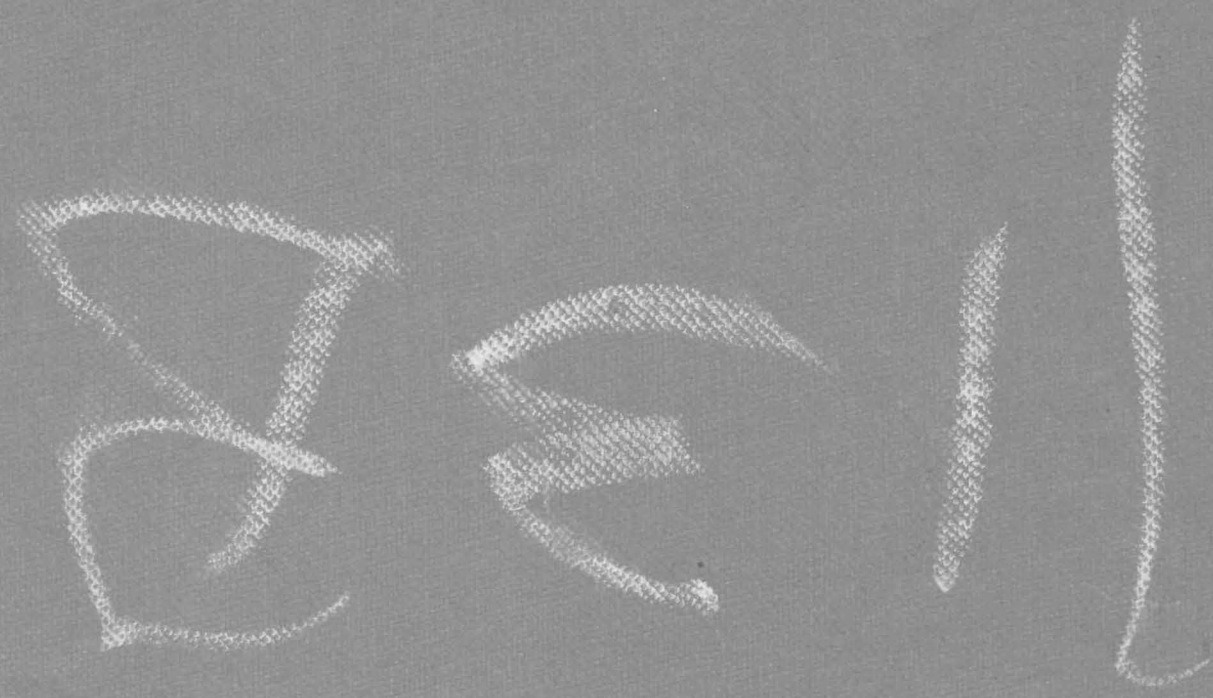

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Extract from a Translation of a Letter from Mr Le Vicomte de Souillac to the Honble the Governor General Dated 30th 1786.

Para. 1st The Mission of Lieutenant Colonel Cathcart was the more agreeable to me as his Arrival in this Colony followed hard upon the Receipt of Dispatches from India by which I was informed of the Disputes which the different Interpretations of the 13th Article of the late Treaty of Peace had given rise to, particularly in Bengal. I saw with Satisfaction the superior Government for the Affairs of the British Nation in India give Proofs of an amicable Disposition which there Disputes & certain Acts of Violence on the part of their Agents did not seem to indicate - The choice of Lieut Colonel Cathcart whose merit I had remarked during the short Stay he made at Pondicherry Last year, added to my Satisfaction & the private Letter with which your Excellency has honoured me by strengthening my Confidence hath rendered my Satisfaction complete -

2d I entered into negociation with Lieut Colonel Cathcart in that Spirit of Conciliation to which I am from Principle disposed, & which these previous circumstances confirmed - your Excellency will find the proof of this in the negociations which we have

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hastily digested, & even on the order we have followed in discussing the different Points in Dispute -

Para 3d

There is one, the first that occurs, on which I confess I hoped to have brought over Lieut Colonel Cathcart to my opinion. I speak of the extent of Her Britannick Majesty's Engage=ment to secure to the Subjects of France a safe, free, & independant Trade. I thought I had demonstrated that that Engagement unquestionably extended to all the parts of Indostan where His Britannick Majesty has Allies or Influence. I will add that even supps=ing what I do not admit, the letter of the Article to be deficient in precision, the Spirit in which it is drawn up is decisive in favour of my opinion, the Principles besides of the Superior Government of the British Nation in India & particularly those of your Excellency being entirely conformable to the Sense I have given to the said Article it seemed to me there could be no reason for restricting it, a Medium however was adopted, which given rich proviso=nally a great part of its true latent -

6th.

In the Provisional Articles relative to Yanam there is one that is liable to difficulties of the same kind with the pre=ceding - I speak of the Right of passing into the Interior of the Country European Commodities

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by the hands of Native Inhabitants of that Establish
=ment, under cover of our Dustucks - From the
Correspondence of Mr Martin at present Chief of
Yanam it appears undoubted that this Custom
existed before the last War - I perceive however
from certain Declarations communicated by
Lieut Colonel Cathcart, that there are Persons,
who do not acknowledge this Custom, & that it
may of course be disputed - It is true that the
provisional Article as it stands imports that
the practice in this respect in the English Establish
=ments of Manulipatam & Ingeram shall
take place equally in that of Yanam - But
tho' the principle of Reciprocity is in general a
very reasonable one, it is possible that a custom
important for one reason & consequently establishd
may by our means be so for another -

7th I have entered the more readily
into this Detail from a View of engaging your
Excellency to transfuse your conciliating Spirit
into the different Departments, the more distant
of which too frequently present, on both sides,
very jarring Dispositions in the Persons who
direct them -

8th The two Articles which I have
mentioned excepted, I know of none in the Provisi
=onal Convention, which admit of ambiguity
or can give room for differeny Interpretation;
in consequence of which I hope & that with

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the most lively Satisfaction that no discussions will arise in any part of our respective Governments that may not be easily terminated & that on the contrary the most perfect Harmony will prevail strengthens by those mutual Attentions which two respectable Nations owe to each other -

11th

These Details will prove to your Excellency that I partake very sincerely of your conciliatory & pacifick Disposition - But the better to prove it to You I will add some observations on the general Object of the Commerce of the two Nations in India, & particularly in Bengal -

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This Commerce was at first the sole object of the Maritime Nations of Europe. Their Competition or the Measure of this Trade depended upon the natural means of each of these Nations & their Establishments in the different parts of India being solely intended for the purposes of Commerce were proportioned to those natural means; at that time there prevailed a Spirit of active Emulation highly profitable to those Nations & to Europe in general - But this State of things was at an end when some of those Nations aspired to and succeeded in rendering themselves territorial Powers in certain parts of India - The measure of general Commerce then ceased to depend upon the former means - It came to be weighed in a new Ballance, & this new Ballance could

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not but excite the Jealousy of the Powers who were losers by it, & in proportion to the Loss sustained by each. This consequence was felt by England & induced her to conceal as much as possible the degree of power she had enquired in India & particularly in Bengal. It was this independant of internal political reasons that engaged her not to make a display (if I may so express myself) of her Sovereign=ty over the vast territories of Bengal, & to leave untouched the Farms, Customs & ancient privi=ledges of the other European Nations settled in it. But she supposed that those Nations would by degrees become accustomed to the Idea of her exclusive Sovereignty; that by degrees also she might suppress those forms, Customs, and ancient priviledges, & that at last the Com=merce of India & particularly that of Bengal & the Coasts of Orixa and Coromandel would become exclusively her own as much as the rights of Sovereignty & the Territorial Revenues.

13th This Plan which I have supposed, appears to me not inconsistent with the Ideas of your Excellency which I send to shew that it is for the Interest of Great Britain to encourage the Commerce of neighbouring and even Rival Nations. Yes undoubtedly it is its Interest. But it is so in the same manner as it is the Interest of England and of France to export their Superfluities and to bring in Articles

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of Exchange of which they stand in need. In short it is the Trade of one Nation with another; but not a neutral Trade; such as that of India formerly was to England and France; and your Excellency will perceive that it is difficult for such a Change in a Trade so valuable and extensive not to excite the Jealousy of a Neighbouring Rival and powerful Nation.

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I have thought myself obliged to answer in the same unreserved sincere and unofficial Stile in which your Excellency has done me the honor to write to me; I take the liberty to assure you that no less convinced than you are of the inestimable Advantages that would result to the two Nations from a Peace of long duration & cemented by mutual Interest & mutual Esteem; I could wish that the State of things were such as to leave room for nothing but that noble national Emulation of which both are so worthy.

/ A true Extract /

/ Signed / Hamsden
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Instructions to be sent to Manulipatam in consequence.

Agreed that the Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 25, 26, 27, 28, & 29 in the foregoing Convention be sent to Manulipatam, & that the Gentlemen

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Gentlemen there be desired to give the necessary Directions to the Resident at Ingeram for ensuring due attention to the abovementioned Articles, as far as they relate to his Residency —

Resolved also that the 1. 3. 4

Instructions to Vizagapatam & Ganjam

27, & 28 Articles be sent to Vizagapatam and Ganjam with proper Instructions to the Chiefs and Councils of those Settlements —

The President lays before the Board the Cartel established between the Govs. of Pondicherry & himself relative to the delivering up mutually the Deserters from the English and French Nations —

Cartel established between the Governor of Fort St George and Pondicherry in relation to Deserters to be inforce till the pleasure of their respective Courts are known —

Articles of a conditio= Articles d'une Convention
=nal Agreement or Cartel ou Cartel provisoire réglé
regulated & concluded, on et conclu, d'une part, pour
the one part by Colonel sa Majesté très Chrétienne
James Capper Commissary par nous Camille Charles
General of Musters, and de Freene Chevalier de l'Ordre
Comptroller General Royal et Militaire de
of Military Accounts St Louis, Colonel Comman=
on the Coast of Choro= =dant des Régiment de
=mandel, fully empow L'Isle de Bourbon, en pos=
=ered by Major General =sesseur, muni de pleins pouvoirs par
Sir Archibald Camp Monsieur de Cossigny, Cheva=
=bell K. B: Governor =lier de l'ordres Royal &
of Fort St George and Militaire de St Louis, Bri=
its dependencies and =gadier des Armées du Roi,
the Council thereof, Colonel Commandant des

for Régiments

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for and on behalf of His Britan- Regiment de l'Isle de France,
-nick Majesty and English East infanterie, Gouverneur de Pon-
India Company and Monsieur -dichery, et de tous les Etablis
de fresne Knight of the Royal -ments francois dans l'Inde,
and Military Order of St Louis Et de l'autre part, pour sa
Colonel Commandant of the Majesté Britannique et la
Regiment of the Island of Bour Compagnie des Indes Orien-
-bon, on the other part; also fully -tales Angloise, par nous
empowered by Monsieur de Cosigny Colonel Sarner Casper Commis-
Brigadier of His Most Christian -saire Général aux Revues, et
Majesty's Armies, Knight of the Controlleur Général de Comptes
Royal and Military Order of Militaires à la Côte de Coroman-
St Louis, Colonel Commandant -del, muni de pleins pouvoirs par
of the Regiment of the Isle of le Major Général Sir Archibald
France, Governor of Pondicherry Campbell Chevalier de l'Ordre des
and all the French Settlements Bain, Gouverneur du Fort Saint
in India, which said Articles George et dépendances, et le Conseil,
of Agreement are to be in force Lesquels dits Articles seront exécutés
from the day they shall be ap- dans toute leur force et teneur, du
-proved, ratified and subscribed jour où ils auront été approuvés
by the abovementioned Governors ratifiés et signés par les dits Gou-
until the final Orders of the -verneurs jusqu'à ce que les ordres
respective Courts shall arrive définitifs des Cours respectives, a
from Europe — ce Sujet, aient été reçus —

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Article 1st

All European Non commissioned Officers or Soldiers, Warrant Officers or Sailors, that shall desert from His Britannic or Most Christian Majesty's Service or from that of the English East India Company on the Coast of Choromandel shall be reciprocally returned to the Power from whose Service they deserted.

Article 1st

Tous les Bas-Officiers, et Soldats, Officiers mariniers et Matelots, Européens, qui déserteront du Service de leurs Majestés Très Chrétienne et Britannique, ou de la Compagnie des Indes Orientales angloise à la Côte de Coromandel, seront rendus réciproquement à la Puissance dont ils auront désertés.

Article 2

When any European non-commissioned Officer or Officers, Soldier or Soldiers, Warrant Officers or Sailors shall desert from any place in the possession of either Nation, English or French on the Coast of Choromandel, Notice thereof shall be transmitted without loss of time to the Governor or Officer Commanding the nearest Garrison belonging to the other Nation, specifying the Names and number of Men who have deserted

Article 2

Lorsqu'un, ou plusieurs Bas-Officiers, ou Soldats, Officiers, Mariniers, ou Matelots, Européens auront déserté d'une des places des possessions françoises, ou angloises, à la Côte de Coromandel, l'on en donnera avis sur le Champ au Gouverneur, ou tout autre Officier Commandant la Garnison la plus voisine de la place dont ils auront déserté, en spécifiant, leur nombre, et en envoyant leurs Noms et Signalements,

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deserted, and also a description of their persons that a sufficient force may immediately be sent to apprehend and detain them in confinement until proper measures be taken to deliver them up agreeably to the terms of this Cartel.-

Article 3

When any Deserter or Deserters of either Nation shall be apprehended and the previous measures taken for delivering them up, they shall on a day fixed be conducted under a proper Guard half way to the nearest Garrison belonging to their own Nation, and there be delivered up to proper Persons sent by the Governor or Officer Commanding that Garrison, & the person commanding the Detachment sent from thence to take charge of them shall give a Receipt mentioning the Names of the Deserters so delivered up to him.-

Article

d'eserter, et aussi une description de ceux que l'on pourra commander de leurs personnes afin que un Detachment suffisant pour les arrêter, et detenir, jusqu'à ce qu'on ait pris les mesures convenables pour leur restitution, soient envoyés pour les recevoir.

Article 3.

Lorsque un ou plusieurs Déserteurs de l'une ou de l'autre Nation auront été arrêtés et que les Mesures prescrites pour leur restitution, auront été prises, ils seront conduits par une Escorte convenable, à un jour fixé, à la moitié du Chemin de la place la plus proche de leur Nation, où ils seront remis à telle personne, qui sera commise par le Gouverneur ou Commandant de la dite place, pour les recevoir, et le Commandant des Détachment qui devra les prendre sous son Escorte, on donnera un Reçu, qui contiendra les Noms de ceux qui lui auront été remises.-

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Article 4

Should any Detachment be obliged to pass beyond the limits of their own Territories on the abovementioned duty it is hereby mutually agreed that the orders given to Detachments sent by either Governor to conduct or receive Deserters, shall serve as a Passport for the said Detachment and it is also further agreed that necessary orders shall be issued by the different Governors to the respective Commandants of the adjacent Garrisons, that the Detachments be protected from any Insult, Molestation or Delay whatsoever —

Article 4

Dans le cas ou un Detachement seroit obligé de passer les Limittes du Territoire de sa Nation, pour executer ce qui est prescrit par l'article précident, il est convenu mutuellement, que les ordres donnés par les Gouverneurs, ou Commandants des places aux Détachements respectifs, pour conduire ou recevoir les Deserteurs, serviront de passeports aux dits Detachements; et il est de plus convenu que les Gouverneurs envorront des ordres aux Commandants de leurs places respectives pour que les dits Détachements soient garantis de toute insulte empêchement, ou retard de quelque Nature qu'ils puissent être —

Article 5

All Subject or Subjects of His Britannic Majesty, who now are or hereafter may be in the Service of His most Christian Majesty, shall of their own accord return to Service the British Service or Settlements on the Coast of Choromandel, shall be exempted from the Stipulations of this Cartel, & should any Subject or Subjects of His most Christian Majesty who now are or hereafter may be in the Service of His Britannic Majesty return of their own accord to the french Service or Settlements on the Coast of Choromandel

Article 5.

Ne seront Sujets à la restitution stipulée par le présent Cartel, tous les Sujets de sa Majesté Très Chrétienne qui sont, ou pourront être au Service de sa Majesté, dans les Etablissements à la Côte de Coromandel, qui reviendroient volontairement dans les possessions françoises à la dite Côte; non plus que tous les sujets de sa Majesté Britannique, qui sont, ou pourront être au Service de sa Majesté très Chrétienne, dans les Etablissements à la Côte de Coromandel, qui reviendroient volontairement dans

Choromandel, they in like manner shall doues les possessions anglaises à
be exempted from the Stipulations of la dite Côte.—
their Cartel.—

Article 6

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 in both Governors to make the same known to each other on the earliest notice being received from the respective Courts for that purpose.

Article 6

Dans le Cas, ou en vertu d'Ordres Supérieurs, on jugeroit à propos de mettre fin dans la Suite à l'exécution du présent Cartel, les Gouverneurs respectifs seront tenus de regarder comme un point d'honneur, de s'en faire part réciproquement, au premier avis qu'ils en auront reçu de leurs Cours respectives.—

Article 7th

In case such Orders as above-mentioned should arrive, if any Deserter should be reported agreeably to the 2d Article, but not apprehended before those orders arrived, nevertheless when taken he or they shall be delivered up according to the terms of this Cartel.—

Article 7th

Dans le Cas ou les ordres mentionnés dans l'article précédent arriveroient, et que des Déserteurs de l'une ou de l'autre Nation eussent été dénoncés, selon les dispositions de l'Article 2d sans avoir été arrêtés avant l'arrivée desdits ordres; s'ils venoient à l'être dans la suite, ils seroient rendus conformément aux Articles du présent Cartel.—

Article 8th.

When this Cartel shall be approved ratified and subscribed by the respective Governors, a Copy thereof

Article 8th

Dès que le présent Cartel aura été approuvé, ratifié et signé, par les Gouverneurs respectifs, il

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thereof shall be transmitted without delay to the Officers Commanding all the Forts and Factories, dependant on both Nations on the Coast of Choromandel; together with strict Orders and Injunctions to fulfill to the utmost in their power all and every Article of this Cartel –

Done at Fort St George
10th August 1786
J. Capper (L.S.)

(Signed) Arch.d Campbell (L.S.)
Governor of Fort St George
Alex.r Davidson (L.S.)
Ja.s H.r Casamajor (L.S.)

il en sera envoyé sur le Champ une Copie à tous les Officiers, qui commandent dans les places, ou Comptoirs dépendants des deux Nations, à la Côte de Coromandel en leur Ordonnant et enjoignant de se conformer strictement par tous les moyens en leur pouvoir aux Articles stipulés –

Fait au Fort St George
le 10e d'Aout 1786
de fresne (L.S.)

A Pondicherry le 12e Aout 1786
approuvé, ratifié et signé par nous
(Signed) Cossigny de (L.S.)
St Louis Brigadier des Armées du Roy, Colonel Comm.t du Regt de l'Isle de France, Gouverneur de Pondicherry, et de tous les Etablissements françois dans L'Inde &c.a

Ex.d E.P.

Thes

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The foregoing Requisitions agreed to.

Agreed that the Requests contained in the foregoing be complied with & that the necessary Orders be given in Consequence.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Mr Cochrane.

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell

President & Governor

Fort St George.

Honble Sir

From Mr Cochrane, submitting to the consideration of the Board a Plan for supplying Arrack & Rum, & distributing it to the Troops.

In Consequence of the Conversation which I had the honor to have with you yesterday morning I beg leave to submit to your Consideration the following Plan for supplying Arrack and Rum & distributing it to the Troops.

Without these Articles are purchased in Bengal with the greatest Oeconomy their prices will be so high that either the Soldier will not consume them, or the Company must sell them at a loss.

I therefore propose to go to Bengal and to make a Contract for Leagers of Rum and Arrack, with the three or four different

different great Distillers in Bengal; by these means they will be put into a competition, which will oblige them to supply us with the best Spirits -

As I have a Vessel of my own which I purchased for bringing Spirits here, I mean to employ her in the conveying the Company's Spirits, at the same rate of Freight which they would pay for other Vessels, and as it is my intention to hold myself responsible for the Spirits from the time they come out of the Hands of the Distiller, to the time they are consumed, I would chuse that they were brought in a Vessel on whose Captain I can thoroughly confide - My reasons in particular for this are, that Spirits have been brought here, which tho' the taste was not effected by it, on being analized were found to contain a great deal of Salt, and Salt water has the property of mixing with Spirits without spoiling their clearness; & this operation must have been performed at Sea, to fill up the Leagers, part of the Contents of which had been purloined - To carry this Plan into execution it will be necessary to furnish me with a Credit on Bengal, proportionate to the Spirits to be laid in Store -

The enclosed Calculate A will shew the Rate at which the Soldier can be supplied without loss to the Company, supposing

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the Consumption from 500 to 1000 Leagers. It is not a speculative Plan, it is made out from a Twelve Months experience in the Busines.

To carry this into execution I propose the following Regulations.

That the Rum and Arrack for the Convenience of Transportation, be put in Bongal in Casks of 80 Gallons, numbered & marked with the name of the Manufacturer and the year manufactured. That a Bottle full of Liquor taken from each Cask be sealed, and numbered by the Manufacturer and be sent with the Cargo, with which it will be compared on its arrival at Madras. That after the annual Supply is arrived, a Committee be appointed to examine the same, to give their opinion which of the Manufacturers have supplied the best Spirits. That in the year following the greatest Share of the Contract be given to the Manufacturer who has been found to supply the best Spirits.

2d

As there are not a sufficient number of Godowns in the Fort that can be appropriated for containing the necessary Stock of Spirits, I propose that proper Bankshalls be erected on the Beach to the Northward of the Granaries sufficient to contain the quantity to be kept in Store, & that after a sufficient quantity

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has arrived from Bengal, the Liquor only shall be issued that has been one year in Store -

3d When the annual Supply is sent to the different Garrisons &ca the Muster Bottles received from Bengal to be sent with the respective Casks, and on their Arrival, the Commanding Officers to order a Survey, to see the Contents are equal to Muster - The Liquor to be laid up in Store and a Guard to be put over it to prevent the Agents Servants from adulterating it; should the Liquor be adulterated in its transportation such Liquor to be thrown upon the Hands of the Agent, who alone is responsible for the Misconduct of his Servants -

4 - Each European in every Garrison Cantonment &ca is daily to have no more than two drams served to him, unless on any particular occasion the Commanding Officers shall think a further quantity necessary when the Agent or his Servants on a Certificate from the Commanding Officers will order such additional quantity to be delivered - The expence of Godowns in the different Garrisons, Cantonments &ca for the use of the Europeans, Non Commissioned and Privates &c to be kept open from the hours of 7 till 9 in the morning & from 4 to 6 in the afternoon, after which it is to be shut & the Keys to be lodged in the Guard Room - during the

time

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time it is kept open a sufficient Guard to be de-
-tached from the main Guard to prevent Irregularities

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The Agent shall be at liberty
to open & have as many Retail Shops for supp-
-plying the Native Inhabitants (at the same
price as served to the Soldiers) as he shall think
proper or have occasion for - but only to be
kept open from 7 in the morning till 12 at
noon, and from 3 in the afternoon till 8 in
the Evening; when the Godowns are to be locked
up and the Keys lodged in the Guard Room; one
or more Sepoys, as the Commanding Officer may
think proper to be stationed as a Guard at each
Godown, who are to have strict orders not to permit
any European, Non Commissioned or Privates to
purchase Liquor there, or allow any Liquors to
be carried away without a Voucher or order for
the same, signed by any of the Officers of the
Garrison, Cantonments &c but that the Natives
may have liberty to drink as much as they please
at the Godown, paying for the same -

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The Agent is not to suffer his
Servants or People of the Retail Godown for the
Natives to sell or dispose of any quantity of Ar-
-rack or other Spirituous Liquors to any Europeans, Non
Commissioned or Privates on any account or pretence
whatsoever, but must strictly forbid them to grant
or make any such Supply under pain of the Person
or Persons so offending being delivered up to the

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Commanding Officer of such Garrison or Cantonment &ca wherein he or they shall have committed the Offence to receive such Punishment as such Commanding Officer may think proper to inflict—

11th 7. As the Sale of the Company's Liquors depends greatly on preventing other Liquors from entering the Garrisons, Cantonments &ca strict Orders should be given positively & absolutely prohibiting the distilling, selling or offering to sale any kind of Liquors whatsoever in the Cantonments, Garrisons &ca to the Soldiers Sepoys or other persons composing, belonging to, or following the Army & upon discovery of any such person or Persons otherwise than before authorized disposing of Liquors, all such Liquors as aforesaid found at his or their House, Custody or Possession shall be confiscated, the one half to the Company the other half to the Informer, on Conviction before a Justice of Peace or Commanding Officer of such Garrisons, Cantonments &ca who will inflict such further Punishment as the Case shall in his Judgement require—save and except what may be directly sent and received on account of, and for the private use of such Officers as are therein stationed.

8th That the Officers, followers and Inhabitants of the Garrisons, Cantonments &c shall be permitted to supply themselves from the Company's Stores at the established rate, they paying ready Money for the same..

9 All Spirituous Liquors in Store in the different Garrisons to be delivered

over

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over to the Agent and Receipts to be transmitted to the Presidency for the Quantity received.. The amount of which together with the Liquor he has already received from the Garrison Storekeeper of Fort Saint George &c. to be charged to the Head of Agent for Spirituous Liquors at the rate of Pagodas 40 for each Leager of Arrack containing 112 ½ Madras measured Gallons or 150 Gallons by the Guaging Rod, and the different Storekeepers to close their respective Accounts of Spirituous Liquors by writing the Balance off to Profit & Loss—

16.

The Agent to be alone res=
=ponsible for the Conduct of his Servants in case of any part of the Publick Money being embezzled—but to have the privilege once in the Month of paying the produce of the Sales into the hands of the different Paymasters, who are to grant their Drafts on the Paymaster General of Fort Saint George payable at 6 days Sight—

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The Accounts to be kept at 42 fanams p Star Pagoda, but the fanams to be brought to Account at 45 fanams which is deemed the medium Exchange p Star Pagoda—
The Books to be closed once the year on the 30th April.

In order to have a good remit=
=tance & to encourage the Consumption of the Bengal Sugars in preference to those of Batavia and China, I propose to make a Contract with two

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or three of the Principal Manufacturers in Bengal in the like manner as for Rum and Arrack, and for such Quantity as I may judge the Consumption of the Coast may require - That this Sugar be disposed of in Wholesale and Retail in the Go-downs and by the Servants appointed to distribute the Spirituous Liquors at such a price as will save the Company from any loss including a Com-mission of 5 per Cent for my trouble - no Duties to be collected on the Bengal Sugar imported & in case of these Advantages not being sufficient to overset the Sale of the foreign Sugars, to in-crease the Duties on the same -

My late Contract with the Honorable Company has led me into very great Advances and I am in consequence much distressed for Cash; The Company owe me a very large Ba-lance and as a means of extricating me from my present difficulties occasioned by my late Con-tract, I request the favor of you to allow the Copper which I purchased at the Company's Sales in April last, but have not yet cleared out, to be carried to my Account -

I have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St George
27th July 1786

/ Signed / Basil Cochrane

Calculate

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Calculate of the Price of one Leager of Bengal the Guaging Rod with the Charges of Servants

Prime Cost of one Leager of Bengal Rum landed at Madras
Agents Commission for purchasing the same at 5 per Cent ...

Wastage on keeping up a Stock of 1000 Leagers at the
p Annum is Leagers 100 at Pagodas 4th. 13. 76 p Leager amount
on the Sale of 500 to 1000 Leagers ...

Average Freight on Leagers 870 exported from the Presidency to
Pags p Leager is Pags 1880 computed on the Sale 500 to 1000
Average Shipping & Landing Charges at the Presidency and
470 at Pags 1/2 p Leager is Pagodas 705 ditto ...

Average Cart hire on Leagers 870 from the Sea Coast to
at Pags 5 p Leager is Pagodas 4350 ditto ...

Servants Wages &c. Charges the Presidency & Out Garrisons
to Pags 7980 computed on the Sale of 500 to 1000 Leagers is

Wastage per Leagers after exported from Madras until

Prime Cost & Charges p Leager ..

Ditto .. Ditto .. p Gram ..

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Rum containing 442 p Madras measured Gallons or 150 Gallons by Wages &c computed on the Sale of 500 to 1000 Leagers per Annum —

	For Leager. 500	600	700	800	900	1000
with all Charges —	42 9 "	42 9 "	42 9 "	42 9 "	42 9 "	42 9 "
— — — — —	2 4 76	2 4 76	2 4 76	2 4 76	2 4 76	2 4 76
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Presidency at 10 p Cent to Pag.e 1431 computed — — — — — — — —	8 38 63	7 17 27	6 14 68	5 24 20	4 41 44	4 16 74
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Basil Cochrane

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Agreed to inform Mr Cochrane that as the Board have desired the Governor General and Council to contract with Messrs Harris and Lambert for the delivery of Bengal Spirits at Madras, they cannot at present enter into any Engagement with him for that purpose, and decline the Contract for Sugar proposed by him ..

Minute thereon

The Board approve Mr Cochrane's Recommendation of having the Rum and Arrack put in Casks of Eighty Gall.s and its is accordingly Agreed to write to Bengal on the Subject ..

Mr Cochrane's Recommendation of 80 Gallon Casks approved

Resolved that Mr Cochrane be permitted to carry to the Debit of his Account with the Company, the Copper purchased at the Sales in April last agreeably to his Request ..

His Request to carry to the Debit of his Account with the Company, the Copper purchased at the Sales in April last complied with ..

Read the following Letter from the Revd Christopher Gericke ..

To

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &ca Council

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Mr Gericke in explanation of his Claim to an Equivalent for two Houses destroyed by the French at Cuddalore—

In hopes that your Honors would approve of the Application in favor of my Constituent Mr Buchanan and the Mission of Cuddalore for an Equivalent for two Houses &c &c destroyed by the French in the year 1782 upon Publick Authority, being brought forward in the manner required by the French Govern=ment in their Answer to my Application to them, saying; that my Demand appears to them just, but that they think it necessary and agreeable to Business, that this Demand &c &c should be made to them by the Government of Madras: I have had the honor to address you in a letter on the Subject some days ago, and now humbly beg leave to repeat my former Request & to subjoin the following Remarks—

The french Government know by a Certificate from Mr Talbot, that my Constituent Mr Buchanan and myself were in actual Possession of the above said Houses and Gardens; that they were levelled by order of the french Commander in Chief.

That

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That I have a Right to act for Mr Buchanan and that the following Description of the Houses is just, and their Valuation moderate -

The Houre in the Mission Garden, besides some Out houses, consisted of three large Rooms with a closed Varande before them raised six Steps height from the Ground, the Rooms being covered with a Terrace, to which led a Brick Stair Case - If, as was re=ported, it was valued by the French Engineers it cannot have been valued under two hundred Pagodas - The Houre of Doctor Buchanan con=sisted of a Hall, six Rooms, two Varandas, the Hall and Rooms were tiled, the Varanda was ter=raced, which together with the outhouses, that covered a large Spot of Ground was worth at least five hundred Pagodas and must now have cost much above a Thousand Pagodas -

There have been hundreds of Houses and Gardens destroyed in the Bounds of Cuddalore during the time of the French by the common fate of War, and myself have lost several small Houses and Gardens, & in Bandy Pollam a whole Street of Houses, Gardens, and Avenues, built and planted by the Mission=ries for the Reception of Christian Weavers coming from the Country with a desire to

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settle near the Church; but the Case respecting these two Houses is singular – They and the Gardens were particularly recommended to the Protection of the French Commandert. and they were protected, as long as it was necessary by large Parties of Europeans. 'Twas chiefly on account of these two Houses & Gardens, that the private Property of the English without Town was secured to them – And when they were ordered afterwards to be demolished on the Approach of the English Army and my People in my Absence applied to the Engineers for some of the Materials, they were told, that the houses had been valued, and that in time an Equivalent would be paid for them; that therefore they had no Right to any of the Materials –

Madras
11th August 1786

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Christr Wm Gericke

Agreed that Copy of the foregoing be sent to the Governor of Pondicherry & that Mr. Gericke's Claim be recommended to his Excellency for a favourable Adjustment.

Copy of the foregoing to be sent to the Governor of Pondicherry –

a Read the following Letter from Masulipatam (with Enclosure entered in the MB. No 71.)

To

1613

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &ca Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Your Secretary's Letter of the 2d Ultimo has been duly received.

From the Chief and Council at Masulipatam enclosing Copies of their Correspondence with Lieut Col. Chesshyre in respect to the powers to be exercised by that Officer, during the absence of Col. Brathwaite, specially appointed by Government, the Commanding Officer in the District, and requesting Instructions thereon.

We are under the necessity of troubling your Honor &co upon a matter, which hath arisen, since the late appointment of Colonel Brathwaite to the Command of the Troops stationed in this District, wherein we conceive that Lieutenant Colonel Chesshyre has misunderstood the nature of this specific appointment in thinking it to devolve upon him as being the next Officer in Rank in the absence of Colonel Brathwaite.

A General Order in the name of Lieut Colonel Chesshyre as Commanding Officer of the Troops in the District, having been sent by the Senior Officer of the Troops in this Garrison to our Chief on the 27th Ult.o he judged it necessary to lay the same before us in Council when after referring to G: O: by Government and such other parts of our Records as appeared to relate to this Subject we were unanimously of

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of opinion that we could not conformably to the Authorities before us acknowledge Lieut Colonel Chesphyre as Commanding Officer of the Troops in this District without a special appointment for that purpose. That your Honor &c may be fully acquainted with the Grounds upon which this opinion was founded, we herewith enclose an Extract from our Proceedings relative thereto, together with Copies of the Letters, which were in consequence thereof written to Lieut Colonel Chesphyre and to Captain Hugh Montgomery who is at present the Senior Officer doing duty in this Garrison —

We had the honor of informing you under date the 27th Ult.o that we had directed the Officer Commanding at Ellore, to send hither the two Frenchmen, he had stopped and confined on their way from Adonie to Cornigaï, but Captain Du Pont in consequence of the receipt of the G: O: ipued by Lieut Colonel Chesphyre declined compliance with our requisition untill he should have received an Order from Colonel Chesphyre for that purpose; as will appear by the accompanying Copy of the Letter, which he wrote to us on this occasion —

In order that this Reference might be at once full, we deferred it untill

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We should have received Colonel Cheshyre's answer to our letter which did not arrive till yesterday, and of which we have also the honor of transmitting a Copy — It appears by this Letter that Lieut Colonel Cheshyre conceived himself entitled to assume the authority of Commanding Officer of the Troops in the District, during Col Braithwaite's absence in consequence of the Address of the G. O. issued from the Adjutant Generals Office since his late appointment to that Station — This circumstance induces us to refer to a Correspondence which passed between the Select Committee and this Board in the End of the Year 1783 and beginning of 1784. While Colonel Jones who commanded the Troops stationed in this District and Major Lysaght, who was second in Command to them by special appointment from the Select Committee, were absent on the expedition against Cotiaur two G. O. came to Captain Cheshyre from the Adjutant Generals Office addressed to him, "or Officer Commanding the Troops in the District of Masulipatam", and as the Chief and Council did not think G. O. under this Address could with propriety be published, they wrote to the Select Committee on the Subject under date the 26th September 1783. No answer appears to have been received to their Letter but the address of the G. O. from the Adjutant Generals Office was soon afterwards changed to "Captain Cheshyre or Senior Officer in the District of Masulipatam" as appears by another Letter from the Chief and Council to the Select Committee dated 20th December 1783. Captain Cheshyre did not

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at that time assume any other Authority, in con-
-sequence of the address of the G: C: than that of
circulating them to the other Garrisons in the
District and we are induced to think, that by the
same Rule, he is not entitled to exercise any other
authority at present, more especially as the
Select Committee in acknowledging the last
mentioned Letter from the Chief and Council, in
theirs of the 23d Janry 1784 confirm that part of
the G: C: by Government of the 22d Dec: 1778, which
we have quoted to Lieut Colonel Chepshyre; by
observing "that although by the Orders of the 22d Dec:
"1778, Captain Chepshyre cannot exercise any
"authority as Commanding Officer of the Troops in
"the Masulipatam District without a special
"appointment as such; yet, as Senior Officer of the
"Troops in that District he appears to be the regular
"Channel for the communication of all Orders from
"the Select Committee & Commander in Chief to
"them." This we conceive to be a just ground, for
confirming us in our opinion that Lieutenant
Colonel Chepshyre's Authority as Senior Officer
extends no further, in the Absence of Colonel
Brathwaite, than to circulate such General
Orders as may be sent to him from the Adjut-
-tant Generals Office, to the different Garrisons,
a practice, which, has been invariably observed in
these Districts since the Receipt of the above
mentioned Orders from the Select Committee —

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As your Honor &ca will perceive by the Letter We have received from Lieutenant Colonel Cheshyre of the 31st Ultimo, that he has discontinued the exercise of that Authority under the Title of Commanding Officer of the District untill your Commands shall be known, the matter we hope will here rest for your decision without further interruption to the Public Service, than that which has already been occasioned by the Officer Commanding at Ellore declineing to comply with our Requisition -

Masulipatam
4th August 1786

We have the honor to be &c &ca

/Signed/ Charles Floyer
Geo Westcott

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam be informed that when a specifick appointment is made of an Officer to command in a District, it follows of course that the Duties of his Station are to be performed by the Officer next in Seniority, in the absence of the Superior, whether he happens to be sick, or on Leave, or otherwise prevented from doing duty -

Lieut Col. Cheshyre to be considered as Commanding Officer in the District, during the absence of Colonel Braithwaite -

Read the following Letter from Mr Hippesley -

To

1618

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To John Chamier Esqr

Secretary

Fort St George

Sir,

The Hon'ble President and Council having thought proper to relieve me from my Appointment of Assistant to the Resident, I presume that, in future, I am to consider my Office of Paymaster of the Garrison on the same Establishment as those of the other Southern Garrisons, transmitting my Accounts direct to the Military Paymaster General, and subject only to the orders of Government or to such Requisitions of the Commanding Officer of the Garrison as are supported by the Company's Regulations.—

From the Paymaster at Tanjore, requests to know if his Paymastership is to be included on the same footing as those of the other Southern Garrisons.

I also conceive, Sir, that it is my duty to indent to the Resident for such Sums as are equal to the Estimated Current Monthly Expenditure passing my Receipts for the same, as well as for all Grain received from his Excellency the Rajah, thro' the Resident, & when received into Store to hold it in common with all other Garrison Stores, subject only to the Indents or Requisitions of the Commandant;

I beg to observe, Sir, that hitherto the Salaries of the Assistants to the Resident, with some Revenue contingent Charges have been occasionally introduced into the Paymaster's Accounts, on the Requisitions of the Resident, I beg therefore to submit whether, in future it would not be more regular to have all charges incidental to the Resident's Department introduced in the ordinary Revenue Accounts of the Residency—

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I must intreat, Sir, that you will do me the favor to represent to the Honble Board that I have no other motive for troubling you upon this occasion but from a Wish to avoid all possible misconception, and to be enabled to acquit the Duties of my Station without encurring the possibility of any discussion on points of Service, below, when a decision can only be had by a reference to Government.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Hon.d Hepperley

Pay.r

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7. August 1786

Agreed that the Paymastership of Tanjore be in future on the same footing as that of Trichinopoly, & that Mr. Hipperley be directed to indent to the President for the Disbursements of his Employ. transmitting his Accounts direct to the Military Pay-master General.

To be on the same footing as that of Trichinopoly

Resolved that the foregoing be communicated to Mr. Hudleston and that he be desired to bring to account in the Revenue Accounts of the Residency the Salaries of his Apertants and every other Contingent Charge.

Mr. Hudleston to include in the Revenue Accounts of the Residency the pay of his Apertants & all other Contingent Charge.

The President proposes to the Board that in consideration of the Zeal & Services of the Revd Mr. Swartz an Allowance of £100 p Annum be made to him as Interpreter to the Company at Tanjore together with the monthly Sum of Pag.s 20 for a Palankeen.

The President proposes that certain allowances be granted to the Revd Mr. Swartz in consideration of his Zeal for the publick Service.

The Board readily acquiesce in the Proposal of the President & it is accordingly Agreed that Mr. Hudleston be desired to communicate the above to Mr. Swartz, expressing at the same time the high sense which the Board

Acquiesced in by the Board.

entertain

entertain of Mr Swartz & the satisfaction they derive from the hope that his zealous exertions in promoting the prosperity of the Rajah of Tanjore and his Country will be crowned with Success -

Read the following Letters (entered in the Miscellany Book N.o 72, 73.)

From Lieut Colonel Tanner dated 13th July expressing his apprehension that on the resignation of Lt Col. Reynell Lieut Col. Sydenham is intended to command at the Mount, stating his long Services & Wishes to be appointed to the above Station & to a Seat at the Military Board -

From Lieut Colonel Tanner -

Agreed to inform Lt Col. Tanner

that as the two Battalions of Artillery are entirely independant of each other, it was thought proper to nomeniate Lt Col. Sydenham to the one, which became vacant, & that in so doing no intention exerted of offering a Slight to Lieut Colonel Tanner, whose long & meritorious Services entitle him to every attention from Government -

Minute thereon

From Mr Baker, Paymaster at Palamcotah dated 4th Instant, stating the particulars of the Purchase of the late Mr Lights House, to effect which he (Mr Baker) was obliged to give his Bond for 1000 Pagodas payable in ten Months, and requesting that the Board will be pleased to take upon themselves the discharge of the above Engagement, which he contracted on account of the Honorable Company -

From Mr Baker

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Minute thereon

As the Engagement to which Mr Baker alludes was to effect the purchase of a House for the Company, it is Agreed that he be indemnified, and that a Bond for Pagodas 1000 be given to him for this purpose.

Mr Hudleston's letter requesting additional Allowances taken into Consideration: five Pags ℔ Diem allowed him from the day of his Appointment

The Board now take into Consideration the Letter from the Resident of Tanjore dated the 29th May last, and being perfectly convinced that his present Allowances are inadequate to his necessary Expences. Resolve to allow him five Pagodas ℔ Diem for his Table, which he is to draw from the 15th Febry 1785 being the day of his Appointment to the Residency of Tanjore.

W. C. Jackson
Dep. Secy

" Archd Campbell

" Alex Davidson

" Ja. Hartmayer

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Dispatched the undermentioned

Letters entered in the Miscellany Book No. 74. 75.
76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89
90. 91. 92) -

To the Resident at Tanjore, inform-

To Mr Hudleston — ming him that the Paymastership of Tanjore, on to be in future precisely on the same potina as that of Trichinopoly —

To the Paymaster at Tanjore, inform-

To Mr Keppesley — ming of the above —

To the Governor of Pondicherry, re-

To the Governor of Pondicherry — commending the Claim of Mr Gericke, to two Houses destroyed at Cuddalore whilst in possession of the French, to his favorable consideration —

To Mr Cochrane. The Board de-

To Mr Cochrane — cline accepting his Proposals for Arrack & Sugar —

To Maculipatam, stating that

To Maculipatam — when a specific appointment is made for an Officer to command in a District, the Duties of his Station are to be performed by the Officer next in Seniority during the absence of the former

To Colonel Tanner of the Artillery

To Col. Tanner — no Slight meant to be offered him in the promotion of Lieut Colonel Sydenham to the Command of the Battalion stationed at the Mount —

To Cuddalore with a Bill

To Cuddalore — of Lading of Sundries shipped on the Combel Boat, for their Factory —

To

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To Mr Thomas Bakes, Paymaster

To Mr Bakes — at Palamcotah a Company's Bond for 1000 Pagodas granted him on account of the Paymaster's House at Palamcotah.

To Mr George Savage. The Board

To Mr Savage — consents that the Copper purchased by Mr Cochrane at the Company's Sale in April last, be carried to the Debit of his Account.

To Three Lieutenants of His Majesty's

To Lieutenants Rieperberg Ahrens and Pentz. — Hanoverian Regiments. The Board admit their claim of 5 Shillings p diem for Dubt money, from the time of their Shipwreck at Joanna, to their arrival at Goa.

To the Board of Revenue, requesting

To the Board of Revenue. — their opinion on the subject of annulling the Coolies granted for the Arrack Farms, without injury to the Revenues of the Company.

To Mr Richard Peirse, enclosing

To Mr R. Peirse — Copies of his Letter to this Government, relative to the Troops intended to be raised on this Coast, by the Agents to the Sultan of Achean.

To Ensign W. H. M. Swain.

To Ensign Swain — with permission to proceed to Europe for three Years on half Pay.

To Colonel Sir Henry Conby.

To Colonel Conby & Major Campbell — and Major Dugald Campbell, informing them, that their Requisitions have been complied with.

To

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16 To Mr Thomas Cockburn, Agent for

To the Agent for settling the Army Grain Accounts

settling the Army Grain Accounts, directing him to receive any Notes for temporary Allowance that may be tendered to him, in liquidation of a part of the Outstanding Balances due for Rice served from the Company's Stores during the late War.

To Colonel Kinbolds, Commanding

To Col. Kinbold

at Arcot, to return to Vellore the Artificers and Lascars received from thence

To the Paymaster at Vellore, infor-

To Mr Torriano

-ming him of the above-

To the Deputy Military Paymaster

To Mr Jos. Garrow

General. The Attornies of Officers permitted to proceed to Europe on half Pay, must in future give Security on receiving Money for their Constituents in order to indemnify the Company in case of the Officers Death.

Circular Letter to the Subordinates

Circular Letter to the Subordinates and Out Garrisons

and Out Garrisons - with Copy of a Cartel established between the Governments of Fort Saint George and Pondicherry relative to the mutual delivery of Deserters -

Sent the following Letters.

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To

1625

Fort St George August 1786

To William Bruere Esqr

Secretary to the Honble Gov.r General & Council

at

Fort William

Sir.

To Bengal a Chest of small Arms taken on the Walpole for this Presidency, not landed - desiring that the Captain may be called upon for the same -

I am directed by the Honble President & Council to inform you that a Chest of small Arms taken by the Court of Directors on the Walpole has not been landed here, & to request in consequence that Capt. Churchill may be called upon to deliver it at your Presidency in order that it may be forwarded to Fort St George -

I enclose Copy of the Invoice of the above Chest consigned to this Presidency by the Court of Directors, and

I have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St George
16th. August 1786

(Signed) John Shore Secy

To Edward Hay Esqr.

Secretary to the Honble Governor General &c

at Fort William

To Bengal with a Statement of the Sum drawn for on that Government on account of Military Arrears; & Estimate of what remains to be drawn

Sir.

I have the honor to send you for the information of the Honble the Governor General and Council a Statement of the Sum already drawn for on the Bengal Government, on account of the Military

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18 Military Arrears of this Presidency together with an Estimate of what remains to be drawn.

The Board regret that this Paper,

(furnished in consequence of the desire of the Governor Gen.l & Council in their Letter of the 24th. April) does not ascertain with precision the Sums still undrawn, which is in fact impossible as a variety of small Claims are continually coming in –

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I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) John Chamier
Secy

Certificates for Bonds granted to the 11th August 1786 – – – – – –	Pags	8,48,675. 7. 10
Bills for Moiety of Arrears to Subahdars, Serns, & Sepoys to 11. August –		4,20,876. 34. 11
Pagodas		12,69,552. 6. 1
The Amount that remains to be drawn cannot be ascertained with precision, as new Claims are continually coming in, that could not be brought into the former Estimate, – supposed –		3,75,000. – – –
Pags		16,44,552. 6. 1

Besides 60000 Pags due to the field Officers for Arrears of Gratuity, the Account of which is not yet adjusted. E. E. (Signed) R. Woolf
D.y Accountant

To

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To the Honble John Macpherson Esqr.

Governor General &c Council

at Fort William

Gentlemen

To Bengal with Recommendations as to the Bengal made Spirits to be contracted for on account of the Coast

Since writing to you on the 23d Ulto on the subject of the Proposals from Messrs Harris & Lambert for supplying the Coast with Bengal Spirits it has been suggested to us that the Rum and Arrack which may be sent to this Presidency should for the convenience of transportation be put in Casks of 80 Gallons and a Bottle full of Liquor taken from each Cask should be sealed by the Manufacturer, and sent with the Cargo -

If the Bengal Spirits sent to this Presidency be furnished by different Manufacturers, their Names should be put upon the different Casks, that, after the Liquor shall have been examined here, the greatest Share of the Contract may in future be given to the Manufacturer who shall be found to have supplied the best Spirits -

We beg leave to recommend the above Observations to your Attention, & have the honor to be,

Gentlemen &c &c.

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/ Signed / Arch Campbell
&ca Council

&c

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To Charles Floyer Esq.r

Chief &ca Council

at Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honble the President & Council to inform you that a convention has been provisionally settled between Mr Le Vicomte de Souillac Governor General of the French Establish=ments in the East Indies & the Honble Lieut Colonel Cathcart Plenipotentiary of the Government General for the English Company in explanation of the 13th & 15th Articles of the Treaty of Peace between Their Britannick & Most Christian Majestys concluded at Versailles the 3d September 1783.

To Masulipatam Vizagapatam and Ganjam enclosing copies of such articles of the provisional Treaty between Mr Le Vicomte de Souillac & the Honble Lieut Col Cathcart relative to their respective Settlements.

Of this provisional Convention, which is to have effect until the decision of the respective Courts in Europe be known, I enclose Copies of the *1, 2, 3, 4, 25, 26, 27, 28, & 29 Articles & I am directed to desire your strict attention thereto.

I have it further in command to request you will give the necessary Instructions to the Residents at Ingeram & Maddepollam.

Fort St George
18th August 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c.

/ Signed / John Chamier Secy

N.B. The same to Ganjam & Vizagapatam excepting the last Paragraph.

* To Ganjam & Vizagapatam the Articles 1, 3, 4, 27, & 28 only.

Received

1629

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18th

Received the following Letter from

Captain Scouler

To His Excellency Sir Arch.d Campbell K. B.

President &c &c Governor

&c Fort St George

Hon.ble Sir

From Capt.n Scouler with a particular Account of the Capture of Adonie, by the Arms of Tippoo Sultaun.

I now do myself the particular Honor to lay before you the following Detail of the unexpected & unfortunate Capture of Adonie, and had not one of my Hircarrahs been taken up on Suspicion & secured and another unluckily fallen Sick on his return to Condapelly I should have had it in my power to have forwarded them, ten or eleven Days ago, but having at last obtained a pretty full & clear account of that Transaction, and which I believe may be depended upon as authen-tick, I lose no time in sending you this Information

In one of my former Letters I mentioned that Moguel Ally Khawn with the Nizams Army had come to within four Cos of Adonie on the 20th of June, and of a great many Sepoys & European Deserters arrival in his Camp &c.a On the 21st of June he arrived at Adonie with his Army & discovered that Tippoo Sultan had raised the Siege the Night before, with considera-ble precipitation, having left some Guns, Arms & Tents on the Ground - Mover, or Mahubut Jung visited Moguel Ally Khawn; Thoraup Jang, or Moothoor ull Mook the Nizams principal Minister,

and

B and Tak Sung the General, that Evening at their Tents
- Moqul Ally on the 23d received certain Intelligence
that Tippoo Sultaun had marched his whole Army
to Shawrdungat, which is about 11 Cos to the
Southward of Adonie, and that he was making the
most vegorous exertions to enable him to return to
Adonie & give him Battle; had sent away all his
Sick and wounded to Balary & Gooty, & had directed
those Garrisons to send him all the Troops they could
possibly spare & with the utmost Expedition -

On the 25th June, the Nizams
Minister Moorhoor Ulle Mookh, privately sent a Letter
to Mohubut Sung in Adonie, setting forth the very
great scarcity of Provesions in Camp, & pointing out
the eminent Danger they were exposed to, in case
Tippoo Sultaun should return again; that little or
no dependance could be placed in Holkar or Harry
Punt Tatteer coming in time to their assistance; he
therefore gave it as his opinion, that it would be
most advisable for Mohubut Sung to give over the
Charge of his Fort of Adonie, to the Chief Ameer
Tumlah, who should have for his Garrison 15000
of the Soubahs Infantry; and for Mohubut Sung
and his Family to return with him to Hyderabad
- hinting to him at the same time, that he need
apprehend no Danger from this Change, as he was
certain, that Tippoo Sultaun would never presume
to attack or interrupt any Garrison belonging
to the Soubah of the Decan, & furthermore & c &

intimating

18 intimating to him that he would be received by the Nizam with every mark of Honor & Esteem - But this gallant young Prince rejected the whole Propo=sal with formness & disdain, maintaining that his Fort was sufficiently strong to defy the utmost Efforts of Tippoo to take it, and of which Truth, he had already been so fortunate to convince him; That his Father had lived & died in this Fort, & he was determined to follow his Steps: & made no doubt of being successful in so good a Cause, even if Tippoo should again return & besiege him with his whole force; he being fully determined to defend his Capital to the last drop of his blood; however he could not but observe that in his opi=nion it was very unlikely that he should be put to the Test, as Tippoo would hardly think of laying Siege again to his Fort, till he had either defeated the Nizams & Mharatta Armys, obliged them to retreat, or till the Soubah should think proper to make a Sacrifice of that strong Frontier Garrison to the ambition of Tippoo Sultaun, which was too unlikely to bear a serious thought, - On the 26th the Minister sent him another Letter, to the same purport, to which he returned as strong a Negative as formerly - On the 27th he received a Letter from the Minister in much stronger terms & with this addition, that it was the Nizams Orders, that he should immediately give over the Command of his Fort of Adoni to Ameer

Jumlah

18 Sumlah & proceed to Hyderabad with his Family &
Effects, & that in case he refused immediate Com=
=pliance with the Soubahs Commands, that his
Orders were instantly to march back the whole
Army to Aschore & leave Mohabut Jung to the
Mercy of an enraged Enemy, for the Nizam would
afford him no assistance whatever:— The young
Prince was infinitely surprized at the contents
of this Letter & taking the Ministers three Letters
with him went & paid a visit to Moguel Ally
Knawn, & requested to be favoured with a sight
of his Orders from the Nizam, at the same time
giving him the above Letters to peruse — The Nizams
Brother expressed great Astonishment at this
strange Conduct of the Minister Moothoor Ull
Mooluk, & assured Mohubut Jung, that no such
Orders had come to him from his Brother the Soubah
or had he even heard any such matter surmised
till the present Informations, & immediately sent
for the Minister — When he arrived, they asked him
where, & when he received these most extraordinary
Orders from the Nizam at the same time deman
-ding a sight of them: To this he replied that
he was not authorized to do so by his Master, and
therefore could not comply with their desires, but
assured them, that it was the Nizams most
positive Orders that Mohubut Jung should
immediately proceed to Hyderabad with his
Family & Effects, & that Ameer Sumlah, was to

be

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18 be left in charge of Adonie with a Garrison of 15000 Infantry of the Soubah's Army - Moguel Ally Khawn seemed greatly chagrined with this whole Transaction, but made little or no reply - but Meer Jung was deeply struck with Resentment at this unworthy Treatment; however he determined to submit, and sending for the Keys of Adonie, flung them at the feet of Moohoor Ull Moolk with the utmost in= =dignation & Contempt. appearing to be greatly moved & affected at the time, the same day he sent Orders to his Commanders to assemble their Troops, & move out of the Fort with all his Troops. Family & Effects to Camp. & that Evening the Mi= =nister detached Meer Jumlah with 5000 Infantry giving him the Command of them & giving him charge of Adonie - The next day he marched the Nizam's Army away from Adonie to a Fort of Mohubut Jung's called Tombadre near 11 Cos. N. East of Adonie - On the 29th of June about 9 o'clock in the Morning Tippoo Sultaun's whole Army appeared close to the Fort of Adonie, on the South Face of the Fort, and as soon as Meer Jumlah had received certain Information of this Circum= =stance, he gave immediate Orders for the whole of the Nizam's Troops to evacuate the Forts of Adonie, with the utmost expedition & shortly after marched out by the West Gate, with his whole Garrison - And nearly about the same time that this was doing on the West Face, Tippoo marched his Army into it by the South Gate, and thus (by the

infamous

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18 infamous Treatchery of Moorhoor Alli Moolk & Ameer Jumlah, or the Folly of the Nizam, took posession of this noble & strong Fort, (which had so recently baffled his utmost endeavours to take it,) without having occasion to fire a single Shot, or meeting with the smallest opposition - By the latest Accounts he was still at Adonie - Mohebut Jung is marched to Rachore with his little Army, Family &ca &c. on the 3d. wrote the Nizam, acquainting him with his arrival, complaining most bitterly of the cruel & shameful treatment he had experienced, and points out the unfortunate consequence of his Removal: boldly accuses the Minister & Ameer Jumlah of having treatcherously given up or sold the Fort of Adonie, to the Enemy & roundly asserts, that if the Nizam, his Uncle continues to put confidence in such Men, and entrusts them with power, that such Conduct must speedily bring Destruction on him & his whole Family

Harry Hunt Tarker is still at Nawlee with the greater part of the Mharatta Army, but I hear no Accounts of Tuckoje Holkar - The Nizams Army were to march towards Nawlee the 6th in order to hold a Conference with Harry Hunt Tarker, to determine on their future Operations -

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

Condapilly
25. July 1786

Signed / Rob Scouler

P. S. The Mharattah Minister Nanah Furnavees arrived at Poonah on the 25th June & immediately got ready seven Lacks to send & pay off part of the Arrears of the Mharatta Army -

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19. Received the undermentioned Letters
(entered in the Mts Nos 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99.
100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107.)

From Captain Scouler

From Captain Scouler, advising of the arrival of five French Ships at the Port of Ventapollam, with a quantity of Military Stores.

From Mr Statham

From Mr. Samuel Statham.
The Arms landed at Motapillee are found to be private Property.

From Lt Macauly

From Lieut Macauly, requesting permission to proceed to Bengal for the recovery of his Health.

Minute thereon

Granted for four Months.

From Captain Montgomery

From Captain Montgomery, Commanding at Ongole; gives information of the landing of eight more Guns near Narapilly - total brought in, Sixteen Guns & 18 Chests of Arms.

From Capt. Sale

From Capt.n Sale, transmitting Intelligence of Temiah Naigs adherents having committed depredations in two or three Villages, appertaining to Tippoo, bordering on the District of Amboor.

20. From Mr Floyer, informing

From Mr Floyer

of the detention of the Elizabeth Packet, bound to Beypore owing to strong Currents and contrary Winds.

From

From Colonel Rumbold

21st From Colo. Rumbold, advising of the Return of some public People to their Station at Vellore

From Ditto

22d From Ditto: enclosing the Engineer's Report & Estimate of Repairs of a Barrack for two Companies of His Majesty's 11th Regt of Hanoverians

From Captn Watts

From Captain Watts, stating his Distress, & repeating his Request for permission to draw his Off- Reckonings for last year in Cash.

From Captn James Mitchell

23d From Captn James Mitchell, enclosing an Account of Charges consequent on the Demolition of the Fort of Chittapet -

From Mr Secretary Hay

From Mr. Secretary Hay, giving cover to a Letter addressed to the Chief & Council at Tellicherry, which he requests may be im- -mediately forwarded -

From Maulipatam

24th From Maulipatam - will avail themselves of the first Sea Conveyance to send to the Presidency the two Frenchmen, who came from Adonie; being Military Men -

From Mr Mackenzie

From Mr J. Mackenzie Junr transmitting Invoice & Bill of Lading of 2798 Bags of Cargo Rice, shipped on the Snow Triton Captain William Arthur consigned to the Honble President and Council -

From Ditto

From Ditto - consigns to the 25th Honble President and Council p the Venus, Captain Smart 3417 bags of Cargo Rice -

Ordered

25 Minute thereon — Ordered that the Invoices & Bills of Lading be sent to the Garreson Storekeper —

27 From Mr Hippesley — From the Paymaster at Tanjore requesting permission to visit the Presidency —

28 Received the following Letters —

To His Excellency Sir Archd Campbell K.B:

Governor General of Madras &c &c

at Fort St George

Sir

From the Governor of Pondicherry, advising of his Receipt from the Governor General & Council of Bengal of the Provisional Treaty between Mons. Le Vicomte de Souillac and Lieut Col. Cathcart & of the Instructions he has given in consequence —

The Gentlemen of the Supreme Council at Calcutta, have done me the honor to send me a Regulation provisionally made at the Isle of France, between the Vicomte de Souillac Governor General of all the french Establishments on this side the Cape of Good Hope, and Lieut Colonel Cathcart, furnished with full Powers from the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council at Calcutta.

These Gentlemen announcing to me that they had addressed a Copy of the said Regulation to you, and being perfectly convinced of the Orders, that you will have given

28 given in consequence, I have the honor to inform your Excellency that I am also giving Orders to all the Commandants and Agents of the Establishments and Factories dependant upon the Government of Pondicherry, that it may be by them carried into Execution —

Whatever may be the opinion & decision of our respective Courts regarding the abovementioned provisional Regulation, I am persuaded, Sir, that it will not alter the good Harmony which subsists to the common advan-tage of the two Nations —

Pondicherry
18th August 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ Cossigny

P.S. I request your Excellency to allow me to send you and to recommend to your Care, my Letter to the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council at Calcutta, & also the two Packets, one addressed to Mr Martin, Chief of Yanam, & the other to Mr Le Forestier, Chief of the French Factory at Masulipatam —

/Signed/ C.J

/A true Translation/

Chase French Translator

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.

President & Governor &ca Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Committee for investigating the Nabobs Debts advising of their having cancelled the four original Bonds in the Cavalry Loan & enclosing a list of the new Bonds executed by His Highness in lieu thereof.

In Obedience to your Commands of the 6th Ultimo, We have cancelled the four original Bonds in the Cavalry Loan, which have been returned to the Nabob, from whose Agents We received ninety two Bonds for smaller Sums to the same Amount, bearing the same date, and Interest, upon which We have certified the several Sums due; a List of these small Bonds, we have the honor to enclose.

We have the honor to be &c &c.

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Edw Garrow

{Signed} Wm Webb

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List of new Bonds in the Cavalry Loan executed by His Highness the Nabob in lieu of the Four Original Bonds, which were surrendered up & cancelled on the 21st August 1786 dated 1st January 1785 with Interest at 12 p Cent p Annum with the Numbers to whom payable, and the Sums —

Nos 1 a 24	24 Bonds payable to Vault Benfield for Pagodas 10,000 each		Pos 240,000.—
25 a 46	22 Do to Do for Pags 5000 each		110,000.—
47	1 Do to Do		5246.28
		Pagodas	355246.28
48	1 Do to Robt Morey	Pos	25502.10.54
49	1 Do to Charles Benny		25502.10.54
50	1 Do to Jos Bulman		10000.—
		Pagodas	61004.21.28
51	1 Do to Jno Rollerton		10373.34
52	1 Do to Wm Cooke		4,002.5.19
53 a 60	8 Do to Jas Taylor, George Savage, Jas Calleor either of them for 10,000 ea		80,000.—
61 a 69	9 Do to Do for Pags 5000 each		45000.—
70	1 Do for		2324.2.61
			1.54700.—
	Carried over Pags		2.15704.21.28 355246.28

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		Brot over Pags	215.704. 21. 28 355246. 28. —
71 a 76	6 Bonds payable 6 Wm Wynch for 10000 each	60,000. —	
77 a 79	3 Do. to Do 5000 a	15000. —	
80	1 Do to Do for	1500	
			76,500. —
81-86	6 Do. payable to Jas Taylor Geo Savage. Pas Call, or either of them for Pags 5000 ea	30,000. —	
87 a 91	5 Do. 6 Do for 2000 Pos each	10000. —	
92	1 Do to Do for	3173. 13. 62	
			43.173. 13. 62
			335377. 35. 10
		Pagodas	69,624. 21. 10

London

for the Committee

Sent the undermentioned Letters

(entered in MB N.s 108-109-110-111-112-113)

To Mr Porcher enclosing Extract

To Mr. Porcher of a Letter from the Honble Court of Directors, dated 28. April last, & directing him to state in the manner the particulars of his intercourse with the Nabob relative to the Loan proposed by His Highness & so strongly reprobated by the Honble Company —

To

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To the Members of the Military Board

To the Mily Board requesting they will report their Opinion upon a Requisition of Mr Hencaid, to be reimbursed the Sum expended in building Quarters at Amboor -

To Colonel Rumbold - the Repairs

To Colr Rumbold to be executed agreably to the Estimate transmitted by him, and not to be exceeded -

To Mr Thomas Welch, Paymaster

To Mr Welch at Arcot with advices of the above -

To the President at Busporah, with

To President at Busporah a List of Packets entrusted to the care of Captain William Kirton of the Honble Company's Snow Elizabeth -

To Captain William Kirton,

Commanding the Honble Company's Snow

To Capt Kirton Elizabeth, directing him to proceed immediately to Busporah, and deliver the accompanying Dispatches to the President at that place -

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To the Paymaster at Tanjore,

To Mr Pepperley with permission to visit the Presidency, agreably to his Requests -

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

Thursday 31st August 1786.

Lieut General Sir John Dalling Bart

Alexander Davidson Esq.r

James Henry Casamaijor Esq.r

Minutes of last Consulta-
-tion read & approved.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Address from himself.

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell

President & Governor &ca Council

Fort St George

From Sir John Dalling, stating his reasons for requesting a Continuance of his Salary till his Embarkation for Europe.

Gentlemen

At the Court of Directors have been pleased to exonerate me from the Command of the Army on this Coast. I am now ready to embark for Europe by the first Ship which I am in great hopes will be ready to depart from hence early in the Month of October.

When

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When the Orders were written for striking off my Allowances it was, no doubt, supposed that they would arrive here about the middle of September, in which case, should I have embarked in less than a Month, I would have had no reason to complain of my Salary being withdrawn, but as these Orders are arrived earlier than was expected, and my departure for want of a Ship may be postponed till January, I must beg leave to offer, in my opinion, a well founded Claim for my Salary being continued until an opportunity offers of my embarking for Europe

The Honble Court have in other respects acted liberally - I cannot, therefore, for a moment, believe they intended to be unjustly economical in this - To compel me to live at this place, at my own expence, during four or five months joined to the expence of returning home, which you are sensible must greatly exceed what they have allowed me, would almost entirely deprive me of any advantage from the Annuity they have been pleased to grant me as a Compensation for my being so abruptly recalled -

After thus stating my Claims

I beg leave, Gentlemen, to remark that I do not ask you to depart from the letter of the Orders you have received on this Subject; but I think it

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it necessary to lay this demand before you, that your Sentiments upon it may accompany this Letter, and the Court of Directors be able to judge from your Opinions formed on the Spot, whether or not my Representations are just, and consequently my Claims perfectly well founded.

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

/ Signed / John Dalling

Minute thereon

The Board beg leave to inform Sir John Dalling that they will embrace an early opportunity of taking his Letter into consideration.

President requests the Sentiments of Sir John Dalling on the Claims of the Cavalry Officers

The President requests Sir John Dalling will favor the Board with his Sentiments on the Claims of sundry Officers to Cavalry Command, previous to his withdrawing from Council.

Sir John Dalling's reply—

Sir John Dalling informs the Board that after having read the Letters from the Cavalry Officers when sent in Circulation, he had written his Sentiments on their respective Claims in a short Minute which he shall beg leave to enter after their Letters—

Letters from Colonel Sir Henry Corby, Major Tonyn, Major Campbell, Lieut. Colo. Campbell

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Letters from the Cavalry Officers claiming Command

Campbell (Quarter Master General) & the Memorial of Captn Burrowes transmitted by the Court of Directors are accordingly entered hereunder together with a Statement of the Services of the above Officers—

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.

President & Governor &ca Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Colt. Sir Henry Corby, stating his Claims to Cavalry Rank—

After having been a second time placed in the Command of the Cavalry on this Coast and the last in consequence of the express Orders of the Honble the Court of Directors, founded as they were then pleased to say, on the most mature Consideration you will easily conceive my Surprize & Mortification to find by the Orders just arrived by the Talbot, that my appointment is ordered to be reconsidered; yet as the Honble the Court of Directors are pleased to direct that the strictest Impartiality shall be the Guide of the Honble the President and Council in deciding thereon. I think I may venture to make myself easy & draw this Conclusion, that the Honble the Court of Directors have rather meant to do me a favor by putting my Appointment to their Test, judging no doubt that as the decision they declare to have passed in my favor, was on the most mature Consideration, & that founded on my Letter to the Honble Board at Madras, supported by their Recommendation home there could be

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be no doubt of my being secured in Rights already so regularly investigated and I beg leave to add my entire reliance on the impartiality of the present Honble Board, even had no such injunction been laid on it from home –

I shall now beg leave to lay before the Honble Board a Copy of my Letter given in to the late Right Honble Lord Macartney, and the then Board of Madras, alluded to above, and on which the Court of Directors passed the decision in my favor –

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.
President & Governor & the Select Committee
of Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

As I find that shortly before my Arrival from England the Nabob's Cavalry was taken into the Company's Service, and Rank given in that Corps to all such as had served in them, and as my being absent from the Coast at the above Period as I presume the only reason that can be assigned for my being omitted in that Arrangement am now to request of your Lordships &c &c that being returned to my standing in the Army from which I was only absent on leave, I may also be appointed to the Command of the Cavalry, that being the Corps I served in for the last three years before my departure and which Situation I should no doubt still have

enjoyed

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enjoyed had not extreme bad Health obliged me to seek relief in England - I must here also beg leave to mention that I had the Nabobs solemn pro= =mise I should have the same Command on my Return - I therefore flatter myself you will not let me suffer in so material a point by the Cavalry being taken into the Company's Service, & that at a time when I have upwards of £20,000 owing me for disbursements for their Support - I must also take this opportunity of informing you my Lord & Gentlemen that I have never given up my pretension to serve in that Corps on the contrary set them forth in a Letter I had the Honor of ad= =dressing when in England to the Honble the Court of Directors, on a Supposition they would come to a Resolution of raising Cavalry as also in a particular Letter to Mr Sulivan, one of the Directors but as it was not at that time thought proper to raise any, my Claims of course could only lay by till they did - And I have every possible reason to suppose that had the Accounts of the Nabobs Cavalry been taken into our Service reached England before my leaving it, I should have returned with my appointment in that particular Line - My having been regularly sent by this Government to command the whole of the Nabobs Cavalry, & continuing to do so from the time of the Siege of Pondicherry in 1778 untill the hour of my embarking for Europe in October 1784 and for which Appointment I resigned the Office of

Adjutant

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Adjutant General, is a fact so well known, as to render my saying any thing further on that subject unnecessary. I shall therefore only beg leave to call your Lordship & the Honble Committee's attention to my present awkward situation after enjoying two such Honble Appointments, hoping you will take it into Consideration & place me in that Situation in the Cavalry which but for extreme bad Health brought on by severe Service, when acting with them, I conceive I should at this moment have enjoyed - Should you my Lord and Gentlemen be disposed to view my Claim in the light, I flatter myself you will, & think proper to reappoint me, I hope it will be without any restrictions to my Rank, for however desirous I may be of serving in the Cavalry, I cannot think of foregoing the Prospect I at present have - this perhaps a distant one of rising to a higher Situation

I have the honor to be &c &c

H. A. M Cosby -

The above is the Letter which was recommended home to the Honble the Court of Directors for their Consideration, & on which they were pleased to reappoint me - had I at the same time thought it necessary to mention that I had the good fortune to bring the only two Regiments of Cavalry then in the Service safe to the Army at Chingleput after the unfortunate Retreat from Conjeveram,

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one of them the Second now commanded by Major Campbell, then my own, and the other Captain Sourdans, it would, I conclude, have had an additional Weight, as but for that, there would perhaps have now been no Cavalry to contend about; The 1st Regiment having mutinied at the Mount some time before on the Army's being ordered to march & was reduced in consequence; & the European Troop then not consisting of above fifty was the only Company Cavalry, & commanded in the Field by Lieut Young.

Before I conclude I beg leave to observe to your Honble Board, that my appointment to command the whole of the Native Cavalry then consisting of four Regiments took place in August 1778 when I was Adjutant General to the Army, but, that at General Munro's most particular Request, I continued to act as Adjutant General the whole Siege of Pondicherry, having three Regiments of the Cavalry then also there, that after the Siege finding the two Appointments more than I could possibly execute with that pointed attention I wished, I was allowed to resign the Office of Adjut.t General, as will appear by the following Order issued by Government on that occasion, and as it is not only a flattering testimony from the Commander in Chief, but an Elucidation of the Truth of my being appointed by the Honble Board's Consent to command the Cavalry, I hope it will not be

thought

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thought improperly introduced –

Fort St George 17th December 1778

G. O.

Lieutenant Colonel Corby having been permitted at his own Request to resign the Office of Adjutant General, Captain Thomas Burrows is appointed thereto, with the nominal Rank of a Lieutenant Colonel –

In Justice to Lieut Colonel Corby the Select Committee think it proper to publish the Commander in Chiefs approbation of his Conduct which he has expressed to them in the following Terms.

General Munro regrets much the Loss of an Officer, who filled the Office of Adjutant General with such Abelity, that he not only gave entire Satisfaction to the General, but to the Army, and that his being appointed to the Command of the Nabobs Cavalry is the sole Cause of resigning the Office of Adjutant General –

The above General Order clearly evinces to your Honble Board that my appointment to command the Nabobs Cavalry was an Act of Government, & the accompanying Extracts from the Public Records No 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 will further confirm it – But waiving the Claim of being a Company's Officer I act publickly to His Highness's Service – The after Admission of Cavalry Officers into the

Company's

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Company's Army with Cavalry Rank, is a Plea I found my Claim on, and being the Senior in both Services is I hope a sufficient Argument for me to advance in obtaining from your Honble Board, both a Military Right, and a Confirmation of my present Situation of Senior Officer in the Corps.

I have the Honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ H. A. N. Cosby
Colonel

N.B Enclosures in the foregoing Letter —

N.o 1 From the Nabob to the Governor dated 13th June 1778
2 Extract from the Minutes of Consultation 29th Do Do
3 Extract of a Letter from the Gov.r to the Nabob 1st July Do
4 From the Nabob to the Governor — — 11 Oct.r 1780
5 Extract of a Letter from the Presidency of Fort St George to the Court of Directors } 11 Oct.r 1782

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

In a Letter I had the honor to address you under date the 19th December 1785, a Copy of which I take the Liberty to enclose herewith, wherein is stated my Claim to Rank in the Corps of Cavalry

Vide Consultation 30th Dec.r 1785

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From Major Tonyn stating his Claims to Cavalry Rank.

Cavalry to which I now beg leave to refer your Honor &ca and as that Letter contains a simple relation of Facts that cannot be controverted, I trust you will deem my Pretensions to be founded in Justice and consonant to Reason.

In the fullest confidence of your candid Consideration of the Grounds on which I found my Claim, I have the honor to be

Madras
12th May 1786

Honble Sir & Sirs &c &c

J. Col: Tonyn

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K. B:

President & Governor &ca Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

In consequence of the Orders

From Major Genl Campbell stating her Claims to Cavalry Rank.

of the Honble the Court of Directors published on the 12th Instant respecting the Rank of the Cavalry Officers, I take the liberty to state my Pretensions to your Honble Board, & to submit the same to your Consideration.

I have served for the space of Eighteen Years in the regular Native Cavalry since their Establishment in 1768, a period of

constant

constant Service, beyond what any other Officer can boast of, & had the honor to succeed to the Command of a Regiment in July 1772 –

In December 1781, this Government was pleased to appoint me Colonel Commandant of the Nabob's Cavalry on the Recommendation of His Highness, & the late Commander in Chief in India, Lieut General Sir Eyre Coote K. B. as appears by the following Letters and Orders, extracted from the Minutes of the Select Committee dated Fort Saint George 28th December 1781 –

Extract of a Letter from Lieut General Sir Eyre Coote K. B. to the Right Honble the President & Select Committee – dated Fort St George 28th Decr 1781.

"I have the honor to enclose you a "Translation of a Letter which I have received from "Her Highness the Nabob, containing her Request, that "Lieut Colonel Dugald Campbell be nominated to "the Command of her Cavalry, vacant by the departure "of Lieut Colonel Corby to Europe. I have the highest "opinion of Lieut Colonel Campbell, as a brave, spirited "and active Officer, and from the experience he acquired "in the Cavalry Line by having many Years commanded "a Regiment in Her Highness's Service I esteem him "in every Respect, qualified to fill the Station of "Commandant of Cavalry –

"I am therefore most heartily

"disposed

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"disposed to acquiesce in His Highness's appointment
"of Lieut Colonel Campbell thereto, and hope it will
"also meet the Concurrence of your Committee".

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob, to General Sir Eyre Coote K.B.

"The Command of the Cavalry being
"now vacant by the departure of Colo Cosby for
"Europe, and my Word having long since been
"passed to Colonel Dugald Campbell, that he
"should have that appointment, I am to request
"you will do me the favor to nominate Colonel
"Campbell with the same appointments which Colo
"Cosby had to the Command of my Cavalry, & of the
"1st Regiment. His Merits as an Officer, I need not
"mention to you, who are so good a Judge, I shall
"only say, That his Conduct in my Service, hath
"been always such, as entitles him to every mark
"of my friendship, & in a special manner to that
"which I now request for him".

"What can I say more?"

Agreed that the following Promotions do now take place agreeably to the Generals' Recommendation.

"Lieut. Colonel Campbell to be
"Commandant of the Nabob's Cavalry, & of the 1st Regt
"in the room of Colo Cosby & with the same appointments"

A true Extract

J. Chamier
Act Secry.

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In consequence of these Orders, I had the honor to continue in the Command of the Cavalry untill April 1784 when the Nabob's Horse were taken into the Service of the Honble Company, & formed into a distinct Corps, of which it pleased the Right Honble Lord Macartney & the Council to appoint me Major Commandant, agreeable to the following Orders -

Extract of the C: C: by Government - Fort St George 24th April 1784

"The Right Honble the President & Select Committee have been pleased to resolve "that the Cavalry, European & Native, including "the Governors & Commander in Chiefs Guard, be "established, & henceforward considered as a sepa- "rate Corps, distinct from the other Corps of the "Army, that it be commanded by a Major Com- "mandant, & that the Officers shall rise and be "promoted only in their own Corps, as Vacancies "occur in the same, as practiced in the Infantry "and Artillery -

"Dugald Campbell Major Commandant 20th April 1784"

In this Station I discharged the Duties of Commandant of Cavalry untill the month of November last when in consequence of an Order from the Honble the Court of Directors, Col: Sir Henry Corby, & Major Tonyn superceded me in the Command & Rank, a circumstance which

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which I considered mortifying, & unprecedented, as I had served constantly on that line, since my first appointment to the Cavalry (the Campaign of 1783 excepted, that I was Quarter Master General to the Army) & had been on every Service with it.

Confiding in the Justice of my Honble Employers I silently submitted to the Severity of their Orders of the 11th April last, fully persuaded that when the Military Arrangements should take place for this Presidency, the Honble Court of Directors would render Justice to my Claims, by restoring me to the Command of the Cavalry, a Station I had filled for near four years with the approbation of the different Commanders in Chief, during the heat of the War, & which was confirmed to me by several Resolutions of this Government, at a time when they could not fail to distinguish the merits of those Officers who had exerted themselves in the Field during the most pressing exigencies of the War.

To you Honble Sir & Gentlemen I now beg leave to submit my Claims to that Command, which in War, had been conferred upon me, in terms the most flattering & honorable, well satisfied that the long & active Services of an Officer, in the Cavalry Line, cannot fail to merit your Notice, Protection & Support.

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24th April 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c.

(Signed) Dug Campbell
Major Commanding 2d Reg. Cavy

To

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.

President & Governor &c Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Lieut. Col. Campbell, Quarter Master General stating his Claims to Cavalry Rank

In consequence of the General Orders of the 13th Instant I have the honor to submit to your consideration my Claims to Rank in the Cavalry which I hope the Honble Board will deem of sufficient Weight to indeuce them to reappoint me to my former standing in that Corps.

That having served in His Highness the Nabobs Cavalry from the year 1773 till the month of November 1780 greatest part of which time I was in the temporary Compand of the 1st Regiment - On the breaking out of the late War, when the Army was ordered to assemble; the Corps in which I then served being very considerably in Arrears refused to take the Field until they were paid up; it being at that time impossible to comply with their demands the Regiment was disbanded with the exception of the Native Officers, & a few others who were formed into a Corps, & served as Volunteers under my Command during the first Campaign with Sir Hector Munro -

Upon the Return of the Army to Madras, the Nabob formed two new Regements principally from my Corps of Volunteers; the Command

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Command of one of them was given to Major Dugald Campbell, who soon after having obtained the ap=pointment of Quarter Master General I was by the Recommendation of the Governor and the Com=mander in Chief appointed to command his Regt. during his Absence on that duety - But shortly after this the Nabob having thought proper to supercede me by one of his own Officers who bore no Commission in the Company's Service, and as it appeared to me to be Inconsistant with the Duty I owed the Honble Company, and with my Character as an Officer in their Service to serve under a person in that predicament, I accordingly resigned. - From the time of my quitting the Cavalry to the conclusion of the War I served with the Army in the field, the greatest part of which time I was employed as Deputy Quarter Master General -

The Honorable Company

having thought proper to augment their Cavalry I flatter myself that my length of Service in that Corps together with the peculiar hardship of the Circumstance which obliged me to re=sign it will induce the Honble Board to give a favorable decision to the above rea=ted Claims -

I have the honor to be &c.

/ Signed / James Campbell

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To the Honble the Court of Directors
of the Honble the United
East India Company

Honble Sirs

Having set forth my length of Services and the flattering Approbation, I was favored with by my Superiors in the Memorial I had the honor of laying before you the 9th Inst: to which I beg leave to refer you; I have now to submit to your Consideration more particularly the Claims I have for promotion in the Cavalry Line.

From Captain Burrowes to the Court of Directors stating the grounds upon which he solicits to be appointed to the Command of the Native Cavalry.

The Native Cavalry were first established in the year 1768 at which time several Officers were appointed to them, of whom there are now only remaining myself & Major Campbell - It is well known what a disobedient ungovernable Rabble the Cavalry were in their original State, when we took charge of them - We served with them however, even in that State, & by a most laborious & unceasing Assiduity, we advanced them by degrees until we brought them to be a highly trained & regular Body of Men, performing from time to time, very essential Services, which tended to reflect much honor on the Officers, who had charge of them -

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We had very great difficulties and Danger to work through, but zealous for the good of the service and ambitious of establishing our own Characters, together with the promising hopes of being at some period rewarded in that Line, we preserved with unremitting Care and attention. As the Cavalry are now to be placed on a regular and permanent footing, I take the liberty of laying before your Honors our Pretensions, with that confidence, which I shall always feel, in submitting my Case to your Justice & Protection.

I am well aware, that there are other pretended Claims to the Command of the Native Cavalry, but I am likewise persuaded that there are none founded on Right or Expediency and this I have no doubt will appear to your Honors in a clear light, on a more minute Investigation. Being called upon by your Honble Chairman to state the nature of these Claims, for the more full & correct Information of the Honble Court, I proceed to relate some Facts, & I do it with a Reluctance as it necessarily introduces Characters, who are highly respectable.

Lieutenant Colonel Cosby was appointed to the Cavalry by the Nabob's Second Son in 1779 - A period of Eleven Years

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from their first Establishment - He never did Duty with them, nor had he ever served as a Cavalry Officer, at any time before, - consequently he can have no just Pretensions for depriving us of what we had so long, and so laboriously effected, and Lord Macartney I presume must have considered it in that light, when he would not take upon him to determine on his Claims -

I was an old Lieutenant of Cavalry in 1771, when Captain Tonyn arrived at Madras, as Captain of Cavalry, by which he superceded me - His Merits as an Officer were highly spoken of, but I am sorry to be obliged to say it, his Services to the Company have not borne any Proportion - When Sir Eyre Coote arrived in India, as Commander in Chief, I was Adjutant General, he then told me that he wished very much to bring Captain Tonyn forward, and serve him, but, before he went to Bengal, he lamented it was not in his power to effect it, as Captain Tonyn had contracted so strong a Disposition for Retirement - During the whole of the late War, the European Troop of Cavalry were in the Field commanded by Lieutenant Young, and I believe Captain Tonyn did not serve

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serve with it, at any time while the War continued - As the Adjutant General is now in England, he will be able to give your Honor every Information on that Subject from official Authority -

I trust your Honors will con-
-sider these Objections as substantial, & that you will be pleased to advance me to the head of the Native Cavalry to which I humbly presume I have every pretension - I am Senior to Major Campbell, and since my Return to Europe for the Reestablishment of my health he was promoted, being the Senior Officer on the Spot - It would be indeed a most grievous Circumstance to us, to have all our hopes blasted at the moment when we expected them to be realized and to see ourselves super-
-ceded, and what we so diligently, and laboriously brought to perfection, enjoyed by others over our heads, who had not the smallest Share in contributing towards it -

Holles Street
20th May 1785

I am with great Respect
Honble Sirs &c &c
Signed J. Burrowes
Services

Services of Cavalry Officers

Names of Officers	Time of entering the Cavalry Line. Month Year	Rank on entering the Cavalry Line.	Times of actual Service in War as a Cavalry Officer. Years Months	Services employed upon against the Enemy	Rank held during these Services.	Time of Service in Peace as a Cavalry Officer. Years Months	Rank held during the Peace	Total time of Service in the Cavalry. Years Months
Colonel Corby	Augt 1778	Captain	3 " 2½	Commanded the Cavalry the whole of the Siege of Pondicherry. & at the beginning of the War with Hyder was sent on a secret expedition to the Southward with orders to bring down the only two Regiments of Cavalry then existing on the Coast - These Regiments were then in the Tinnevelly Country - by a series of rapid Marches arrived within twelve Miles of Conjeveram on the morning of General Munro's Retreat effected a Junction at Chingleput, having been attacked by about 8000 of the Enemy's Cavalry, & Pillagers on the March - This Junction enabled General Munro to secure his Retreat to Madras - On Sir Eyre Coote's Arrival from Bengal, was detached with his own Regiment, & some few Infantry to dislodge Lalolah, one of Hyder's Generals, who had taken Post about 5 Miles to the N. West of Pulicat, & by that means cut off all Supply from the Presidency; performed this Service entirely to the Satisfaction of Sir Eyre Coote; during the whole Campaign was honored with the Command of the advanced Guard	Major by Brevet, Colonel by Commission from the Nabob. Major.	7	Lieut Colonel Colonel	3 9½

					Guard of the Army, and on his Embarkation for England was the eldest of the Rank of full Major on the Coast.					
Major Tonyn		Captain			Employed against the Enemy at the first & second Sieges of Tanjore, & at the Siege of Pondicherry.	Captain & Commandant of Cavalry			Captain of Dragoons.	
Major D Campbell	1768	Ensign	5		On every Service since his first Appointment to the Cavalry Corps - Viz.t The first War with Hyder Ally Khan 1768 & 1769. The first Siege of Tanjore 1771. The Marratta Expedition. The Siege & Capture of Tanjore 1773. The Siege & Capture of Pondicherry 1778. all the late War with the French, Hyder Ally Khan and Tippoo Sultaun; the Campaign of 1783, the time of being Quarter Master General to the Army excepted.	Cornet Lieutenant Captain Major Commandant Lieut.t Colonel Commandant of the Nabobs Cavalry	13	—	Lieutenant Captain Major Commandant of the Cavalry	18 —
Capt.n Burrowes	1767	Ensign	—		On every Service since her first appointment in 1767 until her Resignation in 1778 - Viz.t On the first & second expeditions against Tanjore - the Maravar Expedition - Service in the Tanjore Country during the late War, & at the Siege of Negapatam. &c. &c. &c.	Filled up by Order. Vide Consult. 12.th December 1786.				
Major D.l Campbell	Sept.r 1773	Ensign	2	5	At the Siege of Pondicherry in 1778, and the Campaign in 1780. under Sir Hector Munro.	Lieutenant in the Company's Service Captain in the Nabobs Service	4	9	Cornet Lieutenant	7 2
Capt.n Stevenson	Nov.r 1772	The Nabob's Commission	4	6	At the Siege of Tanjore in 1773, at the Siege of Pondicherry in 1777, on Polygar Service in Tinnevelly in 1779, & had the honor to command a Regiment from which he was never absent on all the Service in the Carnatic during the late War.	Cornet, Captain by Commission from the Nabob Lieutenant, during the War from the Company.	9	6	Cornet Lieutenant Captain	14

Captain Young	Oct.r 1772	Lieutenant	4	2	At the Second Siege of Tanjore. The Capture of Pondicherry in 1778 In the Army under Sir Hector Munro from the Commencement of the late War, continued to serve under Sir Eyre Coote, till the Attack of Chilambrum, where he was severely wounded in the Leg by a Cannon Shot, which obliged him to quit the Field for 6 Months when he again joined the Army under Sir Eyre Coote, & was present with the Grand Army on every Service till the Cessation of Arms at Cuddalore.	Lieutenant, Senior Lieut & Maj.r Command of the European Troops & Commander in Chief's Body Guard Capt.n Cavalry	9	1	Lieutenant, Lieut.t & Adj.t Capt.n Cavalry	13	0
Capt.n Jourdan	July 4 Aug.t 1770	Ensign	4	10	At the Siege & Expedition which has happened since his Arrival in India. Siege of Tanjore 1771. Marawa Expedition 72 Siege of Tanjore 73 & Siege of Pondicherry 1778 - In 1780 marched with two Regiments of Cavalry a Detachment of Artillery & Infantry to the Tinnavelly Country under his Command. The War breaking out, proceeded with the above Detachment to Tutchinopoly, where he joined Colonel Cosby, and proceeded under his Command to the Grand Army - When Sir Eyre Coote's Army in 1781 arrived at Cuddalore, & Col.o Cosby was, thro' his ill State of Health obliged to go to the Presidency, the Command of the Cavalry devolved to him as the next Officer & he was Senior Officer of Cavalry at the Battles of Porto Nova, Pirambadum, & Chelinguer - On Gen.l Henry Cosby getting permission to return to Europe, and Captain D. Campbell's Appointment to be Commandant of Cavalry in Decem.r 1781 he was the next Officer in Command, the remainder of the Campaign against Hyder Ally, Tippoo Sultaun, & the French -	Cadet Cornet & Adj.t Lieut.t & Adj.t Lieut.t Commanding a Troop. Captain by Rotation Commission in 1775 commanding a Reg.t of Cavalry - Captain by Company 1782 Captain of Cavalry 1784	10	8	Ensign Lieutenant Captain Captain of Cavalry	15	6

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Sir John Dalling's Minute respecting Cavalry Claims –

The Commander in Chief's Minute is now entered as follows –

Colonel Sir Henry Corby's Title to the Rank and Situation he now claims, seems to be founded principally on his having been selected by the Nabob to command his Cavalry – His appointment to that Station was not so much a voluntary Act of Government, as in consequence of His Highness's earnest Request; neither do the Orders from home, on his returning to the Service, place him otherwise than as Lieutenant Colonel of Infantry; but, on his Representation to the Court of Directors, they ordered in their Letter of the 11th April 1785. that the Command should be offered him – not perhaps adverting to the claims of other Officers, which on coming before them, they then ordered that Sir Henry's Claim as well as that of others, should be taken into Consideration, & decided on here –

Major Tonyn's Claims will assuredly place him at the head of the Cavalry, provided his Conduct justifies his Pretensions – he was expressly appointed by the Court of Directors, to command the Company's Cavalry –

Major Campbell if the matter in question was decided by long & faithful Service in the Cavalry Line, no Man has a juster Claim to be at the head of it than Majr Campbell

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-but until April 1784 he never could be considered otherwise than an Infantry Officer, lent to the Nabob, & permitted to serve with his Troops - of course, his real Cavalry Rank will only place him immediately above those who served on the same terms he did -

Captain Youngs's Claim is so similar to Major Tonyn's, that if that Gentle-man attains his proper Rank, Capt.n Younge is entitled to be placed next to him - Captain Youngs Conduct in the field will sufficently justify the Pretensions he derives from his ori-ginal appointment -

Captain Jourdan having served in the Cavalry on the same terms as Major Campbell, his Army Rank entitles him to be next to him -

Captain Darley for the same Reason will follow Captains Jourdan -

Captain Stevenson & the others will rank agreably to the Commissions they now hold as Cavalry Officers

Burrowes & Captain James Campbell served for some years in the Nabobs Cavalry, but chose to relinquish it, & return to their Infantry Rank - therefore in the present instance, they can have no Claim -

Upon the whole, if length of Service alone is considered, whether in the Infantry

Line

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Line or the Cavalry, the different Claimants from Major Campbell downwards will rank as they did in 1784 - Viz.t

Campbell
Jourdan
Younge
Darley
Stevenson &c. &c.

But if the Rank is to be ascertained by Service in the Company's Cavalry only, without conridering the Claims derived from the Nabobs - then the order of Rank will be thus

Tonyn
Younge
Campbell
Jourdan
Darley
Stevenson &c. &c.

Sir Henry Cosby's Rank is not included in either of the above Arrangements - it must rest entirely with the Board to judge what Station he is to be placed in - I must, however, observe, that, had Sir Henry Cosby been present when the Nabobs Cavalry was taken into the Service of the Company, his Station would of course have been above Major Campbell - and it is probable that this Consideration induced the Court of Directors to make him the offer they did in the letter of the 11th April 1785 -

/ Signed / John Dalling

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The President proposes the following

Question

"Is it the opinion of the Board

The President's Question as to the appointment of Major Tonyn to the Command of the first Regiment of Native Cavalry

"that Major Tonyn ought to be appointed to the
"Command of the 1st Regt of Native Cavalry with
"the rank of Lieut Colonel agreably to the Compa:
"ny's Arrangement of that Corps in their Letter
"of the 21st of September last"?

Before the opinion of any Member is given on the above Question, the Commander in Chief begs leave to record the following Declaration of the late Adjutant General, Capt.n Richardson relative to a Message carried by Sir John Dalling's Orders to Major Tonyn.

The Declaration is as follows.

Soon after the Orders were issued appointing Sir Henry Cosby to command the Cavalry and Major Tonyn second in Command Captain Richardson (as Adjutant General) by order of the Commander in Chief, waited on Major Tonyn to express to him the General's Surprize, that he had neither seen the Major of heard from him since his (the General's) Arrival in India; and to know when it would be agreeable to the Major to join the Cavalry. Major Tonyn, in consequence, requested that Captain Richardson would make his respects to the Commander in Chief, & assure him, that

Sir John Dalling says before the Board a Conversation which passed between Major Tonyn & the Adjutant General in consequence of the Orders of the Commander in Chief

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it was his Wish to join as soon as possible - But the late Orders appointing Sir Henry Corby to command the Cavalry, was, as the Major conceived contrary to the Company's intention, & the spirit of their Orders - That he had held a Commission for many Years as Commandant of Cavalry, and that he had seen no orders of the Company expressing an Idea to supercede it - That he had addressed (or intended to address) the Board on the Subject, setting forth his Right to command the Cavalry, & to be appointed to the Command of one of the Regiments; & when the Board might be pleased to make a decision in his favor, he should join without delay - The Major declared himself at a Loss to know what command in his present predicament, to assume in the Cavalry as no specifick Appointment had been made out for him, but that he was always ready to obey the Generals Orders -

In consequence of the above,

Captain Richardson wrote to Major Forsyth by the Commander in Chiefs order (to the best of his recollection, that the General did not desire him to join the Cavalry, until it was agreable and convenient to himself, & that matters were settled to his Satisfaction -

(Signed) John Richardson

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The Presidents Question being now put, Mr Casamaijor delivers his Sentiments as follows-

I conclude that when Lord Macartney & his Council thought proper to pass over Major Tonyn when Cavalry Corps were established on the Coast, they had sufficient Reasons for excluding him the Command of the Cavalry - they judged no doubt from Facts, for they possessed Information of the Services rendered by the Army in general during a long & severe War, & if his Exertions & Zeal had been conspicuous they would not, nor could not in justice have precluded him. I conceive, from those Rights, to which his Rank in the Cavalry entitled him - for the above reasons I think he ought not at this time to be brought forward as Senior Officer of Cavalry -

Mr Casamaijor of opinion that Major Tonyn is not eligible to the Station of Senior officer of Cavalry -

Ja Wm Casamaijor

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Mr Davidson delivers in the following Minute -

Major Tonyn not having joined the Army during the late War; not having joined the Cavalry after having accepted a Majority in that Corps - Not having paid the respect due to Governor Campbell since his Arrival, by reporting himself to him as a Commander in Chief's Field Officer; Nor to the Commander in

Mr Davidson's opinion as to Major Tonyn.

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in Chief of India, Lord Cornwallis, since his arri=
=val the 22d Instant - For these reasons I am of
opinion with Mr Casamaijor that Major Tonyn
ought not to be appointed to the Command of
31st August 1786 a Regiment of Cavalry -

/signed/ Alex. Davidson

Sir John Dalling's opinion of the above officer -- Sir John Dalling is of opinion that Major Tonyn's Conduct does not seem to justify a pretension to the Command of the 5th Regiment of Native Cavalry & to the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel -

The President is of the same Opinion for the following Reasons -

The President's opinion of Major Tonyn - Major Tonyn came to Fort St George in 1770 with an undoubted right to command the Company's Cavalry on the Coast of Choromandel, & in consequence of an Act of this Government was superceded in his Command in 1778 - An Act which was afterwards confirmed by the express Orders of the Court of Di=
=rectors appointing Sir Henry Coby to the chief Command of their Cavalry - The Court of Direc=
=tors Motives for confirming this Supercession I am yet a Stranger to; Their Orders however were obeyed, & Major Tonyn was no longer en=
=trusted with the Command of the Honble Company's Cavalry on the Coast of Choromandel -

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By the Records of the Army it appears that from the beginning of 1780 to the present hour, Major Tonyn has done no manner of Duty with the Company's Troops, and this Circumstance is the more extraordinary, as the Coast of Choromandel was for three Years of that time, actually invaded by Hyder Ally - a time when the exertions & abilities of every Officer were looked for, & ought to have been strenuously employed in saving the Carnatic from destruction

An Officer who can lay by for six Years in the Black Town of Madras, and continue to receive his Pay & Emoluments in the Company's Service, without giving his Assistance for a single day in forwarding the Duties or discipline of the Army is in my opinion too much attached to the habits of Indolence, and a cool indifference to the duties of a Military Station to merit the Command of the first Regiment of Cavalry at this Presidency -

/ Signed / Arch^d Campbell

Resolved therefore that

Resolution formed upon the foregoing Opinions -

Major Tonyn be not appointed to the Command of the 1st Regiment of Native Cavalry with the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel -

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The President's Question as to Colonel Sir Henry Colby –

The President repeats the same Question with the Insertion of Colonel Sir Henry Colby's Name in lieu of Major Fonyn's –

Mr Caramaijor delivers his Sentiments as follows;

I think Sir Henry Colby has a Claim to be considered as Senior Officer of the Cavalry – The Court of Directors gave him the option of that Appointment after (they say) mature deliberation – no doubt they had his general Services in view as he was an Infantry Officer, as well as all the other Company's Officers, who had Served in the Nabob's Cavalry, some of whom claimed the Command of that Corps – Had Sir Henry Colby been on the Spot, when the Cavalry was taken into the Company's Service in the year 1784, he would doubtless have had the Command –

Mr Caramaijor's opinion respecting Colonel Sir Henry Colby –

Mr Davidson subscribes to the foregoing Opinion –

Mr Davidson in opinion with Mr Caramaijor –

Sir John Dalling – From the late Orders of the Court of Directors directing this Govern: -ment to scrutinize into the Claims for Cavalry Rank, subsequent to their having ordered the Command to be offered to Sir Henry Colby – I consider that Officer as a Colonel of Infantry only

Sir John Dalling's opinion respecting Colonel Sir Henry Colby –

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only, which is a Rank superior to that annexed to the Command of the 1st Regiment of Native Cavalry.

Previous to the declaration of his opinion, the President desires to take the Sentiments of the Board, whether, under the late Arrangement of the Native Cavalry, an Officer with the Rank of Colonel in the Infantry is eligible to the Command of the 1st Regiment of Native Cavalry, which gives the Rank of Lieut Colonel only.

President requests the Sentiments of the Board whether a Colonel of Infantry is eligible to the command of the 1st Regt of Native Cavalry.

Mr Casamajor — I consider Sir Henry Corby peculiarly circumstanced — he obtained the Rank of Colonel of Infantry when he was signs = rant of the Establishment formed for the Native Cavalry — if at any time as an Indulgence Brevet Rank ought to be admitted I think Sir Henry Corby has a claim to it — At all events I conceive his possessing a Colonel of Infantry's Commission should not preclude him from the same Cavalry Rank when the European Troop of Cavalry is established —

Mr Casamajor's opinion upon the President's last Motion.

Mr Davidson — I consider a Colonel of Infantry not eligible to the Command of the 1st Regt of Native Cavalry, but having admitted Col. Corby's Claim to Cavalry Rank, I think he ought to have the Command of the European Regiment whenever it shall suit the Company's Affairs to establish it —

Mr Davidson's opinion thereon.

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Sir John Dalling's opinion thereon.

Sir John Dalling — In answer to the Presidents Query I am of opinion that a Colonel of Infantry is not eligible to the Command of the 1st Regt of Native Cavalry — The Usage of the Company's Service doth not authorize such an Appointment however Interest may have at times overset the Distinction, which the Company have been pleased to establish among their Troops —

The President of opinion that Sir Henry Coxby as a Colonel of Infantry is not eligible to the Command of the 1st Regt of Native Cavalry —

The President — I am of opinion from the Company's late Regulations for their Army at Fort St George that a Colonel of Infantry is not eligible to the Command of the 1st Regt of Native Cavalry — These being my Sentiments I shall answer the first Question proposed by the Board by declaring that although I have the highest respect for Colonel Coxby as an Officer of distinguished Abilities, I do not think he can with propriety be appointed to the Command of the 1st Regt of Native Cavalry —

President's Sentiments of Colt Coxby as an Officer —

The Commander in Chief desires it may be minuted that he concurs in the Sentiments expressed by the President of the Merit and Abilities of Colonel Coxby —

Sir John Dalling's opinion of Colonel Coxby as an Officer.

Resolution formed upon the foregoing Opinions —

Resolved that Colonel Sir Henry Coxby be not appointed to the Command

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Command of the 1st Regt of Native Cavalry -

The Board proceed to take into

The Board of opinion that Lieut Col. James Campbell & Captain Burrowes have no Claim to Cavalry Rank -

Consideration the Memorial of Captain Burrowes and the Letter from Lieut Colonel James Campbell (the Quarter Master General) & are unanimously of opinion that as the above Officers resigned the Nabobs Service prior to his Cavalry being taken into that of the Company's, they cannot have any Claim at this time to Cavalry Rank -

The Board having determined

Major D. Campbell appointed to the Command of the 1st Regt of Native Cavalry with the Rank of Lieut Colonel -

that neither Colonel Sir Henry Colby, Major Tonyn, Captain Burrowes or Lieut Colonel James Campbell are eligible to the Command of the 1st Regt of Native Cavalry, it is Resolved that Major Dugald Campbell be appointed to it with the Rank of Lieut Colonel -

Resolved also that Captain

Captain Jourdan appointed a Major & to the Command of the second Regiment

Jourdan (the Senior Captain of Cavalry) be appointed a Major -

Resolved that Captns Younge

Captains Younge & Stevenson to the Command of the 3d & 4th Regiments - Captn Darley to be appointed to the first vacant Regt

& Stevenson be appointed to command the 3d & 4th Regts & that Captain Darley be appointed to the first vacant Regiment -

Agreably to the foregoing

Resolutions, the Regiments of Native Cavalry will stand as follows -

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Situation of the Regiments of Native Cavalry, in consequence of the foregoing Resolutions –

1st Regiment – – – – Dugald Campbell
Lt Colonel & Captain

2nd Do – – – – – – – Edward Sourdan
Major & Captain

3d Do – – – – – – – William Younge
Captain

4th Do – – – – – – John Stevenson
Captain

Read the following Letter

from Bengal –

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Ca Council

Fort St George

From Bengal, their Resolution in respect to the Discount upon the Certificates to be granted Colonel Floyd for the purchase of Horses, revoked – The Exchange for Bills not discounted, fixed as well as all others drawn on account of Military Arrears no purchaser of a Certificate entitled to Bonds, beyond the date of Exchange specified in the form for the Arrear Pay Roll –

13th June –

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

We have the honor to acknowledge our Receipt of your Letters of the 13th June & 4th & 5th Instant –

Our Accountant General has been desired to prepare the Accounts required by your Superintendant of the Nabobs Disbursements, which will be transmitted to you as soon as they are made out –

We

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We regret that we had not before

4th July us the Light to contained in your Letter of the 4th
Instant when we agreed on the 16th of June last
to make up to Colonel Floyd, the loss which
he might sustain upon the Discount of the Certi-
-ficates granted to him to provide Horses for
His Majesty's 2d Regiment of Light Dragoons,
but as it is not now too late to correct the
Mistake into which we have fallen, we have
resolved to revoke that Resolution, & request
that you will be pleased to intimate the same
to Colonel Floyd. We have agreably to your
desire, requested the Governor General to recommend
the Persons employed by Colonel Floyd to the
Countenance & Protection of the Subadar of the
Decan & transmit to you herewith the Governor
General's Letter to His Highness regarding them
with a Copy of it for the Information of Col.
Floyd-

In Consideration of the Circum-

5th July -stances stated in your Letter of this date: We
have resolved that such Bonds only as do not
appear to have been discounted, & are to be
received by the Agents of those in whose favor
they were drawn, be paid at the Exchange
of 410 Arcot Rupees p.c Pagodas, and that
all those Bills be discharged on the 2d September
that being the day on which they will become

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due according to our original Intention —

Alls the Bills of Exchange drawn on account of your Military Arrears will be discharged at the Rate of CRs 415.12.9 per Hundred Pagodas. & when they become due agre:-ably to the Tenor by which they were drawn —

We had resolved previous to the Receipt of your Letter of the 5th of July to allow those Persons who had purchased the Certificates which are to be exchanged for Bengal Bonds, & who would engage to make good to the original Proprietors of them the diffe:-rence between their value at CRs 415.12.9 & 410 Arcot Rupees p Hundred Pagodas, the latter Exchange & this Resolution was made known to some of the Holders of these Certificates — We cannot therefore now rescind that Resolution.

We understand however, that many of the Holders of these Certificates are dissatisfied with this Determination, but as it is evident from the Arguments by which Messrs Porcher & Redhead justified the Reasonableness of the Discount at which they engaged to ne:-gociate the Bills granted for Military Arrears that the suppositious Rate of Exchange men:-tioned in the Form for the Arrear Pay Roll transmitted to you on the 14th November must have been the ideal nominal value, under

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which they were purchased — We cannot consider any Purchaser of a Certificate who will not engage to make good to the original Proprietor the Difference before adverted to, entitled to Bonds at a higher Rate of Exchange than that mentioned in the Form for the Arrear Pay Roll —

We have the honor to be &c &c

Fort William
Secret. & Milty Dept
24th July 1786

John Macpherson
{Signed} R.d Sloper
John Stables
Chas Stuart

Extract respecting Col. Floyd to be sent him —

Agreed that an Extract of that part which relates to Col. Floyd be sent to him together with the Letter for the Soubahdar of the Decan —

The President lays before the Board the following Letter addressed to him by Sir John Dalling —

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

Sir John Dalling requests that the Orders of the Company arrived by the Swallow may be carried into immediate Execution —

Sir,

The Orders which are lately arrived in the Swallow directing a new system of Government for this Presidency. I should wish issued as soon as possible, unwilling that

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that any Delay should arise from Motives of delicacy on my account, and conceiving that I cannot henceforward in strict Propriety, interfere in any public business whatever –

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect,

Sir

Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

/ Signed / John Dalling

Madras
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The Board unanimously tender their Thanks to Sir John Dalling for the Zeal he has uniformly manifested for the Interests of the Company since his Arrival in India and the President & Mr Davidson desire to minute and to express their particular Acknowledgements to Sir John Dalling for the liberal Support, which they have received from him during the Periods of their respective Administrations –

The Board express their thanks to Sir John Dalling

The President and Mr Davidson in a particular manner –

Sir John Dalling begs leave to record his grateful Sense of the polite Vote just passed in his favor and to express his

Sir John Dalling's Reply –

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his Hope that Prosperity will attend the present Administration.

W. C. Jackson
Dep. Mus.

" Arch. Campbell

" John Dalling

" Alex. Davidson

" Ja. Abercrombie

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Diary

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Sent the following Letter

To Messrs Vrymoot
& Dormieux } late Chief & Second in the Council of Bimlipatam

at Pulicat

Gentlemen

To Messrs Vrymoot & Dormieux with the decision of the Court of Directors upon their Application to Government the 5th March 1785

I am directed by the Honble President & Council to inform you that they have received the Orders of the Court of Directors on the Subject of your Application made 15th March 1785 -

The Court of Directors are of opinion that they cannot in reason give the Relief which you have solicited, and that you ought rather to apply to your own Employers, since the peculiarity of the Circumstances by which you are involved arises from a transaction between Yourselves and the Dutch Company. your Superiors -

Fort St George
1st September 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c.

/Signed/ John Chamier
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2d Dispatched the undermentioned
Letters (entered in the Miscellany Book for the
Month of September Nos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)—

To Lieut Colonel Sydenham

To Lieut. Colonel Sydenham — enclosing Paragraphs of the General Letter from the Court of Directors dated the 12th April last relating to him, and to which he is desired to pay attention—

To Masulipatam, transmitting

To Masulipatam — them a Paragraph of the General Letter from the Court of Directors dated 12th April, respecting Colonel Brathwaites enjoying the Emoluments arising from the Toddy Farms situated in the Vicinity of Ellore, & desiring that the Orders of the Honble Court may be carried into execution.

To Colonel Brathwaite, enclo=

To Col. Brathwaite — =sing Copy of the abovementioned Paragraph—

To the Secretary at Bengal,

To the Secretary at Bengal — with List of Recruits for that Settlement, em=
=barked on the Ravensworth, Capt.n Roddam—

To Capt.n Lieut. Mitchell, with

To Capt.n Lieut Mitchell — permission to proceed to Europe for 3 Years on the half pay of a Captain agreeably to his Request—

Received the undermentioned
Nos 4
Letters (entered in Mis. Nos 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11)

From

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No 4

From the Board of Revenue, enclosing a Petition from the Renter of Chingleput, complaining of the interference of the Commanding Officer of that Garrison.

From the Board of Revenue

From Mr. Gahagan, Surgeon, stating his Distresses & the impossibility of supporting a numerous Family on 48 Pags p. Mensem; & humbly soliciting that one of his Arrear Bonds amounting to Pagodas 1700 may be discharged to enable him to send two of his eldest Sons to England for the benefit of Education.

From Mr. Gahagan

From Colonel Rumbold, requests that the usual Passage Money may be allowed the Revd Mr Langstaff, Chaplain to the 84th Hanoverian Regiment, who is obliged to return to Europe for the recovery of his Health.

From Col. Rumbold

From General Horne, enclosing Letters received from the Officers under his Command, relative to the Exchange.

From Genl Horne

From the Commandant at Angole, advising that some of his Sepoys are come in who followed the Guns from Narapilley to Guntoor in disguise, & saw them delivered to a Mr Reviere & are now parked near his house, waiting further Orders respecting them.

From the Commandt at Angole

From Manulipatam, enclosing a Return of Europeans embarked on board the Minerva Ketch, Captn Thomas for Madras.

From Manulipatam

Received

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4 Received the following Letters

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &ca Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Genl. Horne all Ranks of people to the Southward complains of the Exchange of the Cutlery Fanam at the rate of 16 5/8 p Star Pagoda -

I am under the necessity of reporting to your Honble Board, that His Highness's Manager notwithstanding his utmost Exertions has been unable to effect the Esta- -blishment of the Currency of Cutlery Fanams at the rate of 16 5/8 p Star Pagoda - supported by such Influence as I possess, he has used every means that could be suggested to conquer the almost insuperable aversion the Inhabitants of this District have to that Money at that Exchange - yet he candedly confessed in a long conversation on that Subject this morning it was utterly impossible to induce the Merchants or Shroffs to acquiesce: that if he attempted to compel them it would undoubtedly be the cause of the Chief Inhabitants quitting the Place, and moreover productive of the greatest Detriment to the Affairs of His Highness in this Province - After the Opinion I have formerly given relative to this Affair it is unnecessary to state my Sentiments - I beg permission however to observe that such Steps as have already been taken

in

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A in this buriness, have occasioned the greatest
Confusion, amongst those Clases whom it more
immediately affects.

The Shroffs have all shut
up their Shops excepting two or three who are
forced to remain in order to prevent a total
Stop of all Exchange and consequently of the
Purchase of the lesser Articles of daily consump:
-tion, and it is only upon the express Assurance
of the Nabobs Government here, that the Loss
they sustain shall be made good to them, that
these Shroffs continue even the little buriness
of giving Cash for one or two Pannams p day
to such as have occasion - The Bazar Men
and Merchants in general in consequence of
these Measures have, in order to prevent
the Loss falling on themselves, raised the
price of almost every Article nearly 30 p Cent
which necessarily and immediately affects the
Troops - This heavy grievance is irremediable
by any Authority here, and it must rest
with your Honorable Board alone; to whom
I think necessary also to report that I have
received from Officers commanding Corps
Representations of the Sentiments and

Sufferings

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11/4 Sufferings of the Officers under their Command
on their head, which I have this day transmitted
to the Commander in Chief -

Head Quarters
of the Southern forces
Trichinopoly
11th August 1786

I am with the highest respect
Honble Sir & Sirs &c.
Signed / Matw Horne

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

Sir,

From Sir John Dalling requests a Copy of the Orders of the Company relating to Field Allowances

Seeing in the last publick Dispatches from the Direction their pleasure as to the Field Allowances, I should wish you would be so good as to direct that I be furnished immediately with the Paragraphs on that head, in order that I may settle all my public business with the Company before my departure, & prior to my taking up any private matters of my own. -

I have the honor to be &c &c

Choultry Plain
4th September 1786

/ Signed / John Dalling

Ordered accordingly -

ordered

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At a Consultation Present

The Honorable Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B:

President

Tuesday 5th September 1786

Alexander Davidson Esqr

James Henry Casamajor Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

Read the following Letter

from the Military Board.

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B:

Governor & President & Council

of Fort St George

From the Military Board Captain Montgomery & Brigade Major Littles Claims to full Batta inadmissible - recommending that Bounty Money be paid to the Lascars enlisted by Lieut Colonel Tanner: & that Ensign Murrison's Claim to Batta while at Bombay be not allowed -

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to acknow

- ledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Chamier's letters of the 5th 10th and 16th Instant -

In the former of these your

Honble Board was pleased to desire our opinion

on

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on an accompanying Extract of a Letter from Masulipatam with an Enclosure. We therefore proceed to take into consideration the Subjects therein contained.

But being unacquainted with the opinion of the Honble Board on a former application made by Captain Cherbyre in the year 1780 for an Allowance similar to that now applied for by Captain Montgomery We can only observe, that we know no instance of any Commanding Officer being allowed full Batta at any Station in the Circars, where there is a Chief and Council.

With respect to Brigade Major Lillie's application for full Batta on account of Stationary; as it is not authorized by the Custom of the Service, We conceive his Claim to be inadmissible.

In obedience to the orders of your Honble Board regarding the Book of Regulations, We have agreed that a full Board shall be summoned on Saturday next to make the necessary Arrangements for completing that important Work, as soon as the Committee for revising the Book of Regulations shall have delivered to us the whole of their Proceedings.

And

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And your Honble Board having been pleased to desire our opinion on a letter from Lieut Colonel Tanner, enclosed in Mr Secretary Chamier's Letter of the 16th We take the liberty to recommend that the Paymaster be ordered to issue bounty Money to the Lascars enlisted by Lieut Colonel Tanner agreeable to the usage of the Service at the Presidency & other places —

And conceiving it necessary previous to a final decision on the Subject of Arrears of Clothing, claimed by the Lascars, to be more particularly informed with respect to the original Orders for raising the three Companies alluded to in Lieut Colonel Tanner's letter, as well as the number still remaining, who have presented their Claims: We have instructed our Secretary to address Lieut Colonel Tanner on the Subject: & have deferred the further Consideration of this part of his Letter, untill a future day —

Having resumed the considera-tion of Ensign Murrow's claim for Batta, referred to us in Mr Secretary Chamier's Letter of the 3d July — And it not appearing by Ensign Murrow's several Letters that he had the Sanction of Government for proceeding to Bombay; & the business upon which he went thither seeming to relate entirely to himself; we are of opinion that under these

Circumstances

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circumstances he is not authorized to draw the allowance of Batta.. But as he was permitted to proceed on the Voyage to Bombay by the orders of his own Commanding Officer which induced him erroneously to suppose himself authorized to draw his field allowances; as he was ignorant of the usages of the Service, We beg leave to recommend that he be indulged with passage Money to and from Bombay for which we consider him as amply indemnified by the Sum of Rupees 600. which he has already received from the Bombay Treasury -

We have the honor to be &c &c.

Fort St George
19th August 1786

{Signed}
J. Capper
Patrick Ross
James Eidingstoun
Henry Malcolm
W. Sydenham

The opinions contained in the foregoing Letter confirmed by the Board

Agreed that the opinion of the Military Board respecting the Claims of Lieut Colonel Chesshyre, & Brigade Major Little be confirmed, and that a Letter be in consequence written to the Chief & Co at Masulipatam.

Agreed also to confirm the opinions given by the Military Board, respecting the Bounty to Lascars, & the application of Ensign Muirson -

Read

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Read the following Letter from

Colonel Floyd -

To the Honble the Governor

and Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

From Colonel Floyd with Statement of Arrears between the Company and the 23d Regt of Dragoons: and requesting that the same may be liquidated by Bills on the Northern Subordinates -

I have the honor to enclose you a Statement of the Arrears of Account be=tween the Honble Company & His Majesty's 23d Dragoons - It consists of two Articles - Money due to the Regt on the Horse Account, & Money received from Mr Westcott on account of a Detachment which was stationed at Ellore - This Account being only very lately received from thence -

With your leave I will bring this to Balance & because of the Inconveniencies to the Regiment which have attended this Debt, request you will allow it to be placed against that part of the whole Horse Arrear which was to have been discharged by a Certificate for a Bengal Bond -

Therefore beg you will be pleased to furnish me with Bills as follows -

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On your Northern Subordinates for	6912. 14. 23½
Certificate for - - - - - - - - -	1987. 2. 54½ 8899. 16. 78
Received from Mr Westcott on Account - - -	4925. 11. 49
	13824. 28. 47

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12th August 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c
/Signed/ J. Floyd
Col.

Dr "The Honble Company - - -

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Hospital Board

Augt 14th & 15th 1786.

Having read the Answer of the Honble Presi-dent and Council to the Paragraph about Medical Servants in the last Pro-=ceedings "that they ought "to be confirmed to Hospitals "alone."

The Hospital Board beg leave to observe that they are fearful many Inconveniencies will arise in the Service, if Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons in separate Stations, and those at a distance from a General Hospital are not allowed Servants to perform the Menial duties of their employ — They therefore hope the Honble President and Council will be pleased to take this matter again into their Consideration, and order all the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons to transmit an Account

to

From the Hospital Board recommending that Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons be directed to send in a List of Servants wanting to complete — That the Table of Diet adopted at the Presidency be attended to at the three General Hospitals — That a Set of Surgical Instru-=ments belonging to Mr. Ramsay be purchased by Mr. Bulman — That a Statement of Returns of the Sick be sent their Board every months — That an Assistant Surgeon of a Native Corps, do have con-=troul over the Black Doctor — That all addresses to their Board, do come thro' the Head Surgeons of the General Hospitals — And that their Secretary be allowed a Writer & two Peons — Governments Observations on the foregoing —

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to this Board of what Medical Servants are wanted as recommended in last Proceedings -

Received an Indent from Mr Drummond Surgeon of the 52d. Regt which the Board decline signing till a Return of the Sick is sent, that they may be able to judge of the propriety of so large a Supply -

The Board having considered the Tables of Diet transmitted by the Head Surgeons of the General Hospitals, are of opinion that the Table of Diet already adopted here will suit all the other Hospitals, and recommend the same to Government when a Contract for victualling those at Manulipatam, Vellore & Trichinopoly is entered into -

Ordered that Copies of the Contract entered into with Mr Garrow be sent to the places here mentioned -

Read a Letter from the Surveyor enclosing

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enclosing a list of Cloaths for the Hospital at Vellore - declined authorising Mr Garrow supplying any new Cloathing, untill a General Return of the Stores be laid before this Board -

Read a Letter from Mr Bowel Surgeon 73rd Regiment Europeans for leave to come to the Presidency for two Months - the Board however unwilling they may be to grant his Request, cannot recommend it, as they know of no Surgeon in that neighbourhood to supply his place, and hereby direct their Secretary to write him to that purpose -

Approved

Read a Letter from Mr Ramsay Assistant Surgeon mentioning his having a complete Set of Surgical Instruments - Value £100 Sterling -

Agreed

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Approved — The Instruments to be purchased accordingly —

Agreed to recommend Mr Ramsay's Instruments to be purchased by Mr Bulman, as there is a deficiency in the Stores of these Articles —

Approved.

Understanding that the Head Surgeons are not supplied with the weekly Returns of the Sick from the different Corps in their District agreeable to Article 7th of the Orders issued July 10th —

Agreed to recommend to Government that those Orders be enforced, & that a Statement of the Returns be made this Board at the end of every Month —

Doubts having arisen about the Duty to be expected from an Assistant Surgeon with a Native Corps — Resolved that he shall have the charge of all the Sick & Wounded, & that the Black Doctor shall be obedient to his Ideas —

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On this Idea complete Returns of all the Sick in the Battalion or Corps are to be sent to the Head Surgeon of the District, specifying the Name, Quality, & Disease of the Patient.

Approved

This Board having hitherto corresponded with all the Surgeons for the conveniency of the Service, now wish it to be understood that Addresses of every kind are in future to come thro' the Head Surgeons of the General Hospitals, and recommend to Government that this be published in Orders for their information.

Approved and ordered accordingly.

The Board recommend Mr Bell's being removed from the Native Cavalry at Trichinopoly to the Hospital there, and that Mr Vaughan do duty with that Corps in his room.

Approved

The Records of this Board being very much encreased of late by the number

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number of Letters, Returns &c. from the Surgeons, Apothecary, Surveyor &c. and the Secretary's time so much taken up in answering these Correspondents and epuiring the orders of the Hospital Board, that he feels himself embarrassed in fulfilling his Duety in keeping up the Records, he therefore requests the Hospital Board will be pleased to recommend to Government, that a Writer and two Peons be annexed to his Employ -

a Writer & one Peon to be allowed -

The Hospital Board being convinced the Secretary's Request is well founded, recommend it to the Notice of Government

/ Signed / And.w Berry
Secry Hosp.l Board

Hospital

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From the Hospital Board - as to Mr Gordon; As to the pay of Servants for the Apothecary Duty of a Surgeon separate from a General Hospital - recommending Mr Reid for the appointment of Apistant Surgeon, and enclosing a Plan of Mr Lodi's - Observations of Government on the foregoing -

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Hospital Board

Augt 28th & 29th 1786

Read two Letters from Mr Gordon Surgeon -

Agreed that an Extract of the Proceedings of this Board concerning Mr Gordon with the Honble President & Councils answers thereon be sent him by the Secretary as they see nothing in his Letters to enable them to alter their former opinion of them.

Read Letters from Mr Whyte Head Surgeon at Trichinopoly concerning necessary Servants for Surgeons on separate Stations - As this Subject has already been recommended to the reconsideration of Govern=ment, it may be here proper to remark, that every Surgeon & Apistant Surgeon on duty separate from a General Hospital such as all the Surgeons of European Regiments of Garrisons and Chiefships as well as Apistants at Factories

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Factories, Residencies and Regiments of Native Corps. will require Servants for the Apothecary duty of their Stations, such as a Man to pound the Mortar, prepare Dressings administer Glysters &c.a -

The Board therefore recommend to the Honble President and Council to obviate every plea of distress on this head, that the Surveyor or Paymasters be ordered to pay the Servants of Surgeons of the above description, a Sum not exceeding fifteen Pagodas p Month, and the Servants with Assistants ten Pagodas p Month -

Approved - To be paid by the Paymaster who pays the Regiment, Garrison &c.

Received a List of Sick from Mr Drummond Surgeon of His Majestys 52.d Regiment; but as his Indents are drawn out for June, July and August Months already

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nearly part, and as he has not accompanied them with a Return of Expenditures and Remains agreably to the Custom of the Service; the Board cannot authorize them, but direct their Secretary to write to Mr. Drummond to make out other Indents immediately for the ensuing Months, mentioning in Columns opposite the different Ar-ticles, the quantities for-merly received, and when, with the quantities expended & what remains.—

Received a Letter from Mr. Watson Surgeon 2d. Battalion of Artillery soliciting leave of coming to the Presidency, and remaining there for three Weeks on particular business, before he joins his Corps at Warriore.—

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Approved.

The Board recommend his Request being complied with as the time is less considerable than he may require, after he has joined his Corps –

Approved

The Hospital Board having received an Applic= =cation from Mr Pat: Reid soliciting admission into the Service as an Af= =sistant Surgeon, beg leave to recommend his Request to the Honble the President and Council –

The Hospital Board having received the enclosed Letter from Colonel Reinbold beg leave to forward it to the Honorable President and Council. And as no such Charge can in future be made from the Order published 20th July prohibiting the purcha= =sing of Medecines without the previous Consent of the Hospital Board –

Agreed

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Approved - Bills to be sent to the Secretary who will sign it by order of Government.

Agreed to recommend the expences of the Hanoverian Surgeons with Mr Ross amounting to Pagodas 153. 18 be reimbursed agreably to Colonel Reinbold's Request -

Read the enclosed Letter and plan from Mr Lord Senior Assistant at Vellore -

The Board not considering it their province to cognize Questions of a general nature, but such as are simply professional - And considering Mr Lords Plan to come under the former description, they do in consequence of his official Application forward it to the Honble President and Council without any Comment on their part -

/ Signed / Andw Berry
Secry Hosp. Board

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Read the following Letter from

Mr Davis, Head Surgeon.

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President &ca Council

Honble Sir & Sirs,

The degree of Chagrin, I am

From Mr Davis, Head Surgeon, requesting that his Allowances may be equal to those fixed for the third Surgeon on the Establishment.

impressed with from the Payment of my Quarterly Salary being stopt in the Office, requires a much more able Pen than mine to describe; but it is a Circumstance of that Nature which I trust will in the judgement of your Honble Board plead my Apology for this Address, which I offer individually and not through the Channel of the Hospital Board, of which as I am myself a member it has been judged would be improper.

When the late Medical Regula-

-tions were instituted by order of the Honble Court of Directors, I stood upon the List of Staff Surgeons and in time of actual Service, my Appointment was "Surgeon Major to the Forces & Director General of the Field Hospitals".

If my Conduct in that im-

-portant Situation during so arduous a Service as the late War with Hyder Ally met with the Approbation

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approbation of Government, and if from a Conviction of those Services I was in consequence called to the charge of the General Hospital at Fort St George during the Recess from Field Service, and if my Seniority gave me a Seat at the Hospital Board, may I not hope that the Cheerfulness with which I accepted the Charge of the General Hospital for the purpose of facilitating the Intentions of Government in a reform of the Service; and the Assiduity with which I have continued it ever since I have been a Member of the Hospital Board, will operate so far in my favor as to guard me against the Mortification of being reduced to a Level with the other Surgeons who are in the charge of fixed Hospitals; and at the same time be sufficiently prevalent with your Honble Board to read the Spirit & not the Letter of the Honble Court of Directors with respect to the Allowance of £1500 per Annum. If I had not had the clearest self Conviction that it was so intended, from a number of concurring Circumstances, as well as the opinion of my Seniors, Mr. Anderson & Mr. Lucas, I beg to assure your Honble Board, I am the last Man in the Service to have attempted pushing my Bill of Salary through the Offices: for it has ever been a Maxim with Me to pay implicit Obedience

to

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to the orders of Government and by every Act of inclination towards their pleasure for the good of the Service - to merit some Distinction, and I have also ever had the fullest Conviction of the tenderness of Government towards Individuals, wherever the Service could admit of it.

Impressed with this Belief, and understanding your Honble President had congratulated me upon the Salary, when he condescended to do so, upon my taking a Seat at the Hospital Board. - I have all along looked upon it as a matter entirely concluded, and upon reflection I hope it will appear to your Honble Board, hard indeed if I should lose my Staff appointment, and yet not a Member of the Hospital Board, continue in charge of the only General Hospital on the Coast where every Recruit in the Service may be said to receive a Bill of Health before he joins his Regiment, and where every Seaman, as well as every Soldier of every Corps in Kings and Company's Service is indiscriminately received (when the Regiment to which he belongs is absent) and where consequently there is infinitely more Labour and Responsibility than in the other Hospitals, and when added to these Considerations, every Necessary of Life, is one third dearer, nay I may say half as dear again as at either of the three other Stations - Permit

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me therefore Honble Sir and Sirs to hope that all these circumstances considered, will induce your Honble Board (as I have before taken the liberty to suggest) to read the Spirit and not the Letter of the Honorable Court of Directors, which will I presume confirm the Allowance I have drawn, and will place me upon the third Step of the Profession in graduat Succession - A Seat I have acquired by a severe and constant Service of Twenty two Years as a full Surgeon, and during which period I have always been in the Field whenever the Service has required my Attendance -

I rely on your well known Can=dour, Generosity, and Justice, and

Madras
19th August 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Thomas Davis
Head Surgeon -

The Board are of opinion that the long Services, Zeal & professional Abilities of Mr Davis entitle him to the particular attention of Govern=ment, & that the extraordinary labor attendant on his Station as Member of the Hospital Board & Head Surgeon of the General Hospital at Madras give him a Claim to the allowance settled for the third Senior Surgeon on the Establishment - Agreed therefore that Mr Davis be permitted to draw the Salary of £1500 p Annum -

Mr Davis's request complied with -

Read

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Read the following Letter from
Mr Digby, with Enclosures entered in the M. B.
Nos 12. 13. 14.

To John Chamier Esqr
Military Secretary

Fort St George

Sir

In reply to your Letter of the 10th
Instant signifying the pleasure of the Honble
President and Council that a more minute explan-
nation of the charge for Stores expended in the
Army - And the origin of the Causes of the loss
by Exchange &c be exhibited, before they can pass
judgement on these charges referred by the
Commissioner - I must in the first instance beg
leave to remark, that of the gross amount of
Stores here charged near thirty thousand Pagodas
worth were returned into the Garrisons, agreeable
to the Receipts of the Storekepers here enclosed,
and now actually compose a part of their Store, and
that the original Vouchers for the residue of these
Stores (about 15000 Pags) have necessarily been
annexed to my Accounts, when they passed through
the Auditors Office into the Paymaster Generals &
consequently no longer at my Commands, but the
accompanying Extracts (Letter A) will explain
from whence they came and also shews that I

was

From Mr Henelm Digby in explanation of the Charges in his Accounts under the Heads of Charge for Stores supplied the Southern Army & Difference of Exchange.

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was neither concerned nor directed the purchase of them, only receiving them as Supplies sent the Army, and paying the gross amount of them in my Accounts when I finally adjusted my Books with the Resident of Tanjore, and Superintendant of Assigned Revenue.

The annexed Paper Letter A will also particularize the Charges made to me, & which I accepted agreeable to the Spirit of my Instructions on these heads, that went to the insertion of every Sum charged against the Paymaster of the Southern Army - and such as I could not account for, were nevertheless to be written off in my Books to the head of Second War with Hyder Ally -

Had this system not been laid down I should not have to trouble you on the score of Exchange, as I should only have paged my receipts at the value of the Fanams when received into the Tumbrel, which would of course have thrown the adjustment of this loss into the Resident's & Superintendant's department - The accompanying Paper (Letter B) will specify the Sums, Coins, Exchange, and from whence recieved -

The difference between my Books and those of Revenue arises from the reduction of the Fanam and Porto Nova Pagoda into Stars at the rate of each place - They will further check my Receipts, but the rate of disbursement can only be proved correct, by the Records of the Country Cutcheries - However the proceedings of a Committee of

Brigadier

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Brigadier General Horne, John Huddleston and Eyles Irwin Esqrs will throw very considerable lights on this Subject, since it has investigated the Origin and course of Exchange in the very period, and will tend to corroborate my opertion on this head in my last letter to the Honorable Board -

I also annex the Order (letter C)

for assembling a board of Officers to ascertain the loss sustained by the Troops on the Article of ex= =change when they refused to accept the Tanjore fanam at the current rate of Tanjore -

After all it will appear by a

calculation of the difference upon the gross Sums, that a still farther amount should have been carried against the Company under this head, but, which was saved by negociating small Bills at Par, with such Individuals who were willing to bear the loss in consideration of an early discharge of their Claims -

The Commissioner who was

officially furnished with the Revenue Accounts has compared and extracted the actual differene of exchange as it is here represented by him -- The proportion of it to the Sums received can only be judged fairly of, by those who have been

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fellow Sufferers in the same Cause, and he (the Commissioner) might have confessed (as I have frequently heard him aver) that he never lost less than 12 or 15 p Cent on the bully Sanams he received at Trichinopoly, but Strust after the foregoing explications, and accompanying documents, that I shall stand exculpated from the surpicion of any misstatement of a Subject, a thousand living Witnesses can now speak to; I must then entreat, that the balance of my August Account Current, restrained by the Commissioner untill such time as these points have been cleared up, will now be released by order of Council.-

Madras
28th August 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) J. Digby

The Charges admitted.-

As the above Explanation of Mr Digby is satisfactory, it is Agreed to admit the Charges in her Accounts under the Heads of Difference of Exchange, and Sundry Stores supplied the Southern Army.-

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores.-

To

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.

President & Governor &c Council

of Fort St George

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs,

In looking over the Returns from

From the Committee of Stores, recommending that the General Order prohibiting the making up Stores without the Sanction of Government, be repealed. & that the allowance for Candles, except at the Presidency be hence forth paid in Money at such a rate.

different Garrisons under this Establishment, We observe that at Masulipatam, Vizagapatam and Tanjore, the Storekeepers have been making up Stores without permission & contrary to a General Order issued in the Year 1778 prohibiting any Stores being made up at out Garrisons unless by permission of Government.

As We do not know that these Stores when made, are ever examined by proper Officers or that the Returns are accompanied by proper Vouchers of their having been received; We beg leave to recommend to your Honble Board to issue a General Order to the above purport & to require it being strictly observed, which will remove many inconveniencies that will otherwise arise from a Latitude of this kind being allowed to Storekeepers.

Another Circumstance which has come under our Consideration, is the great arrear of Candles due to the Staff of the Army; for the Carriage of which particularly when the Army is in the Field a very heavy Expence is incurred. We therefore beg leave to recommend that all Arrears of Candles be discharged in Money, & that except at the Presidency where Candles are manufactured, & of

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course the expence of Carriage saved. the Officers
entitled to draw for them be paid in Money at the
following Rate,-

1 Candle per Day	2 Rupees p Month
2 Do	4 Do
4 Do	8 Do

And after the same Rate for
any other Number.

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We have the honor to be &c &c

/ Signed / Capper
Wm Petrie
W Sydenham
Jos Moorhouse

Recommendations of the Committee of Stores approved.

The Board approve the Recom-
-mendations of the Committee of Stores, and it is
accordingly Agreed that a General Order be pub-
-lished in conformity thereto -

Lieut Fireworker Richardson appointed youngest Ensign of Infantry -

The President informs the
Board that Lieut Fireworker Richardson has expressed
a desire, through the channel of his Commanding
Officer Lieut Colonel Sydenham to be removed to
the Infantry -

Agreed that Lieut Fireworker
Richardson be appointed youngest Ensign of Infantry
& that Conductor Charles Samuel Powney be ap-
-pointed to act as Lieut Fireworker of Artillery
untill the pleasure of the Court of Directors be
known -

Conductor Charles Samuel Powney appointed a Lieutenant Fireworker -

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Read the following Letters (entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 15 16 17)

From Colonel Capper Commissary General dated 17th Ultimo stating an application for the payment of Armourers &c attached to the 73d Regiment, & requesting the Orders of Government thereon; desiring also to know whether Mr Mackay Chaplain to the 52d Regiment is to receive Arrears of Pay, while attached to the 76th Regiment, to which he was appointed by the Lieut Colonel, Major General Campbell & enclosing Abstracts of Arrears of half Mounting, due to the 9th Battalion of Sepoys upon which Col. Capper requests the orders of the Board -

From Colonel Capper

Agreed that the Reverend Mr Mackay's Bill be discharged, and that the application of Colonel Capper respecting the Armourers &c to the 73d Regiment, and Arrears of half mounting to the 9th Battalion be referred to the consideration of the Military Board -

Minute thereon

From Colonel Nixon dated the 1st of September requesting to have the Orders of Government respecting the disposal of the Men confined at Nellore for the Robbery of the Shroffs near Sadras -

From Col. Nixon

Agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed that a Letter be addressed to the Nabob offering to deliver up the Prisoners at Vellore to His Highness, as the Robbery was not committed in a Place within the jurisdiction of our criminal Courts, and of course no Punishment can be inflicted by the Authority of our Government.

From the Town Major.

From the Town Major dated the 26th of August, enclosing sundry Papers in support of the probability of Deserters being secreted on board the Middlesex, two of whom were found in the Ship, and six others supposed to have been secreted, and to have sailed with the Ship to China.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Copy of the Town Major's Letter and of all the Enclosures be transmitted to England as Numbers on the Packet by the next Dispatch, and that the Conduct of Captain Rogers be reported to the Court of Directors, who will no doubt take a proper notice of this glaring disobedience of their positive Orders.

An Europe Dispatch to be prepared for the Swallow.

The President informing the Board of his Expectation that the Swallow Packet will touch upon the Coast before the Monsoon

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in her way to Europe it is Resolved that Dispatches be prepared for the Court of Directors and the usual Notice be given to send in the necessary Papers to the Publick Offices before the 5th of October.

" Arch. Campbell

" Alex. Davidson

" Jas. Kharamajon

W. C. Jackson
Dep. Sec.

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Dispatched the following Letters -

To the Honorable John Macpherson Esqr

Governor General &ca Council

at Fort William

Gentlemen

To Bengal - Their Directions in regard to the Provisional Treaty between Mr. Le Vicomte de Souillac & Colonel Cathcart have been paid attention to - a Copy of the Cartel, respecting Deserters, enclosed -

We have been honored with the receipt of your Letter of the 12th Ult. with its several Enclosures & have sent to Copies of such Articles of the Convention made by Mr. de Souillac & Lieut Colonel Cathcart to our Subordinate Settlements as appear'd to us necessary for their Guidance & Information, with strict Orders to pay the utmost Attention to them -

We have now the honor to send you Copy of a Cartel established between the President & Council of Fort St George & the Governor of Pondicherry relative to the delivering up mutually the Deserters of each Nation. -

As the Cartel abovementioned cannot fail of being attended with good Effects to the Service, We trust it will be honored with your Approbation. -

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We have the honor to be &c.

/ Signed / Arch.d Campbell

&ca Council

To

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To John Hudleston Esqr.

Resident at Tanjore

Sir

I am directed by the Board to inform

To the Resident at Tanjore, stating the Allowances granted to him & to the Revd. Mr. Swartz -

you, that from a Consideration of the Zeal & Services of the Revd Mr. Swartz they have resolved to grant him a Salary of £100 p Annum, as Interpreter to the Company - They have also Agreed that he shall be allowed 20 Pags p Month for a Palanken.

In notifying these Resolutions to Mr. Swartz, the Board desire you will express the high Sense they entertain of his Conduct, & the Satisfaction they derive from the hope that his zealous exertions in promoting the prosperity of the Rajah & his Country will be crowned with Success -

The Board have taken into Con=

=sideration your Letter of the 29th of May, on the Subject of your Allowances, and upon the conviction that they are insufficient to defray the Expences incident to your Station, have Resolved that you shall be permitted to draw from the 15th of February 1785 five Pagodas p Diem for your Table Expences - They regret that the State of the Company's Finances does not at this time enable them to annex more

considerable

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5 considerable Allowances to the Station, which you occupy at Tanjore.—

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I am Sir &c &c.

Signed / John Chamier Secy

Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in MB Nos 18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43.—

To Colonel Floyd, Enclosing Letter from the Governor General of Bengal to the Subahar of the Decan with a Copy translated for his information—also Extract of a Letter from the Governor General and Council, which they have desired may be communicated to him—

To Colo. Floyd

To Mr Terence Gahagan—the Board cannot discharge a Company's Bond by any other mode than the one fixed by the Honble Court of Directors in their Letter of 15th Sept. 1785.

To Mr Gahagan

To Mr Welch—to discontinue issuing Grain to the Troops at Arcot—

To Mr Welch

To Colonel Kumbold, informing him of the above Order—

To Colo. Kumbold

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To Manulipatam with a Return of European Infantry embarked on board the Foules for their Settlement—

To Manulipatam

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To Captain Blachford, Commanding

To Capt.n Blachford

the Honble Company's Ship, Foules - Ordered to receive on board his Ship for Masulipatam the Troops mentioned in the accompanying Return -

To Colonel Reinbold - the usual

To Col.o Reinbold

passage Money will be paid to the Reverend M.r Langstaff, agreably to his Request.

To M.r Vorcher, Deputy Paymaster

To M.r Vorcher

General to His Majesty's Troops, to pay the Rev.d M.r Langstaff the usual Allowance for Living's Chaplain on their return to Europe -

To Captain William Storey,

To Capt.n Storey

Commanding the Honble Company's Ship Landsdown - to receive on board for Bengal, Rich.d Clare, a Recruit.

To Captain North, Commanding

To Capt.n North

at Chinglepet, enclosing Petition from the Renter of Chinglepet, and desiring him to reply to the Complaint preferred therein -

To the Committee of Stores - re-

To the Committee of Stores -

-questing their opinion on the accompanying Indent of Military Stores for compleating Indents, and for future Supplies to the Troops under the Command of Brigadier General Horne -

To the Secretary to the Gov.r Gen.l

To M.r Bowers

& Co.a - Rich.d Clare, Recruit embarks on board the Landsdown to do duty at his Settlement, in the room of James Leslie -

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To the Committee of Stores - Their recommendations approved of; enclosing Extract of a G.O. issued in consequence.

To the Committee of Stores.

To Mr Alex.r Macleod, Agent for Supplies at Calcutta - to lose no time in procuring & forwarding the Articles of the Indent made to the Governor General and Council, under date the 4th April last.

To Mr. Macleod

To Mr Thos. Davis, Head Surgeon at the Presidency - in consequence of the extraordinary Labor attendant on his Station - the Board consider him entitled to the Allowance settled for the third Senior Surgeon on the Establishment Viz.t £300 p Annum

To Mr. Davis -

To Manulepatam, Trichinopoly, and Vellore, to advertize in their respective Garrisons for Sealed Proposals for victualling the General Hospital for 12 Months agreably to the enclosed Table of Diet -

To Manulepatam Trichinopoly & Vellore -

To Mr H. Digby - in consequence of his Explanation, the Board admit the Charges in his Account under the Heads of difference of Exchange & Sundry Stores supplied the Southern Army -

To Mr Digby

To the Committee of Stores; with Extract of the Letter from the Court of Directors dated 28th April last, & to desire their particular attention thereto.

To the Commee of Stores

To Col. Floyd Commanding the 2d Regt of Lt Drag.s informing him that as his Regiment has already received from the Northern Subordinacies the Sum of Pag.s 6925. 11. 49, it is reasonable to deduct that Sum from Pag.s 6912. 14. 33, for which Bills were to have been given -

To Col. Floyd.

To

6th To the Commissary General - The
Board consent to the discharge of the Arrears of Gra-
To Colo. Capper -tuity to the Reverend Mr. Mackay, and permit
Messrs Guy & Snow to visit the Presidency -

7th To Colonel Ross. Chief Engineer.

To Colonel Ross Ensign Prendergast permitted to proceed to Bengal
for Six Months but to draw no pay during his Absence

To Manulipatam - The claim of
Brigade Major Little for full Batta on account of
To Manulipatam Stationary is inadmissible; & the Board decline ad-
-mitting Captain Montgomery's Application
for full Batta, knowing of no instance in which
it is allowed, where there is a Chief and Council -

To Mr Falk. Paymaster at
Trichinopoly - to issue Bounty Money to the
To Mr Falk Lascars enlisted by Lieutenant Colonel Taner -

To Lieutenant Colonel Taner,

To Lieut. Col. Taner advising of the above -

8th To the Secretary to the Bengal
Council, transmitting an Invoice of small
To Mr Bowre Arms consigned to this Presidency, but not
Landed here, the Captains having promised
to deliver them at Bengal -

To Mr Joseph Garrow, Deputy
9th Military Paymaster; stating that Captain Lieut.
To Mr J. Garrow. Mitchell has the Board's permission to draw
Captains

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11. Captains half pay while in England during three years.

To the Committee of Works, enclosing

To the Commee of Stores copy of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Kop: and informing them that the Board concur in the Recommendation contained therein.

Received the undermentioned

Letters entered in the Miscellany Book N.° 44

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From Captain Lieut. Macalister

From Capt.n Lieut Macalister requesting that the Arrears due to his deceased Brother on account of His Highness the Nabobs Cavalry may be liquidated.

From M.r James Kirkpatrick;

From M.r James Kirkpatrick desiring further leave of absence, and to have his Name inserted in the late Promotion of Lieutenants

From M.r John Murray; solic-

From M.r Murray -iting an Allowance of Sixteen Pagodas per Mensem, as serving under the Deputy Agent during the War.

From Captain North; vin-

From Capt.n North. -dicates his Conduct against the Complaints of the Renters.

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At a Consultation Present

The Honorable Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

Tuesday 12th September 1786

Alexander Davidson Esqr

James Henry Casamaijor Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved -

Read the following Letter from

Mr Porcher)

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell

K. B. President & Governor &c Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Mr Porcher in vindication of his conduct as to his Intercourse with the Durbar

I have been honored by the

Receipt of a Letter from Mr Secretary Chamier

of this date enclosing Extract of a Letter from the

Honble Court of Directors dated 28th April last

and desiring me to state to your Honble Board

the Particulars of my Intercourse with the Nabob

relative to a proposed Loan to His Highness which

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the Honorable Court have thought proper to reprobate.

In Obedience to which I beg leave to state to you that the first Intimation I received from His Highness on the Subject of a Loan was conveyed to me through his Private Secretary, whose Message was to this effect - "That in the present Situation of his, the Nabobi, Affairs nothing could contribute more to his own Ease, to the faithful discharge of his Engagements with the Company, and to the Re-establishment of his Country, than a permission to borrow Money at a certain fixed Interest; and that this could only be effected thro' the Channel of British Subjects, from whom he could obtain Money on more moderate Terms than from the Natives; and being perswaded that the Necessity of this measure would be admitted, desired to make use of my Name, being a Person in every respect agreeable to him, and promised that whatever Terms might be agreed on in consequence, they should be laid before the Governor & Council for the public Approbation, as it was his Intention that any Engagement of this kind should take place under the Eye & Sanction of Government."

I presented my Respects to the Nabob with Thanks for the honor he proposed conferring on me, that however disposed to acquiesce in His wishes, as I was a Servant of the Company could not possibly listen to any Proposal whatever from

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from His Highness in the way of Loan or otherwise without express permission from the Governor and Council –

A few days afterwards I received a second Message from the Nabob telling me that the permission which I had deemed a necessary Preliminary to the negociating a Loan to Him, had been granted by the several Members of the Board, in consequence of his Representations in regard to it. He begged therefore to know the Terms on which I would consent to lend him 15 Lacks of Pagodas for 5 Years –

My Honble Employers may be apt to wonder that the Negociation did not originate with me but with the Nabob – this the late Administration will do me the Justice to acknowledge and will also acquit me of any Intention to enter into much less to conclude any Engagement with His Highness without their Sanction.

The Honble Court conceive that the Terms would have been highly prejudicial to the Affairs of the Nabob – on this I shall offer a Remark which is indeed of some Scope by the various Proofs it affords – that His Highness on the Rejection of the Proposals he might have entered into with me at 25 p Cent including all Charges, was obliged (if necessity

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Necessity required) to borrow from Soucars at no
less than 48 p Cent p Annum, of which the most
unequivocal Proof is not wanting.)

I hope I have said sufficient to
prove not only that the Honble Board were duly
informed of the nature of the Engagement I was
making before I had actually concluded it, as
far as depended on me; but that in conformity
to the rigid line of my Duty as a Servant of the
Company, I took no Step whatever towards nego-
-ciating the Loan which they thought proper
afterwards to disapprove, and reject, without first
acquainting them with the same -

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23d August 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Jos Du Pré Porcher

Minute thereon

The Board find on Enquiry that
His Highness the Nabob did repeatedly apply in person
to the Members of the late Government, urging in
the strongest manner the necessity of raising Money
by Loan, and the Benefit it would prove to His
Highness to receive their Sanction for borrowing
it at 25 p Cent; and stating that he must have
paid a much higher Premium to Native Soucars,
and for that reason requested their Sanction to
the Proposals of Mr Porcher. That to this Re-
-quisition the late Government were much

averse

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averse and strenuously endeavoured to persuade the Nabob from the Measure — That out of a Respect however to His Highness, they did not peremptorily refuse to listen to what he had declared to be so essential to his Welfare; keeping in Mind the Orders of the Company, and acting with Delicacy at the same time towards His Highness, they did in consequence hold it in Reserve to temporize with him, with a View ultimately to reject his Requisition, which they at length effected —

From the foregoing Circumstances it appears, that the Proposals offered by Mr. Porcher were not without the knowledge of the Members of the late Government, and such being the case, the Board are of opinion, that there is sufficient Ground to enable them to justify Mr. Porcher from any clandestine Correspondence with the Durbar in their next Dispatches to the Honorable Court —

The Board acquit Mr. Porcher of any clandestine Correspondence with the Durbar.

Read the following Reports from the Committee of Inspection at Tanjore —

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To John Chamier Esq.r

Secretary Military & Political Departm.t

Fort St George.

From the Secretary to the Committee of Inspection enclosing their Proceedings

Sir

I have the honor to transmit the Proceedings of the Committee of Inspection on the 14.th and 26.th Instant, and am

Tanjour 30.th August 1786

Sir &.c &.c

/Signed/ Hon.e Hippesley Secry

Committee of Inspection

Present

John Hudleston Esq.r

Colonel Stuart

The Rev.d Mr. Swartz

Mr. Hippesley

From the Committee of Inspection; Mr. Swartz admitted a Member without any Reservation - The Oath of Secrecy administered to the respective Members - No Interference of black Agents or Dubashes to be admitted

The President informs the Committee that the Honble the Governor has directed him to acquaint them that such was his opinion of the Abilities & Integrity of the Revd Mr Swartz, that he had recommended it to the Board that Mr Swartz should be admitted a Member of the Committee of Inspection without any reservation whatever, & that the Board had concurred entirely in his (the Governors) Opinion -

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The Resident also informs the Com=
=mittee that the Governor recommends the utmost
Circumspection & Secrecy to be observed in all their
Procedings, & that the Governor thinks it will
be a Relief to their own Minds that an Oath
of Secrecy be administered to each Member, res=
=training him from all communication on
the objects of the Institution, while the same are
under Consideration, or untill finally carried
into Effect, & has therefore sent the Resident
Copy of an Oath proper to be taken on the occasion
& directed the Resident to cause it to be duly
administered. The Resident accordingly lays
before the Committee the Oath, which is administered
to each Member of the Committee, & recorded -

The Resident further informs the
Committee that Government has recommended to
her particular attention, thro the Honble the Governor
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 attention of the Committee. The Resident
declares to the Committee his sincere Concurrence in
the above Recommendation, and his Intention strictly
to adhere to it - He begs leave also to observe that
during the whole time of his Residence here, He has
never, to the best of his recollection, employed his
Dubash to interpret between the Rajah, and him
except on occasions where it might have been * * *
inconvenient

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inconvenient to Mr Swartz to attend, & except when the Rajah fixed on a Sunday for the Conference, & these Instances have not at farthest exceeded four -

The President acquaints the Committee that he hoped to have been able to lay before them at this meeting his Information relative to the State of the Country, but from unavoidable Circumstances he is obliged to defer it yet a few days.

Tanjour
14th August 1786

J Hudleston
Signed / F Stuart
C F Swartz
F. H. Hippesley

Committee of Inspection

Present
John Hudleston Esqr
Colonel Stuart
Revd Mr Swartz
Mr Hippesley.

From the Committee of Inspection, the President delivers in a State of the Cultivation of the Tanjore Country with a Minute thereon. - Mr Hippesley gives his opinion on the State of the Country & recommends that the Committee meet once a Fortnight & that a Survey of the Country be set on Foot - Opinion of the respective Members thereon - Mr Hippesley replies to the Observations of the President -

Mr Hudleston delivers in a State of the Cultivation of the Tanjour Country with the following Minute. Viz.t

"The Paper I have now delivered intends to shew the State of the Cultivation in this Country the present year, & the decrease that may be expected in the Crop - comparing it with the last -

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I hope however the decrease may be somewhat less than stated, as the Tengadee People have returned while the Statement was making out, & I have also the Satisfaction to acquaint the Committee that those of Myaveram are come back - some indeed have undertaken to cultivate a portion of Land for the French, but they cultivate their own Villages besides - The people of the four Southern Districts are also returned, & the Principals of them are now negociating with the Minister - The Sheally people returned some time since - in short I believe almost all of the late Emigrants are come back, and had the Rajah taken the same measures a few days sooner there would have been no deficiency -

I said late Emigrants, for doubt-
-less many Tanjour People now reside, & cultivate in the surrounding Districts of Ramnadporam, Tondiman's Country, Shevegunga, Revalore, Carical, and Devecotah, & of those people it is too true that, some have fled even since the Peace - these drains added to the immense numbers destroyed, & carried into the Mysore Country during the War, leave not more than an light part of the number of Inhabitants, which the Tanjour Country possessed before it was taken by the Nabob in the Year 1773.

In regard to the Manufactures with which this Country formerly abounded, there

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is only here & there a Vestige of them to be seen - some few of the Manufacturers reside in the neighbouring Districts, but far the greater part were carried away by the Enemy -

Such is in substance the present State of the Tanjour Country, according to the most accurate Information that I have been able to obtain - With regard to the Measures necessary to restore it to prosperity, to point them out is an easy Task - Let the Inhabitants who remain be freed from all the undue exactions that have been laid upon them - define what is to be required of them in future, & cause it to be strictly adhered to, proclaim the same justice, & Encouragement, to those who have emigrated, or who have not returned from the places to which they fled for Refuge " " during the War - assist them with Money to enable them to build their habitations; to furnish them= =selves with Instruments of Husbandry, and to undertake the various operations, & Repairs, that are necessary to put into a State for Cultivation Lands that have been long neglected - Of the Balances due to the Sircar part should be remitted, & payment of the remainder enacted only at such future periods, & in such proportions, as that the Debtors may be able to discharge them by degrees out of the produce of their Labour - such indulgencies would not only bring back the people who have fled, but draw Inhabitants from every quarter, for so "

bountiful

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bountiful has Providence been to the Tanjour Country that nothing can be wanting to ensure its prosperity but peace, and an equitable Government - To procure the Adoption of so salutary a change of System without wounding the Rajahs feelings, or doing any thing derogatory to his Rights, is, I am sure, the only aim of Government, & as his Excellency now shews a disposition favorable to it, I need not trouble the Committee with the thoughts that have occurred to me respecting coercive measures, or forcible interference in the management of that Country.

To work so sudden a Change on the Rajahs Mind as to induce him at once to adopt the principles of an enlightened Policy, & extend to his people all the Indulgencies I have stated, cannot be hoped for - We may hope however to effect it by degrees - the Work is already begun & I reflect with infinite Satisfaction that Mr Swartz has seen, & joined in, my endeavours to accomplish it, & that he will be a Witness of, and a chearful Assistant in those which I shall invariably direct to that purpose as long as I may remain in my present Station; but here I must freely mention what I think will be necessary to be done on the part of the Company towards this beneficial Work. The Exigencies of publick affairs have occasioned the Government to exact payment of the Arrears of Subsidy, & the Rajah was with great difficulty prevailed upon to

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agree to an Arrangement for the discharge of them in a shorter time, than will be compatible with his doing all we wish him to do for the Relief & encouragement of his People; he has paid this year from December to April inclusive 6 Lacks of Pags or two Lacks over & above the Current Tributes and by his Agreement he is to pay the same within the same period next Year - I am fully of opinion, that this will be too heavy a Burthen, & that an abatement of a Lacke & a half or at least a Lacke should be made in it - Secondly, the Periods stipulated for the payment of the Rents, being the time of the gathering in of the Crop when the Rajah cannot dispose of his Share to any advan=tage, he has thereby been induced (or at least is afforded some pretext) to oblige his Inhabitants to take it at an higher price than they can sell it for, & the Inhabitants on their part are obliged to dispose of the Grain immediately for whatever it will fetch, instead of waiting a few months when it would yield as much or perhaps more than the price charged to them by the Rajah, while no further benefit accrued from it, to the Company than that of receiv=ing the Rents a few months earlier; - I would therefore propose that it be recommended to the Honble Board to let the Rents be equally divided, or nearly so, on the different Months of the year instead of exacting the payment of the whole within the periods stipulated in my Agreement with the Rajah -

/Signed/ J. Huddleston.

My Sentiments are the same /Signed/ C. F. Swartz --

M.C.

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Mr Hippesley delivers the following Minute -

Mr Hippesley begs to observe

that from every Information he has been able to pro-
-cure he understands that the emigrated Inhabitants
are returning as fast as can be expected, & in general
are satisfied with the Terms of Cultivation offered
by the Rajahs Managers - but as this degree of
Confidence has been wholly derived from the popular
opinion of the interposition, & tutilary Powers of the
Committee, & as it is demonstrable that the sudden
Change of System on the part of the Rajahs Government
has originated from the same principle, it should seem
advisable that the meetings of the Committee be
regularly held at stated periods (suppose once in a
fortnight) tho' no immediate business may offer for
their Consideration -

It cannot be supposed that so
sudden a reform has been produced by a Conviction
of Sentiments that promises a permanent duration
if the Ostensibility of the Functions of the Committee
is permitted to relax - It is to be presumed that no
Member of the Committee wishes for an occasion to call
forth the coercive interposition of its Powers, but will
rather derive Satisfaction in seeing the Rajah's Govern
-ment become the immediate Instrument of the Con-
-tent & Security of his people - To keep the Machine
of good Government in motion may be no difficult
Task, but we have seen the difficulty of setting it
in Motion, after such a long & obstinate Inaction.

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The first Impressions of uneasiness in the Rajahs breast, have probably now subsided, they may be revived if by our Relaxation, the Minister resumes his disposition, & we may be obliged by dint of our collective Authority, to reproduce those Effects, which have now been happily brought about by the mild, but steady remonstrances of one of our Members - the Revd Mr Swartz, whose name cannot but be mentioned with the respect inseparably attached to it

From the Accounts Mr Hippesley had received of the Emigration from the five greater Districts he understands that from the Sheally District, two thirds of the Inhabitants has left the Country, the same proportion in the Mayaveram District; in Combaconum, about one third; in the Paponasum at least two thirds, and of 12 Villages of Elengad (a part of the latter District) Eleven hundred families consisting at a very low Calculation of 7000 Persons had all fled to the adjacent Countries, but all of whom, within the last fortnight, have returned, as have three fourths, in general of the Emigrants throughout the Country -

From the Munargoody District (including Trivelour) the Number of Emigrants was not so considerable, for there, as in the Combaconum District, they were checked by the Sepoys on the Revenue Collections, & being more centrical their flight was not easily affected, tho' great numbers

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still had fled to the French Districts, where they have commenced the Cultivation of above 500 Vallies. Each Vallie producing, at a Medium, 200 Cullums of Grain.

The Proportion of the Paddy cultivation of the five larger Districts, immediately before the War, was as follows - Mayaveram, 26 Lacks of Cullums - Sheally 12 Lacks - Combaconum 28 Lacks; Munar=goody 32 Lacks, Papanasum 28 Lacks - The Residue to make up the usual produce of the Crop of Paddy was gathered from the low grounds of the Southern Districts, producing in general, only the smaller sorts of Grain.

From this Sketch of the usual Cultiv=vation & recent Emigration of the Cultivators, com=pared with the Accounts which the last 14 Days have produced, the salutary Consequences of the present Change of System may be estimated, & as it is to be fairly presumed that an Apprehension of the Committee's active Interposition can alone have effected it, Mr Hippesley submits to the Committee the Expediency of his proposition of fixing known and stated periods of Assembly -

The Committee may from time to time as directed have the honor of suggesting to Government such Measures as they conceive most expedient to restore this Country to its former Prosperity; that Event however must be a work of time combined with a still greater extension of Indulgence to the Inhabitants than they now experience

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in need of lenient, & soothing treatment, & when he may be in a disposition most favorable for receiving those impressions which I ardently wish, & am constantly endeavouring to make upon him - further knowing, as I do, the Rajahs Disposition, I even think it far from impossible that the frequent recurrence to Threats & intimidation which this proposition vir= =tually recommends, might at length drive the Rajah to despair, or incurable obstinacy - finally I am happy in knowing that all, or any of these effects, are diametrically opposite to the intentions of our Superiors - Benificence not rigour - not unne= =cessary Severity is the Characteristick of their orders - I will here quote the words of the Governor in the last Letter he has honored me with; I am sure I cannot do it on an apter occasion "That end attained (i.e. justice rendered to the people) all my Wishes are gratified, & all my anxities removed" -

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"Colonel Stuart is clearly of opinion that the proposition points to a most usefull & necessary measure, which would prove highly satisfactory to Government, but as it appears, it might create uneasiness to the Rajah, & as Mr Swartz thinks it may be more advisable to make it a reference to Government, rather than adopt it immediately; He concurs with Mr Swartz as to the reference"—

Mr Hippersley very chearfully assents to a reference to Government on the Subject of both his propositions— The Arguments that occurred to him in support of the first, he conceived would have been conclusive; & with respect to the second, he begs to be understood that neither the Letter or Spirit of his Minute can be interpreted into a proposition of an actual Survey of the Tanjore Country, commenced on the bare resolution of the Committee— the precise proposition is "to set on foot an accurate Enquiry "of the number of uncultivated Vallies together with "a more minute Investigation of the Resources of "this Country"— Such was the express object of the Proposition, to which Mr Hippersley had conceived the Committee bound by the very Spirit of its Institution, but as the Idea of a Survey has been blended with it, Mr Hippersley is equally an advocate for the Extension of the Idea, & thinks it his Duty after what has been thrown out, to declare that in whatever point of view His Excellency

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the Rajah might consider such a Measure, it is nevertheless in Mr Kipperley's opinion highly expedient, & proper to be submitted to the Wisdom of Government -

It may be very advisable to inform the Rajah of the Object of such a Survey, but Mr Kipperley conceives that His Excellency's Assent or Dissent is not to be conclusive, nor is there any reason in justice or Policy, why a greater deference should be extended on such an occasion to His Excellency the Rajah, than to His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, whose Country has been open to our Surveys & information, in every direction.

It has been said the Novelty of a Survey at this moment would excite alarms in the Rajah's breast; It may be possible, but probably not, if properly explained to him - At any rate the Novelty is rather an obvious argument for, than a dissuasive from the measure - A Deference to the Rajah's feelings may be extended to injurious lengths, & Mr Kipperley cannot but think that this occasion might offer an Example.

The Tanjore Country in consideration of its Subsidy to the Honble Company, its local Situation & its Resources forms one of the most valuable connexions of the British Interests in India - In the event of War either with European or Native Powers, the Resources, & Topography of the Country become equally interesting

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It probably would be one of the first Objects attacked and on the other hand it is confessedly the most advantageous Situation to accumulate the means of Offensive Operation on our own part.

With respect to the present mo-
-ment, we evidence frequent Subjects of dispute on the borders adjacent to the Marcial Districts - That they should be well defined, & the various Channells of the Cavery, the Mounds, Sluices &c. laid down with Accuracy, will not bear a question - the apprehen-
-sion of national differences on this very Subject, was a material consideration with the Honble President for the Establishment of a Local reference competent to guard against eventual Evil - How materially could a just decision be facilitated, by adverting to such Evidence as might be collected from an accurate Survey?

In Military as well as in Po-
-litical contemplation, the arguments appear to be equally conclusive, & since the Rajah has, by Treaty, bound himself to keep up no Military force, submitting, in consideration of a common Interest, the protection of his Country to the British Arms, and as the Commandant of the Garrison is by the orders of the Honble Company made responsible for the safety of the whole Province, in such a predicament, should it seem an excess of Authority, were the Commandant on his own Act even to inform himself minutely

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and professionally of its Resources? It is to his immediate Superiours, not to the Rajah, that he is responsible for his Trust - If these premises be granted the inference is too obvious to be insisted on -

The arguments opposed to Mr. Hipperley's Propositions are chiefly reducible to considerations of Delicacy towards the Rajah, combined with an apprehension of the Effects of his Despair -

Mr. Hipperley hopes & trusts that he may not be thought wanting of the just feelings of respect & delicacy towards His Excellency, tho' they may not be squared to the Standard of others, & he flatters himself that his Sentiments on this Subject will not be disapproved of by his Superiors - To avert rather than enforce coercive measures is as fully his Wish as it can be of any other Member of the Committee, and the Experience of four years on the Spot (a great part of which time he had the honor of being on intercourse with the Rajah) has enabled him to form and strengthen those opinions which He now thinks it his duty to record -

With respect to his differing in opinion more particularly with one respectable Member of this Committee, Mr. Hipperley cannot but consider himself as standing on different ground & thence viewing the same object thro' a different Medium - The recorded Protest of that respectable Member

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Member against "bearing a part in any coercive mea-
-sure however necessary" demonstrates this assumption.
His sacred function is the assigned reason - a friendly
intercourse with the Rajah from his accession, may
be also allowed to bias the tender Sensibility of private
regards, and to revolt the Mind against the sterner
Dictates of civil Policy!

As a Servant of the Company
and having no other conviction than the furtherance
of their Interests combined with the Prosperity &
real Interests of the Prince & People, who stand pledged
to their protection, Mr. Hippesley thinks it incum-
-bent on him to state that he cannot accede to the
Principle of the Arguments brought against him,
tho' receiving such venerable support. He cannot
consider that the Concessions already made to the
Inhabitants, and, which under the presumed influence
of the Committee, has so far contributed to avert the
impending ruin, will warrant any apparent
relaxation on the part of the Committee - The
Impositions on those Articles of Consumption deemed
most essential by the Natives, still remain in
force, & will prove a Barrier against the Population
& Prosperity of the Country if not removed.

With respect to our tender-
-ness for the Rajah's feelings, which it is to be hoped
will never wantonly be wounded, let it be consi-
-dered that to whatever excess the Severity and
Exactions of this Government have lately been
extended

extended, the Rajah has avowed himself the Author of all! He pleads no ignorance, & he has rejected every Argument, and Entreaty of the Honble Board collectively, of the Honble Presidents of the Supreme Government, & of our own, individually; every exhortation of public Duty & private friendship, to render Justice to his Subjects, & to save his Country from Ruin! All this he has rejected! The Committee is instituted "save my Authority." he exclaims, & "I will now do the needful." His Authority has been saved, & much certainly has been done; but the Moment of Collection, not of Advances will be the Test of Sincerity on the part of the Rajah's Go=-vernment; & the greater Collections cannot take place 'till the ensuing year.

With respect to apprehensions of the Consequences of the Rajah's eventual Despair if his wishes (however capricious) are not yielded to;- the Evidence of Facts may readily calm any such apprehensions -

The great Crop of 1781/2 by the Perverseness of the Rajah's Ministers deaf to all remonstrances, fell a Sacrifice to the Enemy & subsisted their Army to the destruction of the Country - That of 1782/3 might have had the same fate: Mr Kipperley was then acting for the Resident at the Rajah's Durbar, which then too had resisted every entreaty & argument

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to induce them to bring in the Crop, tho' every day a great part was withering on the Stalk - It was thought necessary to have recourse to other means; - The Rajah was informed that if an Order was not given out in 24 hours, the Servants of the Company would take upon themselves to cut the Crop, & as the means were ostensibly at hand, the conviction begot a compliance, which no argument or Entreaty could induce, & the impression of the threatened interference was no sooner felt, than forgotten -

The detail of this fact is to be found in the Correspondence of Mr. Sullivan with Government in the Month of Febry 1783 - & is one of many similar instances which led to a just estimation of probable Events, & the means most likely to avert, or produce them -

Mr. Hepperley will intrude no further on the Committee, but in the conviction of his most deliberate Sentiments, thinks himself bound to this declaration." /Signed/ J. C. Hepperley

Mr. Huddleston finding on the Proceedings of the Committee the 27th. Instant being sent to him for his Signature, a long Minute added to them by Mr. Hepperley since the meeting, & under the necessity of desiring leave to mention his intention of submitting to the Committee, and

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the Honble Board his thoughts on what is contained in this, as well as Mr. Hippesley's former minute in a few days – at present he will offer but a few words which he must preface with observing that the Minute added by Mr Hippesley, besides reciting the arguments which he urged at the meeting in support of his propositions, & in answer to the disapprobation expressed of them by Mr Swartz. & Mr Hudleston, comprehends a great variety of matter & reasoning, that was not then offered to the Committee, & Mr Hudleston doubts if this mode can be agreeable to the intentions of the Honble Board, and if they will not consider it as calculated to bring before them rather the separate opinions, & compositions of an individual Member of the Committee, than the collective, & deliberate judgement of the whole –

Mr Hudleston is aware that the few Observations which he submitted upon Mr Hippesley's first proposition tho' begun at the Table during the Meeting, were not quite finished till after the Members had seperated but he added nothing to them that he had not mentioned verbally at the meeting, & they were sent to Mr Hippesley (as Secretary) the same Evening –

Mr Hudleston tho' he cannot at present enter into any minute discussion of Mr Hippesley's last Minute, feels it essential to the

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the discharge of his Conscience and of his duty, to express his entire disapprobation of its general doctrine & tendency - The ideas it inculcates of the nature of the Company's connection with the Rajah of Tanjour are such as Mr. Hudleston thinks have never been hitherto entertained, & such as he is persuaded never will be adopted while the Rajah preserves his faith, & fulfills his Engagements to the Company, for Mr. Hudleston humbly conceives they tend to oppose the pleas of utility & convenience to justice; - the origin of the Company's connexion with the Nabob is marked with circumstances that bear no Analogy to those which gave rise to their connexion with the Rajah - The Engagements subsisting between them Mr. Hudleston also con= =ceives to be essentially different, but he is of opinion that a comparison of this nature was never meant by our Superiors to form any part of the deliberations of the Committee of Inspection -

Respecting what Mr. Hippesley terms "the recorded Protest" of Mr. Swartz, Mr. Hudleston chearfully leaves it to Mr. Swartz himself to explain his meaning, & to the Honble Board to judge from such explanation whether "his sacred function" was the only consideration, which in= =fluenced Mr. Swartz to declare against bearing any part in coercive measures towards the Rajah. - Mr. Hudleston cannot admit the Incompatability which Mr. Hippesley seems to infer between the sensibility

sensibility of private regards & the dictates of civil Policy - for in his opinion the dictates of civil, or at least of true Policy (as applicable to the conduct proper to be observed towards the Rajah of Tanjour & every other Prince with whom we are connected) go hand in hand with the obligations of justice, & a sacred regard to public faith -

Mr. Hudleston will only further observe that there is no existing doubt or dispute as to the respective limits or borders of the Carical Districts, & those of the Rajah, & consequently there can be no necessity for defining them - with regard to the disputes between the french & Tanjour Inhabitants that have occurred during Mr. Hudleston's Residence there, whether the attention that has been paid to them and the manner in which they have been adjusted have evinced any neglect on his part or deficiency of local reference" he chearfully leaves to his Superiors to determine".

(Signed) J. Hudleston

Mr. Hippesley is extremely concerned to find the proceedings of the Committee deviating to irregularity, & the imputation of it thrown upon them, while he conceives himself to be strictly regular - A Proposition was made by Mr Hippesley; it was objected to: & Mr. Hippesley conceives, by all rules of debate, he was entitled to rejoin with any Argument to support the same

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specific propositions;- that Rejoinder was commenced in Committee; Mr. Hudleston requested to compleat his original reply out of Committee; Mr. Hippesley conceived himself entitled to the same indulgence; both the Reply & Rejoinder were commenced in the presence of all the Members originally assembled and the circumstance of Colonel Stuart being obliged to proceed to the Presidency, in that state of the Committee, Mr. Hippesley conceives, was binding on the conclusion of the Proceedings with his own Rejoinder..

Mr. Hippesley on this principle forbears any further discussions.- The respective opinion of each Member will, in this state, be submitted to the judgement of their Superiors, who are the best Judges of the Rajahs political connexion with our Government;- how far they have a discretion to ascertain the limits & resources of a Country they are pledged to defend; and how far the successfull adjustment of former disputes with the Settlement of Karical, is a security for the same Success in future...

It will be an ill Compliment to the wisdom of Government to intrude further Arguments at this or any future period in support or disapprobation of the two simple propositions involved in Mr Hippesley's original Minute;- the occupations of Government are ill fitted to such discussions

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discussions, & Mr Hippesley reflects with some con=
-fusion at his own trespass –

/Signed/ J. C. Hippesley

The Revd Mr Swartz desires the
following Minute to be inserted –

"I confess that my function
makes me wish (to speak in the mildest terms)
that no coercive methods may be used against
the Rajah, but surely that is not the only reason
which makes me abhorr force – Nay I mentioned
in the Committee one of a different Nature –

The recollection of all that hap=
-pened before the second Siege – the injustice of the
Nabob against the Rajah, which was removed in
a great measure by the Restoration – the solemn
Promise which was given to him, & which was
published in three Languages, to preserve his au=
-thority in the Government, the many hardships
which he has suffered & to which he in some mea
=sure submitted, give him a Title or a full right,
to be treated with Lenity – By such a treatment
which he may justly claim, his Mind will not
only be preserved in a state of tranquility – but
our Neighbours will also observe the most sacred
regard which we pay to our solemn promises,
which may be of greater Importance & of course
ought to be of greater force than the consideration
of Utility –

My friendly intercourse with the

Rajah

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Rajah from his Accession shall never biass me to be regardless of the injustice he has done to his oppressed people - This I have declared more than once, when I humbly entreated him to have Mercy on his Subjects for which plain declaration I lost in some degree his good opinion -

But as the Law threateneth the disobedient it shews kindness to those who begin earnestly to follow its dictates -

This is the case of the Rajah, whether from good motives or mere fear, certain it is he has sent to his people such terms as they never were acquainted with - He has taken off Taxes which were laid on them in his Father's times he has charged his Subadars to publish them - The Inhabi-tants confess, that if he religeously keeps those promises they shall be very happy -

As to the two Articles of Butter & Salt, he will no doubt relieve his people very soon -

As to the uncultivated fields we know for certain, that many thousand Acres or Vallies lie barren - But this is owing to the small number of Inhabitants, which no Survey will multiply -

As to a proper Survey made by an Engineer it has been made already by Colonel Rosp - Major Stevens, Captain Dogood, and Captain Alexander Read - Whether they have only begun or perfectly finished it, I cannot as-certain - Sure I am that it was undertaken and I was on the Spot with the abovementioned

Gentlemen

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Gentlemen when they actually were surveying -

/ Signed / C. F. Swartz

Tanjour
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{Signed} J Hudleston
F Swartz
H. Hepperley

Statement of Cultivation delivered in Committee by the Resident of Tanjore -

Papanasom District which includes Elongaudoo Santala & Vellum &ca contained formerly lands 12000 Valeys, out of which last year the Inhabitants cultivated 7592 3/4 Valeys produced Paddy - 93,8542 Collums

The State of the above District stands in the following manner for the present Year Viz^t The Inhabitants rented from the Rajah, and have bound themselves in a Penalty Bond for 2341 3/4 Valeys on which there will be no deficiency - - - - - - - - - - Collums 316542 -

At Elongaudo the Inhabitants of 700 Valeys not being returned may be the Loss of 100,000

Santala, & Vellum Inhabitants returned late in the Season therefore 300 Valeys will fall short in the cultivation of the Carr Crop - - - - - Paddy - - 40,000

Ditto out of Sumba and Pesanom Crop one quarter will fall deficient from the same cause - - - - - - - - - - 40,000

Maroor Inhabitants, & Polygar returned late in the Season, the cultivation may not be more than half by which the deficiency will be - - - - - 50000

Deficiency in Paponasum District 1,900 Valey. or 2,30,000

Carried over.

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Brot over — 938542..

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The Inhabitants now cultivating about 3251
Valeys - it is judged no deficiency will arese in the
above Valeys - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 392000 — 938542

Comboconum District formerly contained 15000 Valeys of land out of
which last year the Inhabitants cultivated 9857 Valeys, produced
Paddy - Collums 1855000

The State of the above District stands in the following
manner for the present Year Viz.
The Inhabitants rented from the Rajah, & have bound
themselves in a Penalty Bond for 3237 Valeys out of
which none will fall short - - - Collums 705203.3

The Inhabitants cultivating 4320 Valeys it
is judged no deficiency will arise - - - - - - 89796.9

The Inhabitants not able to cultivate about
1500 Valey by which the deficiency will be about 250000 — 1855000

Mayaveram District contained formerly 3500 Valeys of Lands, out of
which last year the Inhabitants cultivated 8552 Valeys or produced
Paddy - Collums 1610628

The State of the above District stands in the following
manner for the present year, Viz.
The Inhabitants rented from the Rajah, and have bound
themselves in a Penalty for 3154 Valeys out of which there
will be no deficiency - - - - - Collums - - 677725

The Inhabitants are cultivating 3198 Valeys
& it is judged no deficiency will arise - - - 717903

Nandia Padiachy having left the Country
who used to cultivate 200 Valeys, and not
being yet returned the loss will be
Collums - - - - - - - - - - - - - 45000

A few head Inhabitants at Carical
not being returned their land is
300 Valeys, the loss may be - - - 100000

Some Inhabitants confined at Mayaveram
& lately released, who not being able
to cultivate out of their Land 1200 Valeys
the Loss may be - - - - - - - - - 130000 — 275000 — 1610628

Sheddy

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Sheally District contained formerly 7500 Valey of land out of which last year the Inhabitants cultivated 2929 Valeys, or produced Paddy ---------- Collums -- 455791

The State of the above District stands in the following manner for the prevent Year Viz.t

Two principal Inhabitants rented from the Rajah and have bound themselves in a Penalty Bond for 1429 Valeys out of which there will be no deficiency Collums 217558

The Inhabitants are cultivating 1100 Valeys, & it is judged there will be no deficiency ---- 168233

Most of the Inhabitants are returned both the greater part of them very late, and a few are stile to return, the loss that will be occasioned thereby may be about 400 Valeys, or Paddy ---------- 70000 455791

Mannercoil District containied formerly 22000 Valeys of Land out of which last year the Inhabitants cultivated 15006 ½ Valeys or produced Paddy ---------- Collums 2468000

The State of the above District stands in the following manner for this Year Viz.t --

The Principal Inhabitants rented from the Rajah, and have bound themselves in a Penalty Bond for 9138 ½ Valeys, out of which there will be some small deficiency, both they are capable of making good Collums ---------- 1712852. 8

The Inhabitants are cultivating 4468 Valeys, & it is judged no deficiency will arise - 555147. 4

2268000. --

Carried over

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Brot over - - 2468000

Brot over 2268000

The Inhabitants having returned very
late, & not being able to cultivate, and
some Village people being still to return
the loss is computed to be about 1/100
Valeys or Paddy - - - - - - - - - - - - 200000 — 2468000

Abstract or the Amount of the total Cultivation of Lands

last year in Papanasom, Combaconum, Mayaveram Shially and
Manner coil Districts 43137 ps Valey or Produce of Paddy 732,7961 Collms

The Inhabitants in these five Districts rented from
the Rajah, & have bound themselves in Penalty for
19300 ps Valey out of which there will be no deficiency
Collons - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 3569880.11

The Inhabitants are cultivating and it
is judged no deficiency will arise 16437
Valeys, Paddy - - - - - - - - - - - - - 273380.1

The Loss that will be incurred on
account of the Inhabitants returning
late & not being able to cultivate, &
also by some not being yet returned
may be about 7400 Valeys or Paddy 12.25.000

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N.B. Puttocotah District it is said will not fall short
the Rajahs Aumildars are trying their utmost endeavours to
bring back the Nalnadoo, and Anja Nadoo Colleries, but it
is not yet settled..

Signed / Hudleston

Agreed

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Agreed that the Committee of

Minute on the foregoing Papers.

Inspection be informed, that the Board consider the Instructions already given to them sufficiently full and explicit to guide them in the conduct they ought to pursue: & that it appears unnecessary at present to give them further Orders on the Subject -

Read the following Letter from the Commissary General -

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.

President & Governor &ca Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to lay before you Claims for Oil & Poon Money from Captain Baird of His Majesty's 73.d Regiment, as they are Arrears of a long standing, it is necessary I should receive your Commands before they can be countersigned by me.

From the Commissary General requesting the opinion of the Board on the Arrears due to Capt.n Baird for Oil & Poon Money & respecting Batta to Surgeons when travelling on Duty

I am also to request you will honor me with your Commands respecting Batta to be paid to the Surgeons according to their present allowances, it appears to me they may be paid at the following rate -

Physician General	Colonels Batta
Chief Surgeon	Lt. Colonels Do.
Head Surgeon of Hospitals where 8000 Men are stationed	Do. Do.
Head Surgeon of every General Hospital	Majors Do.
Regimental Surgeons	Captains Do.

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Hospital Mates . . . . . Lieutenants Batta

Regimental Mates . . . . . Ensigns - - Do.

If this rate of payment meets with your approbation it will perhaps be necessary to mention in the Order that no Batta is to be allowed but when they travel on duty & by permission of the Governor & Commander in Chief or in his absence by the permission of the Officer under whom they do immediately serve -

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

/ Signed / P. Capper
Commissary Genl.

Capt. Baird's Arrears to be discharged by a Bengal Certificate

Agreed that Captain Baird's Claims for Bit and Peon Money be liquidated by a Bengal Certificate, as they come under the Denomination of a Military Arrear.

The Commissary General's Recommendation, as to Batta for Surgeons, confirmed

With respect to Batta for Surgeons when travelling on Duty, it is Agreed that the Recommendation of the Commissary General be confirmed, and that it be inserted agreeably thereto, in the Book of Regulations now forming by the Military Board -

Read the following Letter

from Mr. Aberdein -

To

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

From Mr Aberdien requesting a Salary of 150 Pags p Month as Muster Master General to the Kings Troops

Gentlemen

I take the liberty of addressing your Honble Board, and beg leave to represent that I was appointed a Muster Master for the Company's Troops about the month of August 1785 and at the same time was put in General Orders by the Com-mander in Chief as Muster Master General to the Kings forces - that having received no allowance for the latter appointment, I applied to Genl Stoper as Commander in Chief in India, who expressed his entire approbation of my nomination, as no equal number of His Majesty's troops was usually on foreign Service without such a Staff, and in the month of June last, when at Bengal, he empowered me to signify to Sir John Dalling his ideas on the subject, and that my Requisition of Pay at the rate of 150 Pagodas p Month should be laid by him before your Honble Board, with my proposal to refund the same with proper Security if it should not be approved at home - General Stoper added further, that he would not only not object to such Statement in the Pay-master Generals Accounts, but that he would re-commend the appointment to be confirmed in England

Your Honorable Board will forgive me in observing, that the Division which I

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I was appointed to muster contained by far the largest part of the Army on the Coast of Choromandel, in which the whole of the Kings troops except the 78th Regiment were included – That the allowance of 90 Pagodas p Month was not a compensation adequate to the fatigue or the expence of travelling on the Service –

On these grounds I have the honor to submit my Claim to your consideration and that as having been put in Orders as Muster Master General to the Kings Troops, how far emoluments ought to follow appointment, as well as that such Office has ever been a component part of the Kings Establishment on foreign Service –

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I have the honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ Robt Aberdein

The Board do not think that they can with propriety comply with the Request contained in Mr Aberdeins Letter, as the Appointment of Muster Master General to the Kings troops has neither been notified nor confirmed to them by the Commander in Chief in India –

Cannot be admitted

Read the following Letter from two of His Majesty's Surgeons –

To

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To the Hon.ble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &.ca Council

Fort St George

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

From two of His Majesty's Surgeons requesting to have an allowance equal to that granted to Company's Surgeons in charge of Hospitals—

Being highly sensible that the greatest and most impartial attention has been paid to the Medical Department, we are induced in as concise a manner as we can, to lay before you some remarks concerning the late arrangements which more particularly regard us; and being convinced it is the wish of the Hon.ble Board agreable to the Orders from home, that every department of His Majesty's and the Hon.ble Company's Service, should be put upon the most equal footing — we rest our cause on its own merits, and will readily acquiesce in any determination you may consider most just—

By the late Medical arrange=ments, wherever there is an Hospital, or in other words wherever there is a Battalion of Europeans, there are three Surgeons, two to the Hospital, and one for the other Regimental duties, this is the case at Madras, Vellore & Trichinopoly, where the Regiments are not above 800 each — To a King's Regt of 800 men, or upwards there is only one Surgeon, who by the tenor of his Commission must do all these duties, & indeed the Returns of our Corps, the state of our Hospitals, every thing will prove, that we have almost three times the trouble, and responsibility; in return we only ask the Salary of one,

that

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that of the department where we have the greatest charge, the attendance of our Hospitals -

If the Honble Board will be pleased for a moment to consider us as Hospital Surgeons, (for in fact we are Chief Surgeons to our own Hospitals) we hope there will appear no reason, why we should not have the Salary annexed to that appointment because we perform alone every duty which in a Batt.n in the Honble Company's Service is divided amongst three - There are simply what we ground our claims upon, & if they are marked with that justice, & reason from which only we can hope to succeed, we have every Confidence that your decision will be favorable

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

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11th September 1786

Signed / Alex.r Home 36th Regt
Wm Norman 73d Regt

To lie on the Table -

Ordered to lie on the Table -

Read the following Letter from the Military Board -

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &c. Council

of Fort St George

From the Military Board - Colt Floyd's application for Arrears &c. not founded - their opinion on the arrears due the 9th Batt.n of Sepoys for half mounting - On the Paymaster of Palamcotah's application for Arrears of Cloathing due to the Tinnevelly Independants - Lieut. Colonel

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only shall have permission to pay the Money -

The Board concur in the utility

Approved — of the above Measures, recommended by the President & resolve that they be published in General Orders -

The following Appointments are now made -

M.r Archd Montgomery Campbell Secretary, & Capt.n Alex.r Campbell & Alex.r Dirom Aids de Camps to the Commander in Chief -

M.r A. M. Campbell & Capt.n Alex.r Campbell & Alex.r Dirom appointed Secretary and Aids de Camps to the Comm.r in Chief -

Comet James Wellwood, to be Lieut of Cavalry - Vice Nogson in Europe -

Jas. Wellwood, Cornet of Cavalry to be a Lieut.

The President lays before the Board the following proposed Draft to the Master Attendant accompanied by a Notification to the Masters of Country Ships, prohibiting them from receiving Deserters on board their Vessels, a Practice which has been continued of late, to the great Detriment of the Service -

To the Master Attendant

Sir,

The President recommends to the Board a letter to the Master Attendant accompanied by a Notification for prohibiting Commanders of Country Ships from receiving Deserters on board their Vessels -

Several Soldiers having of late been encouraged to enter as Seamen on board the Ships and Vessels at different times laying in these Roads to the great detriment of the Public Service - In order

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order that Ignorance may not be pleaded as an Excuse in future for so doing, You are hereby di= =rected as soon as any Ship or Vessell whether British or Foreign shall anchor in these Roads, to send the accompanying Notice on board, at the same time directing the Master or Comman= =der of such Ship or Vessell to affix his Signature thereto, as a proof of his having perused the Contents —

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James Sir & Co
/ Signed / Archd. Campbell

The Notification

Whereas several Soldiers of His Majesty's and the Honorable Company's Regi= =ments in the Garrison and Neighbourhood of Fort Saint George, have been encouraged to enter as Seamen or Mariners on board the Ships and Vessels in the Roads to the great detriment of the Public Service,

This is to give Notice to all Commanders and Masters of Ships entering these Roads, that they are on no account to receive

receive or entertain any European Person or Per-
-sons as Seamen Mariners or otherwise on board
the Ships or Vessells under their Command, with-
-out previously sending them to the Town's
Majors Office for Examination; and they are
moreover hereby directed to secure all such
Person or Persons as may refuse to submit to such
Scrutiny and to send immediate Information to the
Town Major of their having done so, who will
pay them for any extra Expences they may be
put to on the occasion -

As it is the determined Reso-
-lution of this Government to withdraw all
manner of Aid & Protection from the Captains
or Masters of foreign Ships or Vessells who shall
be found to act in opposition to these Orders, and
to send to Europe such Masters or Commanders
of British Merchant Ships or Vessells, who shall
refuse implicit obedience thereto, -

The Governor and Council
take this method of communicating their in-
-tentions to all Masters and Commanders
on their entering this Port, that none shall

henceforth

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henceforth plead Ignorance respecting the Regulations established for their future Conduct in supplying their respective Ships or Vessells with Seamen or Mariners during the time they may stay at Madras —

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/Signed/ Archd Campbell
Pres. Council

Read the following Letters
(entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 48-49-50-51-52-53)

From Captain Lieut. Mandeville

From Capt.n Lieut. Mandeville

enclosing a Memorial to the Court of Directors stating the Injustice of the Government of Fort Malbro, in the Distribution of the Prize Money arising from the Capture of some of the Dutch Settlements on the West Coast of Sumatra, and praying for the full amount of his Share, as Capt.n Commandeing the Expedition —

Agreed that the Memorial be sent a Number in the next Packet to the Court of Directors and that favorable Mention be made of Captain Mandeville —

Minute thereon

From Lieut.t James

From Lieutenant James requesting

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requesting to go to Europe for three Years on half pay –

Minute thereon

As Mr James is not a Supernumerary Lieutenant of Infantry, his Request for half Pay, while absent, is inadmissible: but it is agreed to give him permission to return to Europe for three years agreably to his Request.

From Captain John Mitchell, of the Artillery

From Capt.n Mitchell of the Artillery requesting to be recommended to the Court of Directors for a Participation of Lord Clive's Bounty –

As Captain Mitchell's Claim

Minute thereon

to the above Bounty is well founded, the Board resolve to recommend him accordingly –

From Major Offeney, Commanding His Majesty's 15.th Hanoverian Regement, stating that there are Arrears due the Officers under his Command while serving to the Southward, amounting to Pag.s 1586. 31. 56, which he requests may be paid at Madras or Arcot –

From Major Offeney

Agreed that the Military Paymaster General be directed to discharge the Sum due on the above Account, & debit the Paymaster at Trichinopoly for the same –

Minute thereon

From Captain Byres enclosing an Estimate of Repairs for the Paymaster's House

From Capt.n Byres

at

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at Palamcotah, amounting to Current Pags 1003-

Ordered that the Repairs be executed.

Minute thereon

From the Commissary General of

From the Commissary General of Stores.

Stores, recommending the appointment of Mr. Jones and Mr. Dalrymple as Conductors of Stores, & Mr. Bishop a Conductor to do Duty at the Presidency-

Ordered accordingly-

Ordered-

" Arch. Campbell

W. C. Jackson
Dep. Sec.

" Alex. Davidson

" J. W. Casamajor

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The President sends in Circulation the following Letter, which he conceived necessary to write to the President of Tanjore covering a Letter for his Excellency the Rajah in reply to his of the 8th Augt (entered in the C. C. Nos 70-71.)

To John Hudleston Esq

President at Tanjore

Dear Sir

I send you herewith a Letter that I had written ten days ago to the Rajah of Tanjore in answer to one lately received from him, which contained Remarks and Expressions that rendered a particular Reply for me indispensibly necessary. I enclose you a Copy of my Letter in which you will see that I have communicated my Sentiments freely, yet kindly to him; and I wish when you present it, you would give him a Hint, that a good Cause requires little Discussion, and that I hope he will not suffer those who frame his Letters to make use of so much Invective, that can serve no good purpose except to lay his Excellency open to Retorts, which if used as merited, could not fail to be unpleasant to his Feelings - It is by the Actions, and not the Words of the Rajah and those who

To the President of Tanjore, enclosing Letter for the Rajah in answer to his of the 8th August.

who advise him that I will judge of his Conduct -
The Question of making you an allowance for Table
expences was this day discussed in Council, and it
was fixed at 5 Rs/ p diem to commence from the
time of your going to Tanjore -

I would have gladly done all
in my power to make this Allowance larger & more
suitable to your Merits; but the Company's Situation
requires much Oeconomy, & their Injunctions from
home are very peremptory against the granting of
large appointments to their Servants - I am very
sorry to hear of your Indisposition, but I hope
a return of cool Weather will re-establish your
Health -

I am Sir &c &c
/Signed/ Archd Campbell

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Sent the undermentioned Letters
(entered in Mls Nos 54 - 55 - 56 - 57 - 58 - 59 - 60
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To Lieut James; with permission
to proceed to Europe for 3 Years, but not being
To Lieut James a Supernumerary Officer, his Request of drawing
half pay while absent, is deemed inadmissible -

To the Paymr at Palamcotah

To Mr Oakes - the Board consent to the Repairs of the Paymaster's
House

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13 House at Palamcotah

To Mr Fra.s Kenworthy, late Deputy

To Mr Kenworthy — Agent to give his opinion on a Letter from Mr John Murray, soliciting an allowance of 16 Pag.s p Mensem for the Services he performed during the late War in the Agent Victuallers Department —

To the Military Board — to report

To the Mily Board — their opinion upon Captain Lieut. Macalisters Letter, relative to Arrears of Pay due to his late Brother as a Cavalry Officer in the Nabob's Service.

To Major Offeney — on presenting

To Major Offeney — proper Vouchers to Mr Palk for Arrears due him & the Officers under his command, while serving to the Southward; a Bill will be granted on the Military Paymaster General at Madras —

To the Military Paym.r General,

To Mr Turing — to discharge Mr Palks Bill for the Arrears, which may appear due to Major Offeney and the Officers serving under him —

To Capt.n Fra.s Mitchell of the

To Capt.n Mitchell — Artillery — To be recommended to the Court of Directors for a participation of Lord Clives bounty —

To the Board of Revenue — A

To the Board of Revenue — party of Sepoys from the Cantonment at Walajabad to be sent for the preservation of good Order, till the Dispute can be determined between the Renter of Parumbaucke, & the holder of a Mocassa Village.

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To the Officer Commanding the Canton-

To the Officer Com:
=manding at Walajabad. =ment at Waulaujaubad - to send a party of Sepoys to
execute the Service which will be pointed out by
Mr Dighton, the Superintendant of the Tajore -

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To Mr Aberdien comply with his Request for an allowance as Muster
Master General to the Kings Troops: because such
appointment has neither been announced nor confirmed
to them by His Majesty's Commander in Chief -

To Captain Byres Engineer - the

To Capt:n Byres repairs of the Paymasters House at Palamcotah to be
executed under his Superintendance agreably to the
Estimate transmitted to the Board -

To Colonel Capper, Commissary

To Col: Capper General - The Arrears due to Captain Baird of the
73d Regt on account of Bat & Batta Money will be
liquidated by a Certificate for a Bengal Bond -

To Mr Porcher, Deputy Paymaster

To Mr Porcher General to His Majesty's Forces - to pay Col: Stratherzie
& Lord Wm Murray the usual Allowances granted
to His Majesty's Officers returning to Europe -

To Ensign Jas Kirkpatrick ordered

To Ens: Kirkpatrick to return to his duty immediately on the Coast -

To the Committee of Inspection at

To the Committee Tanjore - no further Instructions at present conceived
of Inspection to be necessary - those already transmitted considered
sufficiently full and explicit -

To

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14. To Captain Sale, commanding at

To Captain Sale Amboor — Mr Kincaids Claims to be reimbursed the Money expended in building Quarters, inadmissible —

To the Hospital Board; with a

To the Hospital Board Copy of the 14th Para. of a General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors, dated 24th of January 1786, which they are to pay attention to —

15. Received the following Letters —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Lieut Col. Ross recommending some Repairs to the Dollavallum within the Fort

As the Platforms & other wooden work at the Dollavallum within the Fort suffer by being exposed to the Sun, the Thatch'd covering that was formerly over them having gone into decay; & as it is dangerous to replace it in the same manner from the proximity to the Bomb proof fitted up for a Magazine, & which now contains a quantity of Powder —

I take the liberty to recommend, that the Dollavallum be enclosed by a Tyled Shed, & that the Materials to be taken from the Roof of the Storehouse in the Arsenal, which it is now intended to terrace, be applied to that purpose — as the Contractor is obliged to execute work with old Materials at half price — an Estimate of which accompanys this —

I am most respectfully &c. &c.

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2d September 1786

Signed Patrick Ross

Estimate

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Estimate of the Expence of erecting a Shed at the Dolwallum.

Brick work in Clay for Walls Piers &c. Cub feet 15033 at 2 fan.s p foot	115. 36.-
Pointing Walls, Piers &c. with Chunam 107 Squares at 1/2 Pag.s p Square	53. 21.-
Roofing & Tyling complete 115 Squares at 14 Pag.s p Square	1610.----
	42.36.-
9 Door Frames	42. 18.-
9 Doors	Pagodas 2464. 27
Deduct old Materials of the Roof of Shed in the Arsenal, which are to be received & wrote'd up at half Price agreeable to Contract 115 Squares at 7 Pag.s per Square	805.----
	Pagodas 1659. 27.-

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Errors Excepted
Patrick Ross

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

We have duely received your Secretary's Letter of 18.th Inst.t with the Extract from the Convention provisionally settled between the English & the French Governments in India, to which the strictest attention shall be paid on our part— Copies of the said Extract have been sent to the Resident of Ingeram & Maddepollam, with the necessary Instructions

From Masulipatam the Extracts transmitted to them from the Provisional Treaty between the Vicomte de Souillac & Lt.t Col.t Cathcart will be strictly attended to—

15 Instructions for their due Observance thereof, & We have also thought it necessary that the 27th & 28th Articles should be sent in Circulation to the different Zemin-dars in these Districts, which have accordingly accordingly been done by our Chief with Orders strictly to comply therewith -

We lately received a Letter from Captain Du Pont then in the Command of Ellore, mentioning the desertion of six European Soldiers from that Cantonment - We have since been informed by Major Banks, who is now in the Command, that two of these Men have been brought back -

As it does not appear upon our Records that any Order has ever been issued to the Zemindars in these Districts to apprehend Deserters, though we understand that such an Order is in force in the Carnatic and seems equally necessary in the Circars, an Order has therefore been issued for this purpose, annexing thereto a Reward for every English Deserter that may be apprehended by the Zemindars or Country people, upon their being delivered up to the Officer Commanding the Regiment or Corps to which they belong -

Captain Towns who is at present in arrest, having informed us that he understands Captain Sutcliff, who will be a material evidence at his Court Martial, is about to proceed to his Station to the Southward, & requested he may be detained

15 detained -- We have thought it an Act of Justice to Captain Towns so far to comply with his Applic= =cation, as to desire Captain Sutcliff would make it convenient to the Orders he may have received for repairing to the Southward; to remain here untill a Court Martial shall have been held upon Captain Towns: and We trust this measure will meet with the approbation of your Honor &c.

We have the honor to be &c &c

Masulipatam
30.th August 1786

{Signed} Charles Floyer
Geo. Westcott
W Dobbyn

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

From Messrs. Taylor Savage & Call, requesting Extracts from the General Letter from England of the 12.th April wherein Directions are given to class certain Debts with the Cavalry Loan --

Honble Sir & Sirs

Understanding that the Honble Company have sent directions to class certain Debts with the Cavalry Loan, whereby We conceive

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16 conceive our Interests in that Loan may be materially affected, We request that the Honble Board will be pleased to indulge us with a Copy of the Honorable Company's orders on the above Subject, so that we may be enabled to state to your Honor &ca such matters as we may have to urge in our behalf;

We have the honor to be &. &.

Fort St George
14th. September 1786

James Taylor
{Signed} Ja. Call
Geo Savage

Minute thereon

Ordered accordingly (Vide Miscellany Book No. 74)

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Received the undermentioned Letters (entered in the MBs Nos 71-72-73-)

From the Resident at Nagore,

From Mr. Tallopied — with the Information of the Death of Capt.n Atwood, Commanding the Troops at Negapatam.

From the Chief Engineer with a

From Col. Ross — Request from Ens: Prendergast to proceed to Bengal for six Months —

Granted — but without Pay —

Granted

From Genl Horne — From General Horne: the Report of the Death of Eitabar Caun without Foundation — Captain Crawford returns with the Detachment from the Pollams, leaving two Companies of Sepoys —

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At