
(entered in MB Nos 74 - 75 - 76 - 77.) —

To Mr Porcher

To Mr Porcher; with Extract
from the Minutes of Consultation 14th Inst:
relating to his Department as Deputy Pay=
=master General to the Kings Troops —

To the Hospital Board

To the Hospital Board — with
Copy of their Proceedings of 12th & 13th Instant,
and Government's observations thereon —

To the Military Board.

To the Members of the Military
Board, with Extract of a Letter from
Masulipatam for their Opinion —

To Ganjam —

To Ganjam; to pay Mr
Wedgwood, until further Orders, One Rupee
per Diem from the 1st of August next —

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At a Consultation Present,

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell Kt.

President.

Saturday the 22.d July 1786

Alexander Davidson Esqr.

James Henry Casamaijor Esqr.

Lieut General Sir John Dalling absent.

Minutes of last Consulta=tion read and approved.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Floyd.

To the Honble the President and Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen.

From Col. Floyd stating that 17 Horses have lately died, & requesting another Bengal Certificate to purchase that number - desiring that four Dooleys may be allowed for his Party -

Since my former Application to you for Drafts in Certificate on the Govern=ment of Bengal to the amount of Pags 15,120 to purchase 126 Horses for the 23.d Dragoons, 17 Horses have died, which added to that number make it 143 Horses wanting to compleat the Remount, and at Pags 120 each, amount to 17,160 Pagodas —

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I request you will be pleased to order me another Certificate for the value of 17 Horses making Pagodas 2,040.—

My Party is ready to melt off, and only wait your Orders.—

As it is now thought advisable to send them by Land, in order to secure some Horses on the way, I request you will be pleased to give Orders for supplying my Party with 4 Doolies, to convey them on the March from hence.—

I have the honor to be &c.

/Signed/ T. Floyd
Col.

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Minute thereon

Agreed that a Certificate be granted on Bengal in favor of Col. Floyd for Pagodas 2040, to replace the 17 Horses which have lately died.—

With respect to Colonel Floyd's Application for Doolies, it is Agreed to inform him, that the Request is contrary to the Usage of the Service, and cannot therefore be complied with.

Read the following Letters from Mr. Remnant.

To

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell Kt
Governor President &ca Council

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I have had communicated to me through Mr Campbell, a few Remarks upon the Proposals, which I have had the honor of submitting to the Board for a Supply of Horses for the Native Cavalry; & as, in consequence thereof, there will be some small alterations from my original Offer, I now beg leave to have the Liberty of stating the Terms upon which I will enter into an Agreement with your Honor &ca.

From Mr Rennault, states the Terms upon which he will agree to furnish Horses for the Native Cavalry.

1st The Number of Horses to be 1000, or any greater number at the following Prices, & in the Proportions hereafter mentioned -

150 Officers Horses, at 160 Star Pags each
850 Troopers Horses at 110 Star Pags each
1000 Horses - to be paid for in Company's Bonds or Bengal Certificates bearing Interest at 8 p Cent -

2d The Horses to be delivered at Madras in Lots not less than 10 in Number, and the whole within the following Dates -

200 in 3 Months
200 in 4 Do
200 in 5 Do
200 in 6 Do
200 in 7 Do
1000 - (the whole Number to be delivered at any rate within 8 Mos from the same Date) -

from the Date of this Contract

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3d A Commutter of not less than three Cavalry Officers to be appointed to receive such Horses as I may give notice to have ready to deliver

4th As in my former Proposal

5th Respecting the Age & Sizes of the Horses the same as in my former Proposal

6th Forfeiture for the Horses, Duty free - the same as before.

7th Upon signing the Contract, to have an Imprest in Company's Bonds or Bengal Certificates, as before mentioned, at 8 p.c after the rate of 30 Star Pagodas p Horse, and upon my producing Vouchers from the Commutter to the Receipt of 166 Horses in number or Pag.s 18.260 in Value, to have a second Issue after the rate of 30 Pagodas each Horse; and upon producing Vouchers of the Receipt of a further number of 200 Horses in number or 22.000 Pag.s in Value; making together 366 Horses in number or 40.260 Pagodas in Value, then to have a third Issue of 35 Pagodas each Horse, and upon producing Vouchers of the Receipt of 450 Horses in number or 49.500 Pagodas in value (making together 816 Horses in number or 89.760 Pagodas in value) then to have a fourth Issue after the rate of 15 Pagodas each Horse, and upon my producing Vouchers of having completed my Contract by the Delivery of the number & value of the Horses contracted for, to have Bonds or Certificates issued to me for the Balance

which

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which may remain due, and I will give such Security, as the Honble Board may think proper to require.

I will agree to allow in my Account upon the final Statement, such Interest as may have arisen upon any Bonds prior to the Delivery of Horses to the Value of such respective Bonds.

I have the honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ Sam.l Rennant

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Mr. Rennant propotes Mr. Benfield as Security for the Sums to be advanced on account of the Contract.

I beg leave to propose Paul Benfield of Fort St George Esquire, as Security with me for the Sums of Money to be advanced to me, for the purpose of carrying into execution my Contract for the supply of 1000 Horses for the Native Troopers.

I have the honor to be &c.a

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/Signed/ Sam.l Rennant

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Minute on the foregoing Letters.

The Board now take into Consideration the Proposals contained in the foregoing together with those entered in last Consultation and it appearing that the Offers made by Mr Remnant are on every Account the most favourable, it is Agreed that they be accepted, and that the Company's Solicitor be directed to draw out a Contract conformable thereto.

Mr Remnant's Proposals accepted

Mr Remnant being called in, before the Board, & being informed that his Proposals are accepted, begs leave to request that Lieut Fonblanque with the following Party may be permitted to assist him in purchasing the Horses, and in escorting them to Madras.

Mr Remnant requests the assistance of Lieut Fonblanque

Party wanted to proceed with Lieut Fonblanque

Lieut Fonblanque having undertaken the Execution of the Contract to be permitted to proceed with the following Persons to such place or places, as may be necessary to purchase the Horses, and to be furnished with proper Passports for that purpose.

Subedar Mahomed Ally	—	3d Regt N. Cavy	
Jemadar Ghy Khan	—	4th Do	Do
" Towzell Ally	—	3d Do	Do
Havildar Sultan Khan	—	2d Do	Do
Naigue Secunder Mulck	—	2d Do	Do
18 Troopers from the	—	2d Do	Do
2 Farriers	—	3d & 4th Do	Do

The whole to be mounted, & properly appointed: and to proceed to Madras without Delay.

Sepoys: 1 Havildar: 1 Naigue: 18 Privates.

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Resolved that Lieut Fonblanque

Agreed to — with the foregoing be spared for the above Service —

Resolved that a Committee

a Committee of Cavalry Officers appointed to inspect the Horses previous to their being delivered over to the Company. consisting of Colonel Sir Henry Corby, Major Dugald Campbell, and Captain Sourdan be appointed to examine the Horses which will be tendered to them by Mr Remnant, & that they be directed to receive Horses under the Size specified in the Advertisement, provided, such Horses are in every other respect proper Horses for mounting Europ= =pean Officers & Native Troopers —

Agreed that the above

The foregoing to be communicated to Bengal, with a Requisition that they permit this Government to draw upon them for the amount of the Engagement with Mr Remnant Resolutions be communicated to the Governor General and Council, and that they be re= =quested to permit this Government to draw upon them for the Amount of the Engagement with Mr Remnant.

Agreed that Mr Remnant

Mr Remnant to be informed of the above — be informed of the Boards intended applica= =tion to Bengal, and that he be advised that he will receive payment by Drafts on the Governor General and Council, should they consent to the Measure —

This being notified to

Acquiesces Mr Remnant, he declares his Acquiescence —

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Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores (with Enclosures entered in the Miscellany Book Nov.r 78 & 79.

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

From the Committee of Stores, with Recommendation respecting Europe Leather & Petition of Baupavah Button & Powder Maker formerly in the Service of the Company — Report of Stores deficient in the Europe Ships — as those on a new Construction, said to be sent out, are not yet arrived —

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have received a Letter from Mr. Secretary Chamier of the 9th Instant, enclosing Extracts from a Letter from the Court of Directors of the 21st February last, which We have carefully perused, & shall as far as depends on us, follow the Instructions therein given — We are at present prevented making any Report on the Vouchers, Invoices &c.a

With respect to the latter part of the 18th Para: wherein they recommend our following the example of Bengal, in making up Soldiers Accoutrements, I expect that it will be unnecessary hereafter to send any from England — Although these Articles are made of better and more durable Materials on the Coast, yet as the Europe Leather is so superior to any that can be procured

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procured in India, We beg leave to recommend that a sufficient Quantity should annually be sent out, for the Equipment of the European Corps.

We have the honor of laying before you, Copy of a Paper from Lieut Colonel Moorhouse respecting some Deficiencies in those Stores, which ought to have been landed here and included in the Invoices of the Ships of this Season, with the reasons given by the different Captains for not landing them.

We think it necessary to give you the earliest Information of this matter as well to avoid any imputation of Neglect on our Parts as to enable you to take such Steps for the recovery of them as you may think proper.

We have also the honor to lay before you Copy of a Petition to us from a Man formerly in the Service of the Company in the Capacity of a Powder Maker.

As it will be necessary to make up a large Quantity of Powder at this Place, & this Man appears to have great knowledge and Experience in that Branch of Business; as it is also of consequence to retain all Artificers, whilst the French are using every means to seduce them from our

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our Service. We beg leave to recommend to your Honble Board to employ him as Overseer of the Powder Mills with a Salary of 5 Pags p Month.

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We have the honor to be &ca

{Signed} Harper
Patrick Ross
Wm. Petrie
Jas. Moorhouse

Minute thereon.

The Board approve the Recommendation of the Committee of Stores respecting Europe Leather, & it is Agreed that they be desired to include that Article in their next Indent.

Read the following Letter from the Governor of Pondicherry —

From the Governor of Pondicherry agrees to the Establishment of a Cartel.

A Son Excellence Mr. Archd. Campbell, Chevalier de l'Ordre du Bain, Gouverneur Gent. de Madras &c &ca &ca au Fort St. George.

Monsieur,

Je m'empresse à vous accuser la réception de la Lettre que vous m'avez fait l'honneur de m'écrire en date

To His Excellency Major General Sir Archibald Campbell, K. B. Governor General &ca &ca &ca

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Sir

It is with pleasure I acknowledge the receipt of your Letter with which I was honored under date 15th. July 1786

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datte du 15 Juillet 1786
et je supplie votre Ex-
-cellence de recevoir ma
réponse comme un té-
=moignage du désir que
j'ai, que l'harmonie
et la bonne Intelligence
qui regnent aujourdhui
entre les deux Nations,
subsistent longtems,
parceque je suis animé
des mêmes Sentiments
que votre Excellence ex-
=prime si bien dans la
Lettre dont elle ma
honoré -

J'accepte volon-
=tiers l'offre que vous
me faites d'établir un
Cartel pour nous rendre
réciproquement les
Déserteurs des deux
Nations, bien convaincu
de l'advantage très
égal, qui doit en résulter

Sous deux jours
il part un Vaisseau pour
France, par cette occasion
même je rends compte
au Ministre du Roi de
la proposition que vous
me faites, et de mon
Consentement pour
l'établissement d'un
Cartel entre les deux
Nations -

Je

have to request your Excel-
-lency to receive this answer
as a testimony of my wish
to establish on a firm
footing the Harmony
and friendly Intercourse
which at present subsists
between the two Nations
as I entertain the same
Sentiments, which your
Excellency has so well
expressed in your last
Letter -

Swillingly
accept your Proposal
of establishing a Cartel
for the reciprocal resto-
=ration of the Deserters
of both Nations, being
convinced that a mutual
advantage will result
therefrom -

As a Ship will
sail from hence to France
in the Space of two days
I shall embrace that
opportunity of commune-
-cating your Proposal
to the Hon.ble Minister, and
at the same time inform
him of my Assent to es-
-tablish a Cartel between
the two Nations -

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Je vous propose en conséquence d'envoyer à Madras M.r Le Ch.r de Freme, Colonel du Regement de L'Isle de Bourbon, designé par sa Majesté pour me remplacer, en cas d'événement, dans le Gouvernement de Pondichery et à qui je donnerais les pouvoirs nécessaires pour traiter avec votre Excellence sur tous les points relatifs au dit Cartel - Je suis persuadé que Monr. Le Chr. de Freme sera singulièrement agréable à votre Excellence à plus d'un titre -

J'ai l'honneur d'être
&c &c &c

/Signé/ Cossigny

Ed. C.B.

à Pondicherry
le 17.e Juillet
1786 -

I do in consequence propose to send to Madras M.r le Chr. De Freme, Colonel of the Regement of the Isle of Bourbon, designed by his Majesty to succeed me, in case of Accidents in the Government of Pondicherry, to whom I shall give the necessary Powers to treat with your Excellency upon the points relating to the said Cartel -

I am perswaded that you will find M.r Chevalier De Freme an amiable Person in every respect -

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

/Signed/ Cossigny

a true Translation

Chase
French Translator

Minute thereon

Agreed that the President be desired to express the Satisfaction derived from the appointment of M. Le Chevalier de Freme, & that suitable Accommodation be prepared for him -

Read

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Read the following Letter

from Mr. Peirce —

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell

President & Governor &

Fort St George

Sir

From Mr. Peirce of the Bencoolen Establishment stating that an Agent of the Sultan of Atchen is on a Deputation to the Nabob, in order to procure 500 Sepoys, which must, if carried into execution be detrimental to the Company's Welfare —

As a Servant belonging to the Bencoolen Establishment, I presume to acquaint you, that I have received information of an Agent from the Sultan of Atchem, being now here on a Deputation to the Nabob, for the purpose of procureing Five hundred Sepoys, and that there are two Vessels at Porto Novo ready to receive them on board, in order that so novel a Step may be prevented, in case it meets your disap- =probation —

I beg leave to observe that we have accounts of Tappanooly, a Settlement subordeniate to Bencoolen, having been lately taken by the Atchemeese, and with difficulty the Company's Resident escaped with Life — Nabab is situated so near to Tappanooly as to point out the probability of it's sharing the same disgraceful fate, should the Sultan procure

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procure even a fifth part of the Force it is said he is now endeavouring to raise; and on Sumatra We do not understand that he has either Resources or Service for above Twenty or Thirty Atchinese, who are employed as his Guard.—

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I am with respect &c &c

(Signed) R Pearse

Minute thereon

Agreed that the President be desired to speak to the Nabob on the Subject of the above Letter, & to communicate His Highness's Answer to the Board.

Report of the Committee of Works upon Mr. Roebuck's Case, taken into Consideration—

The Board now take into Consideration the Letter from the Committee of Works under date the 22d. Ultimo entered in Consultations the 3d. July, and being sensible that Mr. Roebuck's Exertions, and Losses entitle him to some Compensation, (which opinion is fortified by the strong Recommendations of the Committee of Works) Resolve that he be allowed Credit in his Accounts for 8000 Pags as a Compensation on account of the distressed Situation in which he has been placed from the Seizure of his Carts & Bullocks when Hyder Ally invaded the Carnatick.—

Resolution thereon

The following Letter is in Consequence addressed to the Committee of Works—

To

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To Alexander Davidson Esqr

President &ca Committee

of Works

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Honorable

To the Committee of Works, with the opinion of the Board, upon the Case of Mr. Roebuck.—

President & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 22d. Ult.o with the several Enclosures, & to inform you that, having taken Mr. Roebucks Case into serious Consideration they have resolved to permit his being credited Pag.a 8000 in his Account with the Company.

In making this large Allowance in Mr. Roebucks favour, the Board have been influenced principally by your recommendation & the consideration of the probability that Mr. Roebucks Bullocks & Carts, which were seized when Hyder Ally invaded the Carnatick, were appro=priated to the Company's use, together with the reflection that Mr. Roebucks Losses have been very heavy, & that his Exertions for the Publick Service give him a Claim to the Indulgence of Government.

The Board desire you will lay before them an Account Current between your Committee & Mr. Roebuck giving him Credit for the 8000 Pag.a abovementioned, which is to be inserted in the Account as a Compensation on the part of Government for the Losses sustained by Mr. Roebuck.—

I have the honor to be &ca

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/Signed/ John Chamier Secy

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The following Appointments are now made.

Mr. Burlton appointed Paymr. at Pennacoil

Mr John Philip Burlton Paymaster at Pennacoil.

Mr. Landon, Deputy Comptroller of Army Accounts with a Salary of 100 Pags p Month.

Mr James Landon Deputy Comptroller of Army Accounts under Colonel Capper.

As the Office of Mr Landon will be attended with considerable Trust, and Labor, it is Agreed that a Salary of Pags. 100 p Month be annexed to it.

Captain James Campbell of the 78th Regt. appointed Town Major & Aid de camp to the Governor.

The President informs the Board that he purposes appointing Captain James Campbell of the 78th. Regiment, to Town Major, and Aid de camp in the room of Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham promoted to the Command of the Artillery stationed at the Mount.

Agreed that the above be published in General Orders together with the Appointments and Promotions passed in Consultation the 5th and 11th Instant.

Read the following Letter from Captain Tolson.

To

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To the Honble Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B:

President & Governor &ca Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Capt.n Tolson requesting that the date of his Majors Commission will preserve to him his Priority of Rank, over Captain Lloyd of the Artillery.

In the Absence of the Comm:= =mander in Chief I beg leave to deviate from the prescribed Channel of Application, & to intrude upon the Board in a few words upon a Subject, which materially interests me -

I understand that Lieut Col.o Reguult gave in his Resignation a few days before Lieut Colonel Smith, & am apprehensive that the consequent promotions from which Captain Lloyd of the Artillery and myself will become Majors may have their Rank fixed from this Circumstance; I beg leave to state that I am an older Captain by two Years than Captain Lloyd and I therefore trust that our Majors Commissions will preserve to me my Priority of Rank -

I have the honor to be &c.

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/Signed/ Richd. Tolson
Capt.n 19th Batt.n

Resolved

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The Rule established in the Kings Service when Promotions are made to be observed at this Presidency.—

Resolved that the Rule esta=
=blished in the Kings Service, when Promotions
are made, be observed at this Presidency, and
that Commissions given to Officers promoted
be dated conformably to the Rank in the
Army held by such Officers previous to
their Promotion.—

Read the following Letter
from Mr. Cochrane with Enclosures.—

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

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From Mr. Cochrane leaves it to the determination of the Board to conclude the business with regard to the Barrack Contract, as they may think proper.— Accepts of the offered Agency & encloses the opinion of his Council, which is contrary to that of Mr — & Attorney Generals.

Honble Sir & Sirs.

I have had the honor of
receiving a Letter from Mr. Secretary Chamier
under date the 15th. Instant enclosing Mr.
Benjamin Sulivan's Opinion relative to
the cancelling my Barrack Contract.—

I never in my life entered
into an Engagement, that I did not mean
to fulfill, & not being satisfied with the
justness of Mr. Sulivan's Opinion, laid my
Case before my own Council.—

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The Honble Board will see upon perusal of Paper N.o 1. that my Council is opposite in opinion to Mr. Sulivan - by Paper N.o 2 I believe they will see, that Mr. Sulivan has not been Master of the Facts, & Circumstances, relating to this Subject, on which he has given so decided an Opinion -

It is not with a view of troubling the Honble Board, but in Justice to my own Character, that I have considered myself under the necessity of laying these Papers before you, hoping they will have their full weight, - but whatever effect they may have It never was my intention to have any difference with a Government for which I have so high a respect as the present - I therefore beg leave to enclose you the Counterpart of my Contract leaving it to you to conclude the Business in the manner that you may think just and equitable -

I beg leave to return you my best Thanks for the Mark of Confidence you have shewn me, by offering me the Agency, which I accept of -

I have the honor to be &c.a

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/signed/ Basil Cochrane

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The Contract of the Honble the President and Council entered into and made with the Honble Basil Cochrane under date the 7th Febry 1786 for the supplying of the European Troops &c. at all the Out Garrisons, Forts, Factories, Settlements and Cantonments, which extend from, and are situated on the Sea Coast, between the Fort and District of Palamcotah in the Tinnevelly Country, and the Fort of Ganjam, with the best Bengal and Bencoolen Arrack, or any other Spirituous Liquors, the Produce of India; to be served out at the quantity of forty Drams to a Gallon, at the rate of 50 Cash p Dram and to supply all Inland Out Garrisons, Forts, Factories, Settlements, and Cantonments, extending Westward of Fort St George at the rate of sixty Cash p Dram and 40 Drams to the Gallon, with special Covenants inserted in the said Instrument on the part and behalf of both Parties. This Couble Grant or Contract is sealed with the Company's Seal as usually affixed to the like Deeds or Instruments, & signed by the then President and Council on behalf of the United Company of Merchants trading to the East Indies, and to this Deed or Instrument, has the said Basil Cochrane set his Hand and Seal, all of which makes it a perfect Deed and binding on both parties, the same not being void ab initio, but on the contrary appears to have been a fair and open Agreement on the part of the said Basil Cochrane, who

makes

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makes his Proposals for the supplying of the
Garrisons &ca with Spirituous Liquors, pursu
=ant to Publick Notice given by the then Pre=
=sident and Council of Fort St George, who
accept of his Terms after mature deliberation
& consulting their Council learned in the Law
& the Terms of the Proposal submitted and
reduced to Writing & executed under Hand and
Seal by both Parties, whereby a Contract is
immediately created and the same was to take
place from the 12th. of the said Month of Febry
with a Penalty to be inflicted on the said
Basil Cochrane in case of any breach of
Contract on his part; a more perfect, clear,
& distinct Contract, I am of opinion, could
not have been drawn out to shew the intention
of the Parties then existing. No Covin, Fraud,
or Deceit, can be imputed to Mr. Cochrane,
who indeed really acted as for himself, whereas,
the Honble President & Council were armed &
supported by their own Opinions as a Corporate
Body, and by the Advice & Opinions of those
Persons that were retained by them as Lawyers,
of course the Contract is valid, & the same can
not be avoided, but by two circumstances a Breach of Contract on the
part of Mr. Cochrane, or a mutual Agree=
=ment between them to annihilate the
Contract, for no resolution of the Honble
Board can legally, (without a manifest
Violence to Mr. Cochrane) annul the Covle;
I am further of Opinion should any open
Declaration of the Honble Board be made
to that effect, and Mr. Cochrane thereby be

deprived

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Reprieves the benefit of vending his Spirituous Liquors according to the Spirit of the Contract he has a right of Action against the Honble Company for Damages, which Actions may be brought either in the Mayors Court here, or in the Courts at home — I am of opinion, it is a matter of no Consequence, whether the Company receive any advantage or not from the Con=tract, the original Intention of this Contract was to prevent impositions, and to keep a due decorum among the Military, as it has ever been understood the Company never were to benefit pecuniarely from this Contract, as implied by their Publick Notice for sealed Proposals — every Individual under whatsoever Denomination, will endeavour to benefit him=self by every thing he undertakes; it cannot be supposed he will enter into Engagements with the Company prejudicial to himself — He makes his Proposals and submits them to the consideration of the Board, who takes time to consult on the Terms offered, and finding them beneficial to their Affairs, accedes to the Terms & compleats the Contract by their signing & sealing, which cannot be done away by a mere construction of Words. Instances have been known, where People have con=tracted with the Company and totally ruined as the Terms of their Contract were more than they were able to perform — I conceive, the present Contract made & entered into with Mr. Cochrane, is, to all intents & purposes,

valid

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valid; Grants originating from the Crown, operates in quite a different manner, than the one in question; the present Contract is between an Individual and a body of Merchants to supply them or their Troops &c.a with a quantity of Spirituous Liquors, at a certain rate, & it may be compared with a Merchant at Bengal entering into a Contract with a Merchant at Madras to supply him with Spirituous Liquors, to be delivered by a time fixed, at a certain rate, which upon the Arrival of the Ships, that rate exceeds the Market price; the Question then arises, can the Merchant at Madras vacate his Agreement? I answer, no - of course the same Parity of reason holds good as to the Honble Company, however injurious the Terms of Mr. Cochranes' Contract may be to the Individual, that rests with the Honble Board, who are to endeavour to make the best Terms with Mr. Cochrane they can, in order to make void & cancel their Promise & Undertaking, so by them made under the Seal of their Corporation, but they can not answer violating their Contract by any express Act or Deed of their own - and vice versa with Mr. Cochrane; for should a War break out, his Terms would not be adequate to supply Arrack, & yet he would be bound by his Contract, & obliged to perform it as in time of Peace, their being no Bar on his side in this Case -

However

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However unreasonable the Terms of the Contract may now appear to the Honorable Board, yet that is no plea in avoidance of the Contract, which was made upon a fair and open Agreement, without any Collusion whatever; it has ever been a Maxim & will continue to be so among Merchants, Traders, & Dealers "to buy as cheap as possible & to sell as dear as you can." The Honble Board were under no Influence at the time of making the Contract with Mr. Cochrane, but on the contrary, were assisted by their Dependants retained in the Law; I am of opinion the Honble Board can not justify the vacating of the Contract, without the Consent of Mr. Cochrane.

An Action by Mr. Cochrane will lye against the Company & the Damages will be measured by the expres Terms of the Agreement. Equity can never interfere so as to over rule a Deed so formerly made under Hand and Seal.

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/ Signed / Chas. Bromley

Mr. Cochrane's Remarks, on Mr. Sulivan's Opinion of the Validity of his Arrack Contract.

Having well considered on Mr. Sulivan's Opinion, and laid the same before my

my Council, who from the beginning of my Engagement with the Honble Board on account of the present Contract, has been employed by me in the drawing up of the Instrument or Contract, and of the Attendant Circumstances as to the performance on my part. I do not see by Mr Sullivan's Opinion any substantial Ground on which the Contract in question can be annulled by the Honble Board.—

First— Mr Sullivan says that I was to have the exclusive privilege of selling Spirituous Liquors to the Natives, as well as to the Troops, and with regard to the Natives not to be restricted in point of Price. Whereas by Artcle the 5. contained in the Contract, Mr Sullivan appears to have misunderstood the expres= Words therein contained, as the Price or rate at which the Spirituous Liquors are to be delivered out, is particularly set forth and expressed in the following Words "That such "of the Black Troops, followers, Servants, or "others in the said Garrisons, Forts &ca may "use Bengal or Bencoolen Arrack or any "Spirituous Liquors, which the President, and "Council may judge most wholesome and fit "to be used, shall be permitted to purchase the "same of the said Basil Cochrane at the "above Prices, meaning the rate contained in "the 1st Article, subject to such Regulations "with respect to the hours of selling & dispersing

"Thereof.

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"thereof / as well as all others / which the several &
"respective Commanding Officers may think proper
"to establish for the prevention of irregularities".

Secondly. Mr. Sulivan says that the Company reaping no advantage whatever from the performance of the Contract on the part of Mr. Cochrane, it should only be considered as a Grant tending to the enriching of the Individual at the Expence of the Soldier, and of the Inhabitants in general. And that in this point of view he does not conceive it binding on the Company for all the Grants from the Crown, & this is of the same nature, have a Condition expressed or implied that it be not oppressive to the Country, and therefore every Grant made in grievance of the Subject, is void.

In answer to the aforegoing, I am to remark that Mr. Sulivan has again mis-understood the 9th Article contained in the Con-tract, which particularly specifies that I am to receive into my Charge or Custody all the Arrack or any other Spirituous Liquor belonging to the Company, now in Store or such quantity as the Honble the President and Council may at any time or times during the term of Seven Years think proper to be kept up, or laid by as a Store, for the use of the different Garrisons, Forts &c.a keep the same up on account of the Honble Com-pany free of Wastage and other incidental Charges or Expences whatsoever attending the same,

provided

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provided the several Store Rooms, which have been usually appropriated and are sufficient to contain the same, are delivered over into my Charge so as to enable me so to do -

So much of this 7th Article as regards this Presidency, the Honble Board have on their part complied with and delivered over a part of their Arrack to me as Stores for the use of the Garrisons, with Godowns to hold the same - this much being done, is a convincing proof that the Honble Board were perfectly satisfied with my Proposals, and that they were both beneficial & advantageous to the Company, as set forth in my State of Facts, addressed to the Honble Board, by which it appears in my Letter of the 29th August 1785, I proposed to enter into a Contract with Government to supply the Troops with Bengal and Bencoolen Arrack for five Years certain, from the 12th Febry 1786 at 50 Cash p Dram, to purchase from the Company all their Stock on hand at 35 Pags per Leager, & receive it in part payment of the Debt they owed me, & to keep a Stock of One thousand Leagers of Arrack at no Expence to the Company, which I engaged to deliver over to them at the expiration of the Contract at the same price -

In the State of Facts it is there pointed out that I had made a Calculation of what the Company would save in case of their accepting of my Proposal, & allowing that a War

should

should break out at the Expiration of the Contract it amounts to Pags 15,872.- The Honble Board will please to observe that before the Contract took place, much had been said & written on the Subject, and in no one instance was there the least Idea of this Contract being any ways prejudicial to the Country, or a grievance to the Subject, and reducing the same to writing by way of Contract, was according to the Usage & Custom of the Company's Service, & in the Practise observed almost every day in the letting out of their Farms &ca and in no one Instance has the imputation of Grievance been charged to the making of these or Similar Contracts.-

Respecting Mr Sulivan's opinion of Grants from the Crown being oppressive on the Subject & of course void, I am to refer the Honble Board to Mr Solicitor Bromley's opinion as I do not conceive the present matter in application has the least affinity to the abstruse Idea arising from Crown Law.- To shew that the mode adopted by the Honble Board and the proposal by me made, were neither a monopoly nor oppressive to the Subject, I am to request the favor of the Honble Board to refer themselves to a Military Consultation held the 2d September 1771 wherein they came to a Resolution respecting the issuing of Arrack to the Troops in their Out Garrisons and ordered that the Drams at Vellore & Trichinopoly should be

issued

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Sued at 60 Cash p Dram, at Madura 66 Cash,
at Palamcotah 70 Cash, Chingleput 55 Cash,
and at Poonamalle 50 Cash per Dram -

Mr Sulivan has declared the
Terms of my Contract unreasonable, because in
my former Contract I was allowed 35 and 38
Cash p Dram, and upon this I am allowed 50
& 60 Cash p Dram - That I am to enjoy it
for seven Years and that it appears by my
Letter of last Month, that I can supply the
Troops at a more moderate rate in the time
of Peace - Does Mr Sulivan know whether I
lost or gained by my last Contract? from the
State of Facts the former is to be presumed -
Has Mr Sulivan made a Calculation of the
advantages to be derived from the Sale of
Arrack &ca by the Contract? has he calculated
the Wastage or incidental Charges or Expences
attending the Quantity of Liquor the Company
might chuse to lay up in Store and for which
I am responsible? And is he not ignorant
that I am obliged to keep up a Stock of
Liquor, which if the Company adheres to
with me, would be upon the average of
Five hundred Leagers in Store, and that for
any deficiency I am responsible in the
Penalty of Pagodas Ten Thousand - And that
it is at their Option to order me to supply

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the Troops with no other Liquors than Bengal and Bencoolen produce, being twenty five per cent dearer than Batavia Arracks, which alone my former Contract obliged me to supply the Troops with? Does he not seem to be ignorant that my last Contract was entered into in time of Peace? and does he not also seem to be ignorant that the length of time in which I am engaged in the Contract includes the possibility of a War, and that Liquor during the last War cost the Company double the Sum of my present Contract? Has not then Mr. Sulivan, upon a speculative Idea not founded on investigation, or calculation, condemned my Contract as unreasonable.

I shall make no Remark upon Mr. Sulivans extra judicial Opinion, respecting the Honble the President's Proposal for taking off my Stock, whatever it is, I am certain he thought it was just, & if convinced to the contrary, will alter his Proposition.

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/ Signed / Basil Cochrane

Read the following Letter from Messrs Harris & Lambert at Calcutta.

To

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell KB.

President &ca Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen.

From Messrs Harris & Lambert, at Calcutta with Proposals for supplying the Coast with Bengal made Spirits —

Being informed that the Troops at your Presidency are in future to be supplied from hence with such Rum or Arrack, as may be necessary for their Consumption; and being possessed of some of the most considerable Distilleries in Bengal, which we have consolidated into one Concern; We take the Liberty to submit to your Consideration the following Proposals for supplying the Coast with Bengal made Spirits —

First — We will engage to deliver upon the Beach at Madras, or at any part on the Coast of Coromandel to the Northward of Ceylon, for two, or three Years certain, any quantity of double distilled Rum or Arrack, not exceeding Four Thousand Leagers, annually, nor less than One Thousand, containing each 150 Gallons; at the rate of one Arcot Rupee and two Annas for 15/16 p.t Gallon — The whole to be of the same Strength, or proof, as Batavia Arrack, equal in quality to that with which we supplied His Majesty's Squadron during the late War, & delivered in merchantable and good Order, free of all other Expence than as above specified —

Second

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Second. That on delivery of the quan=
=tity contracted for, or any part thereof, the same
to be paid for immediately on producing the
proper Vouchers either in Money, or by Bills
at 30 days Sight on the Honble the Governor Genl
& Council here, with a Clause in the said Bills
agreeing that in case they are not paid when
due, we shall be allowed such Discount as that
Paper is then selling for, either of these modes of
Payment, to be at the option of your Honble Board.

Third. That in the event of a War,
or any other unforeseen circumstance, tending to
raise the Freight or Insurance beyond the pre=
=sent Rates, we shall be allowed whatever Sum
we are obliged to pay more than 25 Sicca Rupees
p Leaguer for Freight, or five p Cent premium
of Insurance upon the medium of 12 Months.
The whole to be received free of Duty or any other
Government charge upon the Importation.

Should your Honble Board
deem these Proposals worthy acceptance, or incline
towards them under any other Modifications, &
will be pleased to honor us by communicating
your Sentiments thereon, we will give ample
Proofs of our competency to fulfill the Engage=
=ment we have proposed.

We have the honor to be &c.

{Signed} Herbert Harris
A Lambert

Agreed

Calcutta
30th June 1786

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Minute thereon

Agreed that Copy of the fore-going be sent to Bengal, and that the Gentlemen there be desired to make Arrangements for a Supply to the Coast of 1000 Leagers of Bengal Spirits annually.

Agreed that Messrs. Harris and Lambert be advised of the Request, which the Board have resolved to make to the Governor General and Council.

Lieut. John James Durand appointed Adjt. to the new Cantonments & Cornet Stretch a Lieut of Cavalry.

The Secretary lays before the Board a Recommendation from the Commander in Chief delivered by the Adjutant General that Lieut John James Durand be appointed Adjutant to the Cantonment of Wandayandad, & that Cornet Stretch be appointed a Lieut of Cavalry.

Ordered accordingly.

Oath administered to Lieut. Colonel Regault, to entitle him to a participation of Lord Clive's Bounty.

Lieut Colonel Regault attending to take the Oath as a Qualification for Lord Clive's Bounty, is called in, & the following Oath administered to him by the President.

I Lieutenant Colo. Regault of the Honorable Company's Artillery, do swear that I am not, or any Person, or Persons in trust for me, seized or possessed of, or entitled to any real and personal Estate to the A-mount in Value of Three Thousand Pounds

and

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and that I return to Europe depending on the Provision made by the late Lord Clive for Officers and Soldiers incapable of further Service in India.

So help me my God.

/ Signed / John Rigault
Lt Colo

Read the following Letter entered in the Miscellany Book No. 80-81.

From Captain Lieutenant Mitchell, stating the particulars of the Services upon which he has been employed, & requesting to be promoted a Captain, & to be allowed to go home for three Years on half Pay, and desiring to have charge of the Dispatches.

From Captain Lieut. Mitchell

The Board are well acquainted with Captain Lieutenant Mitchell's Merit and Services, and would willingly promote him to the Rank of full Captain, in the manner he has specified were they not restricted from such appointment by the late Act of Parliament. In order however to comply as much as possible with Captain Lieut. Mitchell's wishes, & to prove their Inclination to reward meritorious Actions, the Board agree to permit him to go home, for three Years on Captains Half Pay, and

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will recommend him to the favor of the Court of Directors -

From sundry Quarter Masters of Cavalry, stating the fatigue of their Duty & requesting some Allowance adequate to it -

From sundry Qr. Masters of Cavalry -

The Board decline making any addition to the Allowances of the above Gentlemen, which it is conceived are fully adequate to the Duties of their Stations -

Minute thereon

Wm. C. Jackson
Dep. Sec.

" Archd. Campbell
" Alex. Davidson
" Jn. H. Casamajor

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Dispatched the following Letters -

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

Gentlemen,

To Bengal, stating the utility of a respectable Force of Cavalry - advising of the Agreement entered into with Mr. Remnant, & requesting permission to draw upon them for the Amount - A further Certificate granted Colonel Floyd to replace 17 Horses, which have lately died -

We had the honor to inform you under date the 4.th Instant of our having engaged with Colonel Floyd for completing the 23.d Reg.t with Horses, & of our intention of drawing upon you in his favor for Pag.s 15,120 - We have now to acquaint you that he has advised us of the death of 17 Horses, & has desired we will give him a Certificate for Pag.s 2040, which will be necessary to repair the above Loss - We beg leave to enclose Copy of his Letter & of our answer upon that Subject -

Being sensible of the great importance of establishing that respectable force of Cavalry which has been fixed by the Court of Directors for this Presidency, We have taken into Consideration their Orders under date the 21.st September last, and have advertized for Proposals for supplying our Regiments of Native Cavalry with Horses - In consequence of this Advertisement several Offers have been made, of which those of Mr. Remnant, being by far the most favorable, were accepted and he is accordingly to supply 1350 Horses at 110 Pag.s each

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2B. each and 150 Officers Horses at 160 Pagodas each,
the whole to be paid for in Company's Bonds.

Although the mode of pay=
=ment is the most favorable that could be
devised, considering the limited State of our Fi=
=nances, yet it cannot fail of being burthensome
to us, as We shall be obliged to provide for the
regular payment of the Interest upon this
large encrease to our Bonded Debt. On this
Account, We are induced to solicit your assistance
& to express our hopes that you will suffer us
to draw upon you in Certificate for the discharge
of our Engagement with Mr. Remnant. We
have informed him that We should make this
application to you, & he is prepared to receive
Drafts upon you, should you acquiesce in our
Request —

We flatter ourselves, when
you consider the great additional Strength
which our Military Establishment will
derive from having a respectable force in
Cavalry and the very moderate terms upon
which We have the means of acquiring this
Strength you will not withhold from us
that Support, which you have so liberally
afforded us in late Instances.

We enclose Copies of Mr. Rem=
=nants Proposals, & of our Reply.

We have the honor to be &c.

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(Signed) Arch.d Campbell
&ca Council.

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List of the Packet.

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7	To Mr. Remnant	23d Do

Signed W.m Coll.r Jackson
Dep.y Secry

To Mr. Remnant.

Sir

I am directed by the Board

To Mr Remnant his Proposals for supplying the Native Cavalry with Horses accepted

to acknowledge the receipt of your several Letters and to inform you that they accept your Proposals for furnishing Horses for the Native Cavalry at the rate of Pags 110 for each Horse, excepting for 150 Officers Horses for each of which you are to be allowed 160 Pags. Upon the above Terms the Board will contract with you for 1350 Horses, & 150 Officers Horses making in all 1500 Horses.

The Board have directed the Company's Solicitors to draw out a Contract conformably to the Terms offered in your Letters of the 11th June, & 20th Instant. The Draft of the Contract will be sent to you when prepared.

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The Board have appointed Colonel Sir Henry Cosby, Major Dugald Campbell, & Captain Sourdan a Committee to receive the Horses, which you are to tender to them on account of the Com=pany, & they will be directed to admit Horses under the Size specified in the Advertizement, provided such Horses are in every other respect proper Horses for mounting European Officers & Native Troopers—

I am directed further to signify to you that Lieut Tonblanque with the Party you have specified, will be permitted to assist you in the manner you have desired—

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

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

Gentlemen

To Bengal, requesting they will enter into an Agreement with the House of Harris and Lambert to supply the Coast with Bengal made Spirits, & enclosing Copy of their Letter to this Board.

We beg leave to enclose Copy of a Letter addressed to us by Messrs Harris & Lambert containing an Offer of supplying us with Bengal made Spirits—

We were on the point of making application to your Board for a Supply of Bengal made Spirits, when the above Letter was received & We shall therefore now observe, that the terms appear moderate, & are such as We should be inclined to accept, were it in our power to command either of the modes of payment, which Messrs Harris & Lambert have proposed, but as

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23 We have not authority to draw upon your Treasury for this purpose, nor can spare a Sum sufficient from our own. We are obliged to request you will arrange this business for us, & contract with Messrs Harris & Lambert for the delivery at Fort St George free of all Charges of 500 Leagers of double distilled Rum, & the same quantity of Arrack annually. —

Notwithstanding We conceive that the mode of Agreement proposed by Messrs Harris & Lambert is well suited to remove every risk & extra Expence on the part of the Company yet if there are other Merchants in Bengal, who wish to contract for half or part of the quantity wanted, on terms equally reasonable; We are of opinion, that such an encouragement might introduce a desire in those Merchants to excel in the quality of their Spirits, as a preference would be given to those, whose Spirits were found upon trial best suited for the Troops at this Presidency. —

Having cancelled a Contract which We had made for furnishing our Troops with Spirituous Liquors, We depend upon an early provision from your Presidency to enable us to supply our Military Establishment. —

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We have the honor to be &c &c

/ Signed / Arch.d Campbell
&c.a Council

To

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To Messrs Harris & Lambert
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at Calcutta

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honorable

To Messrs Harris & Lambert advising of the foregoing —

President and Council to achnowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 30th Ultimo, and to inform you that they have sent a Copy of it to the Honorable the Governor General and Council with a Request that they will contract with you for the delivery at Fort St George, free of all Charges 500 Leagers of Double Distilled Rum and the same quantity of Arrack annually at the Rates proposed in your Letter abovementioned —

As the Payment for the above Quantity of Spirits can only be made at Calcutta the Board have desired the Governor General and Council to make such Arrangements with you for that purpose as they may deem proper.

I am Gentlemen &ca &ca

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23d July 1786

/Signed/ John Chamier
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Received the following Letter

To Major General Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor.

Sir,

From Mr. Pearse states that there are People now employed at Porto Novo in recruiting Sepoys for the Service of the Sultan of Atcheen, & that one hundred are now ready for Embarkation.

Since I had the honor of addressing you, I have received more particular information relative to the Sultans of Acheen, & from a Person who gives a degree of Credit to the whole.

Lilly Nar Beg, a Merchant of Porto Novo, when at Acheen, received a Commission from the Sultan to raise a body of Troops for his Service - Money for this purpose to the amount of 2000 Pagodas was lately paid him by a Nogue=-dah or Master of a Vessel - there are now about 100 Men ready for embarkation - the reasons assigned are, that the Sultan can place no confidence on his Subjects; & that in order to secure his Authority & to punish some of his rebellious Subjects, he finds it necessary to call in a body of Foreigners -

The Porto Novo Merchant, is now employed in different parts of the Country to recruit more; and the Vessels there are the property of the Sultan -

Madras
23d July 1786

I am with Respect &c. &c.

/Signed/ R. Pearse

To

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To John Chanier Esq.r

Secretary to the Honble President
& Council at Fort St George in
their Military Department

Sir

From Mr. Hay requesting the Dates of the Ranks of Officers promoted in consequence of the Orders from home of the 21st September 1785

I am directed by the Honble the Governor General and Council to request that you will favor me with Information of the Dates of the Ranks, which have accrued to the Officers on the Fort Saint George Establishment, who have been pro=
=moted in consequence of the Orders of the Honorable Court of Directors dated the 21st of September 1785.

Fort William
Secret & Military Dept.
4th July 1786

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(signed) E. Hay Secry

Minute thereon

Ordered accordingly

Sent

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Fort St George 24th July 1786

Sent the undermentioned Letters / entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92.

To Mr James Landon -

To Mr Landon

appointed Deputy Comptroller of Army Accounts under Colonel Capper with a Salary of 100 Pagodas p Annum -

To Col. Capper

To Colonel James Capper, informing him of the above Appointment -

To Brigadier General

To Genl Horne

Horne - Government approve the Steps he has taken for the purpose of reducing to obedience Mootoo Naik, a refractory Poligar -

To Colonel Floyd, Com=

To Col. Floyd

=manding His Majesty's 23d Regiment of Light Dragoons - a Bengal Certificate amounting to Pagodas 2040 will be granted him, for the purpose of enabling him to purchase Seventeen Horses, to replace that number lately dead -

To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam - the Board approve the Steps taken relative

to

24 to the Rice consigned to the Presidency on the Tyrone; and direct them to issue the necessary Orders to the Officers Commanding Garrisons in the District of Manulipatam to give every assistance to Colonel Floyds Party, in the purchase of Horses to complete His Majesty's 23d Regiment of Light Dragoons —

To Major Alexander & &

To Majors Mackenzie & Lieut.t Robertson

Mackenzie at Ganjam and Lieutenant Ro= =bertson of the 52d Regiment: the Board think proper to decline a Compliance with their Requests —

To the Paymaster at Chingleput

To Mr. Taner

— to deliver over the charge of the Paymastership at Permacoil, to Mr. John Philip Burlton.

To Mr. John Philip Burlton

To Mr. Burlton

appointed Paymaster to the Garrison of Permacoil

To Colonel Floyd, Mr. Porcher, Captain Young, & Captain Stevenson

To Col.l Floyd, Mr. Porcher, Captain Young, & Captain Stevenson —

Porcher, Captain Young, & Captain Stevensons, the Board decline accepting their respective Pro= =posals for the Purchase of Horses for the Native Cavalry —

To Messrs. Popham & Baker

To Messrs. Popham & Baker —

Solicitors to the Honble Company — to draw out a Contract between the Board & Mr. Remnant, for the delivery of 1500 Horses —

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Received the undermentioned Letters (entered in the Miscellany Book N.º 93 94-95-96)—

From Brigadier General Horne.

From Genl. Horne

circulates through the Southern Provinces, the Orders of Government relative to the valuation of the Cully Fanams, at the rate of 16 5/6 for a Star Pagoda.—

From Lieut Col. Sydenham

From Lieutenant Colonel Sydenhams - takes the Command of the Artillery at the Mount.—

From Ens: Buckley

From Ensign Buckley requesting permission to remain three Years in Bengal, on half Pay.—

Minutes thereon

To be referred to the Military Board

From Lieutenant Oliphant.

From Lt. Oliphant

his Health being reestablished, does not mean to avail himself of leave granted to go to China.—

Minutes thereon.

Permitted to return to his Duty.—

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Fort St George 25.th July 1786

At a Consultation Present

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

Tuesday 25.th July 1786

Alexander Davidson Esq.r

James Henry Casamaijor Esq.r

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved —

The President delivers in

the following Minute —

Since I had the honor to lay before the Board, the Answer made by the Rajah of Tanjore, to my Letter of the 8.th June, I am concerned to find, that the same pernicious measures, which rendered it necessary on that occasion to address His Excellency, still continue to exist, & from the Accounts received from the Resident & other Channels I am under serious Apprehensions that Ruin must fall upon that once flourishing Country, unless speedy and effectual means are adopted, to avert the Danger, which still hangs over it — Under such Circumstances, I am of opinion, that no time ought to be lost in addressing the Supreme Government for their Advice & Instruc=tions on this critical occasion; and I would recommend to the Board, that Copies of my Letter of the 8.th June, and the Rajah's Answer, should be transmitted to Bengal, by which the Governor General

President's Minute recommending that a Committee of Inspection be appointed to watch over & report the Si=tuation of the Tanjore Country — States his reasons for such Recom=mendation —

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General and Council will learn that the Rajah turns a deaf Ear to the Requests so earnestly made to His Excellency, respecting the Dismission of his Dewan Bova, who has so long, & so cruelly oppressed his People with Impunity, & who continues to persevere in the same impolitick System, instead of assisting them with the means of cultivating the Land, of which they are now almost totally destitute, in consequence of his unfeeling Exactions and Rapacity.

I would also beg leave to recommend to the Board, that we should entreat the serious attention of the Supreme Government to the Dangers which are to be apprehended, if the Affairs of the Rajah are suffered to continue their present Career, which from every Intelligence I can learn, must inevitably lead to immediate Destruction.

The only Wealth of Tanjore is its Grain, & if the Cultivators be thus oppressed and driven to seek their Support in foreign Countries, that valuable Kingdom will be Lost to the Rajah and his Family, & the Company's Interest, as well as that of the British Nation will receive an Injury, which even the utmost Exertions of this Government will scarcely avert.

I am aware that the Agreement made with the Rajah on his Restoration forbids all Interference in the internal Government of his Country; I know also

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also that upon some former imprudent & unautho=
=rized Attempts of this Nature, the Court of Di=
=rectors were particular in enforcing that Ar=
=ticle of the Agreement. But what will the
Court of Directors, or the Nation think of this
Government, if in a Country protected by our
Arms, & supported by our Influence, we tamely
suffer the Iron Hand of Oppression to externi=
=nate its Inhabitants, without using every
possible Effort to relieve them! This appears to
me to be one of those Cases, in which the Dictates
of Humanity unite with the strongest Calls
of Political Necessity to break through all Res=
=traints for the safety of a much injured People.

Exclusive of the notorious Mis=
=conduct of this favourite Minister, and the want
of Resolution in the Rajah to dismiss him his
Service, the declining Health of his Excellency with
all the incidental Confusion of an indeterminate
and possibly disputed Succession in Case of his
death, places the Affairs of Tanjore in such a
Situation at present as to require, in my humble
opinion, the most early and provident attentions
of this Government to rescue them from utter Ruin.

After the most deliberate
Consideration of these Matters, I see no mode,
which the Board can adopt to avert the dis=
=tress, which is likely to fall upon the Rajah
& his Country, but the immediate Appointment
of a Committee of Inspection to watch over the
Political Affairs of the Tanjore Country.

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This Committee might consist of the Resident the Commandant of the Garrison and the Paymaster. In this Case I would propose that their respective Functions should subsist with the usual and distinct Powers as far as relate to the Detail of their several Charges - But that the Paymaster be relieved of his Appointment of Assistant to the Resident, who has three Civil Servants under him exclusive of the Paymaster - I would also propose that the Committee should be competent to adopt Measures, not within the provision of the present Establishment, but, which the Exigencies of the moment may render highly expedient - In all such Cases the opinion of the Members should be entered on Record under their respective Signatures with the Result of their Deliberations - That the Sense of the Majority should be deemed the Act of the Committee and warrant the adoption of any Measure of immediate & pressing Exigency.

The Committee might take into their Consideration any Questions that may arise between the Rajah & the Neighbouring French Settlement of Karecal, unless the Rajah may in the first Instance acquiesce in such a Determination, as may be agreable to the Expectations of the French, if he does not, the Resident should be instructed to report the Complaint in Committee, when the necessary Evidence should be adduced, and

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the Committee should then report their opinion
to the Rajah thro' the Resident. There are
abundant Proofs on Record of the Zeal, Ability,
and Services of the Revd. Mr Swartz, whose ac=
=curate, local Knowledge and facility in the
Country Language, and above all, whose
high Estimation with the Rajah, from an
Intercourse of 30 Years, must render his Assis
=tance of Essential Consequence on such occa=
=sions —

His Presence if possible, should
always be requested in the
Committee, in which he should have an honorary
Seat, and he should also be desired to interpret
and translate whatever may be necessary, and
to subjoin his Signature to all such Exami=
=nations and Translates —

The Committee should assemble
as often as matters of great public Importance
shall require their Deliberation, when so required
to do by the Resident or any two of the Members; *
The Committee should be impowered to inspect
& enquire into the State of Cultivation in the
Tanjore Country and to report the real State
thereof to Government for the Guidance of their
Proceedings in any Plan that may be adopted
for the general Relief of the Country —

The Committee must not
interfere with or impede by any Act of theirs
the executive Duties of the Resident, but confine
their Deliberations & Resolutions to such great
political Questions as affect the Welfare and
Happiness

* and General Instructions might be prepared for their Guidance, as far as probable or possible Events can now be anticipated.

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Happiness of the Rajah and his Country, the honor & dignity of the British Nation or the Interests of the Honorable Company.—

The Rajah should be informed, that the Institution of the Committee arises from a Consideration of his real Interests, as connected with those of the Company, & British Nation— That the Committee would, under Government, be the Guardians of his Rights: but there may be occasions when he ought to yield to the Conviction of their Judgement, rather than to the Suggestions of a Dewan, who cannot so readily foresee the Consequences of an injudicious line of Conduct, particularly, when it concerns a powerful European Neighbour, too often in Hostility with the British Nation.—

There are the Outlines of an Arrangement, which appears best suited to our present peculiar Situation at Tanjore; It seems to me to comprehend the easiest Remedy for eventual Embarrassment, and it is no ill Compliment to any Resident or Commandant to suppose, that in a Combination of three opinions a better Judgement may be formed than might occur to an individual.—

By the Constitution of such a Committee, a Balance is preserved without offering any Encroachment on the Functions of the Resident or Commandant, and both must feel relieved from much painfull

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Anxiety, should any serious Occasion present
a difficulty of Expedient.—

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/Signed/ Arch.d Campbell

The Board approve the proposed
Appointment of a Committee of Inspection, and
it is accordingly Agreed that Instructions be
drawn out for Messrs Hudleston, Colonel Stuart,
and Mr Hepperley agreably to the Presidents
Recommendation, & that Copy of the above Minute
be sent to them for their Guidance.—

Minute thereon.

Resolved also that a Letter be
addressed to the Governor General & Council
enclosing Copies of all late Papers relative to
Tanjore, & desiring to be favored with their In=
=structions respecting future Proceedings with
the Rajah of Tanjore.—

To be communicated to Bengal.—

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

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

From the Committee of the three Classes of the Nabob's Creditors with copy of the Proceedings of a General meeting held for the purpose of deliberating upon a Plan for the Institution of a Register & Transfer Office, & requesting the Countenance of Government thereon.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

In our Address of the 1st. of
April We had the honor to announce ourselves
as a Committee of the three Classes of the Nabob's
Creditors comprehended under the late Arrange=
=ment for liquidating His Highness's Debts.

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We now beg leave in the same Character to lay before your Honor &ca Copy of the Proceedings of a General Meeting of Creditors held at the Town Hall in Fort St George on Monday the 17th Instant for the purpose of deliberating upon a Plan for the Institution of a Register and a Transfer Office. From these Proceedings it appears that such an Institution is the unanimous Wish of the Creditors interested in the three Loans abovementioned, to which may be added that it is entirely conformable to the Arrangement laid down by the Honble Court of Directors in their Commands of the 6th December 1784 in as much as it tends "to promote "the Circulation of Property in the Carnatic," which the Honble Court have declared to be a leading Principle in their Orders for the liquidation of His Highness's Debts. And on upon a carefull Review of the Subject in all its branches We do not perceive any Circumstance in it, but what is alike conducive to the Welfare of this Colony and to the advantage of the Individual Creditor of the Nabob. We hope & trust that it will meet with your Approbation, & that you will in such Case be pleased to bestow upon it the Sanction of your Government.

In making this first Attempt to introduce the idea of a Transfer Office to the Notice of your Honor &ca We have thought it our Duty to proceed no farther than might be

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necessary to inform ourselves whether the prin-
-ciple of it were considered as generally ap-
-provable. Should your Honor &ca think
proper to encourage this application, We
shall most willingly resume the subject of
it and perform whatever may remain to be
done on our part on behalf of the Creditors,
whom We have the honor to represent.

We are with the greatest

Respect, &c &c

Fort St George
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{Signed}
John Turing
Edwd Jn Holland
Paul Benfield
Tho Lewin
Geo: Moubray
James Taylor

Fort St George Monday 17th July 1786

At a General Meeting of the Creditors of the Nabob,
held at the Town Hall of Madras in conse-
-quence of a special Summons under date the
12th July addressed to the Creditors & Represen-
-tatives of Creditors.

John Turing Esq. in the Chair.

Plan for establishing a Transfer
Office, as prepared by Mr Moubray, & recommended
by

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by the Committee of Creditors is now read as follows—

Article 1st "That Application be made to Government for their Sanction for the Establish=ment of a Transfer Office, for the purpose of registering all Bonds in the three Classes of the Creditors of His Highness the Nabob Wallajah provided for by the late Arrangement made in pursuance of the Act of Parliament, and for transferring such Bonds as occasion may require: that a person properly qualified to manage the business of the said Office be nomi=nated by the Committee of Creditors, & presented to Government for their Approbation and appointment under the denomination of Register & transfer Accountant; also that a proper Books shall be opened on the for the above purpose"—

2d "That every Creditor possessing a Bond in his own name, & producing the same at the transfer Office shall have credit given upon the Books for the Amount, & that every Creditor by Assignment shall in like manner upon producing the original Bond with the Assign=ment, have Credit given him for the Amount; and the Credit so given in the Books shall be certified on the several Bonds, and signed by the transfer Accountant."

3d "That in cases where part of the Bond only has been assigned to one or more Persons

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Persons, the original Bond itself may be lodged in the transfer Office, & upon the back of such Bond, shall be indorsed the amount of the Share so assigned, to whom and the date when assigned; & the transfer Accountant shall grant Certificates to the Persons interested therein for the amount of their respective proportions of the Bond so lodged in the Office, & such Persons shall have Credit accordingly in the Books.

But in case the former Proprietor of the Bond so in part assigned, should prefer keeping it in his possession, he shall be at liberty to do so after the proper entries & Indorsements are made as herein before described, & provided he retains one half or more of the Interest therein.

4th "That in all future Transfers any Creditor possessed of a Bond, & wishing to transfer the full amount thereof, shall apply personally, or by his Attorney, for that purpose, at the Office, & upon producing the Bond a transfer shall forthwith be made in the Books which must be signed by himself, the Bond indorsed accordingly, & the Indorsement witnessed by the transfer Accountant. But if a part of the Bond only is to be transferred, the original Bond shall be deposited in the Office, & Certificates granted as mentioned in the preceding Article. In case nevertheless the person so transferring a part of the said Bond shall desire to keep such Bond in his possession, he shall be at liberty to do so, after the proper Entries & indorsements are made as hereinbefore described, & provided he retains one half or more of the Interest therein."

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5th "That all Certificates granded by the Transfer Accountant, after the manner specified in the two preceding Articles, shall be transferable by Assignment, or by an indorsement on the back thereof, provided such transfer is first entered in the Books kept by the transfer Accountant, who shall attest on the Certificate that the transfer has been duly registered in his Office"

6th "That as part of the Principal of the Debt of 1767 has been discharged, & further Payments are likely to be made in the present Year, the Account of that Debt shall be closed annually, and the Amount of the Principal remaining due on each Bond to the date of such annual Settlement shall be endorsed upon the said Bond"

7th "That the Cavalry Loan and the Debt of 1777 shall be settled in like manner by Indorsement on each Bond, so soon as any part of the Principal shall have been paid off"

8th "That the Sum of one p Mille upon the Registering the several Bonds of the three Classes of Debts, and at the rate of ½ p Cent on all future actual transfers of property in the said Funds shall be allowed to the person acting as Register and transfer Accountant for his trouble and all Charges of Office - Rent, Workers, Stationary &c on the Expence of such transfers to be equally borne by the Parties, that is to say ¼ p Cent by the Party transferring & ¼ p Cent by the Person accepting the Transfer"

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9th "In the event of any future Ar=
=rangement being made, that may render it
unnecessary to continue the transfer Office upon
the footing now proposed, It is meant that the
Accountant shall be allowed the like Commission
of 1/2 p Cent by the Creditors, agreably to the Sums
standing in their Names upon his making up
a finial Account of their respective Balances,
for the purpose of having the same introduced
into any plan, which the Creditors may adopt
for a finial liquidation of their Debts; the
Balances due to the different Creditors upon
forming any such Plan of Liquidation to be
ascertained by the transfer Accountant under
the Inspection of the Committee of Creditors
and Certificates of the Balances to be endorsed
upon the back of the Bonds & signed by the
transfer Accountant."

10th "That the transfer Office shall
be open every Tuesday & Friday from 10 to 1 in the
Morning till One in the Afternoon, during
which time Attendance shall be given by the transfer
Accountant for such business as may be required
of him."

11th That whenever a Sum of Money
may be declared by the Honble the President &
Council to be ready for dividing among the
Creditors the transfer Accountant shall prepare
under the direction of the Committee, an Account
of the Proportions thereof due to each Creditor,
agreably to the Books of his Office, which Account
shall be transmitted to the Honorable Board

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as the official Documents, by which the Dividends is to be made."

The Meeting proceeding to take the said Plan into Consideration and the several Articles of it being put into a Train of free and full discussions, it was after some time, upon the Motion of the Chairman

Resolved unanimously - That it is the opinion of this Meeting that the Establishing of an Office for registering & transferring of the Nabobs Bonds of the three Classes comprehended in the late Arrangement, is every way eligible and is likely to be productive of great advantage to the Creditors interested in those Loans -

Resolved unanimously -
That the Plan suggested by the Committee of Nabobs Creditors appears well calculated for the purpose of introducing such Office under the sanction of Government.

Resolved unanimously - That the Committee be requested to use their Endeavors for carrying the same into Effect.

Resolved unanimously -
That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Committee of Creditors for the careful attention which they have shewn upon this Occasion to the general Interests entrusted to them -

Resolved unanimously

That

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That the thanks of this Meeting be given to John Turing Esqr for the regularity with which he has conducted the Business of this day.

Adjourned.

John Turing
Chairman

A true copy from the Journals

Tho Lewin
Secry to the Comme. of Creditors.

Minute on the above.

Agreed that the Committee be informed that the Board approve the Principle upon which they have recommended a Plan of a Register & Transfer Office, which has obtained the unanimous Concurrence of a General Meeting of the Nabobs Creditors.

President's Minute recommending the Distribution of £350000 to the Nabobs Creditors on the 30th Instant

The President delivers in the following Minute.

His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic having compleated his last Kist, of Seven Lacks of Pagodas, the Governor thinks it would be proper to declare a Dividend to the Creditors of His Highness.

A considerable Part of this Kist having been paid in Bills, that have some time to run, and the whole of the Money paid at Palamcotah, not being as yet remitted to the Presidency, the Governor cannot recommend a Division of the whole Sum received,

But

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But as the Funds of the Company will admit of a Dividend being made on account of the last Rent, the Governor recommends that a Dividend of 350000 Pags be declared to the Publick and Private Creditors of His Highness the Nabob, on the 30th day of this Month, & that the same be advertised in the Newspapers.

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Agreed to.
Notifications to be given in the Madras Couries.

Resolved that publick Notifi-
-cation be made that there will be a Dividend
to the Nabobs Creditors of 350000 Pagodas on
the 30th Instant.

Read the following Letter

from Mr Bulman.

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

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Mr Bulman requesting 15 p Cent Commission upon all past and future Disbursements of this Office as Superintendant of Medical Stores.

Ever since my appointment to the Disbursement of Country Medicines by the Honble Select Committee, who ordered me to provide & keep in readiness all those things for the use of the Service. I have been duply in advance in consequence of the purchases I have made to answer the demands of the Service, seldom less than 2000 and very often 4000 Pags. The constant Interest on such advances together with the expense of Servants, & occasionally

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Godowon-rents, are far beyond what my abilities can support, especially as I do not avail my-self of the advantages, the nature of my Office, may be supposed to admit; for scarcely have I charged enough, as an advance on the first Cost, to repay, or make good, the unavoidable waste, damage, and loss sustained by Vermin, accidents, and the natural decay those things are subject to - or indeed are my Pay & Allowance in any degree, adequate to such considerable drawbacks -

Having premised so much,

I presume it will clearly appear to the Honble Board, that my pecuniary mertions, added to my industrious labours in my official ca-pacity; have been directed solely to the good of the Service; and that hitherto, of the above mentioned charges be suffered to fall on me. I have not even enjoyed, an Allowance equal to the common Expences of Life; unavoidable at the Presidency. And I hope this Representa-tion of my Situation will plead my excuse with the Honble Board for troubling them on a Subject in which I am so materially interested, and also have sufficient weight with them, to obtain to me their leave to draw Commission (usual I believe in similar Cases) on the past Disbursements of my Office - Dis-bursements, that in the gross, amount only to the small Sum of ₰1000 Sag. & the commission arising thereon @ 15 p Cent will not be more I apprehend than equal to one months Allowance gained

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gained to the Honble Company (by my attention to their Interest) in thirty-four Months; the period I have supplied the Service with Country Medicines &ca and that the Honble Board will further indulge me with Commission on future Disbursements not only to enable me, to support the loss of Interest on the Sums to be employed in the provision of Country Medicines Servants Wages &ca but, as a Reward, or recompense for the very extraordinary labour, attention, and diligence that my Employ indispensibly requires.

Or that the Honble Board will be pleased to give me a Salary equal to what they shall think the importance of my Services may justly entitle me to: and in such case that they will make the necessary advances from their Treasury the nature of my employ will demand.

Fort St Geo: 25
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I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Bob Bulman

In consideration of the extra-ordinary labor attendant on the duties of Mr Bulman's Office, & the attention which he has uniformly paid to it, it is Agreed that he be permitted to charge 15 p Cent upon the past Disbursements, & to continue this Commission upon future Disbursements exclusive of his present fixed Pay.

Agreed to.

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.

To

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Military Board with their opinion on the Claim of Captain Brown for Arrears due the 1st Battalion; also respecting the Contingencies of His Majesty's Regiments serving in India —

We have had the Honor to receive Mr Chamiers Letters of the 4th and 11th Instant, the latter enclosing a Claim of Captain Brown for Arrears due to the 1st Madras Battalion under his Command, together with his Correspondence on that Subject with Messrs Digby and Palk.

In order to assist us in forming our Opinion thereon, Mr Digby was requested to attend the Board, & acknowledged the Account of Captain Brown as appears in the Correspondence No 1 to be perfectly just, & accurate — He also informed us, that the Mutiny on the Island of Seringam, had obliged him to appropriate the Money received for the payment of Captain Brown's Charges to the purpose of satisfying the Mutineers, in which he had the acquiescence of General Horne. That although he has applied by Letter to Government for Cash, his application remains unanswered, & not having Funds in his own hands, he could only give the Company Credit for the Money so issued in his Account with Mr Palk. He also delivered in an Account of Arrears of the same nature, due to other Battalions, &

accompanied

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accompanied by a Letter to Mr Paike dated the 29th May 1786, which We have now the honor to enclose.—

Upon the above information, as well as from what we could collect from the Correspondence, we beg leave to recommend to your Honble Board to order the payment of the Arrears due to the 1st Madras Battalion — but as the Claims of the other Corps included in Mr Digby's Letter, have not been regularly and officially brought before us, we cannot pretend to form any opinion upon them.—

Having perused the Consideration of your Secretary's Letter of the 6th Ultimo respecting the Contingencies of His Majesty's Regiments serving in India, we have the honor to enclose a further Statement of the difference between the Sum total in the originals and Copies of the Contingent Accounts of the 52d and 73d Regiments of Foot.—

On a careful perusal, and examination of the Orders contained in the Extract of a General Letter from the Court of Directors furnished us by Mr Secretary Chamier, we cannot find any instructions therein, regarding the Contingencies demanded by the Paymasters of the King's Regiments — In Para: 39. it is set forth, that the Subsistence of His Majesty's Forces at this Settlement shall be provided for, & regularly paid

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paid to the order of the Officer Commanding each respective Regiment, & that the remainder of the Allowances be paid by the Company according to such Regulations as shall be settled between the Paymaster General, the Secretary at War, & the Court of Directors. If any such Regulations have been made we presume they have not been transmitted from home. The subsequent Orders contained in the forementioned Extract, only point out the rate of Exchange & the manner in which the Money is to be drawn for, by Bills upon England.

To us the Contingencies appear to come under the head of Regimental Charges, & of course, to be included in the Sum of two Lacks of Current Rupees paid by the Company for each Regiment of 1000 Men. It was formerly the Custom of the Paymasters of His Majesty's Regts to send home their Contingent Accounts to their respective Regimental Agents; and therefore) ere it be known, what Regulations have been finally settled between the Paymr General the Secretary at War & the Court of Directors, we apprehend that no material inconvenience can arise from a continuance of the same practice. Besides by this mode, the propriety of the Charges as well as by whom they should be paid, can be positively ascertained.

We have the honor to be &c &c

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/Signed/ James Eidingtoun
Henry Malcolm

Statements

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Statement of the difference in the Sums total of the Originals and Copies of the Contingent Accounts of His Majesty's 52nd and 73d Regiments of Foot.

52d Regiment

Dates			Original sums Total			Sums Total in the Copies			Difference		
			£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
From	25th December 1782	to 24th June 1783	24	10	-	57	10	-	33	-	-
	25th June	to 24th Dec.r 1783	24	10	-	48	9	-	23	19	-
	25th December 1783	to 24th June 1784	20	-	-	40	16	-	20	16	-
	25th June	to 24th Dec.r 1784	19	5	-	38	1	-	20	16	-
	25th December 1784	to 24th June 1785	19	5	-	64	16	-	45	11	-
	25th June	to 24th Dec.r 1785	24	16	-	34	16	-	10	-	-
	25th December 1785	to 24th June 1786	23	4	-	43	4	-	20	-	-
									Total £174		-

73d Regiment

From	25th June	to 24th Dec.r 1783	£	84	16	11	£	84	16	11	£ - - -
	25th December 1783	to 24th June 1784		80	3	6		100	3	6	20 - -
	25th June	to 24th Dec.r 1784		56	6	6		76	6	6	20 - -
	25th December 1784	to 24th June 1785		44	4	-		64	4	-	20 - -
	25th June	to 24th Dec.r 1785		51	7	-		71	7	-	20 - -
											Total £80 - -

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The Board approve the opinion given in the foregoing Letter respecting Captain Brown's Claim for some Arrears to his Battalion and respecting the Contingencies to the Kings Regiments. Agreed therefore that the opinion be confirmed, and that it be notified to the Parties concerned.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Mr William Jackson, Superintendant of the Army Grain Accounts.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr Jackson Superintendant of Army Grain Acct. states the Sums he has recovered to the Company — requests that Mr Cockburn the Agent Victualler may take charge of his Employ —

After a Period of three Years and half during which I have been employed in collecting the outstanding Balances that were due for Grain issued from the Publick Stores to the fighting Men and followers of the Grand Army in the late War and to the 31st December 1784. I have now the honor of laying before you the Settlement thereof, as far as I have been able to adjust them — In my Address to your Honble Board bearing date the 13th of August 1784 I briefly detailed the manner of issuing & receiving this Article from the 1st of November 1780 to 30th April 1784 how the Collections were made, and in what

manner

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manner they had been applied — By my Accounts & Vouchers which accompanied that Address your Honor &ca will find that the nett Amount of the total Expenditure as taken by me from the different Grainkeepers Books was Pagodas 7,21,287. 8. 64 that the Collections to that period amounted to 5,39,689. 34. 36 that I therein estimated the good Debts still due to the Honble Company to be the Sum of Pagodas 1,32,941. 39. 58 and that there afterwards remained a Balance against the Company of Pagodas 48585. 24. 50 of which I informed your Honor &ca that I did not despair of recovering a part — It is with the greatest Satisfaction, I can now inform your Honor &c. that a part of this desperate Balance, together with the whole of the good Debts as before stated, & the Amount of the Issues of Grain from the 1st of May to the 31st Dec. 1784 being Pagodas 43,369. 14. 67 have since been brought to the Company's Credit as will more particularly appear in the accompanying Statement No 1 — Throughout this Undertaking, I have received the most effectual Assistance from Mr Welch the Paymaster to the Army in so much that I am firmly of opinion, the Honble Company's Losses on the Article of Grain would have been very considerable, had it not have been for his Exertions —

Your Honor &ca will now

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find all that remains of the heavy outstan=
-ding Balances to be the Sum of Pagodas
38411. 23. 19 of which Fortum Pagodas 7170.
12. 10 to be good Debts and the remainder
irrecoverable. When your Honor &ca reflect
on the number of Casualties by Deaths, Deser=
-tions &ca which must have happened in
so large an Army during the Course of four
Years constantly in the Field, I trust your
Honor &ca will not think this a large Sum
For the recovery of the good Debts, I beg leave
to recommend to your Honor &ca that my
Head Writer Sallatenpah, who has been of
infinite Service to me, and is well acquainted
with the nature of the Business, may be
employed under the Orders of Mr Cockburn
untill the whole are finally adjusted; I
purpose with your Approbation to deliver all
the Grain Accounts to Mr Cockburn together
with the Particulars of the Adjustment in
order that the same may be properly brought
to Account in the Books of his Office

I have the honor to be &c

Fort St George
23d July 1786

Signed / W.m Jackson
Supt
of Army Grain Acct

Agreed that Mr Cockburn
be directed to take charge of the Army Grain
Accounts and to employ Mr Jackson's Head
Writer

Mr Cockburn ap=
-pointed to take
charge

Mr Jackson's Read Writer to be employed in Mr Coolebrun's Office -

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Writer Cattaleapah until the whole be finally adjusted -

The Board are well pleased to observe that of such heavy outstanding Ba= =lances so small a proportion remains to be adjusted, and they think themselves bound in Justice to Mr Jackson to inform the Court of Directors that to his exertions the large Sums brought to the Company's Credit are to be attributed - The Board regret that the State of the Finances of this Government does not enable them to bestow a pecuniary Reward, justly due to the Services of Mr Jackson, but they trust that the strong re= =commendation, which will be given of a Servant by whom the Interests of the Com= =pany have been so much benefited, will procure some distinguished Mark of favor from his Employers -

Mr Jackson's Conduct highly approved - And to be strongly recom= =mended to the Court of Directors -

Read the following Letter from Mr William Jackson, Agent for the Capture of Sadras -

To

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Fort St George 25th July 1786

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Previous to my Departure

From Mr William Jackson Agent for the Capture of Sadras requesting Permission to resign that Trust, enclosing an Acct of Cash received & disbursed, & recommending that Mr Porcher be appointed to take charge—

from Madras, allow me to request your Honor &c. permission to resign the Trust reposed in me, as Agent to the Honble Company for the Capture of Sadras, & that you will permit my Attorney Mr Josias Dupré Porcher to be my Successor — I do myself the honor to enclose an Account of the Cash received and disbursed since my Appointment, the Balance in favor of the Honble Company and the Captors including Mr Fremans Receipt being Pagodas Thirteen Thousand, two hundred & two, thirty five fanams and sixty Cash (13202. 35. 60) I have delivered to Mr Porcher, in whose Hands I am further to request your Honor &ca would allow it to remain untill the Rights of the Honble Company and the Captors with respect to their respective Shares in the Amount of the Prize Money are ascertained—

I have the honor to be &c.

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22d July 1786

/ Signed / Wm Jackson
Agent

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Dr The Honble Company & the Captors of Sadras

1782				
June	18.	To Cash paid Cooly hire carrying Goods to Sea Gate	3 20	-
1783				
Janry	15	To Cash paid Mr Carlile for Godown rent as p bill	101 25	-
April	25.	To Cash paid Mr Barclay for Godown Rent from 17th Janry to 17th April is 3 Months @ 15 Pags p Month	45	- -
June	15.	To Cash paid Venkatachellum p Charges	4	19 -
	18	To Cash paid Mr Barclay Godown Rent from 17th April is 2 Months	30	- -
Augt	23	To Cash paid Mr Barclay for Godown Rent from 17th June to 17th August is 2 Months	30	- -
Septr	11	To Cash paid Mr Barclay for D° 17th Augt to 31st is 14 Days	7	- - -
	27	To Cash paid for weighing 2 Tb Tubs of Camphire as p bill	3	4 -
1784				
Decr	5	To Cash paid Mr Sullivan for his opinion on the subject of a division of Sadras Prize Money	50	- -
		To Commission on Rect to D° 14814. 3.25 @ 5 p Cent	740	29.45
		To Balance due including the Amount of Mr Freemans Receipt	13202	35.60

Pagodas 14814 . 3.25

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in Account with William Jackson Agent — Cr.

1782				
Febry	16	By Cash received for Sundry void		312..10..40
May	2	By Cash received from Mr Cuthbert for 11 Candy Sugar		511..-..-
August	26	By Cash received for 3 Anchors		175..-..-
October	24	By Cash received for Copper		1000..-..-
1783			£ M Lb	
Janry	15	By Cash received of Mootiah for 2..19..10 of Indigo @ 30 Pagodas p Candy		88..25..65
June	15	By Cash received for Indigo 3..6..15 @ 30 Dto		99..11..32
Augst	31	By Cash received for 278 Tubs of Camphire weighg Gross Lb 34824 deduct Tar @ 27½ p Cent 7645 27197 is 54..74 @ 60 Pcs p Candy		3261..21..48
Septr	8	By Cash received from Comarapah Chitty for 24 Corge 16 Pcs of Cloths sold him @ 51 Pags p Corge		1264..36..-
1784				
May	25	By Cash received of Charles N. White Sea Gate		
		Register as p Account Sale	1625..23..60	
		Received 24th Octr 1782	1000	
		Commn &c @ 2½ p Cent	40..30..20	
		Oryen's fees	1041..30..20	583..11..-
		By the Amount of Mr Freemans Receipt for Cash paid into the Treasury by the Captors		7516..7..-
			Pagodas	14814..3..25

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Errors Excepted

p Wm Jackson Agent

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Agreed that Mr Porcher be appointed
Agreed to — Agent for the Capture of Sadras agreably to the
Recommendation of Mr Jackson & that he be
directed to receive Charge of the Accounts and
Balance of Cash —

Read a Letter from Mr Falk
From Mr Falk entered in the MB: N° 97 inclosing one addressed
to him by the Inspector of Stores stating the
ruinous condition of the Park, Shed & Laboratories
& desiring that the Repairs of which an Estimate
was sent in May 1785 may be executed —

Agreed that Mr Falk be
Minutes thereon directed to execute the Repairs stated in the
Estimate abovementioned at Pag.s 2059, 18, and
that he be informed that the Amount is on
no account to be exceeded —

Resolved also that notification
Do — of the above be given to General Horne & that
he be desired to order an Engineer to superin-
-tend the execution of the proposed Repairs —

W. C. Jackson
Dep.t Sec.y

Josh. Campbell

" Alex.r Davidson

" Ja.s Wm.s Casamayor

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26th Dispatched a Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore as entered in the Country Correspondence N.o 67 / expressive of the President's Concern at the inattention of his Excellency to his (the President's) repeated Entreaties to dismiss from his Presence & Council his unworthy Minister Baura; and advises of the appointment of the Committee of Inspection, & the Purposes of its Institution —

Substance of a Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore

Published the following Notification in the Madras Courier.

Fort St George 25 July 1786

The Honorable the President and Council are pleased to notify that there will be a Dividend at the Treasury to the Nabobs Creditors on the 30.th Instant of Pagodas Three hundred and fifty Thousand / 3,50,000 / in the same manner, & agreably to the same Proportions, as the Dividend made on the 9.th of May last —

Notification to the Nabob's Creditors of the Distribution of 3,50,000 Pagodas on the 30.th Inst.

By Order of the Honorable President & Council,

/ Signed / John Chamier
Secry

In Consequence of the above, the following Letter was drafted & dispatched to the Committee for investigating the Debts of His Highness the Nabob —

To

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To Messrs Garrow

Webb

&

Landon

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honorable

President & Council to inform you that

they have resolved to issue on the 30th Instant,

on account of His Highness the Nabobs creditors

the Sum of three Hundred & fifty thousand

Pagodas —

You will be pleased therefore

without loss of time to calculate & send to the

Accountant, the Sum which is due upon

every Bond agreably to the Proportions spe-

-cified in my Letter of the 28th March last —

I am Gentlemen &c &c —

Signed / John Chamier

Secry

To the Committee
for investigating
the Debts of His
Highness the Nabob
to calculate & send
to the Accountant
the Sum due upon
every Bond, con-
-nected with the
abovementioned
Distribution.

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In Consequence of the Resolution

adopted in the last Consultation, the following

Letters respecting Tanjore were dispatched.

To

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To John Hudleston Esqr
Colonel James Stuart
Mr John Coxe Hippesley

Gentlemen.

I am directed by the Honble President and Council to inform you that they have been pleased to appoint you a Committee of Inspection to watch over and report the Situation of the Tanjore Country -

In the execution of the Trust thus reposed in you, you are entirely to be guided by the Principles laid down in the enclosed Minute of the President on the Subject of your Appointment, and as the Minute has been in every part approved by the Board it is to be considered as containing your Instructions -

You will be pleased to signify to the Reverend Mr Swartz the wish of the Board that he will accept an honorary Seat in your Committee, to which Mr Hippesley (as youngest Member) will act as Secretary -

As the appointment of your Committee, tho' judged absolutely necessary cannot be agreeable to the Rajah, who will probably

To Mr Hudleston, Colonel Stuart & Mr Hippesley appointing them a Committee to watch over and report the Situation of the Tanjore Country - a Copy of the President's Minute enclosed. (the Principles therein laid down are to be considered as their Instructions

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26 probably consider it as an improper interference with their Government, you will observe the greatest delicacy towards his Excellency, & save his feelings as much as possible consistent with the Service entrusted to your Management —

But at the same time let him be informed that the Government require an immediate attention to their Requests —

You will be pleased to report without loss of time the State of the Tanjore Country, & suggest such Measures as you may think necessary to restore it to Posterity.

I am Gentlemen &c &c

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/Signed/ John Shamier
Secy

To John Hudleston Esqr
Resident at
Tanjore

To the Resident the appointment of the above Committee not to interfere with the separate functions of each Member — a letter to the Rajah enclosed to be delivered by him —

Sir

I enclose by order of the Board a Packet addressed to yourself, Colo Stuart and Mr Hippesley, whom they have appointed a Committee of Inspection to watch over the Political Affairs of the Tanjore Country —

The appointment of this Committee is in no respect to interfere with the

separate

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26 separate functions of each Member, & the inter=
-course with the Rajah whether personal or
otherwise is solely to be maintained by you
as Resident -

I enclose a Letter from the
President to the Rajah, which you will be
pleased to deliver - A Copy of it is annexed for
your Information -

I am Sir &c- &c-

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/ Signed / John Chamier Secy

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

Gentlemen.

We have the honor to inform
you that during these several Months past
We have repeatedly found it necessary thro
the Channel of our President, and by our &a
Instructions to the President to make the strong
=est representations to the Rajah of Tanjore,
on the subject of the rapid & alarming emigra
=tion of the Inhabitants of his Country & of the
misery & ruin of those who remain under the
oppressive administration of his Minister &
Dewan Bawa -

To Bengal -
enclosing copies
of the late Pro=
=ceedings relative
to Tanjore, and
soliciting Instruc=
=tions from them

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The Papers which accompany this Address will sufficiently justify the strong re= =monstrances that have been made & will, We trust warrant our appointment of a Committee to watch over & report the Situation of the Tanjore Country—

This appointment was recom= =mended to us by our President in a Minute delivered in Council the 25th Inst. wherein he has pictured in just Colours the deplorable State of the Tanjore Country & demonstrated so fully the necessity of naming a Committee that We concurred immediately in the proposed Measure—

We enclose Copy of the above Minute & of the Instructions to the Committee & We beg leave to request you will without loss of time favor us with your Advice and Directions relative to our future proceedings —The Papers before you will prove in the fullest manner the weakness & impolicy of the Tanjore Administration & the necessity of adopting some strong measures to save the Country from impending Ruin—We are aware of the Censure that may await an interference in the internal management of the Rajah's Government, unless a Case of absolute necessity be adduced in justification —But altho' We think the Case so far exists

as

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26 as fully to warrant the Steps We have taken, yet We profess ourselves unwilling to proceed to the last Extremity unless armed with your authority.

Once more permit us to request your particular Attention to this Subject, & to express our anxiety to be favored as soon as possible with your Instructions —

We have the honor to be &c.

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/ Signed / Arch.d Campbell
&co Council

P. S. We have the Honor to enclose a Copy of our Proceedings in the Secret and Military Department from the 1st of April to the 30th of June 1786 —

List of the Packet

N.os		Dates
1	General Letter of this Date	26th July 1786
2	From the Governor to the Rajah of Tanjore	8th June D.o
3	From the Rajah in reply	27th D.o
4	From the Resident at Tanjore	28th D.o
5	From D.o D.o	29th D.o
6	Governor's Minute	25th July
7	From the Governor to the Rajah of Tanjore	25th July
8	To the Committee of Inspection at Tanjore	25th July —

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Dispatched the following Letter to the Committee of the three Clapses of the Nabobi Creditors —

To Messrs Turing
Taylor
Benfield
Holland
Lewin
&
Moubray

Committee of the three Clapses of the Nabobi Creditors.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honble President & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 20th Instant enclosing Copy of the Proceedings of a General Meeting of the Nabobi Creditors, which contain sundry Resolutions that paspied unanimously —

To the Committee of the three Clapses of the Nabobi Creditors - the Board approve the proposed Plan of a Register & Transfer Office —

As it appears from the above-mentioned Resolutions, that the Creditors of the Nabob consider the proposed Plan of a Register and Transfer Office likely to conduce to the Welfare of the Colony and to the advantage of the Individual Creditor, the Board direct me to signify their acquiescence and to express their Approbation of the Principle of the Plan which has obtained the concurrence of a General Meeting of the Nabobi Creditors —

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

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26th

Received the following Report

from the Hospital Board -

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell

President & Governor &ca Council

From the Hospital Board with Letter from Mr Nicol Mein as to the Situation of Mr Pringle - Recommending that Surgeons be allowed the same Sum for Off Reckonings as are enjoyed by Captains of Infantry & that Port and Madeira Wines only are to be given the Scale - What Servants are necessary to Surgeons & Surgeons Assistants at Out Garrisons - Mr Vaughan Surgeon of the Worcester admitted on the Establishment - Remarks of Government on the preceding -

Honble Sir and Sirs

We have the honor to enclose you our Proceedings of the 24th and 25th Instant -

We are with all due respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Jas Anderson

Physician General

Colley Lucas

Chief Surgeon

Tho Davis

Head Surgeon

Hospital Board

25th July 1786

{Signed}

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to
26.

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Hospital Board

July 24th & 25th 1786

Read the enclosed

Letter from Mr Klein first Surgeon at Trechinopoly dated the 4th Inst. which the Hospital Board beg leave to forward to the Honble President & Council with the following Remarks -

That altho Mr Pringle by his Letter of 22d May did voluntarily put himself out of the line of preferment, yet as he was recommended by them to be brought forward from a conviction that it proceeded from a want of reflection, and that the Service had suffered no injury during the interval - They humbly conceive that although Mr Klein's Arguments are very quick, nevertheless as they took upon them to accept Mr Pringle's apology for having declined to come forward in the first instance so are they perfectly satisfied the Honorable Board will decide ultimately between the contending Parties -

Agreed

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Agreed also to
write Mr Pringle to desire
him to repair to his Station
without delay as he is very
much wanted at the General
Approved Hospital here and to send
him an Extract of Mr Mein's
Letter to shew him the necef-
=sity of so doing to preserve
his standing in the Service -

Read a Letter from
Mr Simons Surgeon at
Cuddalore containing Queries
concerning his Pay & another
from Mr Nicol Mein dated
the 6th Instant from which
the following Paragraph
is an Extract -

"I have to request
"that you would represent
"to the Physician General
"that the Surgeons of my
"dept are in no small danger
"of being starved, as the Pay-
"masters cannot determine
"on the allowance they are
"to have - The Orders say
"we are to have the Pay and
"Emoluments of a Captain
"of Infantry, but this requires
"some

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"some explanation as a number
"of the Captains of Infantry draw
"Off-Reckonings which is an
"addition to their Pay of fifty
"Pagodas p Month or Six hundred
"p Annum and can only be
"considered as an Emolument -
"the neat pay of a Captain of
"Infantry is only thirty seven
"Pagodas p Month - this half
"Batta or temporary allow=
"-ance is but nominal being
"paid in Certificates - I beg
"therefore to submit this to
"the consideration of the Phy=
"-sician General and the
"Medical Board, at the same
"time requesting that our
"Allowance may be determined
"upon and signified in General
"Orders as we cannot draw
"Subsistance till the circum=
"-stance be settled & finally
"decided upon".

The Hospital
Board likewise understand
from different Quarters that
as the Captains of Infantry
are not all on the same
footing, the General Orders of
the

26 Allowances equal to Off Reckonings will be given to the Surgeons (not Supernumerary) in proportions similar to those enjoyed by the Captains of Infantry: that is, a certain number of Surgeons will receive to the amount of 600 Pag.s annually, another proportion will receive to the amount of 500 Pag.s and the remainning, consisting of the youngest will not be entitled to any thing more than the usual Pay and Gratuity of a Captain

the 11th April are not perfectly understood, and therefore recommend as they conceive it their Duty that an equal proportion of pay shall be held agreeable to the General Orders between the Captains and the Surgeons that is to say, as all Captains have pay and Gratuity, all Surgeons shall enjoy the same, and as they believe nearly one half of the Captains reckoning from the oldest have about 600 Pag.s annually Off-reckonings, one half the Surgeons shall likewise have the same, and the other half of those that are employed have 500 Pag.s the same as Captains Commanding Battalions of Sepoys. In this way there being only 20 Surgeons Mations ten will receive nearly at the rate of 100 Pagodas per Month and ten, Ninety, nearly independant of Batta.

Read a Letter from Mr Irvine Surgeon of the 23d Regiment of Light Horse complaining of the badness

of

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of the Wine & Paper with which he was supplied and also an Answer to the same by the Apothecary mentioning that they were the best that could then be purchased

Agreed that no Wine be supplied but Port Wine to the Sick with Madeira, and as there are Wines not liable to perish by keeping or otherways, if at first good, the Surgeons at out Stations are at liberty to return them, stating their reasons to this Board, for so doing & recommend that the Honble President & Council will be pleased to order the publication of this Resolution —

Approved

Read Letters from Mr Ferrier at Vizagapatam, Mr Binny at Ganjam & Mr Ferguson at Ellore stating the difficulty of their being supplied with Country Medecines from the Presidency —

Agreed to write the Senior Assistants at the different General Hospitals to supply such Articles as were ordered by the Honble Board on the 27th of June to the different Garrisons & places in their Districts.

Approved.

Received

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Received Copies of the
Invoices of Medecines p Europa
& Middleton Indiamen.-

Approved

Wrote to the Apothe-
-cary to distribute them as
formerly directed.

Approved.

Wrote to the Surveyor
to station Deputies at the three
General Hospitals of Manelli-
-patam, Vellore & Trichinopoly
and to direct them to report
the State of the Stores in their
respective Districts -

Read a Letter from
Mr Rolls Surgeon of the 3d
Regiment, setting forth his
ill State of Health being
such as to disable him from
doing his Duty with his Regi-
-ment at Vellore.

Approved -

From a knowledge
of his Case, the Board are
sensible that his Complaints
are too well founded and have
agreed to allow him to re-
-main at the Sea Coast
untill his Recovery -

Read

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Received the following Letter from
Brigadier General Horne —

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
President. Governor &c &c

Honble Sir.

From Brigadier Genl. Horne - the Detachment under Captn Fothringham sent to reduce Mootoo Naigue to obedience meets with a Repulse in the Attack of the Fort of Pombopettah - The General sends a Reinforcement.

The Detachment Commanded by Captain Fothringham ordered to dispossess Mootoo Naigue of the Districts he had usurped during the War from Comboo Naigue, a neigh=-bouring Polegar; was under the necessity of at=-tacking the Fort of Pombopettah in consequence of his obstenate refusal to comply with the Orders of the Sircar regarding their restetution —

Captain Fothringham after) fering for some time from an 18 Pounder, thought fit to order the place to be stormed on the 22d. Instant at 4 Clock in the afternoon in which he was unsuccessful from the natural as well as accidental difficulties — A strong double hedge of Thorns which he imagined of little consequence he found impassable; nor was he able to remove it, altho covered by the fire of his Battalion and field Pieces; one of which was rendered useless for the moment by the breaking of the sponge Staff in it — After sustaining a considerable loss and being himself wounded

in

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26th in the Thigh he was forced to retire —

Lieut Depse was slightly wounded in the Shoulder & Ensign Neale shot thro the Leg — The Detachment lost one European Gunner & 13 Natives killed, a return of which, and the wounded I shall have the honor to send with my next —

During the night the Enemy evacuated the place which was immediately taken possession of —

I have found it expedient after advising with the Nabobs Shoundar to order a Reinforcement to march that Evening, the particulars & object of which I shall communicate hereafter —

I am with great respect &c

Head Quarters of the Southern Forces Trichinopoly 26th July 1786

(Signed) Mat.w Horne

27th

Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in MB Nos 98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109-110.

To the Paymaster at Trichins=

To M.r Palk

=poly, the Repairs, agreably to the Estimate given in, are immediately to be carried on under the direction of the Engineer —

To the Paymaster at Tanjore

To M.r Kepperley

to discharge the Arrears due to the 1st Batt.n of Sepoys —

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To Brigadier General Horne.

To Genl Horne — Commanding the Southern Forces - to order the Engineer to superintend the Repairs which are to be executed by the Paymaster, & on no account to exceed the amount of the Estimate -

To Mr Josias Du Pré Porcher -

To Mr Porcher — the Board decline admitting the claim for Con= -tingencies, till Regulations are received from the Paymaster General in England, the Secry at War & the Court of Directors -

To Mr Job Bulman - with

To Mr Bulman — permission to charge 15 p Cent upon past and future Disbursements -

To Mr Wm Jackson, Superintendant of Army Grain accounts - informing

To Mr Wm Jackson — him that Mr Cockburn is charged with the settling of the Grain Accounts -

To Mr Cockburn — To Mr Tho: Cockburn - directg him to adjust the Grain Accounts -

To Mr Wm Jackson, Agent

To Mr Wm Jackson — for the Capture of Sadras - Mr Porcher is appointed his Successor in the Agency for the Capture of Sadras -

To Mr Porcher, appointing

To Mr Porcher — him to succeed Mr Jackson in the Agency for the Capture of Sadras -

To

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To the Resident at Nagore with a Bill of lading of Sundries shipped on the Adventure, Tho.s Rodrigues for Negapatam -

To the Resident, at Nagore -

To the Committee of Stores - the Board have given Information to the Presi= =dency of Bengal respecting the Stores desig =ned for this Presidency, which were not landed by the Ships specified in their letter; - Their Recommendation to the Court of Directors for Europe Leather approved -

To the Committee of Stores -

To Captain Foxall, Commanding the Honble Company's Ship, General Goddard permitted to receive on board his Ship Lieut.t Innis of the 78.th Regiment, and John Macleod as a Charter Party Passenger -

To Capt.n Foxall

To the Military Board - to report their opinion upon the propriety of Ensign Buckley's requisition to stay on Bengal for three Years on half Pay -

To the Mil.y Board

28.

Received the under mentioned Letters entered in Mis. Nos 111 112 113 114 - 116 - 117 - 118.

From Mr. Burton, request= =ing permission to build a House at Perna= =coil for the use of the Paymaster -

From Mr. Burton

From the Company's Solicitors, enclosing

From the Com.s Solicitors

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28 enclosing a Set of Articles between the Honorable President & Co of one part & Mr Kennant of the other drawn pursuant to the Board's Instructions for furnishing the Native Cavalry with Horses -

From Mr John Clerk, Master

From Mr J. Clerk. Master in the Masulipatam District - requesting to be relieved from the Office of Master Attendant in consequence of ill health -

From Lieut Pogson - soliciting

From Lieut Pogson permission to return to Europe on account of ill health, and to draw half Pay during his Absence -

31.

From Mr Porcher - advising of

From Mr Porcher his having received charge of the Sabras Prize Money from Mr William Jackson amounting to Pags 5686. 28. 60 -

From Captn Lieut Mitchell -

From Captain Lieut Mitchell requesting charge of the Packet, viâ Busporah.

From Mr Hay, Secretary

From Mr Hay to the Supreme Board - enclosing the dispatches from the Secret Department for the Court of Directors, to be sent by the Elizabeth to Busporah -

Received the following Letters -

To

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31st

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &ca Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Committee for investigating the Nabob's Debts; advising of their having sent to the Accountant the Proportions of the Dividend of 350000 Pag.s to be made on 30th Inst.

In Obedience to your Commands of the 25th Inst. We have delivered to Wm George Moubray the Accountant the Proportions of the Dividend of 350,000 Pagodas to be made on the 30th Instant.

The Proportions of the present Dividend on the different Debts and the Company's Share of it are as follows—

Share of the Creditors of 1777	96,223. 27.—
Share of the Cavalry Loan	24,171. 30. 46
Share of the Company	114.802. 7. 17
Share of the Creditors of 1767	114.802. 7. 17
Pagodas	350,000.—.—

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29th July 1786

We have the honor to be &ca

{Signed} Edwd Garrow
Wm Webb
J. Landon

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21st

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President, Governor &c &c

Fort St George

Honble Sir.

I have the honor to acquaint you that I have this moment received a letter from Captn Crawford (Commanding the Detachment employed against Mootoo Naick) intimating that on his advancing with a small party to reconnoitre the Fort of Tavalenheram-petta, the Enemy immediately evacuated it, and retreated to their Pollam -

From Genl Abercrombie with a Return of the killed & wounded in the attack of the Fort of Pontopetta - Mootoo Naick evacuates the two Forts, which gave rise to the present hostilities with that Poligar

As the two Forts (which were the principal cause of the present hostilities with Mootoo Naick) are now taken possession of by the Circar; the Nabob Phoundar of this place has signified to me his further Wish of having some of the Troops remain with his Agent to favor the Negociation now on foot with Mootoo Naick, not wishing to proceed to further Hostilities by depriving him of his Pollam - This Requisition I have thought proper to comply with by directing the 20th Batt.n and part of the 6th to remain until further Orders -

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a Return of the Killed and
Wounded in attacking the Fort of Pombopetta
I have the honor now to enclose.

Head Quarters
of the Tanjore forces
Trichinopoly
28th July 1786

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

/ Signed / Matw Horne

Return of the Killed & Wounded of the 20th Madras
Battalion on the Action at Pombotty petty.
22d July 1786

	Killed					Wounded									
	Lieutenant	Havildar	Naigue	Serjeant	Total	Captain	Ensign	Serjeants	Commandant	Subadars	Lieutenants	Havildars	Naigues	Serjeants	Total
Total	1	1	1	8	11	1	1	2	1	2	3	3	4	45	58

Return of the Killed & Wounded Men of Artillery &c.
on the Action of the 22d July 1786

	Killed					Wounded					
	Serjt. Gunner	Gunners Havildar	Lascar	Bullockdriver	Total	Serjeants	Matrosses	Gunners Serjts	Lascar	Bullockdrivers	Total	Grand Total
Total	1	1	1	1	4	1	3	2	3	2	11	15

/ Signed / John Evans
Captn Commanding

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K: B:

President &co Council

of Fort St George

Gentlemen

Having furnished our Advices for the Honble the Court of Directors to be forwarded to Bussorah by the Elizabeth. We now transmit Captn Hirtons sailing Orders of which the enclosed is a Copy, & are to request you will be pleased to dispatch the Elizabeth as early as possible.

We are Gentlemen

John Macpherson
R. Hooper
John Stables
Chas Stuart

/signed/

From Bengal enclosing copy of Captn Hirtons sailing Orders bound with Dispatches to Bussorah.

Fort William
4th July 1786

To Captain William Hirton

Commanding the Honble Company's Snow

Elizabeth

Sir,

As soon as you shall have receivd your Dispatches from the Honble President & Co of Fort St George you are hereby directed to proceed immediately to Bussorah & deliver them together with the accompanying Packet from this Government to the Honble Company's Resident Mr John Griffith.

Wd

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31st We learn from Busporah, that in consequence of disputes now subsisting between the different Powers in the Persian Gulph the Navi=
=gation of it is become extremely dangerous to Vessels of small Force, & altho' we are at present in Amity with all these Powers, it is proper that you should be always on your guard to defend yourself against any of the Country Cruizers, which you will probably fall in with, but however necessary it is for you to be particularly on your Guard, against the Country Cruizers above mentioned, it is our particular & positive Order that you carefully avoid giving them any offence & that you do not commit wanton acts of hostility or fire upon any of their Vessels unless in cases of absolute necessity — On your arrival at Busporah you will put yourself under the Orders of the Company's Resident & follow his Instructions —

For William 4th July 1786

We wish you a safe and speedy Passage and are &c &c &c

Governor General & Co

a true Copy Wm Brown Secy

August 1st Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in MB Nos 1, 2, 3 for the Month of August —

To the Paymr at Vermacoit — his Request to build a house, highly disapproved of —

To Mr Burston

To Mr Hay, with a list of Officers promoted in consequence of Orders from the Court of Directors dated 21st Sept 1785

To Mr Hay

To Lieut Pogson — with permission to proceed to Europe for 3 Years on half pay, agreably to his Request —

To Lieut Pogson

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell

President

Tuesday the 1st August 1786

Alexander Davidson Esqr

James Henry Casamajor Esqr

Lieut General Sir John Dalling absent

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The Proposals for victualling the General Hospitals being now opened are as follows.

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President and Governor &ca Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir and Sirs.

From Mr Barter with Proposals for victualling the Sick in the General Hospital

In consequence of your Advertizement in the Courier for victualling the Sick in the General Hospital for one year I beg leave to offer myself a Candidate, and

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and to propose adhering strictly to the Rules laid down at the rate of five fanams p day for every Patient; I am the more induced to turn my thoughts this way from my familiarity with the nature of Sick in Hospital, having been regularly bred a Surgeon and having served as such in both His Majesty's and the Honorable Company's Service, although I lately resigned both.

Madras
17th July 1786

I have the honor to be &c

/Signed/ James Barter

Proposals for Victualling the General Hospital for twelve Months.

From Mr Maxwell Thomson (an Assistant Surgeon) on the same.

To provide the Sick with Diet agreeable to the Plans in the Advertisement.

To supply good Water for all the purposes of the Sick, also Cooks, Fire-wood & Utensils at the rate of four Fanams and twenty Cash per day for each Man. Exchange at forty two Fanams the Star Pagoda

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/Signed/ Maxwell Thomson

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &c.a Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr. Joseph Garrow on the same —

In Consequence of the Ad=
=vertisement of your Honble Board for Pro=
=posals for victualling the General Hospital at
Madras according to the Table of Diet therein
laid down, I beg leave to submit the following
Offer for supplying the Diet to your Consideration.

		£ s d
Full Diet	at	0 . 4 . 0 p Man p day
Middle Do		0 . 4 . 0 ditto
Low Do		0 . 6 . — ditto —

I will also supply good Water for the use of the
Sick, together with Utensils for Cooking, a
Steward, & Cooks to dress the Victuals without
any additional expence to the Honorable
Company — Whenever the superintending Sur=
=geon shall direct that a Patient be put
upon Low Diet, such Order to be given in
writing & to be my Voucher for the charge
of Low Diet —

But as it may be more
agreable to your Honble Board to have an
average rate of diet & the Contractor to take

the

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the chance of the proportion that may be on full or low diet - I will engage to victual the Hos-pital at the rate of 5 fanams p. Man p day throughout - the amount of my Bills to be discharged regularly every Month by the Company.

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I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Joseph Garrow

The Board are surprized to find Proposals from Mr Thomson an Assistant Surgeon, who ought to have known that Gentlemen in the Medical Line are particular-ly disqualified from any Concern of this kind - Agreed that this be communicated to him with the Boards disapprobation of his coming forward as a Proposer -

Minute on Mr Thomson's Letter -

The Proposals of Mr Barter, and of Mr Garrow being compared are found to be exactly similar - previous to any determi-nation respecting them, the Secretary begs leave to lay before the Board the following Letter from Mr Daves, Head Surgeon -

The Secretary lays before the Board a letter,

To

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To John Chamier Esqr

Military Secretary

Sir,

From Dr Davis shewing the impropriety of Mr Thomsons (an Assistant Surgeon) interference in the Contract for victualling the Sick; & recommending that the Patients in Scorbutick Cases, be allowed Country Beer.

Having observed in the Courier that on or before the 20th Instant all sealed Proposals were to be delivered into your Office for victualling the Sick of the General Hospital, so have I for some days past been in expectation of the result of the Honble President & Councils determination thereon, but I conclude business of greater moment has occupied the attention of the Honble Board.

It is only within these few days that I have come to the knowledge of my Head Assistant, Mr Thomsons Name being amongst the list of Candidates for victualing the Hospital — He has done this without consulting me, & I beg it might be understood so; for as he at times may have something to say in the Diet of the Sick, so from the same principle that the Head Surgeon is precluded from victualing them I presume the Head Assistant will be also — My Practice in every Hospital I have had the charge of for two and twenty Years past, will stand the strictest Scrutiny, & I shall be at no loss to prove I am one of those few who have

sacrificed

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sacrificed their Interest to the Welfare of their
Patients. I am therefore the more surprized at
Mr Thomson sending forth his Name to be a
Contractor, when he must know it will be
impossible for him to get by it, if the Sick
are done that Justice they ever have, & ever shall
have under my Charge —

Whenever this Subject is agitated
at the Honble Board you will confer a favor
upon me by suggesting my Ideas with respect
to Mr Thomson, & also reporting what I esteem
it my Duty in this place to represent — namely that
I in a great measure attribute my very singular
Success with the Recruits and Seamen of the Worcester
and other Ships of this Season to a new specie of
Diet in the General Hospital & different from
that expressed in the Table exhibited by the Hospital
Board and held out for Contract in the Courier —
Country Beer is one of the component parts of this
vegetable Diet; which makes it run high, because
I am particularly carefull that it is made of the
first and best Materials, in order that it may
possess as much fixt Air as possible — This additional
Expence I do not make any additional Charge
for, but upon an average I barely reimburse
myself upon Sir John Dalling's Plan at 4 pan:
p diem; my Reward however is that inward Satis-
faction arising from my own Mind, and from
the happy Issue of my professional Labours

towards

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towards the Sick Soldier, who looks up to, and unites
in his Doctor the Father & the Friend —

It will be very satisfactory for
me to know as soon as possible the determination
of the Honorable Board relative to the victualling
of their grand General Hospital — for two reasons —

First, because there is a consid-
=erable degree of Responsibility and good Manage-
=ment required at this Crisis, where there are
so many bad Cases, and also, the first of the Month
is near at hand.

Secondly, because I cannot
relinquish this Specie of Diet adopted since
the Contract was proposed and which has been
of such Utility that I shall in future esteem
it a Treasure in that state of the Scurvy
which succeeds a Putrid Fever at Sea and from
which deplorable State of Body I have at this
moment so many recovering, without the
prospect of loosing a Man out of near Two
Hundred.

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

/ Signed / Thos Davis

Head Surgeon

By

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Dr Davis's Recommendation of Country Beer approved—

Dr Davis particularly recommends the use of Country Beer in Scorbutick Cases, it is Agreed that Messieurs Garrow and Barter be sent for, and asked whether they will include Country Beer among the Articles which they offer to provide for 5 Fanams p day for each Man—

Messrs Garrow and Barter agree to include Country Beer in their Contract—

The above Gentlemen being separately called in declare they will include Country Beer when ordered by the Surgeon in Scorbutick Cases—

President proposes that Mr Garrow's Proposals be accepted—

The Gentlemen having retired, the President proposes that the preference be given to Mr Garrow, who has lately acted as Purveyor to the Hospital, and has shewn much Zeal and Attention to his Duty—

Agreed to—

Resolved that Mr Garrow's Proposals be accepted, and that the same be signified to the Hospital Board—

Read the following Letter from the Committee of the Nabobs Creditors—

To

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &ca Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received a Letter from Mr.

From the Committee of the Nabob's Creditors advising of their nomination of Mr A. M. Campbell to superintend the proposed Institution of establishing a Register & Transfer Office -

Secretary Chamier dated 25th Inst: informing us that you have been pleased to acquiesce in the Plan proposed by the Creditors of the Nabob for establishing a Register & a Transfer Office - In consequence whereof & pursuant to the Injunction contained in the first Article of the said Plan We have proceeded to nominate Mr Archibald Montgomery Campbell to superintend the objects of the proposed Institution and We beg leave to present him to your Honor &c as a Gentleman whom We think well qualified for that important Trust.

It now only remains for us to entreat your Honor &c will be pleased to issue such Orders and Regulations as may appear to you proper for carrying the abovementioned Plan into Effect -

We have the honor to be &c &c

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John Turing
James Taylor
{Signed} Paul Benfield
Edwd Jno Holland
Geo: Moubray
Thos Lewin -

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The Board approve the nomination

Mr Campbell's appointment approved

of Mr Archd Montgomery Campbell & it is Agreed that their Acquiescence in the proposed Plan of a Register & Transfer Office be notified in the Madras Courier —

Read the following Letter from

Mr Remnant —

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.

Governor, President &ca Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Mr Remnant proposing that Mr Tonblanque be joined with him in the Penalty of 20000 Pags for the due execution of the Contract —

Mr Chamier Secretary to your Honble Board has informed me that your Honors expect me to give Security for the due execution of the Contract which you have been pleased to make with me for the supply of 1500 Horses for the Native Cavalry —

The Gentleman who has undertaken with me the greatest share of the executive part will not, I can venture, to assert, be less anxious than myself for its completion; nor will her most zealous endeavours be wanting to render effectual our mutual Exertions —

He has consented to become bound with me for the due performance of the said Contract, I therefore have the honor to propose for this purpose —

Lieutenant Thomas Tonblanque

of

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of the 6e Regiment of Cavalry as joint Security with myself in the Penalty of Ten thousand Star Pags.

I am with great respect

/ Signed / Saml Remnant

The Board being of opinion that the above mentioned Security is insufficient.

that the Security offered is not sufficient, and that Mr Remnant should give Security of 20000 Pagodas independant of his own & is Agreed that this be communicated to him -

Mr Remnant advised of the above

The Secretary having informed Mr Remnant /who was in waiting/ of the expectations of the Board he has declared that he will endeavour to procure the Security required.

Read the following Letter from the Military Board -

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor & President &c.a Council

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From the Military Board with their opinion on the Claims of Messrs Gowdie & Muat to extra Charges for blackening Pouches for the Sepoy Battalions & for Stationary &c - Ensign Buckleys requisition to remain in Bengal for 3 years on half pay, deemed inadmissible -

Honble Sir & Sirs.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Chamiers Letters of the 23d & 27th Instant -

In the former of these, your Honble Board was pleased to desire us to state our sentiments

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Sentiments on an enclosed Extract of a Letter from Masulipatam - We therefore immediately proceeded to examine the different Subjects therein contained - On enquiry, we find that, the Voucher for the Sepoy Battalions for some years past, have been deliv=ered, blackened from the Stores & afterwards kept in order by the Corps to which they were issued - The present claims of Captains Goudie, and Mcatt appear to us inadmissible as the custom of the Service does not authorize any extra charges for that purpose - With respect to Stationary we beg leave to observe that it has been usual to allow the Adjutant of each Corps 21 Fanams p Mensem, but no Allow=ance under that head, has ever been given to Officers Commanding Battalions - In regard of the Drum & Fife Majors we find that if Europeans, they formerly received 5 Pag.s & if Natives Pagodas 3. 31.40 p Mensem - The Black Doctors have hitherto been enrolled & paid as Privates receiving a small addi=tional allowance by Stoppages from the Native Officers, & Sepoys of the Corps to which they belonged, but this part of the new Regulations has not yet been arranged -

In obedience to your Orders, We have considered the requisition of Ensign Buckley, enclosed in your Secretary's Letter of the 27th Inst: As he is no longer a Supernumerary & his Services are required on this Establishment, We presume that he will of course be recalled from Bengal to do duty with his Corps -

We have the honor to be &c &c

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Hect Maleolm
Wm Sydenham
Happer
Patrick Ross
James Saidingtoun

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An Extract from the foregoing Letter to be sent to Maselipatam

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The Report of the Military Board being approved it is Agreed that it be extracted & sent to Maselipatam.

The following Appointments to take place.

Mr Rowley, Muster Master

Mr Rowley appointed Muster Master to the Troops in the District of Maselipatam

in the Maselipatam District, Vice Mr Clerk resigned.

Mr Dashwood to be an Assistant in the Military Secretary's Office.

Mr. Dashwood appointed an Assistant in the Military Secretary Office.

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter just received from Mr Remnant.

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor, President Council &c.

Fort St George

From Mr Remnant proposes Mr Menzies as Security for him in the Penalty of 20000 Pagodas.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I beg leave to propose John Menzies Esqr as Security for me in the Penalty of 20000 Pags for the due performance of the Contract entered into with me for the Supply of 1500 Horses for the Native Cavalry.

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I am with respect &c &c.

(Signed) Saml Remnant

Agreed

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Agreed that Mr Menzies's Security

Accepted for Pags 20,000 be accepted, & that the necessary

Papers be drawn out accordingly —

Read the following Letters entered

on the Miscellany Book Nos 4 5 6 7

From Mr Bryan Scottney

From Mr Scottney dated 26th Ult. enclosing an Interest Account amounting to Pags 12,506 for Cash advanced on account of his late Employ of Military Storekeeper, & stating that he has a Claim for a Compensation for Loses sustained in consequence of the mode of Payment adopted during the War —

Agreed that Mr Scottney be

Minute thereon informed that when a Report is received upon his Accounts & the Balance liquidated he will be allowed Interest at 8 ℘ Cent for Sums actually advanced on account of the Honble Company —

From the Revd Mr Gericke

From the Revd Mr Gericke dated 26th July requesting the Board will make application to the Government of Pondicherry in his behalf to obtain a Compensation for the loss of two Houses which were destroyed by order of the French Commander after the capture of Cuddalore, notwithstanding the Capitulation which secured private Property to Individuals — enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Governor of Pondicherry's Brother, stating that the

Application

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Application will be favorably received when made through the proper Channel.

Minute thereon

Agreed to desire Mr Greeke will state the Value of the above Houses, and that Enquiry be made whether, if the Application be made this Government will not be subjected to Claims of a similar Nature.

Petition from Ninapah, father to the Office Dubash

Read a Petition from Ninapah Father to the Office Dubash, ordered to be dismissed in Consultation the 11th April requesting that he may be reappointed to the Post, which he had filled to the Satisfaction of every Secretary from the Year 1753 until he resigned it to his Son. and praying that his Sons Misfortune may not be followed with disgrace and Ruin to his Family.

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Secretary be directed to restore Ninapah to the Office he held, previous to his ceding it in favour of his Son.

From Mr Kingsmill

From the Agents for Cloathing the Sepoys dated 28th Ult. requesting a Draft upon the Northern Settlements for Pagodas 3000 on account of Cloathing lately delivered.

Agreed

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Agreed that Bills on Ganjam

Minute thereon

be drawn for Pagodas 3000 in favour of Mr Kingsota

W. C. Jackson
Dep. Sec.

" Arch.d Campbell

" Alex.r Davidson

" Jn.o Whitehill

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Received the undermentioned Letters (entered in the MB Nos 8-9-10-11-12)

From Capt. Flint

From Captain Flint, Commanding at Madura, prefers a Complaint against the Paymr. and his Detach.

From Lieut Cuthbert Wilson

From Dr. Wilson requesting that the liquidation of the Arrears of Pay and Batta due to him from His Highness the Nabob may be taken into the consideration of Government -

From Mr. Hudleston

From the Resident at Tanjore enforcing the requisition of Mr. Stuart, Assistant Surgeon, to be allowed a Palanquin -

From Mr. Torin

From Mr. Torin - receives into Store 1.46,000 Seers of good Paddy -

From Mr. Falk

From Mr. Falk - states that the Exchange is at length adjusted, and indents in consequence for 15000 Pags. from Madura -

Sent the undermentioned Letters (entered in the MB Nos 13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29 -

To Mr. John Clerk

To Mr. J. Clerk the Board accept his Resignation of the Muster Mastership of the Troops in the District of Masulipatam -

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To Mr Rowley

To Mr Rowley — To Mr John Rowley — appointed Master Master in consequence of the Resignation of Mr Clerk —

To Mr J. Garrow

To Mr Joseph Garrow — his Proposals accepted for victualling the General Hospital at 5 Fanams p. Man p. Diem, upon the Proviso of his including Country Beer in Scorbutick Cases —

To Mr Barter

To Mr James Barter — The Board decline accepting his Proposals for victualling the General Hospital —

To Mr. Thomson

To Mr Maxwell Thomson, Assistant Surgeon — The Board express their displeasure at receiving Proposals from him, for victualling the General Hospital —

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To the Hospital Board

To the Hospital Board — with Copy of their Proceedings of the 24th & 25th Ultimo, with the Board's observations thereon; and advising of Mr Joseph Garrow's Contract for victualling the Sick —

To Ensign Buckley

To Ensign I. Buckley at Calcutta directing him immediately to return to his duty on the Coast —

To Mr Darkwood

To Mr Robert Darkwood — appointed an Assistant in the Military Secretary's Office —

To Manulipatam.

To Manulipatam — stating the opinion of the Military Board on the subject of their Letter of the 10th Ultimo, which is approved by Government; — and enclosing a Bill of Lading of

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4 of Military and Medical Stores shipped on the Indiaman and Meana Moodat for this Settlement, the latter to be forwarded from thence to Ellore -

To Mr Bryan Scotney, informing him that when the report upon his Accounts shall be delivered in, the Board will permit him to charge 8 p Cent on advances made on account of his late Employ -

To Mr Scotney

5. To the Commandant at Palamcotah - Munapah Dubash, appointed Linguist to that Garrison -

To Col. Cosby

To the Military Board - with Extract of a Letter from Masulipatam, upon which they are required to give their opinion -

To the Mily Board

To Mr Samuel Johnston, Paymaster at Madura with copy of a Letter and Enclosures addressed to the Board by Captn Flint, containing a Complaint against him, to which he must reply -

To Mr Johnston

6th To the Resident at Tanjore -

Mr Stuart, Assistant Surgeon is permitted to draw for a Palanquen until furnished with more assistance -

To Mr Huddleston

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in the MB Nos 30-31-32-33-34-35)

From the Commanders of the London, Worcester and Europa Indiamen - requesting

From the Commanders of the London, Worcester & Europa Indiamen.

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6 the Board will direct the discharge of their Bills
for Necessaries furnished the Recruits on their Voyage
to India –

From Mr Alex.r George Mackay

From Mr Mackay soliciting a compensation for the damage his House
sustained for the time the Troops were quartered in
it during the last War –

From Mr Samuel Johnston,

From Mr Johnston Paymaster at Madura in answer to the Complaint
exhibited against him by Captain Flint –

From Mr Torin Acting Paym.r

From Mr Torin at Palamcotah; remits the sum of Pag.s 11.085 by a
Bill on Mr Porcher in favor of Government –

Sent the undermentioned Letter

7. Entered in the MB N.o 36 –

To the Commanders of the –

To the Commanders of the London, Worcester, Middlesex & Europa India men – London, Worcester, Middlesex and Europa Indiamen – informing them that the State of the Company's Treasury will not at present admit of liquidating their Bills for necessaries furnished the Recruits, but that the Court of Directors will be requested to discharge them –

Received the following Letter

from Bombay –

To

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.

President & Governor &ca Council

at

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

From Bombay, enclosing a Packet for the Court of Directors relating to the new Settlement of Diego Garcia to be forwarded by the first Sea Conveyance

The Admiral Sir Edward Hughes returned from Diego Garcia the 21st Instant and as we deem it of Importance that the Honorable the Secret Committee should have the earliest Intelligence respecting the new Settlement, we have to request that you will be pleased to forward the enclosed Packet to their Address by the first safe Sea Conveyance.

We have the honor to be &c

Bombay Castle
Pol & Secret Departmt
23d June 1786

R. H. Boddam
L. Nelson
{Signed} Rob. Sparks
Richd Church

Sent the following Letter to Bengal by the William Pitt.

To

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To William Bruere Esqr

Secretary to the Honble Governor Genl & Council

at Fort William

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble Presi-

dent & Council to send you the enclosed Return

of Recruits embarked on the William Pitt for

your Settlement and to observe to you, that

of the original number of Recruits arrived on the

above mentioned Ship, forty two, as specified in

the accompanying List were under the necessity

of being landed, in consequence of ill Health,

and are now in the General Hospital -

I am further directed to state

to you that at the particular Desire of the Com-

-mander in Chief, James Dray, a Recruit of the

Worcester for your Establishment, has been detained

here, and James Morris a Recruit of the 4th Bat-

-talion is now sent in his Room -

To the Secretary at Bengal, enclosing a List of Recruits embarked on the Wm Pitt, stating the number of Sick detained in the General Hos-pital, & advising of the particulars of an Exchange between 2 Recruits

I have the honor to be &c &c

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/ Signed / John Chamier

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Sent the following Notification

to Mr Richard Johnston to be published in the Madras

Courier -

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The Hon'ble President and Council having been requested by the Committee of the three Classes of the Nabobs Creditors to give the Sanction of Government to a Plan proposed at a General Meeting of the Creditors for the Institution of a Register and Transfer Office, are pleased to publish their acquiescence in the Plan proposed; and in the Conviction that it will be equally conducive to the welfare of the Colony & to the advantage of the Individual Creditor the Hon'ble President & Council have directed the Plan to be carried into execution under the Sanction of this Government.

Notification published in the Madras Courier stating the Board's acquiescence in the plan of a Register and Transfer Office, as recommended by a General Meeting of the Nabobs Creditors And their perfect approbation of Mr Campbell to the Superintendancy of the Objects of the proposed Institution

The Committee of Creditors having presented Mr Archibald Montgomery Campbell to the Board as the Person nominated by them for the purpose of superintending the Objects of the proposed Institution. The Hon'ble President & Council are pleased to signify their perfect approbation of the said nomination, and have confirmed the same accordingly.

The Hon'ble President & Council further direct that regular Transfer Books, agreeable to the Plan of the Institution be opened by the Keeper of the Register, on or before the 1st of September next

By Order of the Honorable President & Council

/Signed/ John Chamier Secy

Sent.

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Sent the following Letter to the Committee of the three Classes of the Nabobs Creditors.

To Messrs Turing
Taylor
Benfield
Holland
Lewin
&
Moubray

Committee of the three Classes of the Nabobs Creditors

Gentlemen,

To the Committee of the three Classes of the Nabobs Creditors, with copy of the above Notification.

I am directed by the Honorable President & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 31st Ultimo and to signify their perfect approbation of the appointment of Mr Archibald Montgomery Campbell to the charge of superintendeing the proposed Register and Transfer Office -

I enclose Copy of a Notification made agreably to your Request, and am

Gentlemen, &c &c

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Signed / John Chamier
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Received the following Letters from the Resident at Tanjore -

To

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B:

President & Governor &c.

Fort St George

Honble Sir

From the Resident at Tanjore, strongly recommending that the Reverend Mr. Swartz be permitted a Voice as well as Seat in the Committee of Inspection.

I have been honored with the receipt of your Letter of the 17th Ult. enclosing Translation of the one to the Rajah which with the Orders of the Board & Letter to myself Colonel Kirkpatrick and Mr. Hipperley reached me at the same time. I beg you Sir to believe me truely grateful for the favorable Sentiments your Letter manifests towards me - respecting the appointment it announces of a Committee of Inspection for the Affairs of this Country it is my duty to bow with reverence and submission to every Command of my Superiors, & I fervently wish that this as well as every other measure of your Government may meet the Success due to the upright motives in which I am very sure it has originated - to promote that success for the short time that my impaired Health may permit me to remain here I shall use the same sincere Endeavors with the Gentlemen that are now to share the political Authority that I have hitherto exerted in conjunction only with Mr. Swartz, but there is one point respecting the constitution of the Committee that appears to me doubtful, and upon which I cannot hesitate to confess extreme Anxiety since it is no less interesting in a public view than essential to my own Comfort

and

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7th and Satisfaction; what I allude is this. The Board direct that Mr Swartz be requested to accept an honorary Seat in the Committee and my doubt is whether this expression means that he is to be offered a Seat and Voice in the Committee, or the former only - I hope and trust it is intended that he shall have both, but should be infinitely obliged Sir, if you would let Mr Campbell give me a line on the Subject - -

It is and will be as long as I live my greatest Pride & most pleasing recollection that from the moment of my entering on this res= =ponsible Station I have consulted with Mr Swartz on every occasion & taken no Step of the least im= =portance without his previous concurrence and approbation - nor has there been a difference of Sen= =timent between us in any one instance - I need not, I am confident adduce any further Reasons to justify the anxiety which the above doubt has impressed upon my Mind - adverting only to the peculiar circumstances under which the Committee begins its administration, and the prospect they present, you will I am persuaded Sir, readily conceive of how serious consideration it must be to me to have both the advice and effectual Support of Mr Swartz in the adoption of that Conduct which our concurrent judgement may approve - happy indeed would it be for this Country, for the Company and for the Rajah himself (when his Eyes should be opened) if he possessed the whole Authority and were invested with power

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I to execute all the Measures that his Wisdom and
Benevolence would suggest.

Tanjore
ad
1. August 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c

Signed / Hudleston

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor

of Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From the Resident at Tanjore stating the proceedings of his Conduct on Delivering to the Rajah the Letter from the Presidency announcing the appointment of a Committee of Inspection

Last night I delivered your Letter to the Rajah - This morning the Committee of Inspection was formed agreably to the Orders of the Board & I repeated to them the few words his Excellency said to me after having read the Letter - They answered only to this - that the Governor did not know the difficulty and trouble he had had in collecting the large Sum which he had lately completed the payment of for the last year (which expired 30. April) & which it would require to pay the Company the same amount this year - but that People from hence had sent them Accounts that had produced the present Orders - that he was doing all he could to pacify the people & carry on the Cultivation, & all would soon be well; that he should very soon return an answer to the Governors Letter - that it was his desire that in the mean time the Committee would be passive; but that when the Governors reply should arrive, he would make it known to them thro' me,

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/ and then they might do what they pleased without speaking any more to him - Thirhe repeated with great earnestness - I told the Rajah in answer that in obedience to the orders of the Board the Committee must be formed, but I would commu=-nicate to them what her Excellency had said and I did not apprehend they would think it neccesary to proceed to any material measures before his Ex=-cellency might receive the Governors reply - I had thoughts of renewing my advice & endeavors respecting the object so desireable to be attained, but it was obvious both to Mr Swartz & myself that it would be totally in vain - The Rajah himself read the letter aloud, thó the Minister was setting almost close to his Bedside - I have reports from the Country and so has Mr Swartz that the Minister is now really trying to bring the people back, & that some have returned to Khatty & Ayaveram - but it is absolutely neccesary that some security should be held out to them against future Injustice - Mr Swartz with my most chearful concurrence propos=-ed in Committee to day that he should endeavor at a private Interview with the Rajah to bring him to consent to give a joint Cowle with the Company to the Inhabitants promising them in future their just share of the Crops - most ardently do I wish he may succeed - it would I trust produce the hap=-piest consequences & next to the dismission of the Minister is the thing most desireable to be effected - Mr Swartz will I hope be able to obtain the Interview with the Rajah to morrow -

Tanjore
2nd August 1786

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/ Signed / Hudleston

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2nd: August 1786

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Received the following Letter from the Committee of Inspection at Tanjore –

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Committee of Inspection, enclosing their Minutes, delivered in Committee, at their first meeting

We have been honored with your Commands of the 25th Ult.o Shrs M.r Secretary Chamier enclosing copy of a Minute of the Honble President agreably to which we have formed ourselves into a Committee of Inspection, & your Honors may rely on our best endeavours to fulfill the important Objects of this Appointment –

We enclose Copy of our Minutes of this date & have the honor to be, &c.a &c.a

Tanjore
2.d August 1786

{Signed} Hudleston
Stuart
Hoxe Hippesley

The President having communicated to Col.o Stuart & M.r Hippesley, the orders of Government in their Secret Department dated 25. Ult.o & being in consequence of those Orders, assembled into a Committee of Inspection to watch over & report the situation of the Tanjore Country, proceed to obey the several Instructions of the Honble Board.

The Attendance of the Rev.d M.r Swartz having been requested by the President, the

Committee

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7th Committee informed him that the Honble President & Council had been pleased to request the Aid of his Experience & abilities, & that he would accept of an honorary Seat in the Committee; on which Mr Swartz expressed his readiness to give his best opinion & advice, & to be aiding in all measures that do not involve violent or coercive measures, which however expedient they might be deemed in the Estimation of Government or the Committee, he considered never-theless as unbecoming the Character of his Mission — His most zealous endeavors as they ever had been, so they were now at the service of the Honorable Company, and happy he shall esteem himself if he can be in the least instrumental in producing Harmony between the Rajah & the Company, & to see the poor Inhabitants of this once flourishing Country restored to the undisturbed possession of the fruits of their labour.' Having made this Declaration Mr Swartz took his Seat in the Committee —

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Tanjore
2d August 1786

{Signed} F Sudleston
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7. "his best to pacify the Inhabetants and to carry on
"the Cultevation, in order to pay this year, as he had
"done the last, and in a short time all would be
"well - He desired that the Members of Committee
"should be informed by the Resident that he (the
"Rajah) would address the Governor, and in the
"interim he desired they would be passive, but
"that as soon as an answer from the Governor should
"arrive, he would acquaint them with it, and then
"they might act without speaking any more to
"him about it" - This he repeated twice with Energy.

In reply to this, the Resident informs the Committee that he observed to his Excellency "that "the orders of Government for the formation of the "Committee being positive, they must of course be "obeyed as far as the assembling it, without loss of "time, but that he did not apprehend it would be "necessary that any material or decisive measures "should be adopted before his Excellency could "receive an answer from the Governor" -

This comprehended the substance of the Resident's Interview last night with the Rajah.

Respecting that part of the Orders of the Honble Board which direct the Committee to report the State of the Tanjore Country, and the Cultivation, the Resident acquaints the Committee that he will in a few days lay before them every information he has been able to procure upon those points; it will remain, to suggest the most eligible or effectual Measures for restoring the Country to its former Prosperity - The Committee

deliberating

deliberating on this Subject are unanimously of
opinion that to induce the People to return to the
Country some Security must be given or held out to
them for their participating their just share of the
Crop; adverting to the necessity Mr Swartz mentioned
an application that had been made to him within
a few days from the Inhabitants of 9 Principal
Districts, requesting his mediation with the Rajah,
under which Security they would willingly come
in and cultivate, but the Season was so far advanced
that unless some Security was given to them within
7 or 8 days, it would be too late. Mr Swartz then
offered his opinion that a joint Cowle of the Honble
Company might be given with that of the Rajah
(as the Rajah had once assented in the instance
of procuring loans) under which Cowle the cultivators
might be assured of their full Share of the Crop -
But before this opinion was offered to the conside-
-ration of Government, Mr Swartz requested that
he might endeavor to see the Rajah and to draw
from him his Assent -

The Members of Committee unanimously
concurred in opinion with Mr Swartz and the Resident
particularly recommends the Expedient without loss
of a moment, conceiving that the Rajahs Assent is
more to be hoped for from a private Interview with
Mr Swartz, than from any official application
of the Resident -

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2d August 1786

/Signed/ Hudleston
JStuart
Hon Wppesley

This Minute faithfully
expresses my Opinion,
/Signed/ CSwartz

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The President puts on Circulation the following Reply to Resident of Tanjore's Letter dated the 1st and 2nd Instant.

to Copy of Sir Archibald Campbell's Letter to John Huddleston Esq Resident at Tanjore — 6th Augt 1786.

Dear Sir,

I am favoured with your Letter of the 1st Inst. When it was determined that Mr Swartz should be consulted on all occasions, & have an honorary seat at your Committee, it certainly was not meant that he should have a voice on cases where there might be a difference of opinion — Such however is my opinion of Mr Swartz's Abilities and integrity that I have recommended it to the Board that Mr Swartz should be admitted a Member of the Committee without any reservation whatever, & my confidence in him is such, that I think many advantages may be derived therefrom — The Board concurred entirely in my opinion, & you will be so good as acquaint the Committee thereof —

Government recommend to your particular attention to prevent the Interference directly or indirectly of any Black Agents or Dubashes in any Business that relates to the objects, which are meant to occupy the attentions of the Committee — their interference in all public Business I hold to be dangerous & only warranted from necessity: But fortunately on the present occasion Mr Swartz can convey the Sentiments of the Committee, without aid from any other quarter —

From the President to the Resident at Tanjore — the Board approve of Mr Swartz having a Voice in Committee — the Members to take an Oath of Secrecy & not to allow of the interference of any Dubash or Black Agent — The idea of a joint Cowle between the Company and the Rajah, to be granted the Inhabitants, as suggested by Mr Swartz, approved by Government —

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I recommend to the Committee that the utmost Circumspection and Secrecy should be observed in all their Proceedings - Indeed I think it will be a relief to their own Minds, that an Oath of Secrecy should be administered to each Member, restraining them from all Communication on the objects of the Institution, while the same are under Consideration, or until finally carried into effect - I therefore send you enclosed a Copy of the Oath proper to be taken on the occasion which be so good as cause to be duely administered.

I have received your Letter of the 7.th reporting the verbal Answer made by the Rajah to you on presenting my Letter - I am perfectly satisfied with your Reply; M.r Swartz's idea of prevailing with the Rajah to give a joint Coole with the Company to the Inhabetants, pleases me much - It would give the Company a more immediate right than they ever have had, to see Justice done agreable to the terms of the Coole - and I will be very happy if the Measure is found practicable -

I am with great regard

Dear Sir,

Your's &c.

Signed / Arch.d Campbell

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

Tuesday 8th August 1786

Alexander Davidson Esqr

James Henry Casamajor Esqr

Lieut General Sir John Dalling absent.—

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

Read the following Letter from Mr Remnant.—

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &ca Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr. Remnant requests permission to relinquish the Contract.—

Upon taking a Review of the different Expences which must attend the proposed Contract for supplying 1500 Horses for the Native Cavalry, I find I cannot afford the additional Load to which I am subjected by the requisition

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of a collateral Security for the performance thereof: unless therefore the Honble Board are pleased to consider my own personal Bond & the exertions which from Interest, as well as Credit, I should naturally use towards satisfying the utmost expectations of Government, as a sufficient Security, I crave leave to relinquish the Contract altogether.

Permit me to add, that it was never my original Idea to give any collateral Security, the Nature of the business depending chiefly on the Will of the Sovereign power in whose Country, I meant to purchase a great number of the Horses, I foresaw great embarrass=ment, in indemnifying any person who would become responsible for the completion of the Con=tract, which with the most upright intentions & persevering Industry as well as first rate abilities could not be insured.

I have the honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ Saml Remnant

Fort St George
3d August 1786

Agreed that Mr Remnant be permitted to decline the Contract, agreably to his Request.

Accepted

Read the following Letters from Major Dugald Campbell & Lieut Fontblanque.

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor & President &ca Council

Fort St George

From Major Duguld Campbell, offers himself as an Agent for providing Horses for the Native Cavalry.

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

Understanding that M.r Rem-
-nant has relinquished the Contract for supplying Horses for mounting the Regiments of Native Cavalry, I think it my Duty to offer my Services as an Agent of Government in purchasing Horses to compleat my own Regiment, or any greater number that the Honble Board may think proper to order -

I would propose that I should be paid my Field Allowances by the Paymaster nearest to where I may be stationed, & that I should deliver my Accounts upon Honor or upon Oath if more agreeable -

My view being to forward the Wishes of Government in assisting to compleat the Cavalry, I will not think of stipulating for any Commission, or Agency, but if my exertions should prove successful and every way satisfactory to the Board, I will be proud to receive any compen-
-sation or mark of their approbation of which they may consider me deserving -

I would propose that the Horses purchased

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purchased for my own Regiment should be immedi=
=ately returned in it, & that they might be the
sooner made useful, I would carry a Detachment
of my own Regiment along with me –

If your Honble Board should think
proper to entrust me with the purchase of a
greater number of Horses than will mount my
own Regiment, I will cheerfully undertake the
execution of your Commands – upon the same
principle with any additional Instruction or
Variation, that you may think proper –

I have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St George
7th August 1786

/ Signed / Dug Campbell
Major Commandg 2d Regt
Cavalry –

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

From Lieutenant Fombanque requesting the appointment of Agent for mounting the Native Cavalry – & enclosing his Estimate & Proposals –

Honble Sir & Sirs

Understanding the Contract
between the Company and Mr Remnant is now dis=
=solved, permit me to make a tender of my Services
and also to request the appointment of "Agent for
mounting the Native Cavalry –

As I had undertaken the
execution of the aforementioned Contract, it has
been

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been the whole of my employment for three Months
past to gain Information relative to the Prices
of Horses, an Estimate of which with Proposals I
have now the honor to enclose for your perusal,
by which you will see a saving will be effected
of Fifty Thousand Star Pagodas —

The great expence I have inevi-
-tably incurred to gain Information relative
to this Business, also providing necessary Persons
to assist me in the Execution of it and the Prepa-
rations I have been forced to make for so long a
Journey, have so far involved my Finances, as to
render it impossible for my Pay as a Subaltern
ever to extricate me —

I had every reason to suppose
from the General Orders of the 25th July the Contract
was finally adjusted, and of course made the necessary
Arrangements to carry it into execution — I trust
therefore the Honble Board will take these Circum-
-stances into Consideration, and am confident
will not permit my Zeal for the Service to be
rewarded by a compleat Ruin.

How far I am adequate to
this business, I beg to refer the Honble Board to
Brigadier General Horne and Lieutenant
Colonel Ross; and I trust should you honor
me with your Commands, I shall by Zeal

and

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and Apiduits merit your future Favors -

I have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St George
5. August 1786

/Signed/ Tho. Fonblanque
Lt of Cavalry

I beg to observe, altho' I have calc-
-culated the Agency and Respondentia at 10 Pags
p Horse; I do not by any means wish to stipulate
any Price with the Honble Board, confident they
will reward my Exertions as they may merit -
I have the honor also to inform the Board I am
ready to commence the purchase the Instant
they honor me with their Orders -

Estimate for mounting the Native Cavalry.

		Pags
1350 Troop Horses at 200 Rupees p Horse are Rupees 270,000 Exch: 375 %		72000
150 Troop Horses at 300 Rupees p Horse Exch: & as above		12000
		Pags 84,000
Feeding 1500 Horses on an average for 6 Weeks a 6 Pags p Month		Pags 13500
Agency & Respondentia at 10 Pags p Horse		15000
Allowance on the Prices of Horses rising in case large purchases are made		10000
		38,500
Pagodas		122,500

Proposals

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Proposals

1st The Agent to purchase Horses at the above prices or under if possible.

2d To deliver upon Oath the prime Cost of every Horse

3d To be allowed at the rate of six Star Pagodas p Month from the day of the Purchase till the Delivery at Madras —

4th To be allowed for Agency as p Estimate Viz.t Ten Star Pagodas for every Horse —

5 Any Horses that shall not pass the Committee appointed to examine them to be returned to the Agent —

6th The Agent to exert his utmost endeavors to purchase any number of Horses the Government may require, but should he not deliver one thou: =sand in eight Months to forfeit the whole of the Agency.

7th Government to furnish the Agent with Letters of Credit on Hydrabad & Masulipatam to provide him with such Sums as may be necessary for the execution of these Proposals, in default of which the foregoing Article to be annulled.

8th The Horses to be sent down in Lots, com= =posed of any number the Honorable Board shall propose —

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Colonel Sir Henry Cosby & Major Dugald Campbell appointed the Company's Agents for the provision of Horses to mount the Native Cavalry.

The Board are of opinion that the best mode of providing Horses for the Native Cavalry will be by employing the Field Officers as the Company's Agents, and it is in consequence Agreed that this Service be entrusted to Colonel Sir Henry Cosby, & to Major Dugald Campbell & that they be furnished with proper Instructions.

The following Letter being drafted & approved is ordered to be sent to them.

To Colonel Sir Henry Cosby
&
Major Dugald Campbell

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Board to inform you that they have appointed you their Agents for the purchase of 1500 Horses for the Native Cavalry—

Instructions to the abovementioned officers in consequence—

Of the above number 150 are to be for Officers, the whole to be of such Size & Age as you may judge necessary for the Cavalry—

To pay for the purchases you are to make, you are to have a present advance of P.s 60,000 in Company's Bonds & such occasional Advances in the course of the undertaking as you may require, upon application by your Agents in Madras—

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The Horses are all to be sent to the Presidency where a proper Officer will be directed to receive & distribute them to the different Regts

You will observe from the fore-going that the greatest dependance is placed on your exertions & Zeal for the Publick Service, & upon these Grounds the Board will make you such Compensation hereafter as your Activity, & Attention to the charge entrusted to you, shall appear to merit —

In the execution of this Service every necessary assistance will be given to you by Government and you will proceed separately or together as may in your judgements be most expedient —

You are to draw the full Batta of your respective Ranks and will be permitted to deliver in an Account upon honor of such extra Contingent Expences as may be incurred while employed in the above Service —

The Accounts of your Purchases are also to be delivered in upon honor which is the Principle that is to be the basis of your Disbursements in every branch of the undertaking.

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I am Gentlemen &c &c

/Signed/ John Chamier
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The Accountant to draw out Bonds for 60,000 Pagodas

Agreed that the Accountant be directed to draw out Bonds for Pag.s 60,000 to be delivered to Colonel Corby & Major Campbell —

Read the following Letter from the Commissary General —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Commissary General with Recommendations respecting the mode of paying Officers going home on half pay — the passing of Accounts of more than three Months standing & the mustering of the Governor and Commander in Chief's Body Guards —

As the present mode of paying Officers gone home on half pay, allows great room for abuse it appears to me necessary that some Regulations should take place, by which it may be corrected. I therefore beg leave to submit to your consideration whether the Attornies, who receive the pay in this Country should not be obliged to produce Certificates of their Constituents being alive, before the Money is paid, or in failure thereof, whether they ought not at least to give such Security, as will indemnify the Company in case of the Officers death —

Much inconvenience having also arisen to the Military Secretary, and other public Officers, by an absolute order, which prevents the Commissary General from passing any Account of more than three Months standing and which often subjects the Officers to great

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great delay in the receipt of their just demands - I beg leave to submit to your Consideration whether it would not be more eligible to extend the power of the Commissary General to six or twelve Months directing him to assign his reasons for passing the Account, when amounting to more than one hundred Pagodas -

It has long been customary to countersign the pay rolls of the Governor's and the Commander in Chief's body guard without mustering - as this appears to me somewhat irregular, I beg leave to recommend that in future they be mustered in the same manner, as the rest of the Army -

Fort St George
7th August 1786

I am with great respect &c.

/Signed/ J. Capper
Com. Gen.

The Board approve the

Approved

Recommendations in the foregoing Letter, and it is in consequence Agreed that they be adopted.

Read the following Letter

from Mr. Digby -

To

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the present Balance of my final Account current under his Audit.

The first Charge of Advances to Officers amounting altogether to Pags 1963.24.40 I heretofore explained in my reply to the Commissioner to have originated (saving Pags 249.24.40) at Tanjore on account of the Southern Army. being Advances to certain of His Majesty's Officers then serving with it, but who embarked for Europe before I knew of their receiving such Monies. The Vouchers sent me by Mr Sulevan Paymaster of Tanjore in support of the Charges were the receipts of Individuals & accompany my Accounts; which I still imagine to be the only proper place for them Charges; yet since it appears evident, I was not only ignorant of the advances when made, but had not in the sequel the power of recovering them, I shall not, I trust be held responsible where I could neither controul nor prevent -

The Sum of Pagodas 249.24.40

above excepted was the only part ipaid by me from the Tumbril and this was done agreably to the mode prescribed for Advances to the Sick of the Army in Garrison Hospitals, and has been deducted from the Mens pay on the rolls - but the Officer in charge of the Sick, who, in such cases is alone answerable for the disbursement (& whose general receipt is annexed to my Accounts)

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not having furnished me with the detail of the issue before he left the Coast, it now unavoidably remains in its unadjusted form but not a debt to the Company –

The second Charge — The Carriage of Rice &c for Europeans during fourteen Months amounting to Pags 24,915.11.40 being the hire of Carriage &c appropriated to this department, where there appears by the victualling Returns to have been 689,998 days provisions issued in that period and which I conceive to be the surest and best line I can point out, to guide your judgement upon this charge; Since it is thereby evident, that it was required of the Deputy Agent to carry Provisions for above 49000 Men monthly, or from 16 to 1700 p Diem, and the same average applied to the Sum charged in this Account gives one Month with another near Pags 1779 to conduct it with – Now I am confident, that it will be deemed, by competent judges of this business very far short of the carriage requisite for any distant undertakings, such as the Southern Army had constantly in contemplation or execution: more especially when considered on the Scale of Departments – Col. Fullarton (with unlimited Approbation of the Select Committee) purposed completing had he found means adequate to his Plans – but these, and the remote Service the Army was actually employed

draw conclusions from one department, that may have with us enjoyed a greater proportion than the rest, compared to other Armies, differing in all the varieties of Place, purpose & Resources, And I apprehend that where the gross expence of Draught & Carriage Cattle for an equal number of Troops, & equal Service is found equally moderate - The internal distribution that ever takes place under the Sanction of the Commanding Officer, (who must be allowed the best judge of such Arrangements) is not the object of Audit, but the Expence to the Company. And I will chearfully rest this certification on a comparative Statement of Expence with any Army on Service under the Orders of this Government for Twenty years past -

The Third Charge - for difference of Exchange will be found explained and specified upon every Sum in my Account Current - But it may probably be more clearly understood by a recapitulation of Circumstances that by lying dormant of late, may now be no longer remembered - I must therefore inform your Honble Board, that the usual Coin supplied me for the payment of the Troops consisted of a variety of Fanams, current only, in their respective Districts; And that my Receipts to the Superintendants of Revenue, were granted in Pagodas at the Exchange of their own Cutcharies, but these Fanams were issued

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by me in camp where their value decreased often times 12 p Cent, yet by dint of management, the Company only suffered upon the whole about 2 p Cent for the rate of Spice was neither at the mercy of a fluctuating Bazar, nor without every Effort being made to save the public and render justice to the Troops - A Board of Field Officers was purposely assembled to regulate the Exchange, for alarmed at the pernicious one Shroffs had introduced, I refused to acquiesce and the Troops to receive the one offered by me on the part of the Company; which brought forward their public investigation into the matter as well as the application of the only Remedy our Situation offered, of establishing, under the aforementioned Authority the Medium Currency, and fixing a Standard for the disbursements as will appear by General Orders, and tho' this mode redeemed (according to a calculation I then presented to the Right Honble President) no less a Sum than half a Lack of Porto Novo Pagodas on the Cash forth coming from Tinnevelly and Tanjore. Still it could have no influence on the variations in their collections; between which and our first disbursement, arises the difference here alluded to; yet the Sequel has evinced, that the actual difference between the Revenue Exchange & the Camp, or Freebooting Bazar, would have exceeded a Lack of Pagodas had not the

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zealous and unremitting exertions of Mr Irwin in controuling the markets and counteracting the Machinations of the Shroffs averted so enormous a loss; which nevertheless bore hard upon many and caused loud and frequent Murmurings - But since the Nabobs Authority has superceded the Company's. I will venture to assert he has never suffered less than from 12 to 15 \% Cent upon their Finnancelly Revenues disbursed at Trichinopoly, that must ever compose the greater part of his Payments there -

Upon the whole, I could desire no surer test of Oeconomy in this Article than a comparative view of the percentage here paid by the Company for Exchange previous to the revocation of the Assignment in July 1785. And the subsequent one, encurred on similar disbursements in the same Coins & place made by the Nabob to the Company -

The fourth Charge for Stores supplied the Southern Army - Not lying (as I understand from the Auditors Report) against the Prices, but to prove the expenditure of about two thirds of them, that I then declared did not take place in the Army, and could not at that moment, find the Storekeepers Acknowledgements as my Vouchers - Will now I trust, be satisfactorily cleared up, by the accompanying Receipts of the Garrison Storekeeper to whom I delivered the Stores unpaid & in whose possession I should presume they may at this hour be found -

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– will not the Complainant be afraid of becoming an object of Resentment, for having discovered the Injustice committed by your Servants? – He answered, they shall not suffer for it, this I assure you sincerely –

I mentioned at last the de-
=serted Villages toward the West particularly the Village called Nangadee – He answered I have given them Cowle and made all reasona-
=ble Proposals to them, but they are refractory – However I hope that they will hearken to reasonable Terms within a few days, at least I shall spare no pains to bring them by mild means & fair Proposals to a state of Submission.

I hope that I have given you such Answers as will satisfy the Three Gentlemen here & particularly the Governor I therefore desire you to beseech them to save me the Mortification of being deprived of my Authority –

Concerning the Company's Subsidy it shall be paid regularly as in the last Year – There as far as I can recollect are the true Contents of my Conversation with the Rajah –

I am Gentlemen &c &c

/Signed/ C Swartz

Read

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Read the following Letter from

Captain Speedeman —

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K: B:

President & Governor &ca Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen.

My Constitution being considerably impaired during a Residence of near twelve Years in this Country (the major parts of which has been spent in the Field with the Army; serving on this & the Malabar Coast;) and some private Affairs very much requiring for a time my Presence in Europe; I take the Liberty to request the Honble Board will be pleased to grant me three years Leave of absence on the Terms specified in General Orders — I presume to hope that my Character as an Officer has been such as to merit the Indulgence of the Honble Board on this occasion, particularly as there are at this time six supernumerary Captn Lieuts in the Corps to which I have the honor to belong —

From Captain Speedeman requesting permission to go to Europe for three years on half pay.

I have the honor to be &c.

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(Signed) R Speedeman
Captn Artly

Agreed that Captain Speedeman be given permission to proceed to Europe for three Years, & that he be informed that

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that he can only have the Half pay of a Lieut as his place will be filled by a Supernumerary Captain Lieutenant -

Read the following Letters (entered on the Miscellany Book Nos 38. 39. 40. 41.)

From Lieut Col. Sydenham

From Lieut Col. Sydenham

both dated 7th Inst. - the former (as Atty to Lieutenant Col. Pegault) requesting that the Arrears of Off Reckonings due to that Officer may be discharged, the latter (as Executor to the late Lieut Ross) desireing that two Tellicherry Bonds belonging to the Estate of the deceased may be liquidated.

Minute thereon

In reply to the former it is Agreed to acquaint Lieut Col. Sydenham that Col Pegault's Off Reckonings for 1785 can only be discharged by a Certificate for a Bengal Bond, those for 1786 will be liquidated in Cash -

Do.

In reply to the latter it is Resolved that the two Tellicherry Bonds be received & a Bond of this Presidency granted for their Amount -

From three Hanoverian Lieuts

From three Hanoverian Lieutenants -

(Reiferberg, Ahrens & Sentz) stating that being shipwrecked at Saanaton the Brilliant, they were obliged to victual themselves at their own Expence to Madras, & requesting that the stipulated Allowance of 5 Shillings p Diem given

to

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to Captains of Indiamen for the above purpose, may be paid to them so that they may have the advantages fixed for them of being victualled at the Company's Expence to India -

As it appears that the above

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Request is reasonable, it is Agreed to comply with it -

From Cuddalore dated 2d Augt

From Cuddalore

requesting that they may be allowed to increase their Establishment of Lascars to 75, which was the number entertained before the War -

Agreed that the Gentlemen at

Minute thereon

Cuddalore be informed, that if it is conceived necessary to make any addition to the Lascars at their Settlement, as the Bales must be packed by Packers, & not by a Bale Screw, as practiced before the War -

Read a Letter from Mr Charles

Darke, representing his distressed Situation in

From Mr Darke

consequence of His Highness the Nabobs withholding the Discharge of the Balance due to him - enclosing an Account Current between His Highness & himself & entreating the Interposition of the Board to save him from Ruin, by an Application to the Nabob in his Favor -

Agreed that Mr Darke be

Minute thereon

informed that Government must adhere

to

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to their Resolution of declining any Interference in the Debts of the Nabob or his Family beyond what the Instructions of the Court of Directors appear to justify —

Resolved also that Mr. Parkes Letter be sent to the Committee for investigating the Nabobs Debts —

W. Cr Jackson
Dep. Sec.

" Arch. Campbell

" Alex Davidson

" Jas Upsamajor

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9 Received the undermentioned letter
(entered in the MB's Nos 41, 42, 43.)

From Mr. Secretary Hay, dated
From Mr Hay 21st July enclosing a Packet for Brigadier Genl
Cosigny, Governor of Pondicherry

From Masulipatam dated 21st
July representing a Claim of Captain Hugh
From Masulipatam Montgomery and Brigade Major Little to full
Batta, the former as Commandant of the
Garrisons of Masulipatam, the latter for Expences
incident to his Situation as Brigade Major,
and stating that the Commandant of the Gar-
rison of Ellore has detained two Frenchmen
who were on their way from Arnee to Corunga.

From Elizabeth Redwood,
From Eliza: Redwood Widow of Richard Redwood late Quarter Master
of the 52d Regiment, requesting an Allowance
to enable her to pay for her Passage to Europe -

Sent the undermentioned
10th
Letters (entered in MB's Nos 44-45-46-47-48-49
50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61
62-63-64)

To Masulipatam - the two
Frenchmen detained by the Commandant at
To Masulipatam. Ellore, must, if Soldiers, be sent to the Presidency
- if Merchants, obliged to give a proper Account
of themselves -

To

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To His Majesty's Deputy Paym.r General directing him to pay the usual allow=ance for Kenge's Quarter Master of Infantry returning to Europe to Elizabeth Redewood, Widow of Richard Redewood, late Quarter Master in the 52.d Regiment of Foot.

To M.r Vorcher.

To the Commissary General -

To Col.o Capper

the Recommendations contained in his last Letter, approved by the Board -

To the Paymaster General - the

To M.r Turing

Accounts of the Paymasters at the Chief ships to the Northward must be transmitted to the Presidency, thro the usual Channel -

To Captain Castabrooke, Com=

To Capt.n Castabrooke

=manding the Hon.ble Company's Ship. London permitted to receive on board his Ship for Europe, M.r George Stuart, late Surgeon's Mate of the 78.th Regiment -

To Cuddalore, cannot be

To Cuddalore

allowed a greater number of Lascars, as the Bales of their Settlement are packed by Wedges, and not by a Bale Screw, as practised before the War -

To Captain Speidman of

To Capt.n Speidman

the Artillery with permission to proceed to Europe for three Years on the half pay of a Lieutenant -

To

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To Col.: Capper

To Colonel Capper the proposals of Mr. Joseph Garrow for victualling the General Hospital at 5 fanams each man p diem, have been accepted—

To Lieut Colonel Sydenham, Ad-

To Lt. Colonel Sydenham

-ministrator to the Estate of the late Lieut Rop. the Board agree to discharge the two Tellicherry Bonds in his possession, belonging to the Estate of the late Lieut Rop. and to grant a Bond of the Presidency for the amount—

To Major Dugald Campbell, ap-

To Major Campbell

-pointing him in conjunction with Colonel Sir Henry Colby an Agent on the part of Government, to purchase Horses for the Native Cavalry—

To the Committee for investigating

To Messrs. Garrow Webb & London

the Nabobi Debts with Letter & Enclosures from Mr. Charles Parke, which they are to include in their investigation of His Highness's Debts—

To the Committee for preventing

To Colonel Rop Mr. Garrow & Mr. Greenhill

Encroachments, informing them that they are in future to consider themselves as under the Board of Revenue— Mr. Greenhill as Surveyor of the Company's Grounds also put under their Orders: —His Conduct, as a Member of the Committee disapproved

To the Board of Revenue, infor-

To the Board of Revenue

-ming them of the foregoing—

To the Committee for revising

To the Committee for revising the Book of Regulations

the Book of Regulations to deliver to the Military Board

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10 Board the whole of their Proceedings from the Commencement of the Service entrusted to them.

To the Milty Board

To the Military Board with advice of the above.

To Lieut Colonel Sydenham, a

To Lt Colonel Sydenham

Certificate for a Bengal Bond will be given for the Off- Reckonings due to Lieut Col Kilgaull for 1785 & those for 1786 will be paid in Cash by the Military Paymaster General.

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr Turing informing him of the above.

To Mr Charles Darke. The Board

To Mr Darke

decline any interference in the Debts of the Nabob or his Family, beyond what the Instructions of the Court of Directors appear to justify.

12 To Mr Secretary Bruere with

To Mr Bruere

a list of Recruits embarked on the Walpole. Nine Recruits of the number landed from the China Ships for Bengal remain sick in the Hospital.

13 Sent Letter to his Excellency the

Substance of a Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore

Rajah of Tanjore (as entered in C.C. No. 68) recommending that Colonel Mullers Claim be taken into his favorable Consideration, & that the Reverend Mr Swartz be nominated the Arbitrator, to determine in this Affair between his Excellency and the Colonel.

Sent

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13 Sent the following Letter to the Resident of Tanjore, covering the aforementioned Letter to the Rajah —

To John Huddleston Esq^r

Tanjore

Dear Sir.

It has given me concern to find that in all the applications which have been made to the Rajah of Tanjore on behalf of Colonel Mutler have proved ineffectual, which surprises me the more, as I understand it was made known to the Rajah that this Officer's Claims had undergone an Investigation by the Court of Directors who convinced of the Justice of the demand, have given positive Orders to this Government to see it settled — As Col^o Mutler is now here, in real distress; I am resolved in obediance to the Company's orders to resume the Subject with the Rajah, for which purpose I now transmit you a letter to his Excellency & a Copy thereof for your own perusal, & information, as to the Plan on which I would wish to have the Business adjusted — I cannot endure the idea of a controversy with the Rajah about any business, but particularly a small consideration of this nature — I therefore trust

to

To the Resident at Tanjore inclosing copy of a letter to the Rajah on the subject of Col^o Mutler's Claim: & desiring the Resident to exert himself to obtain a final adjustment in favor of the Colonel

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13 to your moving the Rajahs Justice & Talengs, who I am convinced will be equally averse with myself. to any thing that can produce a misunderstanding betweew us - I am so hurt at the sufferings which this poor Man has already experienced that it gives me real pain to see him or hearken to his Misfortunes: You cannot therefore relieve me more than by exerting yourself with the Rajah to produce an immediate arrangement in his behalf - I have received your Letters of the 7th & 9th Inst: the purport of which give me very great Satisfaction - I will reply to them to morrow or next day -

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I am with Esteem &c &c

/ Signed / Arch: Campbell

Dispatched the following Letter -

To Mr Kendm Digby

Sir

I am directed by the Board to

To Mr Digby with Resolution of the Board upon some of the charges in his account.

acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 11th Instant and to inform you that as the Cash advanced sundry Officers appears to have been made by Mr Sullivan, who did not send you the Vouchers until it was too late to make the necessary Deductions, they consent to relieve you from any

responsibility

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13 responsibility on this Account, & will call upon Mr Sulivan to produce the Authority upon which he made the Advances—

The Board agree to admit the Charge in your Accounts of Pags 24915.11.10 for Carriage of Rice &c^a for Europeans for the reasons given in your Letter—

With respect to the Head of Difference of Exchange the Board are desirous before they pass any decision upon it to receive from you a minute detail of the origin of this Charge and a particular Account of the various Sums and the periods in which the difference of Exchange took place—

You will be pleased also to produce the Vouchers of such part of the Stores amounting to Pagodas as were expended in Camp & specify the exact proportion which were delivered to the Rajah^s of Tanjore & Trichinopoly — when possessed of this Information the Board will proceed to determine upon the above Charge in your Accounts—

I am Sir &c &c

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10th August 1786

/ Signed / John Chamier Sec^y

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To His Excellency M. Cossigny

Governor General &c &c &c

Pondicherry

Sir

To the Governor of Pondicherry in compliment to the Chevalier de Freme for his Conduct in arranging the business of the Cartel — M^r. Le Baron de Penmark's request will be complied with —

The Chevalier de Freme having announced his intention of returning this day to Pondicherry, I am happy in the opportunity of assuring your Excellency that you could not have conferred upon me a greater mark of your Esteem, than by the appointment of this valuable Officer to carry the Treaty into effect on behalf of His Most Christian Majesty —

The polite & obliging manners of the Chevalier de Freme, joined to his Talents for the Dispatch of business, rendered the final Arrangement of the Cartel easy & expeditious — Your Excellency will have received before this reaches your hands, a Copy of the Articles entered into between the Chevalier de Freme and me, I hope they will meet with your perfect approbation, & I think I may congratulate the Subjects of both our Sovereigns, on this new proof of the Harmony & Friendship that subsists between us, which I trust will never undergo any other change than a constant increase of Force & Sincerity —

I will, with great pleasure assist in forwarding your Request in favor of M^r.

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B Le Baron Kenmark, and as soon as I can procure from Her Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, a Pass to Trichinopoly, I shall transmit it to your Excellency along with a Letter of Introduction from me to Genl Horne Commanding in that District—

I have the honor to be &c &c

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/ Signed / Archd Campbell

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

Gentlemen,

We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 16th May

In the present State of the War between the Nizam & Tippoo Sultaun, while the contending Parties are at Bay on account of the Monsoon, but zealous in their Preparations for the ensueing Campaign, We are of opinion it might not be improper to sound the Soubah of the Decan on his Disposition respecting the Guntoor Circar, althó perhaps it may be unnecessary to urge him to an Accomplishment of the Wishes of the Secret Committee, even if We were possessed of the necessary Information respecting

To the Governor General & Council with the opinion of this Board upon the idea of sounding the Soubah of the Decan on his Disposition respecting the Guntoor Circar—The Receipts of the Nizam from the Guntoor Circar could not be ascertained with Precision—

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14 respecting the Receipts of the Nizam from the Guntoor Circar since the Death of Bazalet Jang.

With respect to these Receipts you must be aware from the System of an Asiatic Government, that there is great difficulty in ascertaining them with any degree of precision. This difficulty we are sorry to inform you, has prevented our obtaining any Intelligence on this head, upon which dependance can be placed, since we addressed you under date the on this Subject. We have however since the Receipt of the Letter from the Secret Committee desired our President to endeavour by every possible means to acquire the Information necessary and We shall lose no time in communicating to your Government the Result thereof.

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14th August 1786

We have the honor to be &c &c

/ Signed / Arch. Campbell

Received the following Letters.

To

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B:

President & Governor &c &c

Fort St George

Honble Sir

I had the honor to receive your Letter of the 28th Ultimo and it is with regret I am forced to coincide with your opinion of the Conduct observed in the Attack of Pombapettah. My instructions to the Officer in that Command uniformly tended to recommend the utmost precaution in exposing the lives of the Troops under his Orders: to oppose the auxialiary Polegars as much as possible to Mootoo Vaiche, and eventually in failure of conciliatory and requisitorial measures to endeavour to possess himself of that place in such manner as prudence might suggest and circumstances dictate - I conceived it however unnecessary to point out to an Officer of Capt.n Fothringham's length of Service, circumstances which would have occurred to a Soldier of yesterday - To lead Troops on to an attack with an obstacle of so serious a nature in their way could only be warranted on occasions of the most pressing Necessity: & such as by no means at that time operated - The opinion of Captain Fothringham

From Genl Horne with his opinion of the Conduct observed in the Attack of Pombapettah - On the subject of the Exchange of the Cutlery Lanam -

1547

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14 Fothringham and of Lieut Depse who preceded him in
that Command of the insignificance of the place I
beg to state by the following Extracts from their letters
for your further information —

"I have reconnoitred the Fort and
"find it as truly as contemptable as Lieut Depse has
"represented it — I am convinced a very few Shots
"from the 18 Pounder will finish the business, and
"I thought that better than ever risqueing a single
"Sepoy on such an unworthy occasion" —

/Signed/ G. Fothringham

"A nasty little mud Fort con-
"-taining 150 Men, mostly Pikemen, I will be
"answerable to take the same without losing a Man-

/Signed/ W. Depse

I am now to observe that not-
-withstanding the repulse that Detachment
sustained, the Spirit & obedience of the 20th Battalion
& of the Corps of Artillery were never more conspicu-
-ous — The signal and destinguished Gallantry of
Jemidar Hespain Cawn the Native Adjutant thro-
-out the whole Action, but particularly in re-
-turning after being severely wounded, & by his
personal exertions & example bringing off one of
the six Pounders, at which most of the Europeans
had been wounded & which being abandoned would

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If in all probability have fallen into the Enemy's hands
I beg leave most warmly to recommend to your
Notice and patronage as meriting every thing,
which the line of Service will admit - If promotion
cannot consistently be conferred I take the freedom
to suggest the expediency of presenting him with
a Sword or other such honorable testimony of
Approbation to excite & preserve that emulation
so necessary in an Army -

The Steps taken by the Paymaster

here as mentioned in your letter were entirely with
=out my knowledge or concurrence - Circumstances
which indeed Gentlemen in his line seldom imagine
necessary to attend to, in any thing relating to
their department, however momentous to the Service
- The Troops have received their Pay in Colley fanams
and the Nabobs Manager is exerting himself
to establish their Currency - Difficulties did occur
and I feared at first that he was not warm
in the Cause, which I beg to explain by the
following Statement - On the 31st of July the
Soldier could exchange his Star Pagoda for
832 p Cash but on the 2d of August he was
paid its equivalent 16 5/8 Colley Fanams for
which the Manager had fixed the Exchange at
698 1/4 being nearly 1/7 less - That however has
been remedied and the same number of Cash

are

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It are now given for the Fanams at the Star Pagoda; nevertheless I greatly apprehend it will be impracticable for the Manager to preserve this Exchange, as on his first enforcing it, all the Shroffs and most of the Bazar people shut up their Shops, on which I found it necessary to issue the order I have the honor to annex: in consequence of Representations made to me by Officers Commanding Corps. Some of the Shroffs and Merchants have been induced to return again to their business, but it is under the assurance of the Manager that People will be sent down from Salamcotah, by Litabar Caun the Nabobs Phoundar of that province to purchase these fanams with Pagodas; an assurance I have every Reason to believe is groundless.

Supposing however this Exchange established the Officers who require Articles from Madras, and the foreign Settlements where Pagodas only are current, must ever while paid in that Coin suffer a very material loss, & will even at times find it impossible to procure Pagodas on any terms - Could any expedient be fallen on to pay a proportion of their allowances when wanted in Pagodas, it would be a relief which they might expect & deserve -

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1550 Fort St George August 1786

14 I shall be most extremely happy to have it in my power by any Offices of Civility to render the situation of Capt.n Campbell as agreeable as possible & if the nature of his late appointment enables me to contribute towards improveing it's advantages I shall rejoice at being instrumental in serving one whose merit & Abilities are approved by so distinguished a Judge.

Sir John Dalling left this yesterday morning for Madura, whither I designed accompanying as well as to Tanjore, but deemed it improper to quit my Station, while the Circumstances abovementioned appeared to require my presence—

I have the honor to be &c &c

Head Quarters
Southern Coves
Trichinopoly
5.th August 1786

(Signed) Mat.w Horne

To His Excellency Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.
Governor General of Madras &c &c &c
at Fort St George

Sir

I have received the Cartel concluded between Colonel Capper and Monsieur the Chevalier de Freine. I have the honor to send it to your Excellency after having ratifyed it. I make no doubt Sir that it will obtain the approbation and Sanction of our respective Courts, and

From the Governor of Pondicherry approves the Articles of the Cartel & returns thanks for the polite Attention paid to the Chevalier de Freine—

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14 and that the two Nations will for a long time reci=
=procally experience the advantage which ought
to result from it, I request you to believe it is
my sincerest Wish.

Monsieur the Chevalier De

Freme has not left me unenformed of the Plea=
=sures he experienced during his Residence at Madras
he is infinitely flattered and much pleased with
the Civilities he received from your Excellency, as
well as those with which Lady Campbell honord
him, and of the Satisfaction he had in treating
with Colonel Capper. I bear an equal part
with Monsieur the Chevalier De Freme in his
Feelings and Acknowledgements and I entreat
your Excellency to permit me to offer my
thanks for the polite declarations which you
have made to him respecting me.

I have the honor to be
with the highest esteem and distinguished
Consideration &c &c

Pondicherry
12th August 1786

/Signed/ Cossigny

A true Translation

F Chase French Translator.

To

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell Eqr

President & Governor &ca Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen.

Our Chief having informed us.

From Masulipatam enclosing Copy of a letter from Captain Souler to them, stating the Arrival of some French Ships at Mostapillee with Guns & Warlike Stores which the French had apointed by the People of Guntoor —

that he has just received Intelligence from Moste=pillah that four french Ships are arrived at that Port & that another was in sight — That thirty Guns & four or five hundred Chests of Firelocks were landed from them by the Assistance of the Peple of Guntoor, & that they have Soldiers & more small Arms on board of those Ships: & our Chief having further laid before us a letter he received this morning from Captain Scouler at Condapillee (Copy of which we have the honor to enclose) which corroborates the aforesaid Intelligence; we deem it of too serious importance to delay for a moment the commu=nication thereof to your Honor &ca

We have taken the occasion of Mr Statham's being on Duty at Nizampatam to direct him to repair forthwith to the Spot for the purpose of ascertaining the above Intelligence; and to obtain every possible information of all transactions carrying on at the port of Mostapilly, which infor=mation we have instructed him to transmit, immediately to your Honble Board, as well as to us.

We have the honor to be &c &c.

Masulipatam
8th August 1786

Charles Floyer
(Signed) Geo. Westcott

To

1553 Fort St George August 1786

To Charles Floyer Esqr

Tomorrow or next day I shall do myself the honor of sending you some particulars regarding the Nizam and Mharattas but in the mean time a Man has this moment arrived from Gaontapollam the Sea port Town of Ventapollam with News of such a Nature, that I think it absolutely necessary to acquaint you with it immediately - He reports that, when he left that place three days since, there were five French Ships laying off, and that one of them had landed a vast quantety of Guns Stores, and Firelocks &c &c &c and that they would not permit the Village People to approach near to observe what was landed or what was doing Tho' thought a still larger Quantity would be landed from the other Ships, which the People conjectured to be full of Stores &c &c Soldiers - but as yet no Soldiers were landed - they make use of their own Boats for landing the Ammunition &c; it is reported at that place that Shair Beg Killadar of the Combam Circar, was shortly to come down to Ventapollam with some Troops to escort them to Tippoo's

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the Country - as there were no Troops in the Guntoor Circar to prevent them - I have dispatched some people to learn the Truth of this business but as you are so much nearer, I make no doubt, but you are well informed as to this matter, but nevertheless I thought it my Duty to acquaint you with it for fear of the contrary -

I have the honor to remain &c.

Condapellee
6th August 1786

/Signed/ Robert Scouler

/A true Copy/
A. Scott Secy.

To John Chamier Esqr

Sir

From Col. Nixon
Tippoo's Troops take possession of the Damalcherry Pass in order to get possession of the Polegar of Punganore, who has fled for Refuge to the Moogral Country

Having received Intelligence from Chitor of the 8th Instant of a Party of Tippoo's having taken possession of the Damalcherry Pass near to a Naiques Guard of our Sepoys posted there, who refused a Passage to a Semidar and ten Horsemen of Tippoo's to the Moograle Country to demand China Veria the Polegar of Punganore, who had been expelled from

his

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the his Country and taken refuge with the Mugrale Man. they say this Man had plundered some Vil-=lages in Tippoo's Dominions and they came purposly to make reprisals on the Nabob's Country, which as I hear they intend commencing so soon as an ex-=pected reinforcement arrives from the Cudapah Country to join them - I have always directed to abstain from Hostilities or to give the smallest Reason of offence to any of Tippoo's Country people, and directed in the present case, that should they again attempt to pass to the Mugrale Country to inform them, that Madras is the proper place to represent the Injuries they have suffered, at the same time advising the Inhabitants to defend their own Properties -

Vellore
10th August 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ Eccles Nixon

Received the undermentioned

Letter (entered in MB No 165-66-67-68)

From Captain Watts requesting

From Captain Watts

Cash on account of the Off Reckonings due him for last Year -

From

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From the Commandt at Cngole

From the Commandt at Cngole, with Intelligence respecting the French landing Guns & Military Stores at Mootapillee —

From Mr Peirce

From Mr Peirce requesting Copies of his Letter to Government relative to the Sultan of Atcheen's employing an Agent at Porto Novo to raise Sepoys for his Service —

Minute thereon

Ordered accordingly —

From the Agent for settling the Army Grain Accounts

From the Agent for settling the Army Grain Accounts, desiring to know if he may receive Notes for temporary Allowance on liquidation of a part of the outstanding Balances due for Rice served from the Company's Stores during the late War —

From Col. Kemball

From the Commandt at Arcot states the Inconveniences resulting from the Nabob's Renters stopping Goods proceeding from the Southern Sea Ports to the Cantonment for Sale, on the plea of receiving an Import upon them —

To Capt. Walts

Sent Letter to Captain Roberts Walts (entered in the Miscellany Book N° 70) informing him that his Bill for Off Reckonings for the Year 1785 will be liquidated by a Certificate for a Bengal Bond, but by no other mode —

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B:

President

Tuesday 15th August 1786

Alexander Davidson Esqr.

James Henry Casamaijor Esqr.

Lieutenant General Sir John Dalling Bart. Absent.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following Letter from Bengal —

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President &c. Council

at Fort St George

From Bengal, enclosing copy of a Provincial Convention between Monr. de Souillac & the Honble Colonel Cathcart in explanation of the 13th 14th & 15th Articles of the Treaty of Peace between Great Britain & France — also the Governor General's Correspondence on the Subject —

Honble Sir & Gentlemen.

We had the honor to inform you in our Letter of the 31st January last that we had deputed the Honble Lieut Colonel Cathcart to his Excellency the Governor General for the Establishment of His Most Christian Majesty on this side the Cape of Good Hope with a view of proposing an amicable

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amicable arrangement of the differences which had happened in the interpretation & execution of the 13th Article of the late Definitive Treaty between the Courts of London & Versailles, & to negociate such other Affairs as might occur and require to be adjusted between us and the French Govern=ment General - These of course were to be settled untill definitive Orders might arrive from Europe - Lieutenant Colonel Cathcart had also Powers to transact and negociate all such Affairs and temporary Arrangements as might arise or be found necessary in the course of future events for this purpose -

On our Ministers arrival at the Isle of France he found in his Excellency Monsieur Le Vicomte de Souillac, a Disposition correspondent with our own to enter into agreements that should tend to secure perfect tranquility between our respective Nations in the dependencies of the Governments General in India - On the 30th of April last they concluded a Provisional Convention which should have effect untill the decision of our respective Courts -

Of this Convention We have the honor to transmit to you an attested Copy together with Extracts of Lieut Col. Cathcarts Letter to us, and of that written to the Governor General by Monsieur Le Vicomte de Souillac

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the former under date the 10th of May, the latter under date the 30th of April -

We also enclose a Copy of the Governor Generals Letter to Monsieur Le Vicomte de Souillac dated 26th Janry to which that from Mr Le Vicomte de Souillac is a Reply -

We think it necessary to instruct you to carry such parts of the Provisional Convention as relate to your Presidency into speedy execution & are contained in the 1, 2, 3, 4, 25, 26, 27, 28 & 29th Articles -

We are sure that it is as much your Wish as it is our own to maintain the friendship & good understanding with the Representatives of the French Nation in India which was established in the last definitive Treaty between our Sovereign & the most Christian King, and We trust that, if any impediment should arise at your Subordinate to the full execution of the Convention which has been made at the Isle of France, you will remove them as speedily as possible with a liberal Attention to the object, which is have in view -

We have the honor to be &c &c

Fort William
Secret & Foreign Depatch
12th July 1786

John Macpherson
R Sloper
J Stables
Chas Stuart

{Signed}

Convention

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Convention settled provisionally between Mr le Vicomte de Souillac Governor General of the French Establishments in the East Indies and Lieutenant Colonel Cathcart Plenipotentiary of the Government General for the English Company in the East Indies in explanation of the 13th 14th and 15th Articles of the Treaty of Peace between their Britannick and Most Christian Majestys concluded at Versailles the 3d September 1783 which Provisional Convention shall have effect until the Decision of our respective Courts.

Article 1

All Difficulties which may arise on account of the Establishments which the King of Great Britain has restored to His Most Christian Majesty or of the Districts & Magans which His Britannick Majesty has procured for France shall be amicably adjusted by the Representatives of their Majestys in the East Indies.

Article 1.

Toutes difficultés que pourroient faire naître à l'occasion des Etablissements que le Roy de la grande Bretagne a restitués à sa Majesté Très Chrétienne ou des districts et Magans que sa Majesté Britannique a procurés à la France seront traitées à l'amiable par les representants de leur Majestés dans les Indes Orientalles.

Article 2

Although it has not been acknowledged that the Nabobship of Arcot the Country of Madura & Tanjore ought to be included in the Engagement contracted by His Britannick Majesty

Article 2.

Quoiqué il n'ait pas été reconnu que la Nababie D'Arcate, le Madurej et le Tanjaour dussent être compris dans les engagemens contractés par sa Majesté Britannique

Majesty in the 13th Article of the last Treaty of Peace, nevertheless the English Company shall readily exert every friendly Mediation with the Princes of Arcot & Tanjore to procure to the Subjects of France in their Territories a safe, free & independant Trade, such as was carried on by the former French Company, whether they exercise it individually or united in a Company.

Article 3

The Engagements of His Britannick Majesty concerning the Safety, Freedom & Independance of the French Trade shall have full Effect in the Provinces of Bengal, Bahar, and Provinces of Orixa as also in the Provinces the Coast of Orixa usually called the Northern Circars and in general in all the Possessions of the English Company on the Coasts of Orixa, of Coromandel & of Malabar.

Article 4

French trading Vessels carrying on Trafick in the English Establishments and English trading Vessels carrying on Trafick in the French

Majesté dans l'Article XIII du dernier traité de paix, néanmoins toutes médiations amiables seront mises en usage, dans difficultés par la Compagnie Angloise auprès des Princes d'Arcate, et de Tanjaour, pour procurer aux sujets de la france dans leurs Etats, un Commerce sure, libre, et indépendant, tel que le faisoit l'ancienne Compagnie françoise, soit qu'elle le fasse individuellement ou en corps de Compagnie.

Article 3.

Les Engagements de sa Majesté Britannique concernant la Sureté, liberté & indépendance du Commerce françois auront un plein effet dans les provinces du Bengale, Bahar et Orixa, ainsi que dans les provinces vulgairement dénommée Cercars du Nord et en toutes les possessions de la Compagnie Angloise sur les Côtes D'Orixa, du Coromandel et de Malabar.

Article 4.

Les Vaisseaux de Commerce françois qui trafiqueront dans les Etablissements anglois comme les Vaisseaux de Commerce Anglois qui trafiqueront dans

French Establishments shall be subject reciprocally to the Muni- =cipal Duties of the said Establishments

dans les Etablissements françois seront assujettis réciproquement aux droits municipaux des dits Etablissements

Article 5.

All French Ships of War Frigates, Sloops, Armed Ships & in general all Vessels carrying the Marks which distinguish Kings Ships from those of Commerce shall pass freely up and down the River Ganges without being hailed or subjected to any Visit whatever —

Article 5.

Tout Vaisseau de Guerre françois, frégate, corvette, Bot, et en général tout Bâtiment portant les marques distinctives que le caractere* ront d'appartenir au Roy, et non au Commerce, ne sera sujet à aucune visite dans le Gange, et passera librement sans être hellé soit en remontant soit en descendant à fleuve. —

Article 6.

All French trading Vessels, whether belonging to Individuals or to the Company shall equally pass up and down the River Ganges without being hailed or visited, except in cases where Information upon Oath in writing and under a known signature shall be given to the Officers of the Government of Ben- -gal, that such Vessels are loaded with Articles prohibited by the present Convention — Vizt Salt in greater quantity than that which it is Agreed shall be imported as hereafter mentioned & Arms and Military Stores exclusive of those afterwards specified —

Article 6.

Tout Vaisseau de Commerce françois soit particulier, soit de Compagnie, passera également sans être hellé ou visité, soit en remontant, soit en descendant le Gange, excepté dans le cas ou l'on auroit apperçu, sous bon serment par écrit et sous signature connue, les Officiers du Gouvernement de Bengale, que tel Vaisseau est chargé d'objets prohibés par la présente Convention, savoir le Sel, en plus grande quantité que celle dont l'introduction ainsi qu'il sera dit plus bas et les Armes et Munition de Guerre autre que celles cy aprés.

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Article 7

A Port composed of Natives only shall be established by the Government of Bengal on the Banks of the Ganges below Budge Budge which Ganges alone shall have a right to hail stop and visit such French trading Vessels only as shall have been informed against upon Oath conformable to what has been mentioned in the 6th Article as being loaded with Articles prohibited by the present Convention. The Persons of the said Port appointed to hail and visit shall be Officers of the Nabob with a particular Commission for that purpose and a Chop as a distinguishing Mark.

Article 7.

Il sera établi un poste composé D'Indiens seulement par le Gouverne=ment de Bengale sur les bords du Gange à Bouge Bouge, lequel seul aura le droit de faire arrêter, et visiter les seuls Vaisseaux français de commerce qui seront dénoncés sous serment ainsi qu'il a été dit dans l'article 6. comme étant chargés d'objets prohibés par la présente Convention. Les Hélleurs et visiteurs du dit Port seront des Officiers Indiens du Nabob qui auront une Com=mission particulière à cet effet, et une Chappe pour marque distinctive.

Article 8

Should the French trading Ships, whether belonging to Individuals or to the Company refuse to stop upon being summoned the Officers of the said Port may claim a right at Budge Budge & other Forts belonging to the English Company.

Article 8.

Si les Vaisseaux de Commerce françois soit de la compagnie, soit particulier ne s'arrêtoient pas sur la Somma=tion qui leur en sera faite, les Officiers du dit Porte demanderont main fort à Bouge Bougea, et autres fort appartenant à la Compagnie Angloise

Article 9

When a French trading Ship shall be stopped, Intimation shall be given of it to the Agent of the said Nation who shall send immediately

Article 9.

Dès qu'un Vaisseau de Commerce françois sera arrêté, il en sera donné avis à l'Agent de sa Nation qui enverra sur le

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a Person commissioned by him and Champ une personne par lui Commise,
in whose Presence the said Vessel et en presence de la quelle se fera
shall be searched - The Articles la visite du dit Vaisseau, les effets
found fraudulent shall be con- reconnus frauduleux seront confisqués
=fiscated to the use of the Govern- au profit du Gouvernement de Ben-
=ment of Bengal which shall - gale qui en disposera comme lui
dispose of them as it may think lui semblera; ensuite de quoi le
proper; after which the Vessel shall Vaisseau sera remis à l'Agent
be delivered over to the Agent of the de la Nation françoise pour
French Nation who shall determine être par lui statué sur la peine
on the Punishment to be inflicted à infliger au Capitaine - si la
on the Captain - If the Informer dénonciation se trove fausse, le
shall prove false the Informer shall Dénonciateur sera puni par une
pay a Fine proportioned to the loss amende proportionée à la perte
occasioned by the Detention of the que resultera pour la Cargaison
Vessel & in default of means on the du Vaisseau de son arrêtement
part of the Informer he shall be ou à défaut de moiens de la
subject to exemplary Punishment. part du dénonciateur par un punition
exemplaire.

Article 10.

The French Trade shall import annually into Bengal two hundred thousand Maunds of Salt which shall be unloaded at the place of Deposit fixed by the Government of Bengal and delivered to the Officers of the said Government appointed for this purpose at the Price agreed on of one hundred and twenty Rupees per hundred Maunds -

Article 10 -

Le Commerce françois pourra importer annuellement dans le Bengale deux cent Mille Mans de Sel qui sera débarqué dans le lieu de dépot désigné par le Gouvernement de Bengale et livré aux Officiers du dit Gouvernement chargés de ce dépot, au prix Convenue de Cent Vingt Roupies par chaque cent Mans -

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Article 11

There shall not be imported into Bengal by the French Trade any Arms or Military Stores except such as are necessary for the Equip=ment of the People employed to maintain the Police in the French Establishments.

Article 11.

Il ne sera importé par le Commerce françois dans le Bengale aucunes armes, ni Munition de guerre autres que celles nécessaire à l'equipe=ment des hommes proposés à maintenir la Police dans Eta=blissements Français.

Article 12

The French Trade shall receive annually upon application from the Agent of the said Nation in Bengal eighteen Thousand Maunds of Saltpetre and two hundred Chests of Opium at the Price fixed before the last War.

Article 12

Il sera delivré annuellement pour le Commerce françois sur la demande de l'Agent de la dite Nation, au Bengale Dix Huit Mille Maun de Salpetre et deux cents Caisses d'Opium au prix établie avant la guerre derniere.

Article 13

All Goods that shall be sent from Chandernagore into the Interior of the Country or that shall come into Chandernagore from the Interior of the Country shall be subject to a Duty of two & an half p Cent. But no Duty shall be imposed by the Government of Bengal upon Articles imported into or exported from Chandernagore in French trading Vessels passing up and down the Ganges & of the Charges of these no Manifest shall be required.

Article 13.

Toutes les marchandises que sorti=ront de Chandernagore pour l'in=terieur du pays, ou qui y viendront de cet interieur, seront assujetties à un droit de deux et demi pour Cent: mais il ne sera imposé aucun droit par le Gouvernement de Bengale sur les objets importés à Chandernagore, ou exportés de Chander=nagore par les Vaisseaux du commerce françois qui remonteront ou qui descendront le Gange, pour la fargaison desquel nulle déclaration ne sera demandée.

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Article 14

The Quantity and Quality of the said Goods which shall pass thro the Interior of the Country shall be expressed in the Dustucks or Pass-ports whether of the Agent of the French Nation or of the Chiefs of the different Factories and Hours of Commerce all of whom shall be entitled to grant them; & Invoices in French shall accompany the said Dustucks - These Dustucks shall be carried to the Custom House at Hooghly or to any other established by the Government of Bengal beyond the Territory of Chandernagore - The said Dustucks shall not be exchanged for Burbunder Rowannahs but shall have a full and free Currency -

Article 15

The Duties to be paid shall be regulated by a Talika or Tarif settled by what was formerly established by the Viziers of the Country: & there shall be a Review of the ancient Talikas, which shall be the Rule to follow -

Article 16

An Account shall be kept of the Duties paid until the Decision of our respective Courts.

Article

Article 14th

La quantité et la qualité des dits Marchandises qui circuleront dans l'interieur du pays seront portés sur les Dastocks ou passe ports, tant de l'Agent de la nation françoise que des Chefs des differents Comptoirs ou Maisons de Commerce qui tirer seront en droit de les donner, et les factures en françois accompagneront les dits D'Astocks - Ces D'Astocks seront portés à la Douane D'Hooghly, ou à telle autre du Gouvernement de Bengale qui sera établie hors du Territoire de Chandernagore les dits D'Astocks ne seront point transformés en Rawanas de Buebender, mais ils auront une pleine et entiere Circulation -

Article 15

Les Droits à payer seront réglés sur un Talika ou Tarif arrêté d'apres ce qui a été cy devant établi par les Viziers du pays, et il sera fait un relevé des anciens Talikas qui sera la loi à suivre -

Article 16

Il sera tenu un Etat des Droits qui auront été payés jusques la decision de nos Cours respectives -

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Article 17

Beside the abovementioned Articles all the Rules shall be the 7th 11th 12th relative to Bengale, the 13th and 15th Articles of the Regulation proposed by the English Government to Monsr Dangereux of the French Nation on the margin of which the said Mr Dangereux hath made Answers dated 17th Octr 1785 and which said Articles still remain as they were proposed.

Article 17e

Independamment des Articles cy dessus les Articles 7, 11, 12, 13, et 15 du Reglement proposé par le Gouvernement Général Anglois à Monsr Dangereux Agent de la Nation françoise en Marge duquel, ledit Sieur Dangereux à fait des réponses en date du 17 Oct. 1785, les dits quels Articles demeurent tels quels on été proposés,

Article 18

Agreable to the Proposal of the English Government General to the Agent of the French Nation in Bengal the Factorys & Houses of Commerce which Mr Nicholas or any two Members of the ancient Council at Chandernagore shall specify by name as having ban held in property or otherwise by the French Nation in the Provinces of Bengal, Bahar & Orixa before the last War shall be declared to belong to the French Nation & restored in consequence. But no encrease or Exchange of Factorys or Houses of Commerce shall take place without the Sanction of the Government of Bengal

Article 18.

Ainsi qu'il a été proposé par le Gouvernement Général Anglois à l'Agent de la Nation Françoise au Bengale, les Comptoirs et Maisons de Commerce que Mr Nicholas ou deux autres membres de l'ancien Conseil de Chandernagor spécifieroit par nom comme ayant été tenuës en propriété ou de toute autre maniere par la Nation Françoise dans les provinces du Bengale, Bahar, et Orixa avant la derniere guerre, devant reconnus appartenir à la dite nation Françoise et delivrées en conséquence, mais aucune augmentations ne changement de Comptoirs, et maisons de Commerce ne pourra avoir lieu sans la sanction du Gouvernement de Bengale

Article 19

All the Inhabitants whether Europeans or Natives of the French Establishments Factories & Houses of Commerce as well as of the Territory annexed to them shall be under the protection of the French

Article 19.

Toutes les habitants soit Européens soit Indiens des Etablissements, Comptoirs, et Maisons de Commerce françois ainsi que des Territoires y joins seront sous la protection du pavillon François

French Flag and subject to the French Jurisdiction.

françois et soumis à la jurisdiction françoise.

Article 20.

The Chiefs of Factories and other French Establishments shall enjoy the previledge of recovering the Debts and Balances due by the Weavers or other Manufacturers as also by the Dolls employed by the French altho they may reside beyond the Bounds of the said Establishments; with this restriction however that if a Dolls should have Contracts with more than one European Nation at the same time he must in that case only be prosecuted against before the ordinary Jurisdiction of the Country.

Article 20

Les Chefs de Comptoirs ou d'autres Etablissements françois jouiront du privilege de se faire rembourser des dettes ou restes de Comptes dus par les Tisserands, ou Manufacturiers aussi que par les Dalaux employés par les françois quoique leurs Dalaux et les autres y aient leur residence hors des limites des dits Etablissements avec la Clause toutefois que si un Dalaux contractoit avec plus d'une Nation Européene à la fois, il faudroit se pourvoir dans ce seul cas par devant la Jurisdiction ordinaire du Pays.

Article 21

In whatever French Factories in Bengal the Dewans of the Chiefs may have exercised a Jurisdiction over their Ryots between the years 1765 and 1778 tho the Territories inhabited by the said Ryots may be beyond the Bounds of the said Factorys the said Custom of Jurisdiction shall be continued; that is to say there shall be no Innovation in this Respect.

Article 21

Dans les Comptoirs françois au Bengale dont les Dewans auroient exercé une Jurisdiction sur leurs Rayotes entre les années 1765 et 1778 quoique les Territoires sur lesquels habitent les dits Rayotes soient hors des limites des dits Comptoirs, le dit usage de Jurisdiction sera maintenu, c'est à dire qu'il n'y aura aucun innovation à cet égard.

Article 22

Natives who being pursued by the Government of the Country for Crimes, Misdemeanors or Debts shall take Refuge in the French Factories, shall be delivered up by the Chiefs of there Factories when claimed by the said Government. But the said Chiefs shall have a Right to give

Article 22

Les Indiens poursuivis par le Gouvernement du pays pour Crimes, Délits, ou dettes, et qui se refugeroient dans les Comptoirs françois seront rendus par les Chefs des Comptoirs sur la réclamation du dit Gouvernement; mais les dits Chefs auront le droit de donner toute protection aux Européens

give Protection to Europeans en semelar Européens qui se trouveront en
Circumstances pareil cas.

Article 23 Article 23

In Cases where French Subjects shall Dans les cas ou des sujets françois seront
be accused of Outrages against Natives accusés de quelque outrage envers les
of the Country they shall be delivered naturels du pays ils seront remis
over by the Officers of the Government par les Officiers du Gouvernement
to the nearest French Chief, who shall au Chef françois que sera le plus à
examine the Accusation and proceed proximité, lequel examinera les
according to the Exigency of the Case accusations et procedera suivant
If a French Subject should have l'exigence du Cas - Si un sujet
a semelar Cause of Complaint against françois avoit lieu de se plaindre
a Native of the Country the cause of d'un naturel du pays, la cause du
the said Native shall be tried in the dit naturel seroit instruite par
Courts of Justice of the said Country les Cours de Justice du dit pays:
provided that these Cases occur beyond bien entendu que c'est lorque ces
the Bounds of the French Factory Griefs sont lieu hors des Territoires françois

Article 24 Article 24

The other Customs whether relating to Le surplus des usages soit Civil
Civil or Criminal Matters which have soit Criminel dont il n'est pas
not been mentioned in the preceeding fait mention dans les précédents
Articles shall be continued in full force Articles seront maintenus dans toute
and as they were practiced before the leur force, et tels qu'ils on été suivis
last War - avant la précédente guerre -

Article 25

The Peninsula lately become an la presqu'isle anciennement Cou-
Island situated to the East of Yanam verte de Bois et devenue isolée
extending to that place Formerly depuis quelques années, dont une
covered with Wood a part of which partie est actuellement défrichée
is now cleared shall remain in the située à l'Est D'Yanam, et qui se
Possession of the French entirely, termine à Yanam même, demeurera
both the parts that are cleared and en la possession des françois en
those which remain covered with Wood totalité, tant ce qui est Défriché
saving the claims which the English que ce qui est couvert de Bois
Company may have to make relative sauf les réclamations que la
to Compagnie

to the Extent and Limits of the
said Peninsula -

Article 26

Upon the production of the Parwanah
obtained by the French in 1765 from
the Souba Nizam Alle which grants a
Sarkar containing twelve Candies Malka
of cultivated land in the District of
Cotapilly or on authentick Proof
being given that the said Parwan-
=nah was obtained the above men-
=tioned Sarkar shall be delivered
up to the French in full Property -

Article 27

The Dustucks of the Chiefs of Yanam
and of the French Factory at
Masulipatam shall have free
Currency in the Northern Circars
and shall secure a free Passage
exempt from all Duties whether
on Exports or Imports for Goods
which shall belong to French -
Individuals or to the French
Company -

Article 28

European Goods which shall
pass through the Hands of
Native Inhabitants of Yanam
and of the French Factory at
Masulipatam shall circulate
through

Compagnie anglaise croyoit avoir à
faire relativement à l'étendue et aux
limites de la dite presqu'île -

Article 26

Sur le vu du Sarvana obtenu par
les françois en 1765 du Soubah Nizam
pour la Concession dun Sarkar
composé de douze Candies Malka
de Champs cultivés dans le District
de Cotapelly ou sur les preuves au-
thentiques que le dit Sarvana
a été accordé il sera livré aux
françois pour en jouir en toute
propriété -

Article 27

Les Dastocks des Chefs D'Yanam et
de la loge françoise de Masulipatam
auront un Cours libre dans les
Circars du Nord et jouiront un
passage également libre et exempt
de tous droits, soit d'importation
ou d'exportation, aux Marchan-
dises qui appartiendront aux
Individus françois ou à toute Com-
=pagnie françoise -

Article 28

Les Marchandises d'Europe qui
passeront par les mains des habi-
tans Indiens D'Yanam et de
la loge françoise de
Masulipatam, circuleront
dans

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through the Northern Circars under dans les Circars du Nord, sous
Dastucks of the Chiefs of Yanam les Dastocks des Chefs D'Yanam,
and of the French Factory at et de la loge françoise de Masu
Manulipatam with entire freedom lipatam avec une entiere
from Duties in all Cases where franchise de tous droits dans les
the same Custom takes place cas toutes fois ou le meme usage
with regard to the Native Inha= auroit lieu à cet égard pour
bitants of the English Establish les naturels Indiens des Etablis=
=ments of Masulipatam and =ments Anglois de Masulipatam
Ingeram= et D'Ingeram=

Article 29

The Inhabitants of Yanam shall enjoy the Rights of fishing and of Markets and all other Privileges they enjoyed before the last War without being molested by any Person whatsoever=

Article 29

Les Habitans D'Yanam jouiront des droits de Pêche, de Marchés, et de tous les autres privileges dont ils ont joui précédemment à la derniere guerre, sans qu'ils puissent être troublés par qui que ce soit=

Done at the Isle of France the 30th April 1786=

Fait à L'Isle de France Le 30e Avril 1786.

(Signed) Lt. de Souillac

(Signed) Charles Cathcart

(Signé) Lt. de Souillac

(Signé) Charles Cathcart

Ex. E.C.

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Extract

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Extract of a Letter from the Honble Lieutenant Colonel Cathcart to the Honble the Governor General & Council Dated Isle of France 5 May 1786.

Para. 1 Herewith I have the honor to transmit to you a Transcript of a Convention concluded on the 30th April between his Excellency the Vicomte de Souillac and me on the Subjects of my Mission to this Island

2 I had the Satisfaction to find that although his Excellency seemed to be impressed with an Idea that great Concessions had been made and Priveledges conferred upon his Nation by the 13th Article of the last Treaty of Peace yet these Concessions appeared to strike him as Commercial advantages only, and no views of Hostility or Ambition seemed to enter into the Expectations to which they had given rise. I therefore judged that fuller scope might be given to the liberal Spirit of the Honorable Board's Instructions for my Conduct, and of the Governor General's Minute and Letter which I was instructed to consider as additional guides since in the Character of Merchants the French ought not to excite our Jealousy, but rather seem to deserve our encouragement. And to their way of thinking must be ascribed what ever Concessions I may have made beyond the strict Letter of my Instructions.

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Para 4 The high Idea entertained by the French of the Priveledges acquired by the last Treaty will appear from his Excellency's first opinion of the Extent of His Majesty's Guarantee, and of the degree of Freedom meant to be secured to the French Commerce in India. It was necessary to endeavor greatly to reduce both & this was attempted on one hand by denying that His Majesty's Guarantee extended beyond the Provinces of Bengal & Bahar to the North, by which the French Nation remain excluded from the Country of Oude &c. And on the other by disavowing His Majesty's Guarantee for the Countries of Arcot & Tanjore by which a position extremely liable to abuse is not admitted Viz. that they may call upon us to exert our Influence in favor of their Commerce wherever they may chuse to suppose we possess it, & whether it may be equal or not to what they require from it.

20 I was under the necessity of entering into the Discussion of the French Claims in the Circars tho' possessed of no particular Instructions, and of but few Documents concerning them, His Excellency having called upon me for an Answer, to his Letter of the 5th October 1785 addressed to the Council of Fort St George and which he had been advised was referred by the Gentlemen of that Presidency for the decision of the Supreme Council.

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Para. 21 I agreed to two Claims of Poſſeſ-
=sions of small value with such Reservations how-
=ever as I thought Circumstances required me to
make -

22 The Madras Government
had been pledged by a Letter from Lord Macart-
=ney to Brigadier General Cuttenceau under
date the 21st of May 1785 for the immediate
Cession of those Places, for which the French
should produce Grants or valid Titles, and Titles
for the two abovementioned Poſſeſions appear
to have been offered for the Inspection of the
Resident at Ingeram Possibly these may be
liable to Dispute, and the right of taking up
this Subject hereafter is reserved, should it
for any reason become necessary: in the mean
time these objects seemed of so little moment,
that I judged the Cession of them preferable
to the Continuance of a Discussion already
urged to an inconvenient length - Exemption
from all general duties, the Currency of their
Duetticks and connected with these, Protection
from the irregular and arbitrary Impositions
of native Rajahs &c in the Circars appeared
to be Claims founded in Justice and were -
therefore readily admitted -

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Para 23 I did not judge it proper to acknowledge the priviledge of passing under French Dustucks European Commodities purchased by Natives residing in the French Factories at Maulipatam and Yanam for Sale through the Country, being uncertain of the usage in this respect with regard to Natives residing in our Establishments, tho' the Paragraph N° 37 in the Honorable the Court of Directors General Letter to Fort William under Date the 17th of June 1758 seemed favorable to this claim - His Excellency wished much to carry this point, but consented to an Accomodation in this respect to the practice in our Establishments -

24 The Honorable Board having had Evidence of the vexatious Conduct of the Renter of Nellapilly, will, I have no doubt, be perfectly disposed to support the assurance I gave his Excellency that no Cause of future Complaint should arise from that Quarter -

(A true Extract)

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To

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To His Excellency the Vicomte de Souillac
Governor General for all the Establishmts
of His most Christian Majesty
in India

Sir

The superior Government for the
Affairs of the British Nation in India having
deputed the Honble Lieut Colonel Cathcart as
their Minister plenipotentiary to propose to
your Excellency a fair & amicable Adjustment
of some Differences that have arisen on the
Subject of the 13th Article of the Treaty of Peace
last concluded between our respective Sovereigns,
I embrace this occasion to do myself the Honor
of addressing a separate Letter to your Excellency
and though from the Constitution of the Govern=
=ment over which I preside this Address cannot
be a publick Letter from that Government, yet
as it contains my real Sentiments on Subjects
of the utmost Importance to both Nations
you will I am sure receive it in the Spirit
in which it is written & peruse it with Candor.

I have too high a respect for
your Excellency's Character to suggest to you
any proposition which has not for its object
the reciprocal Satisfaction of our respective
Sovereigns

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Sovereigns and the Interests of France united with those of Great Britain: These Interests are not independent of or incompatible with each other in India: on the contrary they will be found to unite in those very Principles which gave value to Commerce - that Object which in our Misconceptions of its Freedom is the Cause of our Disputes -

In the Stations which as Go= =vernors We occupy for our Countries in this part of the World our Duty requires a fair Investigation of all points in Discussion and I sincerely believe that neither your Excellency nor I can serve our Sovereigns, our Nations, or the Interests of Humanity more essentially than by a clear & dispassionate reference of all points that cannot be settled in India to the temperate Arrangements of our respective Courts in Europe.

My own Ideas on these Subjects are such that had I Ish in my option to esta= =blish a proper Union between our Nations in India on the solid Ground of mutual Inte= =rest in an equal Freedom of Commerce or as a Conqueror to procure additional Kingdoms for Great Britain in Asia with a Monopoly of their Trade - I should reject the Conquest and claim the greatest Merit with my Country in establishing an Union with Yours in the

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reciprocal Advantages of commercial Intercourse
- Such an Union would render a permanent
Service to both States & Mankind at large would
participate the Happiness of its Effects - Between
neighbouring & even rival Nations the advantages
of a free Commerce may be mutual & reciprocal
in that light they are a Bond of Union - The
Loss of those advantages upon both sides in time
of War gives the first serious Impressions of the
Distresses of War: The Victorious feel them with
the unsuccessful, & from the Evils caused by the
Interruptions of Trade, Peace becomes as necessary
as from the other usual Calamities attendant
on a State of Hostility -

It was upon the Liberal Principles
- ples of an equal & free Commerce in India that
the 13th Article of the last Treaty was formed
& if your Excellency will be pleased to cooperate
with me in a full & candid Representation to
both our Courts of the Difficulties which have
arisen relative to its Interpretation, I am
sanguine in hoping that the Disputes which
have hitherto occurred may not only be ami-
-cably adjusted, but converted eventually into
a Bond of Tranquility and form the Basis
of an Union the most solid as it would be
founded on Grounds of reciprocal Interest
between our respective Nations in India -

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In forming there Expectations I take it for granted that France seeks no more than a fair Participation with great Britain in the Commerce of this Country - I would farther suppose that the true Interest of France required no more - If that is admitted I am sure it is the Interest of Great Britain to be as ready to support France in a perfect Freedom & equal Participation of the Commerce of India as France ought to be desirous of guaranteeing & maintaining the Peace of India

Did it so happen in the course of human Affairs that France was ambitious of exchanging Conditions in Asia with England the object would be found deliscive & the Pursuit would prove it an impolitical one - But your Ministers are better informed - They know the Expence which such Pursuits or even Acquisitions would entail on the parent State - They know that the Acquisition itself could not from the present position of the Native States of India be permanent, & that in the degree in which the English were diverted of their Possessions the French could not succeed to them - The Revenues of France are better employed in the Improvement of an Empire complete in its Territory & perfect in its productions

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I may be mistaken in these opinions but they are the opinions upon which I have argued with the Ministers of my Nation - Should the real Objects of France & her Interests in India be different from those I have supposed, the Ground of the Argument would change & consequently the Interests of Great Britain would change with it.

To our Ministers in Europe & the Directors of your Company I have stated every Circumstance of the Dispute with your Agents as they have happened - I have observed to them that if the Ministers of France are not prejudiced by Representations of supposed Indignities to the Flag of His Most Christian Majesty & our alledged Violations of the Treaty, the Merits of the Questions in dispute might be fairly left to the impartial Determination of the Court of Versailles - Upon these Principles your Excellency will find that their Government called upon* Mr Dangeuex to draw out a clear Regulation which would at once secure to the Government of Bengal the Customs he proposed to pay & to preserve the Subjects of France from every Vexation in their Commerce - His Answer* shews that he could not bring forward more favorable Regulations for the Trade of his Nation than those proposed by us - His most Christian Majesty will not desire the King of Great Britain to obtain for the Subjects of France a freer, surer, or more

independant

* In Letter of the English Commissary to Mr Dangeuex 17th Sept. 1785

* In Mr Dangeuex's Reply

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independant Trade than that enjoyed by the English Nation in Bengal whether as a Company or as Individuals - That Trade, the present Govern=ment of Bengal are already willing to support in their Favor - The French Trade paid invaria=bly 2½ per Cent on its Imports and Exports as the Summuds × of the French Company and the original Letters * of the French Chiefs can shew A similar Duty is paid on the Exports of the English East India Company & at the Sales of its Imports besides another Duty of 4 ℔ Cent which priate English Merchants pay at Calcutta -

These Duties collectively serve only to pay the Expence of the Protection of Com=merce & to repay the Reductions of Revenue, which in 1772 were granted to the different Zemindars or Native Chiefs who before the Customs were regulated stopped the Goods of all Nations and exacted vexatious Duties from them in the Navigation of the Ganges -

The exclusion of Foreign Salt from Bengal & the application of the Salt made in the Country as a Fund of Revenue are local Arrangements - The sudden Change of them might hurt our Revenues without any Advantage to France; Tho a Revenue equal to that from Salt might perhaps be laid in addition on the Land it would ultimately raise the prime Cost of those Manufactures that

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× So the Phirmaun of the Emperor Furrukhsere 6th year of his Reign -

* So letter from Mr Law 15th June 1765 from Mr Chevalier 1 Sept. 1777 & from Mr Dange-ueau 19th Do 1785

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are made in Bengal & partly consumed in France.
This would in fact be to draw from the Inhabitants
of Paris a part of the Revenue given up in Bengal
Salt in favor of the Traders of Pondicherry & Chander=
=nagore — But if the Importation of foreign Salt
were laid open to all Nations it would prove no
real advantage to any — It would be of most use
to the private English Traders in India, who are
more numerous than those of any other Nation —

Upon the other less important Points
in discussion your Excellency will judge from the
Letters of this Government under date * how ready
We are to fulfill the Engagements prescribed in the
Treaty —

Colonel Cathcart who has the honor
of being personally known to your Excellency &
whose Merit cannot but engage your Esteem is in
possession of the material parts of the Correspondence
which has passed upon these Subjects, & of Copies
of original Papers which will tend to place the
whole in a clear point of View from the earlier
Periods of the French India Company to the
present Times —

References to these Papers and a
candid Communication of Opinions concerning them
will I flatter myself assist our mutual Disposition
to bring these Discussions to a happy Issue —

But if after all my Efforts
to state these Matters to your Excellency unfor=
=tunately for the unoffending Nations of India
Prejudice

* See letters from this Government to Mr Dangerous dated
27th June
19th July
25th Oct.
7th Dec.
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Prejudice should operate too far on the part of my Countrymen & Impatience on the side of yours and from these causes both Governments should be committed by Disputes in India so as to disturb the Tranquility of Europe. I can only add that I hope to stand exculpated for I shall leave nothing unattempted to prevent such Misfortunes, nor in the event of their being unavoidable shall I be found remiss in the other parts of my Duety.

If I can trust to the Justice of my real Opinions I may safely say that there is not a Sentiment in this Address which is either disguised or affected. I write to your Excellency upon the most interesting Subjects that can arise among Men upon Subjects which may grow into the Importance of securing the Repose or creating the Destresses of Nations. I call therefore upon your Excellency to unite with me in promoting the General Welfare.

Permit me to add that if I had not conceived the highest opinion of your Excellency's natural Disposition & of your Desire to pursue the true Glory of a Great Monarch, and of a most Liberal Nation I should not have troubled you with this Address.

I have the honor to be &c &c

Fort William
26th January 1786

Signed / John Macpherson

A true Copy
Lumsden Secretary

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