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27th Received the undermentioned Letters

(entered in the MB Nos 103. 104. 105. 106)

From Ensign John Kennedy of the

From Ensign Jno Kennedy

42d Regiment, stating that the had charge of the Troops on their passage to India, and enclosing a Receipt for Eighty Pounds, which he paid the Captain for his Passage, and which he requests may be reimbursed —

From Colonel Forbes, advising of

From Colonel Forbes

his having been superceded by several Cadets of the year 1782 and requesting that his Claim to superior Rank may be favorably considered —

From Ganyam, setting forth a

From Ganyam

Claim of the Surgeon to greater Allowances, than he is entitled to from the present Arrangement; and enclosing a Letter from Capt.n Gent, the Engineer, in behalf of some old Artificers —

From Mr. Arthur Jones, late a Capt.n

From Mr. A. Jones

in the Service, praying for a Revision of the Court Martial, by which he was dismissed the Company Service —

28th Sent the undermentioned Letters

entered in the MB Nos 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. —)

To Mr. Colley Lucas, Chief Surgeon

To Mr. Lucas.

— a Copy of this Letter addressed to the Board under date 12th Inst. will be transmitted a Number in their next Dispatch to the Honble Court of Directors.

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To Colonel Robert Kelly - his Son ap-
To Lt. R. Kelly -pointed a Supernumerary Ensign, untill the pleasure
of the Court of Directors shall be known -

To the Board of Revenue - to report
To the Board of Revenue their opinion on the Debt due from the present Renter
of Arnee, and enclosing Copy of the President's Minute
on the Subject -

To the Resident at Tanjore - to
inform the Rajah that Orders have been given to
To Mr. Budleston. prevent a repetition of the disturbances, occasioned by
the disputes, between the Aumildars of Devecotah
and Shealby -

To Cuddalore, stateng the above,
To Cuddalore recommending that a repetition of similar Disturb-
-bances be prevented -

To Mr. Arthur Jones, late Captain
To Mr. A. Jones of Artillery - the Board decline revising the Sentence
of the Court Martial held upon him -

To the Agent Victualler; to
To Mr. Cochburn examine Mr. Orpins Accounts, & to certify if the Sum
of Pags 1083 has been brought to the Credit of the
Company by him -

To the Military Board; to report
To the Mily Board their opinion on the Claims preferred by Capt. Lieut
Godfrey & Lieut John Innes -

To Messrs. Garrow, Webb & Landon.
To Messrs. Garrow Webb & Landon. to include in their Investigation of the Debts of His
Highness the Nabob, the Claim preferred by Col. Cosby, and
Mr. Chanier, in favor of their Constituent, Mr. Pybus -

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To Cornet Forbes

To Cornet Forber The Board decline making any alteration in the Rank allotted to him because he was appointed a Cadet in the Country —

To Ganjam

To Ganjam The Board waive for the present giving any directions relative to the Construction of Store Houses, or repairs of Fortifications at their Settlement —

To the Mil.y Board.

To the Military Board — with the Proceedings of the late Committee for republishing the Book of Regulations — enclose a List of Regulations established by Government, for the Mil.y Storekeepers Department, which are to be inserted in the New Book of Regulations, together with the Instructions for Inspectors of Stores —

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Received the following Letter from Mr. Joseph Garrow, Surveyor to the General Hospital.

To John Chamier Esq.r
Military Secretary.

Sir.

From the Surveyor to the Gen.l Hospital in reply to the Complaint preferd by Messrs. Anderson & Lucas of his undervaluing the Hospital Stores received by him from them —

I have been honored with your Letter of the 21st Instant, enclosing a Copy of the Board's answer to Messrs. Anderson and Lucas respecting the Hospital Stores received from them by me on account of the Honble Company. I also an extract of a Letter dated the 19th of June from those Gentlemen to the Board representing that the valuation put upon those Stores by me was short of their intrinsic value by Pags. 600 —

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Thus Sir, is the first time that I have been informed that there was the smallest difference between the value that I had put upon those Stores & what the Surgeons conceived they were entitled to for them - and as it should appear from their representation to the Honble Board, that I have endeavoured to undervalue their property, and to reduce them to the necessity of receiving considerably less than they were entitled to. I must request that you will do me the favor to explain the mode on which I estimated the value of those Stores - after which I must submit to the consideration of the Honble Board, whether the Amount delivered in with my Letter of the 5th March is not just and contains the intrinsic value of the Articles at the time they were so valued -

As my Instructions on taking charge of my Employ of Purveyor in March last were, that I was to receive the Hospital Stores at a fair valuation - I applied to Messrs Anderson and Lucas either to put a price upon them themselves or to order two of their Servants to attend me at the Hospital, & to sort out the Stores & fix the prices with two of my Servants, & that should any difference arise between them, the same to be adjusted by the Surgeons & myself - this appeared an equitable mode and accordingly two of their Servants attended me at the Hospital, where we divided the Stores into three sorts as mentioned in my Letter above alluded

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29 to, and the prices were adjusted without the smallest dispute - nor did I know untill now that the Surgeons were at all dispatisfied with the valuation, or have I had a single application on the subject, except from Mr Lucas, to know when the amount would be discharged; to whom I replied that I had not received directions from the Honble Board to discharge the amount or money for that purpose, & that as my Letter & the amount were before the Government, it depended upon them, when the Money would be paid.

I trust Sir it will appear to the Honble Board that I literally fulfilled my Instructions, & that the valuation put upon the Stores was in every respect a just & fair one - that as the Surgeons did not at the time object to the prices which they had from their Servants, but waited upwards of three Months before they made any representation; & as from the period that has elapsed it is now utterly impossible to re-examine & value the Stores again - I hope it will appear to the Honble Board that no adjustment can now take place between those Gentlemen, and me; and that the above representation will serve to prove, that the Account delivered in by me, is all that the Company should pay or those Gentlemen expect on account of the Hospital Stores delivered to me -

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I have the honor to be &c &c.

/Signed/ Joseph Garrow

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Received the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General.

To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary

Sir,

From the Military Paymaster General recommending that the Head of Paymr. to the Kings Troops in his Books be closed, & that the five Months Vouchers received from the Kings Paymaster be returned to him.

I have received the Extract from the Letter from Bengal respecting the Paymaster General of the Kings Troops in India, by which I understand that the Paymaster General of Fort St George is no longer to be debited for the advances made by the Bengal Government on account of the Kings Troops, or to have any Accounts with the Kings Paymaster.

In consequence of the orders of the Honble Board I opened a Head of Paymaster to the Kings Troops in the Books of my Employ, & have debited him for the amount of his Receipts transmitted from Bengal, I have likewise received from him his Accounts with the Vouchers for May, June, July, August & September last, - as I conceive it to be the intention of the Bengal Government to have the Accounts of the Kings Paymaster after being examined by the Commissary General & Auditor of Accounts, transmitted to them, I beg leave to suggest to the Board (through you) the propriety of returning the above five Months accounts, as it cannot answer any purpose their being entered in the Paymasters Books here - and I shall also hope that the Board will direct the Head of Paymaster to the Kings Troops to be closed, by debiting the General Books with the amount of his Receipts, and giving that Head credit for the same, as it is

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30 no longer of any service to keep an open Account between us — Should this meet with the Board's approbation I shall acquaint the Paymaster General at Calcutta therewith —

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I have the honor to be &c &c.

/ Signed / John Turing
Mil.y Pay Gen.l

Sent the following Answer —

To John Turing Esq.r
Military Paymaster General

Sir,

To the Military Pay.r Gen.l approving his Recommendations

In reply to your Letter dated 26th Inst.

I am directed by the Honble President and Council to inform you that they approve your closing the Head of Paymaster to the Kings Troops in your Books, and of your advising the Paymaster General at Calcutta accordingly —

The Board approve your return-
-ning the five Months Accounts in your possession that the whole may be lodged with the Paymaster General at Calcutta —

Fort St George
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I am Sir &c &c.
/ Signed / John Chamier Secy

Minute thereon.

Ordered that a copy of the Military Paymaster's Letter with the foregoing Reply be sent to Bengal for the Information of the Right Honble the Governor General and Council —

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At a Consultation Present

The Honorable Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K. B:

Tuesday 31st October 1786. President

Alexander Davidson Esq.

James Henry Casamaijor Esq.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved -

Read the following Letters

from Manulipatam (with Enclosures entered in

the Miscellany Book Nos 119 - 120 - 121.)

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K. B:-

President & Governor & Council

of Fort St George

From Manulipatam the Detachment of European Invalids embarked on the Fowler march for Illore. Proposals for victualling the General Hospital will be attended to, stating a point in dispute between their Board & the Commanding Officer in the District, respecting the powers to be exercised by the former over the latter & enclosing their Correspondence with the Senior Officer in Garrison relative to the Command of Troops -

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your Orders communicated to us in your Secretary's Letters of the 1st 6th & 7th Instant and in your Deputy Secretary's of the 7. 9 & 11th Inst.

The Ship Fowler having arrived here on the 11th Instant, the Detachment of European Infantry, of which a Return came enclosed

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enclosed in Mr Secretary Chamiers letter of the 6th.
was immediately landed, and marched from hence to
join their Corps at Ellore early on the 15th on
which day, the Tavistock also proceeded on her voyage
to Bengall —

Advertizements have been put=
=lished for victualling the Hospital at this place
and such Proposals as we may receive shall be
transmitted to your Honor & agreeable to your
directions —

Your Order in consequence of the
applications of Captain Montgomery and Brigade
Major Littles for full Batta have been communicated
to them, & the G. O. which were transmitted in the
other Letter of which we have above acknowledged
the Receipt shall be punctually obeyed —

We are concerned to be under the
necessity of encroaching upon your time which is
employed on more important Subjects with a
difference of opinion that has arisen between this
Board, & Colonel Brathwaite, the Officer appointed
to command the Troops in the Deccan; but as
he has requested that a Copy of his Letter to us of
the 15th Instant may be transmitted to your Honor
& we think it necessary also to forward a Copy
of our Answer together with whatever has passed
on this Subject —

This Correspondence began
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with our Letter to Colonel Brathwaite dated 11th Instant
Copy of which is herewith enclosed No 1, & we hope it
will appear, that we desired to cultivate that harmony
with him, which is so necessary for the well conducting
of the Public Service - In answer to our Letter we recd
his dated 15th Instant enclosed No 2. and as he therein
suggested that many Orders & Regulations of Govern=
=ment for conducting the public Service in this
District, ceased by the very nature & Spirit of his
appointment; we thought it necessary to desire he
would inform us, whether he had received any In=
=structions from your Honor &c authorizing him to
dispence with the orders of our Superiors, & practice
of the Service - Colonel Brathwaite in his reply dated
17th No 3 acquainted us that he had received no Instruc
=tions whatever, by which we are induced to think
that no alteration of System was intended by your
Honor &c at this time -

Our Chief having assembled us in
Council on the 28th Instant, laid before us the
principal existing orders of the Superior Government
so far as relate to the Authorities vested in this Board
and the Commanding Officer of the Troops in this
District respectively - He also in a Minute wherein
he has collated and referred to those orders, offered
his Sentiments very fully on the subject of Col.
Brathwaites two Letters of the 15. and 17th Instant
We unanimously adopted all the Sentiments

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expressed in our Chief Minute, and beg leave to refer to the enclosed Copy thereof N.o 4 in which the orders of Government on every essential point, wherein this Board and the Commanding Officer of the Troops in the District have differed in opinion are recited or referred to, and to such orders and decisions of our Superiors, we think it our indispensible duty to adhere -

Our Letter to Colonel Brathwaite was conformable to the Sentiments expressed in the Chief Minute, which we had adopted, as Your Honor &.c will observe by the enclosed Copy of it marked N.o 5.

We embrace this opportunity of likewise forwarding the Correspondence that has lately passed between this Board and Captain Montgomery, at present the Senior Officer in this Garrison relative to the Committee of Stores, established here so long ago as the year 1769, because this Correspondence is in some degree connected with that above referred to with Colonel Brathwaite. We think it unnecessary here to enter further into this Subject; but as we transmit the whole of what has passed thereon, We beg leave particularly to refer to the Enclosure N.o 6 containing our Resolutions in consequence of Captain Montgomery's having declined to officiate as a Member

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Member at a late committee of Stores held at this place—

Masulipatam
23d September 1786

We have the honor to be &c &c

Charles Floyer
/ Signed / Geo Westcott
W Dobbyn

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From Masulipatam enclosing copy of their Chief's Minute, respecting the Commee of Stores held at that place/also copy of a Letter to them from Colonel Brathwaite, containing his Sentiments on the authority vested in him by the Superior Govermt independent of the Controul of the Chief & Council.

We have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your Orders communicated to us by your Deputy Secretary in his Letter of the 20th Ult: Our Chief having delivered his Sentiments respecting the Committee of Stores at this place in a Minute, we herewith forward Copy thereof to your Honor &c and as we think it is entirely conformable to the Spirit of your Orders, We submit the same to your superior Judgement and decision.

Since We had the honor of addressing you under date the 23d Ults we received a letter from Col Brathwaite of which We herewith enclose a Copy agreable to his request.

We think it our Duty to transmit to your Honor &c Copy of a Letter, which we received yesterday from the Governor General,

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and Council, announcing to us the Arrival of the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis, and of his having taken upon himself the Office of Governor General of Bengal, as also a Copy of our Reply, which we trust you will approve –

We have the honor to be &c &c

Masulipatam
2d October 1786

(Signed) Charles Floyer
Geo Westcott
Wm Dobbyn

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

It is with much uneasiness

From Masulipatam enclosing their further Correspondence with Col Brathwaite on points, on which they differ in opinion –

that We find ourselves compelled to intrude so much upon your time, with the Correspondence that passes almost daily between us and Colonel Brathwaite by reason his desiring a reference to Your Honor &c upon the Subject of almost every Letter We have occasion to write to him, as Officer Commanding the Troops in this District –

Having been furnished with a Copy of your late Regulations, directing the mode to be observed hereafter, in conducting Public Works & Repairs, enclosed to us in a Letter from your

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your Secretary dated the 27th Ultimo, wherein he informed us, of your Orders that these Regulations were to be our "Guide in directing the execution "of Works and Repairs in all places under our "Authority." We thought it our duty to transmit Copy thereof to Colonel Brathwaite with the Letter No 1 in order to their being carried into effect.

He replied to us in the Letter, No 2. and although we shall not attempt to follow him throughout the whole course of his reasoning yet there are many parts of this Letter, which we cannot pass over entirely without remark -

We certainly had no such intention, as Colonel Brathwaite seems to conceive, of altering the Regulations you had formed; & in desiring that every thing relative to Repairs &c. in the Out-Garrisons of this District, might be sent to us, in order to be forwarded to Your Honor & we merely followed what has always been the system of the Service on such occasions, and what your Secretary's Letter, above quoted, was understood to imply by the Words "places under "our Authority" - We still think that Colonel Brathwaite has misunderstood your intention in this respect, and that it might be proper for Proposals or Estimates for building or repairing Quarters in the Out-Garrisons to be forwarded with the Remarks of this Board, and particularly

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that we should acquaint Your Honor &c. how far our Resources may admit the advances which such Pro=
=posals & Estimates may require - The mode adopted by Colonel Brathwaite not only precludes this, but by confining the Advertisements for Proposals for Buildings to the Garrisons where they are to be constructed, he necessarily confines the number of bidders, to a much smaller number, than if they were also to be published at this Settlement, where there are many more People of that Description than at any Out-Garrisons in the District -

Although Colonel Brathwaite lays much stress upon his having received a Copy of the Regulations directly thro' the Channel of your Deputy Secretary, and upon this ground establishes an authority independant of, & devisable from this Board, yet we cannot look upon this Circumstance in the same light; nor do we think a small deviation in this instance from what has been usually observed, ought to have been construed by him as an Act formally diminishing our authority, & altering the System which has so long been established for conducting the interior Government of Districts under subor=
=dinate Settlements -

We considered the late Regulations as rules to be observed in all future Works, & not as intended to put a stop to such as were already begun with the Sanction of your Honor &c. - To

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surprises us therefore not a little, that Col. Brathwaite at the very time he has been representing the necessity of building an additional range of Barracks at Illore, and of purchasing Houses on the Company's Account, should have put a stop to repairing the former Barracks and Quarters, after being informed that the same had been undertaken by your Authority; and after repeatedly representing the bad condition of them himself — These repairs were represented to us as highly necessary to be completed before the Monsoon, & we do not perceive what advantage it can now be to delay their execution since as we have before observed this Work has been sanctioned by your Orders.

In our Letter to Col. Brathwaite which makes No. 1 of this Packet, we offered it as our opinion that no Committee of Works could be held in any Out-Garrison, where there were not three Persons of the description mentioned in the Regulations upon the Spot, but this would always have been the case where any Work of moment or Expence was carrying on; The Paymaster in the Circars is also Storekeeper of every Out-Garrison in this District, except Samulcotah, to which another Paymaster is specially nominated; and Captain Prescott was appointed by the Select Committee, Engineer of the District, for the purpose of occasionally visiting the Out-Garrisons, since which Major Banks has been specially appointed

Engineer

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Engineer to the Cantonment of Ellore - There is therefore a Storekeeper as well as an Engineer belonging to every Out-Garrison, who would of course repair thither should their presence at any time be necessary - The Officers Commanding at Samulcotah, Condapillee & Rajahmundry having been appointed by Government in C. C. to those Garrisons respectively; we conceive they can neither be removed from those specific Stations nor superceded by Colonel Brathwaite, unless when he himself happens to be present; and of course a Committee of Works can every where be formed in this District, when it may be found necessary -

Our reason for desiring the Proceedings of the several Committees of Works to be sent monthly to us, was solely with a view of having all the necessary Documents before us, whereby we should have been the better enabled to draw up such remarks as it might have been judged necessary to transmit to your Honor &c and our reason for sending a form for their Proceedings, conformably to that which is observed by the Committee of Works, long since established at this place, was obviously to preserve uniformity in the new System.

By what Colonel Brathwaite has written, it might be thought, that he had been denied some information regarding the Military Stores, which he applied for; and it becomes therefore necessary for us, to inform Your Honor &c that

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this was by no means the case, for he neither applied publicly or privately to any official person in that Department, nor did he in any manner express to us an inclination to see the Stores, or to know any thing of their condition -- It was from a desire of shewing a due attention to his present appointment, and from the necessity we conceived there was of his being informed of these matters, that we proposed furnishing him with a particular State of all the Military Stores in the District; and his Reply to this part of our Letter, seems to imply a determination on his part, to be dissatisfied with whatever we do or propose - The Stores deposited here are not considered as belonging to this Garrison only, but are intended to answer all Indents from the other Garrisons as well as Detachments in the District; - and in this light we consider our Storekeeper, as different from the Military Storekeeper of an Out-Garrison - He has moreover a variety of other besides Military Stores under his charge, altho' kept in the same place - Mr Dobbyn, our present Storekeeper, being an efficient Member of this Board, should, we think, if there were no other reasons to urge, + exempt him from a Military Arrest of any Commanding Officer in this District; + we conceive Colonel Brathwaite's having touched upon this Subject to be a very great Indelicacy, not to say, disrespect to our Board; which, as must be well known to him, is unequivocally vested with a

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Subordinate Controul over the Military, & all other Persons in this District by your Government.—

The Letter from Col. Brathwaite which makes No 3 of the present Packet, served only to return the Form observed in the Proceedings of the Committee of Works at this place, which our Secretary had forwarded as mentioned in our Letter No 1. and to inform us of his determined resolution to adhere to that which he had adopted; We have already informed you of the motives, which induced us to transmit this Form to Colonel Brathwaite, and as the Sentiments, which he has expressed in their Letter No 3 are in other respects only a repe-tition of what he had written in that marked No 2 we shall passit over in Silence, on the pre-sumption that your Honor &c. will deem this a further instance of Col. Brathwaite's contemptuous Deportment to your immediate Delegates.—

We have already had the honor of transmitting you a Copy of our Letter to Colonel Brathwaite dated the 15th Instant, to which his marked No 4 is in answer.— It was the custom of this District previous to the late Regulations, for the Paymasters of the Out-Garrisons with the assistance of the Artificers under them to make out Estimates of such Repairs &c as the comman-ding Officer represented to be necessary, which were transmitted by the Paymasters to this Board, who referred them to the Governor & Council,

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with such Remarks and Observations thereupon as they deemed proper. — It appears by Mr Graham's Letter of the 21st March last, that Col. Brathwaite did represent the bad State of the Quarters to him and he must as we conceive have considered it official, and that it was his Duty, of course upon such representation to transmit us an Estimate of the Repairs wanted. Mr Graham being now at the Presidency, will be best able to explain in what light he understood Colonel Brathwaite, and as it is by all admitted that the repairs were actually necessary, it does not appear to us upon what good ground they should now be discontinued after having been sanctioned by your Honor &c.

The mention made by Colonel Brathwaite of the Arrears due to the Sepoys at Illore much surprises us: as the Paymaster's Indents have been fully complied with for several months past. This shall however be obviated, by directing the Paymaster to discharge the Arrears now due, for which purpose if necessary, an Advance of Cash shall be sent him from hence.

The other part of your Correspondence with Colonel Brathwaite, of which we herewith forward Copies, has arisen from the directions given for assembling the Zemindars at this place. — It has usually been found necessary on such occasions to send Detachments of Sepoys to escort the principal Zemindars hither, and

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the Officers commanding such Detachments, have always been accustomed to correspond directly with this Board, as well as to receive their Instructions immediately from them - expres Provision has likewise been made by Government (& referred to in our Chief's Minute transmitted to your Honor &c with our Letter of the 23d Ult.) that such re-quisitions as we might make to the Officers Commanding at Samulcotah, and Condapillee, for Troops to be employed on Revenue Service, should be complied with without passing through the Officer Commanding the Troops in the District; but upon the present occasion in order to shew more than common attention to Col. Brathwaite, and to avoid as far as possible affording him any new cause of discontent, we sent our directions to him, desiring he would issue the necessary Orders to Lieut. Colonel Chesthyre; and we likewise sent the Letters to the Officers who might command the Detach-ments thus ordered to escort the Zemendars of Peddapore and Pettapore to this place, open for Colonel Brathwaite's perusal - The Enclosure No 5 is copy of the Answer, which we received from Colonel Brathwaite, enclosing one to Lieutenant Colonel Chesthyre - Your Honor &c will observe that not satisfied with this instance with bla-ming our conduct in his letter to us, he has thought proper to censure it in opprobious terms in that addressed to Lieut. Col. Chesthyre, a circumstance that we conceive can serve no

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other purpose to the public Service, than to impress all ranks of Men with an idea that our Authority is no longer efficient to direct any measure in these Dirtricts. The Zemindars likewise who are always ready to take advantage of every favourable Circum=stance for evading their payments, may be led to suppose, that our Authority is diminished, and that we can no longer compel their Obedience; an Idea, which if once received by them, might render our utmost exertions abortive in whatever may relate to the business of Revenue; a matter of such serious importance to the welfare of Go=vernment and to the preservation of its authority over the Company's numerous Tributaries in these Districts, we assure ourselves will not escape your notice — The copies of Colonel Brathwaite's Letters to Captain Prescott and Captain Montgomery may have similar effects with that to Lieut Colonel Chisholme; and indeed his Conduct in so freely conveying our measures to Officers under his Command, conveys but too much the appearance of his desire to exercise an authority independant of this Board; not war=ranted by any orders of the superior Government, not exercised by any of his Predecessors & hitherto unknown in these Districts — Had it been necessary for us to delay ordering a Detachment to proceed to Muglatore from this Garrison, untill the requi=sition could have passed thro Colonel Brathwaite now at Ellore, the Inconveniencies attending such mode of application must be obvious; for by

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the same rule it might be expected that application should be made to him at Ellore for Escorts with Treasure to the Committee of Circuit, the Residents of Ingeram & Maddepollam, & to the Paymasters of Ellore, Samulcotah, and Ongole - It may be judged by the present Correspondence to what a troublesome length it would amount, were we to adopt Colonel Brathwaite's mode of carrying on the Public Service in this respect.

It is much against our inclina-
tion that we are compelled to intrude so much upon your time, with differences of opinion be-
tween us, and the Military Commanding Officer of the Troops in the District, but the embarrassments and impediments, which We constantly met with, in all our measures, will, we hope, plead our excuse with your Honor &c. - Had Colonel Brathwaite been satisfied that the Service should be carried on agreable to the orders of Government now in force, and the practice so long established in this District, we should have readily forwarded his Opinions without troubling your Honor &c with our own; but as we now clearly perceive an Inclination in him to change the present System, it becomes an act of necessity in us to appeal to your Honor &c and to request that you will be pleased to enforce those orders of Government which are the only rules we have for our guidance - We expect the Zemindars will shortly assemble here,

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when it will appear every possible exertion on our part to effect an advantageous settlement with them for the Company; any circumstance therefore that can impress them with an Idea of your want of authority to compel their Obedience, or, that may throw impediments or Embarrassments in the way of your Chief and Council, for the accomplishment of so desireable an object, may we apprehend be attended with the most serious Consequences to the Interests of the Company in this District.

As the existing Orders & Regulations of Government for the direction of the Company's Affairs committed to our Management, have been the only grounds of our Public conduct, so we presume to hope, and trust that it will meet with the honor of your Approbation.

We have the honor to be &c.

Masulipatam
19th October 1786

Signed / Charles Floyer
Geo. Westcott
Wm. Dobbyn

P.S. Since writing the above we have received another Letter from Col. Brathwaite, as well as one from Captain Montgomery, both of which being analagous to the Subject now submitted to you, we think it necessary also to transmit Copies of them.

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The President informs the Board that he has attentively considered the subject of the foregoing Letters, and has drawn out a Minute and a Set of Regulations, which he now lays before the Board for their approbation.—

President's Minute respecting the Company's Orders of 29th March 1774 & the 7th of May 1778 accompanied with a Sketch of Orders for defining with more Precision & Accuracy the separate Powers and Duties of the Civil and Military Servants at the Subordinate Settlements

In consequence of the foregoing Letter from Masulipatam, the President lays before the Board, a Minute introducing Regulations which accurately define the separate Powers and Duties of the Civil & Military Servants stationed at Subordinate Settlements.—

Having considered the Subject on which a difference of Opinion has of late taken place between the Chief and Council of Masulipatam and the Commanding Officer of the Troops in that District, concerning the degree of Military Control, Responsibility and Command vested respectively in Subordinate Civil & Military Servants, stationed in the same District, it appears that the System contained in the Honble Company's Orders of the 29th March 1774 and 7th May 1778, has not hitherto been explained with sufficient Precision, & consequently the Regulations of this Government, which have passed for that purpose have been productive of much Dissension, instead of the Harmony, which ought invariably to subsist between the Civil and Military Servants of the Presidency—

After a full Investigation of the Subject I am persuaded the Honble Company's Orders of the 29th of March 1774 and the 7th May 1778, so far as

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as they relate to the Military Controul, Responsibility & Command of the Subordinate Civil & Military Servants stationed in the same District may be re-duced to the following Positions, on which to ground some established Rules that may effectually prevent future Controversies in this Respect.

1st That the Orders & Instructions of the Honble Company of the 29th March 1774 & the 7th May 1778 were framed for the purpose of marking distinctly the Line to be drawn between their Civil & Military Servants, & for establishing that Harmony and Confidence, so essentially necessary in securing to the Public Service, the full Exertion of the Abilities of each in their respective Lines & Professions; by denying to the former a right to interfere in the Military Duties, & refusing the latter an Authority to encroach on the Privileges & Powers of the Civil Branch of the Service.

2d That the general Tendency of the Honble Company's Orders and Instructions dated the 29th of March 1774 and the 7th of May 1778, is to give to Civil Chiefs and Councils and to Residents, every degree of Authority, Consequence, & Influence, necessary for the Collection of Public Revenue, and for checking and repelling refractory Zemindars & Tributaries &c. But do not establish Military Command and Responsibility to any of their Subor-dinate Civil Servants, although in them is placed a Controul over the Military serving in the same District.

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3d That the degree of Controul over the Military lodged in Subordinate Civil Servants can only be exercised by those established as Chiefs & Councils or as Residents, and that such Powers are placed either in the Chief and Council collectively, or in the Chief, in cases of urgent Necessity; but this Power is not to be exercised by any inferior Member of a Subordinate Council, unless when he shall be acting as Chief, or Resident, when of course, the temporary Chief or Resident is to exercise the Powers vested in their respective Superiors —

4th That although the Orders of the Honble Company of the 29th of March 1774 and 7th of May 1778 do not place Military Command and Responsibility in Subordinate Civil Servants, esta= =blished as Chiefs and Councils, or as Residents, it is nevertheless the intention of the Honble Company that the Civil Servants so established shall be ac= =counted the superior Power, subject only to the Orders & Control of the Government at this Presidency.

Such I presume are the Princi= =ples on which the Company's Orders of 29th March 1774 and the 7th of May 1778 are founded & on these Principles I have sketched the accompanying Regulations for the purpose of removing the Mis= =understandings, which at present exist at the Subordinate Settlements, & which I trust will also obtain for the Public Service, a full Exertion of the Abilities of the Subordinate Civil and Military Servants of the Presidency. —

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If these Regulations are honored with the Approbation of the Board, I would recommend that they be adopted as standing Orders of Government, & forwarded to the Chiefs & Residents and to Officers Commanding Districts in the Subordinate Settlements that the Civil & Military at those Stations may be fully acquainted with them, & confine themselves to the line prescribed, with that Zeal, Harmony, and Chearfulness becoming good & faithful Servants of the Company.

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/Signed/ Arch.d Campbell

General Orders of Government for defining more accurately the separate Powers and Duties of the Civil & Military Servants stationed at Subordinate Settlements.

1st

Civil Servants appointed by Government as Chiefs and Councils or Residents at Subordinate Settlements are accounted the Superior Power, within the Limits of their respective Districts, and are subject only to the immediate Orders and Controul of the Governor and Council. All Military Honors as usual are to be paid to the Chiefs and Councils or Residents within their respective Districts

2d

The Military stationed at these Subordinate Settlements, being under the Orders and Controul of Chiefs & Councils or Residents so established, it is their duty at all times to support the Power, Influence, & Authority necessarily vested

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in those Civil Servants of Government, for the Collection of the Public Revenues and for checking the refractory Zemindars and Tributaries &c.

But although the Military are under the Orders and Controul of Chiefs and Councils or Residents so established by Government, have no authority to interfere with the Discipline or Command of the Troops, as the Military Command & Responsibility is placed in the Military Officers only. Nor have they any right to controul the Military, but in cases where the Military Officer goes beyond the Duties of his particular Station —

3d At every Subordinate Settlement, where a Chief Council or Resident is established the Keys of the principal Forts of such Subordinacy are to be kept by the respective Chiefs and Residents, who are also to give the Parole, and receive a general monthly Return of the Troops from the Commanding Officer of the District; and particular Returns for the same period from the Officers commanding Forts, Posts, Stations, Battalions and Corps within the limits of the District —

4th Chiefs or Residents at Forts in which they reside are to send the Parole daily before ten in the Forenoon, under a sealed Cover to the Officer commanding the Troops in Garrison to be made known to the Troops in whatever manner the Military Officer may judge most expedient —

Chiefs

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5th

Chiefs and Residents are to require in writing of Military Officers Commanding at the Posts where they respectively reside to publish in Orders any Regulations or Rules which the said Chiefs or Residents shall judge proper for the Guidance and Information of the Troops so far as concerns the Commercial & Civil Establishments at the Post: And the Military Officers on such Commands are to comply therewith and to report the same to the Governor & Commander in Chief

6th

Officers Commanding the Troops in Subordinate Districts, where there is a Chief and Council or Resident are to circulate and issue all Orders to the Troops stationed in their respective Districts: and whenever any General Order regarding new Arrangements, Dispositions or Changes of the Troops is received by him from the Presidency he is to present or forward a copy of the same to the Chief or Resident for his Information. And it is the express Order of Government that the Commanding Officers of Districts shall not publish or communicate in Peace or War any orders, Instructions or Regulations of his own framing to the Troops within their respective Districts, which may interfere with the Public Duties of the Civil Establishment; but is to confine himself to Orders strictly comprehending matters of Military Detail, the Discipline of the Troops, & the immediate discharge of the Military Duties reposed in him —

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Officers Commanding Garrisons

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in any Fort or Post where a Chief and Council or Resident is stationed, are not to publish to the Garrison any order whether framed by himself, received from the Presidency or from his Superior Officer in the District, without previously laying a Copy of the same before the Chief or Resident, for his Information or the temporary Chief or Resident in case their Superiors are absent; Chiefs or Residents are not on any account to obstruct the issuing of such Orders as come from the Commanding Officer of the District or Fort, unless they are found to interfere with the publick Duties or Government of the Civil Establishment.

8th The Commanding Officer of the Troops in Districts or of Forts, Ports, or Stations, where a Chief and Council or Resident is established shall not directly or indirectly in time of Peace correspond with the Zemindars, Tributaries, or Landholders, or with the Manager or Renters of Provinces, or in any shape attempt to interfere with the Government or Management of the Country; otherwise than in obedience to the orders of Government in compliance with the Publick Requisitions of the Chief and Council or Resident for Military Aid: In time of War, or during the Execution of Field Operations, when such Correspondence may become necessary for the good of the Publick Service; the Commanding Officer of the District shall transmit accurate Copies of the same under his proper Signature to the Commander in Chief & to the Chief & Co. or Resident of the District to which he belongs —

Officers

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9th Officers Commanding Garrisons, Military Posts or Stations, are on no account to lend Money or take any concern in Farms, Tatlocks or Securities for purchasing or selling or contracting to purchase or sell, any Articles or Commodities whatsoever in the way of Trade - Neither are they to have Dealings of any Kind with Zemindars, Farmers, Ryots or other Dependants, or Officers of the Revenues: They are on no pretext whatsoever to detach any part of their Force beyond their respective Quarters except when required for the execution of Public Military Service - They are not to punish Persons of any Description not appertaining to their respective Commands, without Authority had from the Chief and Council of the District, nor are they to seize or confine any of the Inhabitants unless they are guilty of some criminal Action, in which Case, they are to report the same immediately to their respective Chiefs & Co or Residents.

10th Chiefs and Councils or Residents are empowered to employ the Troops of their respective Districts for the public Service only; and Military Officers commanding in the Districts of such Chiefs and Councils or Residents are to pay implicit Obedience to their Requisitions in this respect -

11th On every occasion when the Chiefs and Councils or Residents shall find it necessary to employ the Troops on any Publick Service; they are to signify in writing their Requisition

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Requisition for such Military Force to the Officer Commanding the Troops in their respective Districts and at the same time to explain to him the Nature, purpose and extent of the Service to be performed, and every Information in their Power concerning the Situation or Strength of the Post or Territory to be attacked or defended: On all such Occasions, it is the duty of the Commanding Officer of the District, to issue such Orders as may appear to him best adapted for carrying into immediate Effect the Public Service, for which the assistance of the Troops have been required - But lest the Service should incur any risk or injury from the time that might be lost in forwarding the Requisition of the Chief and Council to the Commanding Officer of the District, and in receiving his Orders thereon; The Commanding Officer of the District shall signify his Orders to all the Officers under his Command to comply in the most speedy and punctual manner with the requisition of the Chief and Council in this respect - By which means the Chief or President can direct his requisition to the Officer Commanding the most contiguous Station to that against which the Military Force is to be employed, accompanied with the Informations already mentioned; On all such occasions the Chief or President must send an express to the Commanding Officer of the District with a Copy of the Requisition so made that he may be acquainted with the Movements of the Troops under his

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his immediate Command, and use every Exertion in his Power to co-operate with them in the Execution of the Public Service —

12th

Military Officers Commanding in Subordinate Districts, where Chiefs and Councils or Residents are established are to settle with the Chiefs or Residents of their respective Districts the particular Posts at which it may be necessary to station the Troops for the Public Service that no Error may take place in directing the requisition for Troops, or time be lost in their movements —

13th

Military Officers employed on Public Services in consequence of the Requisition of Chiefs and Councils or Residents are to make a correct and circumstantial Report to their respective Chief and Council or Resident, & to their Commanding Officer of the District, authenticating in the most accurate manner the Service on which the Troops are employed — Chiefs or Residents are to forward copies of such Reports to the Governor in Council for the Information of the Board & the Commanding Officers of Districts are to forward the same to the Commander in Chief for his particular Inspection —

14th

Chiefs and Councils or Residents are in like manner to record and forward to the Governor in Council all Requisitions made by them for a Military Force, & the Services on which the Troops have been at any time employed within the Limits of their respective Districts —

Military

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15. Military Officers employed in consequence of the Requisitions of Chiefs and Councils are not to correspond with the Country Powers, or with any Rajahs, Zemundars, or Landholders, except in such cases where it might be prejudicial to the Service to wait for Applications through the said Chiefs and Councils, or Residents. And in these Cases the Correspondence of the Military Officers must be confined to the particular Service, with which they are entrusted. A Copy of such Correspondence is to be transmitted to the Commanding Officer of the District for the Inspection of the Commander in Chief, and another Copy to the Chief & Council, or Resident of the District, in which they are employed for the Information of Government.

16 No general Movement, Change of Quarters or Disposition of the Troops, are to take place at any of the Subordinate Settlements, without the Orders of Government being previously had for that purpose; unless in Cases of the most urgent necessity: nor are any partial Movements of the Troops to take place without the Orders of the Commanding Officer of the District under the requisition of the Chief and Council or Resident of the District in which the Troops are stationed.

17th The Power of granting Leave of Absence to any Officer belonging to the Fort or Post in which a Chief and Council

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or Resident may be stationed, is placed in the Chief or Resident; and the power of granting leave of Absence to Officers not belonging to the Fort or Post in which a Chief or Resident is stationed is vested in the Commanding Officer of the District - The application of leave on both instances must pass through the Commanding Officer of the Troops at the Fort Port. or Military Station, to which the Officer belongs, and the leave so granted, can only extend to the limits of the District - The Power of granting leaves to Officers to go beyond the limits of their respective Districts, is in the Commander in Chief; But if an Officer is desirous of obtaining leave to repair to any of the Company's Settlements in India, to go to Sea for his health, visit Europe, or resign the Honble Company's Service the power of granting such leave is in the Governor in Council only. Officers requesting such Leave must apply thro' their respective Commanding Officers, & the Commanding Officer of the District to which they belong -

18.

All General Orders of Govern-
-ment, and of the Commander in Chief are circu-
-lated to the Army from the Adjutant Gene-
-rals Office, thro' the Channel of the Officers
Commanding in Districts and at the several
Military Posts under the Presidency - Whenever
the Adjutant General dispatches the General
Orders to Officers Commanding Districts and

Military

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Military Posts at Subordinate Settlements, he is also to forward to their respective Chiefs or Residents a Transcript of these Orders for their Information.

19th All General Orders of Government respecting the Military, sent to Chiefs or Residents are to be sent to the Comanding Officer of the District to be published by him to the Troops under his Command — Whenever such Orders have a Reference only to the Troops in Garrison, at Posts where a Chief or Resident is stationed, they are to be sent under cover to the Officer Commanding the Troops in Garrison, to be issued by him to the Troops —

20th All former Publications at this Presidency in explanation of the Honble Company's Orders of the 29th of March 1774 and 7th May 1778 as far as they relate to the separate duties of the Civil and Military Servants at Subordinate Settlements, are hereby annulled & the Regulations now published, are henceforth to be considered as the established Standing Orders of Government.

The Resident at Tanjore is not included in the above Orders —

The Board entirely approve the President's Minute and Regulations, and have no doubt, but that the latter will effectually prevent a repetition of differences & discussions similar to those contained in the correspondence between

The foregoing Regulations approved

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Present the Chief and Council at Masulipatam
& Colonel Brathwaite — Agreed that the Regu-
-lations be published in General Orders, & the
strictest obedience required to them —

Letters to be written to Masulipatam & Col. Brathwaite on the Subject.

Resolved also that Letters be
written to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam
& to Colonel Brathwaite, & that the former be
acquainted with the Board's approbation of the
moderate line of Conduct, which is apparent in
the whole of their Correspondence with Colonel
Brathwaite — As the same line of Conduct has
not been uniformly attended to by Col. Brathwaite

Minute of the Board on the above Correspondence between the Chief & Co. of Masulipatam & Col. Brathwaite.

it is Agreed that the same be remarked in the
Letter to him, & that the disapprobation of
Government be expressed as to his impeding the
execution of Repairs sanctioned by their Authority
& to his mode of confining Advertisements for
Proposals for Building to the Garrisons where
such Buildings are to be constructed —

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Agreed also to inform Colonel
Brathwaite that Estimates for carrying on new
Buildings or any Repairs at the Forts, Ports, or
Cantonments within a District in which a
Chief & Council or Resident are established, must
be sent to the Chiefs & Councils or Residents, who
are to forward the same to the Governor en-joined
accompanied with their Opinions thereon — If
the Forts, Ports, or Cantonments are not within
the Districts in which a Chief & Council or
Resident

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President are established, the Estimates are to pass directly from the Commanding Officer of the District to the Governor & Council at Madras.

The President begs leave to enter the following Minute.-

In consequence of the letter written to the Rajah of Tanjore the 12th August last, on the subject of Lieut Colonel Mullers Claim, Mr Hudleston & Mr Swartz held several conferences with the Rajah, which terminated in a proposition from his Excellency to compromise the matter by paying part of the Demand. The Sum mentioned was 5000 Pags which I communicated to Col. Muller, who consented to accept the Proposal, if better could not be made of it - I begged of Mr Swartz to make the best bargain he could for the relief of this unfortunate Gentleman who had been so long kept in a disagreeable State of suspence. I have now the Satisfaction to lay before the Board Extract of a Letter from Mr Swartz, by which it appears that the Rajah has agreed to pay 6000 Pags in full of Colonel Muller's Claim, & to pay the Money in 30 days.

The President informs the Board that the Rajah of Tanjore has consented to pay 6000 Pags in full of Col. Muller's Claim; & lays before them Extract of a Letter to him from the Revd Mr Swartz on the subject.

I propose, if the Board have no objection, to assist Colonel Muller in completing this Business, by passing my engagement to see the Money paid at Tanjore -

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Signed J. Archd Campbell

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from the Revd Mr Swartz to His Excellency Sir Archibald Campbell &c

Dated Tanjore 26th Oct. 1786.

Your Letter which you honored me with, I received the 20th Instant. The next day I went to the Palace, & acquainted the Rajah with the Contents of your Favour. I was desired to wait a day or two. The morning I was called. The Rajah desired me to decide the matter. I said; I told you the last time that I would decide it, according to the custom of Karpoor, a Town of your Country. Whenever a Law Suit happens the between Creditor and Debtor, they are to determine it so, that the Debtor pays half, & the Creditor louth half. According to the Decision of Karpoor you must pay 6000 Star Pagodas. Though they did not relish it much, they fully acquiesced.

As you have agreed to pay the Money said I, do it in the best manner that is, pay it immediately. The Reply was you shall have the 6000 Star Pagodas within thirty days, either here, or at Madras, just as Sir Archibald Campbell likes.

I am fully satisfied that the Money will be paid on thirty Days, for I perceived that their Intention in this

Affair

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Affair was to please you Honble Sir. Of this point I am so sure, that if I had so much Money, I would advance it without the least hesitation—

But I am afraid that they will pay it in Fanams, as all Payments are made at present in that Coin, which will occasion some Loss—

(Signed) C. T. Swartz

The Board are well pleased to observe that an Arrangement has at last taken place of Colonel Mullers Claim on the Rajah of Tanjore, and they approve the proposal of the President of a jointing Colonel Muller in the final Settlement of the Business—

Minute thereon.

As the Court of Directors have ordered that the Sum of Fifty Pounds Sent by them to Colonel Muller should be discharged whenever an Arrangement of his Claims took place it is Agreed that that Sum be retained accordingly—

Fifty Pounds to be retained by the Company out of the 6000 Pagodas abovementioned.

Read the following Letter from Manulipatam, with Enclosure entered in the Miscellany Book No 122.

To

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell KB

President & Governor & Council

at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Manulepatan in respect to building a Quarter for the Assistant Surgeon contiguous to the Hospital; & on the Subject of Store Rooms for the reception of Medical Stores - the Causes explained why the Troops at Angole are so much in Arrear.

We were duly honored with Your Orders communicated to us by your Secretary in his Letter of the 5th Instant: and having furnished our Head Surgeon with a Copy of it, directing him at the same time to inform us of the dimentions of the two Rooms now appropriated for the Medical Stores, and Dispensary, we inclose a Copy of his Reply; by which Your Honor &ca will observe, that the Rooms now in use, are every way adapted for those Purposes, and want only a little fitting up, and Furniture to render them conformable in all respects to the Spirit of your Orders - As what Mr Farino has pointed out to be further necessary, will be attended with a trifling Expence only, and concerning that not to come within the Spirit of your Orders for a Contract, we shall give the necessary directions for it's being done -

As there are no Quarters &
allotted for Surgeons or Assistant Surgeons but,
tho' we have two of each appointed to this &

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Settlement, they are under the necessity of living in Houses at a distance from their Duty - Mr Turing therefore recommends that a Quarter should be built for one of them contiguous to the Hospital, where the Medical Stores are also kept, which if it meets with your approbation, might not exceed the Expence that would have been necessary for a Medical Store Room, and Dispensary, & upon this ground, as well as that of saving Houre Rent, & preventing the present Inconvenience, we take the Liberty of recommending a Quarter for the Assistant Surgeon in charge of the Medical Stores, may be built as he has pointed out - Mr Turing likewise recommends that a certain number of Doolies be made up for the Necessities of the sick and for Detachments taking the Field - There are at present no Doolies in Store on any of the Garrisons in this District, and whenever there has been occasion to remove a Detachment for some time past, the want of Doolies has occasioned constant Complaints particularly when a Detachment of the 73.d Regiment marched from hence to the Southward in the month of July 1785. We request your Orders therefore on this Subject, & beg leave to recommend that a sufficient number of Doolies should now be made up, and kept in Store here for the Exigencies of this District -

We

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We have likewise received your Secretary's Letter of the 10th Instant with two from your Deputy Secretary dated the 10th & 11th Instant and shall pay due Obidence to your Orders therein commiencated to us whenever the Lizard arrives at this Port.

In reply to your Secretary's Letter of the 13th Instant enclosing copy of one from Mr Gardiner, it is necessary that we should explain the Causes, which have occasioned the Troops stationed at Angola and in the Palmaud District, being so much in Arrears, as there originated with Mr Gardiner himself - Under date 16th Augt he transmitted us his Accounts for March, April and May, and at the same time applied for Cash for his Disbursements for the Months of June, July and August - This Letter did not reach us untill the 20th August, and was the first application We received from Mr Gardiner for those Months - As there are some Apartments of Pagodas Current here, that will not pass at Angola, it has been usual for the Paymaster to send a Shroff from thence to receive the Money from our Treasury, & to exchange it into Pagodas Current at Angola - This Shroff notwithstanding our Chief had written to Mr Gardiner on the Subject did not reach this place untill the 12th ultimo and the Money was issued from the Treasury on the 21st

Upon the receipt of your Secretary's Letter

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Letter we made further Enquiry into this matter, & were exceedingly surprized that the Escort with the Money instead of setting out for Angole as we believed to have been the case on the 21st Ulto. still remained in the Pellah owing to the difficulty the Shroff found in exchanging the Pagodas issued to him into those Current at Angole, which he had not then succeeded in beyond the Sum of 2000 Pagodas, and upon this Information, we immediately ordered them to proceed which they did accordingly on the 19th Instant -

It will appear we think from the above Recital, that the original Cause of the Troops at Angole being so long in Arrears was owing to Mr Gardiner's having made no application to us for Money during the period of three Months; and we shall be careful to prevent any delay at this place in future, by dispatching the amount of his Indents in the same Currency, that we receive on account of the Company's Revenue; we have also for the same cause repeated our directions to Mr Gardiner to be more regular in future in sending his Monthly Indents -

We have the honor to be &c &c

Masulipatam
23d October 1786

/Signed/ Charles Floyer
Geo Westcott
W Dobbyn

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The Board approve the recommen=
-dation of the Chief & Council for building a Quarter
for the Assistant Surgeon at Masulipatam, in
charge of the Medical Stores, as stated by Mr.
Turing the Head Surgeon of the Hospital at
that Place.

The President delivers in the
following Minute.

Being anxious to settle a regular
Plan for getting the Kists paid by the Rajah of
Tanjore remitted expeditiously to the Presidency,
I sent for Soubaroy, who contracted last year with
Government for bringing Money from Tanjore, & enquired
the Terms, on which he would undertake the Remittance
of the Money this Year. After taking two days to con=
=sider of the Business, he brought me an Answer,
saying, that on account of the Rise in the Exchange,
the Remittance could not be made on terms so fav=
=ourable to the Company this Year as it was the last,
& that as it would be attended with considerable Risk,
he would rather decline the Business altogether.

The President's Minute on a Plan for remitting the Tanjore Kists to the Presidency - Lays before the Board Proposals from Messrs Balfour & Spalding on the Subject

I was convinced that Company's
Servants, who have Transactions to the Southward, could
manage a Business of this Nature as well as the
Soucars, & therefore sent to Messrs Balfour & Spalding
desiring to know, if they chose to contract for the
Remittance. They frankly offered to engage on it, on
the same Terms that had been settled for the two last
Years, as will appear by their Answer, which I now lay
before the Board.

Sr

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In order to guard against the bad Consequences which might attend a Combenation amongst the Soucars, I concluded the Agreement upon the Terms proposed by Messrs. Balfour & Spalding, & hope it will meet the Approbation of the Board.

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/ Signed / Archd. Campbell

Memorandum for the Governor.

When Lord Macartney made his Contract for the Remittance from Tanjore at 25/p Gold Fanams p Star Pagoda the Exchange at Tanjore was 23/p. –

Mr. Davidson contracted also with the same Soucars at the same rate, but the Exchange at Tanjore rose to 24 3/4 & the Soucars now refuse to engage at the same Exchange of 25/p –

When the Remittances commence the Holders of Bullion will necessarily raise their price & at all times both Gold & Silver Bullion are purchased with difficulty to any Extent – It must also be purchased without the Province, where the Tanjore Coin passes at a great Loss –

Messrs. Balfour & Spalding having Southern Concerns to a considerable Extent will never the-less engage to contract at the same rate as the pro-ceeding Contracts, tho' so much less at present in favor of the Contractors, & every Month it must for the above Reasons, become less so –

The Money to be paid into the Treasury here 15 days after the Presentation of their Agents Receipt at Tanjore –

Fort St George
28th. October 1786

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Approved

The Board approve the above Arrangement for remitting the Tanjore Rents to the Presidency -

Read the following Letters (entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 1203 - 1214.)

From the Military Storekeeper

From the Military Storekeeper dated 30th Instant, reporting a deficiency of the Brimstone consigned to this Presidency from Bengal by the Dublin, and enclosing the Account with the Captain's Obligation to make good the Amount in Calcutta -

Minute thereon

Agreed that Copy of the foregoing be sent to Bengal with the Account and Obligation that the Amount of the Deficiency may be recovered -

From the Paymaster at Arcot

From M. Welch.

dated the 19th Instant desiring to know whether a Tindal and Ten Lascars employed at Chentimondoo, are to be put upon the Rolls and whether the Lyrangy and Tindals retained in the Service by order are to be continued stating also that these People were kept on the Rolls in consideration of their Services during the War

Agreed

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Agreed that the Tindal and 10 Lascars employed at Cheviliwoordoo, and the Syrangs and Tindals mentioned in the foregoing Letter be kept on the Rolls at Arcot until further Orders –

Minute thereon

W. C. Jackson
Dep. Sec.

Alex. Campbell
Alex. Davidson
J. Abbamaycr

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1/ Received the following Letter

from Bengal.

To John Chamier Esq.r

Secretary to the Hon.ble the President & C.o

at Fort St George

Sir

From Bengal, requesting that an Alteration may be made in the Letter from thence of the 5. Sept.r relative to the period when the Presidency of Madras will not be debited for the Expences of the King's Troops.

A Mistake having been made in stating to the President and Council at Fort St. George the period from which the Governor General and Council have resolved that the Madras Presidency shall not be debited for the Expences of the Kings Troops, I am directed to request that you will obtain the Sanction of the President and Council to correct the Error in the Letter which was addressed to them by this Government under date the 5.th Ultimo by substituting in the first Paragraph of it the words "since Mr. Burke has received Advances here," in the stead of the Words "in future" as it stood in the original Draft of the Letter to Fort St George.

I am Sir &.c &c

(signed) J Hay Secry

Fort William
Secret.t & Mily Dep.t
8.th September 1786

P.o

Sent the following Letters—

To

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To Edward Hay Esqr

Secretary to the Right Honble the Govr Genl & Co

at Fort William

To Bengal; the alteration made, agreably to the above Request –

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 8th Septr & to inform you that having obtained the permission of the Board, I have made the alterations in the Letter of the 5th Septr to their Government, as pointed out by you –

I am Sir &c &c

Fort St George
2d November 1786

Signed J. John Chamier Secry

To Charles Floyer Esqr

Chief & Council

at Masulipatam

To Masulipatam, with the Sentiments of Government upon the difference of Opinion between that Board and Colonel Braithwaite.

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Honorable President & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 23d Septr 2d & 14th Ult. with their several Enclosures, & to inform you that they have taken into consideration the several points on which you have differed in opinion with the Commanding Officer of the Troops in your District & have published in General Orders Regulations which accurately define the separate Powers and

Duties

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2d Duties of the Civil & Military Servants stationed at Subordinate Settlements — Inclose a Copy of the Regulations to which Government have been pleased to direct the most implicit Obedience —

The President and Council very much approve the moderate line of Conduct which you have observed during the whole of your Correspondence with Colonel Brathwaite — Your Sentiments have been communicated to Colonel Brathwaite who has been informed that the Execution of the Repairs which had received the Sanction of the Presidency ought on no account to have been impeded, nor any Estimate to be forwarded to the Board from any Garrison but Fort, or Cantonment where a Chief and Council are established (except that of the Chief and Council whose opinion upon the Estimate must accompany it when it is forwarded to the President and Council —

The Board never intended that Advertisements for Proposals for Buildings should be confined to the Garrisons where the Buildings are to be constructed, as such mode would infallibly have the Effects described in your Letter —

I inclose by Order of the Board a Copy of the Letter addressed to Colonel Brathwaite and have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedt humble Servt

Signed / John Chamier Secy

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1st November 1786

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To Colonel John Brathwaite

Commanding the Troops
in the District of
Masulipatam

Sir,

To Lt Brathwaite the Board express their opinion on his late Correspondence with the Chief & Council of Masulipatam

I am directed by the Honorable President and Council to inform you that they have perused with attention the whole of the Correspondence between you and the Chief and Council at Masulipatam, and have taken into consideration the several points on which you have differed in opinion with that Board: General Orders have in consequence been published, which accurately define the separate Powers and Duties of the Civil and Military Servants at the Subordinate Settlements.

The President and Council were of opinion upon the perusal of the voluminous Correspondence abovementioned, that the Chief & Council of Masulipatam have in the whole of this business observed a moderate and laudable line of Conduct, and were concerned to remark that the same line of Conduct has not been uniformly attended to in all of your Letters.

The President and Council much disapprove your impedeing the execution of the Repairs, which had received the Sanction of their Authority

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2d Authority. They confirm the Interpretation of the Chief and Council respecting the Orders of the Presidency on the subject of forwarding Estimates through the Board of the Chief and Council only; and have commanded me to acquaint you that Estimates for carrying on new Buildings or any repairs at the Forts, Ports or Cantonments within a District in which a Chief and Council, or Resident is established, must be sent to the Chiefs and Councils, or Residents, who are to forward the same to the Governor in Council accompanied with their Opinions thereon - If the Forts, Ports or Cantonment are not within the Districts in which a Chief and Council or Resident is established, the Estimates are to pass directly from the Commanding Officer of the District to the Governor and Council at Madras -

I am further directed to inform you that the President and Council entirely disapprove the confining the Advertisements for Proposals for Buildings to the Garrisons where such Buildings are to be constructed, and they adopt the reasoning of the Chief and Council at Manulipatam on this Subject -

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1st November 1786

I am Sir &c &c

/Signd/ John Channer Secy

To

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To the Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis

Governor General & Council

at Fort William

My Lord & Gentlemen,

We have had the honor to receive your Lordships's & Letter dated the 5th Sept. & 2d Vol.

To Bengal; respecting the mode of adjusting Accounts between His Majesty's Pay.r General & this Government; and requesting their Orders on the payment of the Batta due the Prisoners late in Mysore.

We communicated the first Paragraphs of the former to our Military Paymaster General, who has addressed us in consequence, to which We have replied, & beg leave to enclose Copies of both Letters for the information of your Government.

Your Lordship &.a will observe that We approved the suggestion of the Paymaster General with respect to the closing the Head of Paymaster to the Kings Troops in the Books, and with respect to the returning the five Months Accounts, which Steps, we trust will be conformable to your Ideas.

We request you will be pleased to inform us in what manner We shall draw upon your Presidency in liquidation of the full Batta, which you have resolved shall be granted to Officers and Men who were Prisoners in the Mysore Country. We are uncertain whether it is your Intention that the whole shall be discharged by Bengal Bonds, or whether you mean to permit Bills to be drawn in favor of the Subalterns, as practised in the discharge of the Military Arrears of this Establishment.

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We shall take no further Steps in this business until We are honored with your instructions on the above point, in the mean time, We have directed our Paymaster General to grant Certificates to each Person, which will ascertain the validity and Amount of his Claim & which may hereafter exchanged for Certificates for Bonds or for Bills as you may think proper to determine.

We have received a Letter from our Military Storekeeper respecting a deficiency in the Brimstone consigned to us by the Dublin, and enclosing an obligation of the Captain to be answerable for the same in Calcutta. We enclose Copy of the Letter with the Enclosures that the Amount may be recovered by your Lordship &c.

Fort St George
1st November 1786

We have the honor to be &c &c

signed / Arch.d Campbell
&c Council

Received the undermentioned
Letters (entered on the Miscellany Book for the
Month of November Nos 1 2 3 4 5 6.)

From the Pay.st at Palamcotah.

From Mr Baker — relative to the payment of Mawbrays detached from Tanjore under the charge of Lieut Ogg.

From the Paym.r at Trichinopoly

From Mr Pattle — By the general Staff mentioned in his Letter of the 8.th Inst: viz. the Commanding Officer, the Cantonment & Fort Adjutants, the Surgeons, & Brigade Major.

From

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2d From Mr Cockburn — From the Agent for victualling the Troops — the Sum of Pags 1083 as stated in Mr Digby's Accounts have been brought to the credit of the Company

From Mr E. Garrow — From Mr Edward Garrow — strongly recommending the claims of the Proprietors of Houses and Ground on Hog Hill, be immediately adjusted, & stating that the Aid granted to the Surveyor of the Roads is very inadequate to the Station —

From Col. Ross — From the Chief Engineer, stating the reason why the Maistry Artificers accompanied Lieut Ogg to Palamcotah, & expressing his wish that such a Line may be drawn between the Engineer & Paymr. as will remedy every misunderstanding for the future.

From Masulipatam — From Masulipatam; complaining of Col. Braithwaite assuming an improper authority in transmitting orders to Captain Montgomery, directing the route of the European Artillery and Infantry embarked on the Lizard previous to addressing the Chief and Council —

3d — Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in MB. Nos 7-8-9-10-11-12-13.

To Mr Turing — To the Military Paymaster; to make out Certificates of the amount of Batta due to each Person, whilst Prisoners in the Mysore Country.

To Masulipatam — To Masulipatam — The Board approve the building a Quarter for the Assistant Surgeon at that Garrison who is in charge of the Medical Stores —

To Ens: Kennedy — To Ensign Kennedy of the 42d Regt. at

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3d at Donapore his Claim for Passage Money must be made to the Court of Directors.

To the Paymaster at Arcot — The

To Mr Welch Tindal and 10 Lascars employed by the 19th Regt of Light Dragoons, & ordered to be struck off the Madras Rolls are to be put on the until further Orders.

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To Mr Kingcote
To Mr Wm Balfour Europeans & Sepoys — ordered to lay before the Board the Accounts of their Employs for the 3 last Years.

6th.

To the Paymaster of Poonamallee

To Mr Hawkins the Board decline making any alteration in the general System, which they have formed for Payrs and Barrack Masters.

Circular Letter to all Commandants

Circular Letter & Paymasters, enclosing Regulations for the Offices of Storekeeper and Inspector of Stores which are to commence from the 1st November.

Received the undermentioned

Letters entered on the 11th Nov 11 15 16.

From Colonel Kenbold, enclosing

From Coll Kenbold an Estimate of Repairs for the Main Guard and Guard Room, which he requests may be immediately executed.

From Cuddalore advising that

From Cuddalore they will adopt such Measures in future as will prevent disagreement between the Inhabitants of Chatty and those of Davaikotah.

From

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at

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From Bengal, enclosing Copy of a Letter from His Highness the Soubah to the Govr Genl & Council, complaining of some Irregularities committed by Mr. Kinchant.

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

Fort William
Secret & Pol. Dep.
14th October 1786.

Signed J Hay Secry

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Fort William

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14th October 1786.

From

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From the Nizam to Mr Macpherson

Received 10th Oct 1786

At this time it has been learnt from the Newspapers of the Talook of Cummum, that the People of the English Company are collecting Troops of Horse and Foot on all sides of the said Talook and even on Madras, and that from the Sea that Cummuk Rendy Ramchunder Pennuck in the Pergunnah Gungagaum of the Circar Cummum has committed Robberies in the Companys Districts although the Truth or falsity thereof has not been ascertained / yet Mr Kinchant the Aumil of the Pergunna Mundoor and Tomlowapa in Dowaw without my Knowledge to wage upon Tellaara and other Villages belonging to him, and to make an Entrance into Balaicha - As for a long period the Punishment of the Zemindars has been done by mutual advice, and the Dominions of the English Company and of this Government have the same Orders through the Length of our Friendship / accordingly when Mr Johnson was at my presence, it had been determined agreeably to their request to send an Army to Balaicha on account of various Disputes in the Companys Districts, and the said Gentleman stopped the dispatch of the Army, by making known the removal of the Disputes, and assured whenever any Injury of this kind happens in the Companys Districts Information was always given to me from Nabas and Mamulpatam, and it was always settled but formerly

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tt formerly during some time Mr Rumbold having com-
-mitted Acts against my pleasure, received his Punish
-ment: and Mr Hastings did every thing, which
was required by Friendship and was not negligent in
the removal and Dismission of Mr Rumbold - From
that Time till this the System of mutual Friend-
-ship has been bound by the strong Chain of affection
- but at this time in the beginning of the Adminis-
-tration of you, who are praised above all the English
Company's Servants for Wisdom and Foresight and
are so firm in maintaining the rules of Truth &
Faith and the sincere Sentiments of Friendship,
great displeasure is given to me, and in the Eye
of Foresight and Prudence; there appears no profit
to the Company's Concerns, therefore I write that
immediately after learning this Circumstance,
you will peremptorily write positive Orders to
the Governor of Madras and to the others, so that
Mr Kinchant may refrain from the abovemen-
-tioned Conduct, and may support the Duties
of Friendship - You will learn further Particulars
from the Letter of Meer Hoseein -

(A true Translation)

(Signed) Ed Colebrooke

Persian Translator

(A true Copy of the Translation)

(Signed) E Hay Secry

To

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6th Fort St George November 1786

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor &c

Fort St George

Honble Sir

I have now the honor to enclose Copies of my last Dispatches of the 15th Instant. The Intelligence therein conveyed of the contending Armies was to the 30th Ultimo.

On the 2d Instant Harry Pant marched out of his Camp with a Resolution of forcing the Enemy to an Action and having advanced within a Coss of the Enemys Lines, halted and disposed his Troops for the Attack. But on a nearer approach finding that Tippoo had greatly strengthened himself by Batteries judiciously erected on the Eminences commanding the Avenues, He thought proper to drop his Intention. The Marattas suffered an inconsiderable Loss from the Guns on the Enemys right Flank, which they made up for by taking many of their Foragers.

Tippoo having been reinforced about this time by a large Body of Infantry on the Night of the 5th Inst: made an Attempt to surprize the Marattas. But their Picquets being alert & having given the Alarm, the whole Army got under Arms, It was assembled about a Mile in front of the Encampment, by which time the Picquets were drawn in & the Enemy

From the Resident at Poona with Intelligence of some Skirmishes between Tippoo & the Marattas on the Banks of the Tumbuddra

Harry Pant &c.

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The Enemy advanced under a brisk fire of their Cannon and Rockets to the distance of about a Mile —

Orders were issued at this juncture by Hurry Pundit for the Army to retreat en three Bodies, those to the right & left being directed to extend themselves round the Flanks of the Enemy

The Intention of this Disposition was to draw the Enemy from the strong Ground in their Rear & on their Flanks to a distance from their Camp, & to attack them with there advantages al day light — But the Plan did not succeed for the Enemy after keeping up a very smart Can= =nonade for about two hours without advancing beyond their advantageous Ground, retreated with very little molestation to their Camp. The the Mahratta Horse being on their Rear upward of two Cos — Hurry Pundit finding his Army straitened for Forage had intended moving that day but was prevented by the Fatigue of the Nights Service — The Mahrattas did not fire a shot from their great Guns and suffered but little from those of the Enemy, which had too great an Elevation —

Since these Advices the only News I have received is that Hurry Pundit has moved about Ten Cos, & that Seppoo has also changed his Ground still keeping on the Bank of the Tumbudra — The Armies are about 12 Cos distant —

Permit me to remind you of Hage Punt the Agent of your Government at this place who seems a very good kind of Man — In a former letter I mentioned that I had supplied him with 250 Rs which he has not yet been able to repay me —

I have the honor to be &c &c

/ Signed / C. M. Malet

To

Poona
Sept 1786

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Fort St George November 1786

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &c Council

at

Fort St George

Gentlemen,

From Bombay the Intrepid Snow dispatched to Madras to convey the Packets for Bombay arrived on the 8th Inst & Talbot; enclosing Intelligence from Lieut. Bee, a Prisoner lately in Mysore, giving an account of the Treatment he received during his Confinement.

We have the Honor to enclose you a Duplicate of our last Letter dated the 31st Ult.

Our President having informed us that he had received a Letter from Sir Archibald Campbell in which he advises him of the Arrival of the Swallow from Great Britain and that a Packet for this Presidency had been received by her which he did not wish to trust by an overland Conveyance. We therefore dispatch to your Presidency the Intrepid Snow, one of the Honble Company's Cruizers belonging to this Establishment, purposely to bring round this Packet as well as that received by the Talbot Indiaman, which We suppose to be still laying at Madras.

We request your Honor &c will return this Vessel to us immediately after her Arrival as her Services will be much wanted during the course of the ensuing fair Season.

Lieutenant Thomas Bee an Officer belonging to this Establishment, who was made Prisoner at Forteified Island in March 1784 by the Troops of the Nabob Tippoo Sultan during the

Fort St George November 1786.

& the Capitulation of Arms having effected his Escape from Imprisonment, lately returned here by the way of Poonah, and enclosed We have the honor to transmit you an Extract of a Letter he addressed our President on his return to Bombay giving an Account of the Treatment he received during his Imprisonment -

We enclose an Account of Advances made at this Presidency to Ensign John Back an Officer belonging to your Establishment, with Copy of our Sailing Orders to Captain Joseph Alderson the Commander of the Intrepid Snow -

We have the honor to be &c &c

Bombay Castle
Publick Department
27th September 1786

R. H. Boddam
P. Nilson
[Signed] Robt Sparkes
Richd Church

N.B. The Communication contained in the Enclosure, alluded to in the foregoing Letter, has been already recited in a Letter from the Resident at Poona, under date the 11th August, and entered in Consultation the 19th September.

To

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Fort St George November 1796

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President & Governor &c. Council

at

Fort St George

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Fort St George November 1786

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell Kt

President & Governor & Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your Orders communicated to us in Mr Secretary Chamiers Letter of 16th Inst. conformably to which, we have written to the Chief of the French Factory at Yanam & to the Resident of Ingeram, informing them of your having given directions to the Renter for changing the Market day at Nellapilla, from the Tuesday to the Saturday

Mr Morton having delivered a Paper to Mr Darvall, said to be a Copy of the original Sanad granted by the Soubah to the French Nation for the Savaram Ground now claimed by them at Collapillee, on condition of its being returned to him, We have the honor of herewith transmitting to you a Copy of the said Paper, except the impression of the Seal, supposed to be that of Mr Dupuy, Governor of Pondicherry, which was so much defaced that it could not be copied

From Manulepatam the Market day at Nellapillee changed from the Tuesday to the Saturday; enclosing a Paper delivered by Mr Morton said to be a Copy of the original Sanad, granted by the Soubah for the Savaram of twelve Candies of cultivated ground.

We have the honor to be &c &c

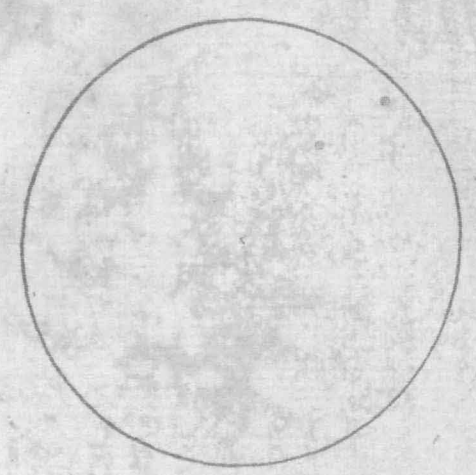
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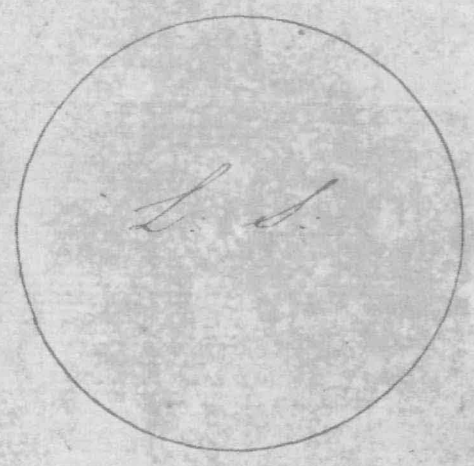
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Translation

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Translation of a Sanad granted by His Highness the Nizam to the French Nation under the Chop and Sign Manual.

To the Aumills and Jaguerdars of the District of Peddapour for the time being & future. Be it known that as twelve Cullys of Land in the Village of Cottapullee in the Perganah of Moormullah under the District of Peddapour having for a considerable time past been resigned to the French Nation for the purpose of keeping their Mussjud (i.e. Church) in repair at Yanam as a Maniam or Gift. I have now ratified the same as formerly. You are therefore to relinquish the said Land under the Factory of the French at Yanam & not to desire a fresh Sanad every Year. You are to know this to be our express Orders & comply with what we have written accordingly. Dated in the year 1765.

(A true Copy from the original.)

P Vencatarow Munshy to the French Nation.

(A true Copy of the Translation.)

A Jsco Secry.

Received the following Report from the Hospital Board.

Hospital

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Hospital Board

November 6th 1786

Read a letter from Mr Whyte Head Surgeon at Trichinopoly, enclosing a List of Servants which he judges absolutely necessary to be employed in the Duties of that Hospital as also respecting the embarrassment he finds himself under in consequence of a requisition from General Horne wishing to detach Mr Bell the 2d Assistant.

Mr Whyte seems not to have understood, that when the Hospital Board, directed that the Senior Assistants in charge of Medicines should not be detached from the Hospital, they did not forbid Mr Whyte from detaining any other Assistant according to the Emergency of the Service & direct the Secretary to write him accordingly.

Agreed also to direct the Secretary to write the Purveyor General to pay attention

From the Hospital Board as to the Provision of Nurses for Hospitals & other Servants to be paid by the Purveyor - The Kings Surgeons to send regular Returns of the Sick to their Board. The Surgeons of Regimental Hospitals to state the average Sick, & the nature of their Disorders, before any Hospital Bedding or Cloathing will be issued - Opinion on Mr Penny's Claim to further Allowance - Mr Kincaid to be defrayed the Expence of building his House at Amboor - Mr Ferguson duely qualified for the Station of 2nd Assistant Surgeon, Mr Boal permitted to remain during the cold Weather in Bengal, but without Pay -

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attention to the 11th Article of Hospital Instructions, & supply the Hospital at Trichinopoly & all other Hospitals with Nurses in the manner following —

A Nurse to attend every eight Men actually sick in Hospital —

A Nurse to attend every three Men in Mercurial Salivations

A Nurse to attend every Dysenteric Patient who is to be Dried.

Approved

That he is to reimburse Mr Whyte for his by past expences which appear reasonable, & defray the expence of Tottys, Sweepers, Lamp Lighters & Apothecary Servants in the following proportion.

For every 100 Men in Hospital

Sweepers	3
Tottys	2
Lamp lighter	1
Servants to assist in the preparation of Medicines and Drogins	2
Coolies for pounding the Mortar	2
Servants for the application of Poultices fomentations and Injections	4

and at that rate for a greater number

Read

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Fort St George. November 1st 1786

Read a Letter from
Mr Garrow enclosing Indents
from the Hanoverian Surgeon
and Surgeon of the 52d Regt
for Hospital Cloathing —

Although it is the wish
of this Board that the Sick
of the Regiments should be
as fully supplied with every
necessary as therein specified
Hospitals, yet they are sensi-
ble that keeping up a supply
of this kind for the whole
Sick List of every Regiment
must be attended with very
considerable expence, they
recommend therefore that
all Regimental Surgeons as
well Kings as Company's be
ordered (before they take any
Steps in this business) to send
a Report to this Board of
the average Sicks of their res-
pective Regiments, who
absolutely require to be treated
in Hospital, and not that
description of Sicks, who are
able to attend the Surgeon
for their Medicines

Approved — The
Surgeons will be ordered
to send their report
to the Hospital Board
on the first of every
Month —

The Hospital Board
however beg leave to observe,
that, as soon as Contractors

are

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are found for Trichinopoly, & Masulipatam four General Hospitals on the Coast will be nearly compleated, & so situated as readily to admit the Sick being sent from all Stations to one or other of them, where the Bedrid cases may be treated with less Expence of Stores than any mode of supplying Hospital Bedding & Cloathing to every Regiment will admit.

The Hospital Board therefore hope for full Instructions on this head previous to their ordering any further supply of Hospital Bedding & Cloathing for the Regimental Surgeons.

No Supply of Hospital Bedding & Cloathing to be Issued for the use of the Regimental Hospital unless the Surgeons of such Hospitals shall report to the Hospital Board the average Sick of their respective Regiments specifying the nature of their Disorders.

Read a Letter from Mr Binny to the Chief & Council of Ganjam, on which this Board is directed by Govern.t to give an opinion.

The Hospital Board conceive the Chief & Council of Ganjam can have no objection to adjust the Surgeons charges at that place, agreeable

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Approved.

to the Orders that were at that time extent, but since the Institution of the Hospital Board Mr Binny can only receive the Pay & Emoluments of a Captain in the same manner as is directed for a Surgeon on the present Establishment. An Account of what expences he has necessarily incurred for the treatment of the Sick under his Care since the 1st of May & which they are induced to believe from the great distance could not have readily been supplied from hence, may be transmitted to this Board, who will certify such as they think the Apothecary ought to reimburse, & on future they will endeavour to prevent the possibility of such an application

Approved.

In consequence of a Letter from Mr Binny, to the Apothecary complaining of the great want of Medicines & the small chance of what is sent by Sea now arriving from the North East Monsoon being set in, The Hospital Board desired their Secretary to write Mr Twining to supply Mr Binny with the four following Articles as most immediately wanted.

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Bark, Jallop, Calomel & Canthardes

Approved

Received the enclosed Letters from Mr Duffin respecting the House built at Amboor by Mr Kencaid mentioned in our former Proceedings, which the Hospital Board beg leave to forward to Government, & hope they will prove satisfactory to the Honble Governor in Council —

The Hospital Board having examined Mr Fergufson Assistant Surgeon, whom they find duly qualified, recommend him to be appointed to the 2d Regt of Cavalry at Arcot. —

Approved

(Signed) And.w Berry
Secry Hospl. Board

P. S. The Physician General having received a letter from Mr Brae Assistant Surgeon of the 3d Regt who is ill at Dandrah in Bengal, and no Surgeon in his Neighbourhood requests his own application may be admitted for leave to remain during the cold Season in that Country when he will immediately come to his Duty on the Coast —

Approved — But must return at that period, or forfeit the Service —

The Physician General has likewise received a Letter from

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from Captain Williamson of the Ganges acquainting him that Mr Charles Fleming Surgeon Mate of said Ship is approved of by Lord Cornwallis as one of the Assistants for this Establishment and Captain Williamson's ill health obliging him to live at Bookagur where the attendance of Mr Fleming is useful to him, he requests he may be favored with two months leave of absence without prejudice to his Rank, and as the Physician General believes the reguards are well founded, he hopes they may be granted.

Approved - But can receive no Pay until he joins this Army.

(Signed) And.w Berry

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

Tuesday 7th November 1786.

Alexander Davidson Esqr.

James Henry Casamaijor Esqr.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following Letter from Lieut General Sir John Dalling

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell KB

Governor &c &c &c Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Sir J. Dalling requesting that the Board will accept of a written Obligation from him & permit him to account with the Company at home for the Sum, which may appear due by him to them

It would afford me great Satisfaction to leave a Deposit in Money in the Company's Treasury at Madras untill my Accounts with them are finally adjusted, but, as what little money I had saved has necessarily been remitted to Europe, and, as it cannot be supposed that I could ever have made provision for living here without pay or allowance, I must request the Honble Board will indulge me

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Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
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Tuesday
7th November
1786.

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Governor & & & Council
Fort St George

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me with the acceptance of a written Obligation for their better Security, to repay whatever Sum may appear due from me to the Company on settling Accounts with them, which I engage shall be done as soon as possible after my arrival in England

This request, I flatter myself, the Board will not think unreasonable when they consider the difficulty, or rather impossibility of my raising money in a Country where I have no Connections, and especially as the Court of Directors have in my Annuity a sufficient Security for a much larger Sum than can possibly be required

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) John Dalling

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The Board are very desirous upon every occasion of meeting Sir John Dallings wishes as far as is practicable, & are convinced that in so doing their Conduct will be approved by the Court of Directors to whom it would they conceive be a matter of Concern if the Servt were put to inconvenience in the arrangement of his Accounts with the Company. Agreed therefore that the Accountant be directed to draw out the Account with an Obligation to be signed by Sir John Dalling & that the Obligation be transmitted to the Court of Directors.

Sir J. Dallings Request complied with.

Read

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Read the following Letter from
the Committee for investigating the Nabob's Debts
with Enclosures entered on Min. Nos 17-18-19-

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

On the 29th Ultimo we furnished
Mr Darke with such part of His Excellency the
Nabob's Letter as respected his Claims upon him
on his own account, & on his Family, and the 13th
Instant, on the Eve of the Rangers dispatch, we
received a Letter from Mr Darke with different
Papers as referred to in his letter, a Copy of which
we have the honor to enclose -

At so late a period it was im-
-possible for us to enter into the explanation
he gives of his Claims, or even to get the Papers
he enclosed, translated into English before the
Packet for Europe sailed -

We can see no cause to alter
our opinion upon each part of his claims as
are immediately upon the Nabob, from any
thing advanced by him in his present Letter,
it is in contradiction to the Nabob throughout, it is assertion without proof, where
Proof

From the Committee for investigating the Debts of the Nabob with further Observations on the Claims of Mr Darke upon his Highness & Family. Remark on the Debts of 1777. of opinion that the Claims of Sir Henry Cosby, Major Campbell & Captain Sundan cannot be included in the Debts called the Cavalry Loan.

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Proof to establish the Claims was indispensably necessary on very different Grounds we deem the Nabob responsible for the greater part of the Claim on himself, nor is it now in our power to throw any additional Light on the Subject, the Reasonings on which we found our Opinion are contained in our Letter of 30th September —

But we consider the Papers which Mr Darke states as Securities lodged with him for the Debts of the Tanjore as a matter of more attention, both on account of their apparent magnitude and for the Claims that they are meant to secure, and it becomes the duty of your Committee as the normal Papers were forwarded to us on the Madras Consult unfurnished with Translations, to ascertain what they really were on themselves, and how far they might be applied to the purposes for which they were made over to him — They are seven Obligations for Monies borrowed by the King of Tanjore or his Agents at different periods and from different Persons specifying certain terms of Payment, they are dated so far back as the year 1773. before the Capture of Tanjore - they carry no receipts or marks upon any part of them from the persons to whom made payable - there appears upon the Face of them to be no chain of connection either between the Rajah of Tanjore and the Nabob, or between the Nabob & Mr Darke. they

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are independant Transactions of which we can form no opinion whatever for the information of the Board - We enclose herewith Translations of the whole.

The Assignment of these Papers if there had any existed was the next object for your Committee to investigate, and the weight of establishing this part of the Transaction has of course fallen upon the Proposer of the Bonds, who brought them forward; it is impossible for us to represent it in any other words than his own, or by abbreviation; we can therefore only refer your Honor &c to Mr Darkes Letter which points to this part of the Business, and as the whole Transaction is denied by the Nabob, We must leave it to your Honor &c to decide upon the propriety of that force he wishes to give it.

Thus much as to the Securities for the Claims on the Family, but we must here remark that if the Nabob has held them of any estimation, it is matter of astonishment he should have permitted Bonds of such seeming Value to lay useless in the hands of Mr Darke for near Ten Years, who could derive no advantage from them whatever, without once applying to receive them back again, at least such Application does not appear to the Committee to have ben made by the Nabob -

The Claims on the Family

stand

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stand simply thus, disengaged of all other matter whatever -

1st Janry 1786, Omdut Ul Umrah on Bond	1,94,243.-
31st Decr 1785 Sinn Sum Dowla on Bond and Interest	96,216.36.14
1st Janry 1786 Abdul A. Caun on account	2,584.23.-
1st Janry 1786 Abdul L. Caun on account	5,050.11.-
Pagodas	2,98694.28.14

The reality of the Bonds is not disputed by the Nabob, but in addition to his letter which he before transmitted, complaining of the interference of ill advisers to his Family, and variety of other matter, he forwarded to us declarations of Omdut Ul Umrah & the different Branches of his Family, setting forth that to their Knowledge the Nabob had often positively desired Mr Barkle, not to make any Loans to any part of his family or to furnish them with Goods upon Credit: this Paper is dated 7th September 1786 subsequent to all the Bonds produced, & being regularly signed & witnessed, must assuredly throw all Responsibility of these Debts from off the Nabob himself.

Since wording the foregoing we have just received a Letter from the Agents of His Highness the Nabob, relative to the debt of 1777 on which we finally reported with the Accounts

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Account of Bonds made up in that Debt to the 31st
Decmber 1784 and we received the approbation of Govern-
-ment on the mode we adopted, it took us much time
to investigate this Busines and to bring it to the
state, in which we delivered it in, and it required
our entering minitely into a number of original
Papers, that we referred to in that Letter. & which
accompanied our Proceedings; at this period we can
add nothing to a Subject we have already gone
so particularly into; the orders of the Court of
Directors in the settlement of the Concerns between
the Nabob and the Credetors is the line of conduct
we have observed throughout; the cause of difference
in this particular Article of Pagodas 1,64,632, 33.
is explained in our abovementioned letter, and we
beg leave to quote the following Paragraph of a
Letter we received from the Agents themselves on
this Subject under date 1st November 1785—

"For the three first Dividends of
"5 p Cent on the Debt of 1777, separate Receipts were
"granted, some of them expres to Account of Int.
"but the greatest part a Dividend of so much
"per Cent." by this it appears that the above
Sum was acknowledged to have been paid on
part, at least, of the Interest—

We received some time since from
your Honor & several Paragraphs of the Honble
Company's General Letter of 12th April last, which
state the claim of Sir Henry Corby, Major Dugald
Campbell

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Campbell, Captain Jourdan and Mr Dott — The three Claims that stand first were sent to the Nabob through your Committee so long since as 15th October last year and with a great variety of others, still remain with his Excellency, but as Government have approved of limiting the Term for the receipt of all Demands whatever, we hope we shall soon be able to close the Business of our Appointment —

With respect to the Claims of Sir H. Coote, Major D. Campbell, Captain Jourdan and Mr Dott (and we must observe that the present application from the Agents of the Nabob wishing now to have an alteration made in the mode of Settlement stands in a similar point of view) we think it our duty to remark with Submission that some Circumstances appear to have escaped the attention of the Hon.ble the Court of Directors for they say in conclusion "that they are clearly of "opinion, that in Equity they are entitled to be "ranked in the same Class as those Creditors, distin= "-guished under the name of Cavalry Loan" — This was placing them on an uncertain Issue, with Accounts that took up much difficulty to adjust uncertain in their event, and with which they hold no connection whatever and it was altering the System they had already established of the division of the 12 Lacks, which the Creditors were enjoined to abide by under the severest Penalties as contained in the 10th Paragraph of the General Letter 9th December 1784 — and to which Arrangem.t the

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the Creditors acquiesced by Deputation in a Letter to your Committee under date 22d December last. It is lowering the Value consequently of a determined Property, which many of the original Proprietors have already assigned over, & disposed of, on the certainty of the Settlement made: and which has been established by payments of Dividends both Principal & Interest for near a year past, agreeable to the publications of the Honble the President & Council, made to the Creditors for that purpose.

We have the honor to be &c

Fort St George
4th November 1786

Edwd Garrow
Signd Wm Webb
James Landon

The President lays before the Board a Letter from His Highness the Nabob (entered in C. C. No 86) stating, that by the Arrangement entered into with the Company the Accounts of this Debt were to be made up with simple Interest only to the 31st December 1784. that the Debt of 1777 was drawn out in this manner & transmitted by his Agents to the Company's Committee, that an alteration has been made in striking off the Amount of the Interest on the Dividends on this Loan, & that as this Alteration has been made without

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob—

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"his Knowledge, His Highness trusts that the Pre-
"sident will give his concurrence to the Nabobs
"granting Bonds for the Sum of Pags 1,63,869. 21.-
"to such of his Officers and Servants whose just
"Demands for Pay are unprovided for"-

In order to form a judgement

of the Answer, which it will be proper to give to
His Highness's request, it is Agreed that a letter
be written to the Committee for investigating the
Nabobs Debts, desiring them to throw every possible
light upon the above Subject, in addition to
the Reports, which they have already made,
relating thereto -

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from
the Military Board.

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell

K. B. & &c Governor in Council

From the Mily Board on the claim of Lieut Innes for Steps due the 10th Battalion - The Adjutant Genl submits to their Consideration a new arrangement of Off Mechonings & Distribution of half Batta, which they recommend to Government -

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been honored with two
Letters from Mr Secretary Chamiers of the 25th and
28th Instant - The Instructions contained in the
former of these relative to the alteration pres-
-cribed for the Barrack Masters Department shall
be punctually attended to -

Captain Lieut Godfreys ap-
-plication is not so explicit, as we could have wished,
with regard to the authority under which he hopes
to -

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to establish her Claim; on his own Situation in the 9th Battalion at the period he alludes to: We have therefore directed our Secretary to request some further information from him, previous to our final decision on the subject -

The claim of Adjutant Innes for Stops due to the 10th Battalion of Sepoys appearing to be exactly similar to a former application from Captain Croker, on which this Board reported their opinion on the 9th Sept[r] And the G: C: by Govern-ment of the 13th Ult[o] confirming that opinion, having marked the precise line to be observed in recovering such Arrears. We can perceive no material Obstacle to prevent the claims of the 10th Battalion from being adjusted in the manner therein prescribed - Conceiving that the Prize Money claimed by Adj[t] Innes as due to the 10th Batt[n] becomes now altogether a private Concern. & presuming that Government will not wish to exert any im-mediate interference, We can only take the liberty to recommend that every assistance be afforded the claimants by ordering a Court Martial, or Court of Enquiry, if necessary, for the purpose of ascertaining, & enabling them to re-cover their rights -

Lieut Colonel Malcolm having delivered in a Minute which will be found inserted at length in our Proceedings of this day, submitting to consideration the expediency of a new arrangement of Off Reckonings, to which we have agreed, and of

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a different distribution of Half Batta: Previous to our entering into that minute discussion, which the former of these Subjects seems to require, We conceive that a statement of the actual amount of Stoppages for Cloathing will be essentially necessary: We therefore beg leave to request, that your Honble Board will be pleased to issue Orders to the different Agents for cloathing the European and Sepoy Corps, to furnish us with their Accounts under that head for the three last Years--

After having maturely considered Lieut Col. Malcolm's second Propoposal relative to a new Distribution of half batta, & conceiving ourselves authorized by the 7th Art. of our Instructions to offer our opinions to Government on any measure likely to promote the interest of the Honble Company & the good of the Service; We beg leave to recommend as the most eligible mode of making an equitable distribution of this allowance, that the whole of the Sum now paid under the head of half batta, be formed into an aggregate Fund, & then be subdivided into quarter batta, as a genal allowance to the whole Army--

The Honble Company would not we humbly conceive, be subjected on this account to any extraordinary Expence; & by this generalification of the present allowance, the junior part of the Army would be in a great measure relieved from their present distresses--But as this is proposed to constitute no part of the actual subsistence

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and can only be considered as an extra allowance, We beg leave to recommend, should Government approve of this distribution, that it shall cease at all Stations & times, where full Batta is allowed, in the same manner as has hitherto been regulated with respect to the allowance of half Batta.

We cannot conclude this Subject, without remarking, that We have a strong additional Inducement to suggest this arrangement, in the prospect of reducing this Allowance to a determinate Sum, which is at present fluctuating, and dependent on the Stations of the Troops, and such Removals as the exigencies of the Service may require.

We have the honor to be &c &c

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28th October 1786

Capper
Patrick Ross
James Lidingtoun
Henry Malcolm
Ja.s Campbell
Wm Sydenham

/Signed/

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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the Chief Engineer.

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Commander in Chief President & Governor

& the Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Chief Engineer on the subject of furnishing the Surveyor General at Calcutta with Materials to compleat a general Map of India—

Mr Secretary Chamier has favoured me with the Extract of a Letter from the Governor General and Council of Bengal with direction to inform you how far it is practicable for us to assist the Surveyor General at Calcutta in preparing a Map of India—

I have the honor to inform you, that I am now preparing, to lay before you, for the information of the Governor General &c. a List of all the general Plans in this Office, & to acquaint you that Captain Pringle's Book of Roads and Marches of the Army last War, together with the General Plan of this part of India, are at present copying for Bengal—

The Loss of Plans, & many other Inconveniences respecting Plans have arisen from the changes of System that have at different times been adopted— And from the orders given by successive Governors for removing Plans from the Engineer Office, especially during the Government of Lord Pigot when the Plans at the Engineer Office were taken out by a public Order of the Secretary.

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and in consequence of the Revolution that took place during his Lordship's Administration were suffered occasionally to fall into the hands of a variety of People - Such a want of Arrangement has existed in this respect, that I can venture to assert this Government is now possessed of less Materials towards furnishing a complete Chart of the Southern parts of India, than they were at the period of ten Years back -

The best Plan of the Southern Countries compiled last War by a number of hands, was carried home by Colonel Fullarton; - who has furnished with the most liberal readiness (as Major Maule informs me) the Company's Geographer General, Major Rennell, with all the Documents in his possession tending to illustrate the Subject - Major Rennell has also had access to the Plans and Papers of the late Colonel H Humberstone and to other important Manuscripts which the Company and Public at large have already greatly benefited by from Major Rennells second Edition of the Memoir and Map of Indostan lately published - What still remains in this Country I will endeavour to procure, very few having come to the Engineer's Office for these last six Years -

The operations of the War on the Malabar Coast having been conducted under the direction of the Government of Bombay, it

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is probably the best Plans of their Transactions will be found there - The only Coast Engineer who served on the Malabar Side having been recalled on the Invasion of Hyder Ally, and afterwards killed at an early period of the War -

Fort St George
1st November 1786.

I am most respectfully &c.

(Signed) Patrick Ross
Lieut Colo & Chief Engineer

Minute thereon -

Agreed that Copy of the foregoing be transmitted to Bengal for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General and Council -

Read the following Letter from Mr Colley Lucas -

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

* From Mr Lucas. Chief Surgeon, declaring that he had no intention of injuring Mr Anderson, by his former representation relative to Rank; & requesting to be appointed the Company's Surgeon General on the Coast.

Honble Sir and Sirs,

I have very sincerely to thank you for the Communication of Mr Anderson's Letter to your Honble Board -

I disclaim a possibility of any meaning of taking an unbecoming advantage of Mr Anderson or any Man -

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may have been agitated by the Subject of my several Letters to you previous to the sailing of the Ranger - a particular object of my attention had diverted my thoughts from writing, untill the 13th Oct.r - my Letter was delivered, the Packet was closed - an Interval somewhat longer than those few hours Mr Anderson asserts - I thought most con= =venient to a purpose which my Mind rejects, as unworthy of it -

I trust Honble Sir & Sirs, my Solicitations for that I deemed a Justice to myself, will not appear to you what Mr. Anderson has called them; and my chief Regret for all that has passed is the trouble I have given your Honble Board.

I feel no difficulty in allowing the Truth and justice of Mr Anderson's Statement of Circumstances relative to the period & Places where We were originally employed in India, and my having been on Service in Situations im= =mediately dependant on the Presidency, has led me uniformly to imagine, that, as all Rank is derived from Arrivals at the Presidency, I had that Claim on the List of Surgeons, which I have so long wished to attain -

If my Assertion that I do not profess Midwifry is an avowal of my Ignorance of the Obstretic Art; I must confess I am at a loss to understand that Language in which we all explain ourselves. I feel myself as equal to the Theory as Mr. Anderson is, and under this

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a portion Honble Sir & Sirs, I trust that the sense of a wilfully Misconstrued Expression will appear to you restored clear & decided in its meaning—

On the same Ground let me hope I shall dispell all unjust inference towards me as to my Qualifications for the practice of a Physician — In my Address to you, I said, "I never stiled myself Physician &c." To the cool, candid, unprejudiced, impartial Mind, can this Expression be deemd Declaratory of my feeling myself unequal to the duties of a Physician? To your Minds & Judgements, doubtless worthy of these Epithets, Honble Sir & Sirs, I submit the Appeal, I doubt not the result will be your concurring in opinion with me, that nothing short of the most tortured Construction, could derive from my words any such meaning—

I again repeat my regret, at having occasioned your Honble Board so much trouble, but must still beg leave to say, that I shall deem myself greatly obliged to you, for your gratifying me with the nomination of Surgeon General to your Forces on this Coast; assuring you at the same time, however you may think proper to determine — I shall rest satisfied with your decision

I have the honor to be &c &c

Signed Colln L. Lucas
Chief Surgeon

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6th. November 1786

P. S.

Lest any partial Representation

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of this Subject should come before the Court of Di=
=rectors: I request Honble Sir & Sirs you will have
the goodness to suffer the Correspondence to go
home, a number in the next Packet –

Agreed to inform Mr Lucas, that
the Board are unable to make any alteration
Mem. thereon in the Arrangement fixed by the Court of Direc=
=tors for the Medical Department of this
Presidency, but that his Letters shall be trans=
=mitted home as Numbers in the Packet, agre=
=ably to his Request –

Read the following Letter from

Mr Muller –

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell KB

President & Governor &c Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Mr Muller, requesting that Government will not insist on his repaying the Sum of £50 borrowed from the Company in 1773 with Interest from that period; but that it be submitted to the consideration of the Court of Directors –

Having been required to repay
the Sum of £50 with Interest thereon from the
Year 1773 in consequence of what is mentioned in
the Honble Company's General Letter to this Pre=
=sidency, dated 10th Sept 1783, I beg leave to
observe to your Honor &c it appears the Honble
the Court of Directors gave such directions on the
subject under a supposition that ample Com=
=pensation would be made me on account of
my Claims in the Tanjore Country, which they

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have fully acknowledged to be well founded - but as your Honor & must be sensible a restitution in part only of my Property has been made to me. I am induced to solicit that you will submit my case to the consideration of the Honble the Court of Directors by the first opportunity and I shall leave a sufficient Sum in the hands of my friend Mr Kingscote, as an Indemnification from any loss should they think proper to determine that I must pay the abovementioned Sum with Interest -

I flatter myself that a compliance with my Request will appear an act of Justice, and I have the honor to subscribe myself with much respect -

Honble Sir & Sirs &c &c.

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4th November 1786

(Signed) G. Muller

In consideration of the circumstances attending Mr Mullers Situation, & the inadequate compensation he has obtained from the Rajah of Tanjore it is Agreed to comply with his Request, and to state the reasons for so doing to the Court of Directors by the next Dispatch -

Mr Mullers request complied with -

Read the following Letter from Mr Bryan Sc Bney -

To

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From M.r Scottney, accusing M.r Holland of neglect, in the Audit of the Accounts of the late Military Storekeeper.

I am sorry to find myself obliged to call the attention of the Honble Board, in consequence of a letter I have received from the Commissioners of Accounts, in which they have (from M.r Hollands Report to them) brought under the head of Deficiencies the Sum of 6144 Pa. 20. 60 and objected to the charge of Rag.s 44. 6. 21. 5 for drying & sifting Powder on the Island, & the Loss attending that operation.

I have great reason to appre-hend from a variety of circumstances, that M.r Holland never examined the Military Store-keepers Accounts (Article by Article) himself, but trusted to the Reports of his Servants. I believe his head Braminy Papaya took the lead in this business, & when he found his efforts to extort Money from Cashwa Mooteliar (the Military Storekeepers head Concoply) were ineffectual, he transferred the Investigation of the Accounts to another of his Master's Servants, and this Man to a third: all of whom being disap-pointed in their hopes of advantage by the business, neglected it in so shameful a manner, that the Accounts have been in M.r Hollands Godowns upwards of three Years, all this I had in

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that interval made frequent & very pressing applic-
-ations to him to bring them forward - During
that period so little Care was taken of the Books
and Vouchers that some of the latter were lost,
& others bear the marks of being attacked by
white Ants - Among the rest of those which
have suffered by this unwarrantable neglect, was
an Indent signed by Lord Macartney, which was
lore, and a part lost since it had been delivered
into Mr Hollond's Possession - It is fortunate
for me that the remaining part has Lord
Macartney's Signature -

Mr Hollond in his Report
to the Commissioners of Accounts has produced as
Vouchers, what were delivered to him only as
Copies & neglected to give that necessary information
to the Commissioners, which I flatter myself would
have prevented so unfavorable a Report as Appre-
-hend from the Contents of their Letter to me
they have made to the Honble Board -

Very early in the Inspection
of the Military Storekeepers Accounts, Mr Hollond
was informed that his People had lost or mislaid
some of the Vouchers & therefore requested to give
Receipts for such as might be delivered in future -
Mr Hollond refused to comply with this reasona-
-ble request, not only to my Conception but to
myself when I called upon him soon after for that
purpose -

At another time Mr Hollond's
behavior

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behaviour was so very extraordinary that I shall beg leave to detail the particulars. On July 1785 I went to her House and shewed him Mr Secretary Hudleston's letter to me of the 7th August 1784. conveying the refusal of Government to make me any Advances till my Accounts were audited, which Letter I had mentioned to him on a former Visit; Mr Holland then said in positive terms that he had never been able to obtain sight of any Receipts for Military Stores delivered, tho' he had made many Applications for them. I went instantly to my Office & returned with a Sheet of Paper, on which were various Receipts signed by different Conductors, who had been sent from the Army by Colonel Moorhouse to receive the Stores, and at the same time I brought a Conicopoly to Mr Holland, who declared to him, that he furnished him with Vouchers, and that Mr Holland was then in possession of four Months Vouchers, which the Conicopoly had delivered to him fifteen days before. Mr Holland declared in the course of his Conversation with me on the same morning, that he had not examined my Accounts since the last appointment of Commissioners altho' I had frequently before informed him how much I suffered by his delay.

I have to inform the Honble Board that some of the Vouchers for the Sum of Pag.s 6,144. 20. 60. which Mr Holland has brought under the head of deficiencies, have been found in his House & at the Civil Storekeeper's Office since I received the Letter from the Commissioners of Accounts, & I hope to prove many more to the

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Honble Board by the Testimony of Lieut Colonel Sydenham, who as Town Major at the time dispatched many Stores to Out Garrisons by order of Lord Macartney - but that of Lieut Colonel Moorhouse, who received all Military Stores, that arrived in Camp, & by that of Captain Bedford, who as Commissary of Stores, superintended the dispatch & kept the Books & Accounts on the Arsenal, of all Stores sent out of the Presidency -

The Commissioners objection to the Sum of Pagodas 1471. 21. 5 for loss on Powder dried and sifted on the Island, proceeds from their supposing it was not done under the Inspection of the Commissary General of Stores & his Report made in consequence thereof - I have to observe there was no Commissary General of Stores at the time, but as Captain Bedford officiated as Commissary, he superintended that Business -

I hope it will not be thought foreign to the present Subject (as I have it from good Authority) to inform the Honble Board that all the Civil Storekeepers Vouchers were a long time missing after they had been delivered to Mr Hollond, some of them were discovered many Weeks after in his Godowns, and the remainder have not yet been found -

As what I have represented to the Honorable Board relative to Mr Hollond's

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Conduct (except what passed personally between Sein and me) is from the Information of those who were officially employed to attend Mr Hollond's People when the Accounts were under Examination. I request the Honorable Board will be pleased to order the following People to be examined upon Oath, or in such other mode as to your Honor &c may seem proper.

Cashwa Moodeliar	Military Storekr	head Conicoply
Davy Moodeliar	Do	Conicoply
Adumoolaun	Do	Do
Chedumberam,	Civil Storekeeper's	head Conicoply
Maselamony	Do	Conicoply.

With every Apology for the Trouble I am obliged to give the Honorable Board in defence of my Reputation & Fortune I have the honor to subscribe myself with the greatest respect

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7th November 1786.

Honble Sir & Sirs &c &c &c.

Signed / B. Scott

Agreed that Copy of the fore-going Letter be sent to Mr Hollond, & that he be desired to reply thereto.

Copy of the foregoing Letter to Mr Hollond

Read the following Letter from the Chief Engineer.

To

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Commander in Chief President & Governor

& Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From the Chief Engineer stating the outer Boundaries of the new Cantonment at Walajahbad, and recommending that they be made public

Agreably to your Orders I have fixt the outter Boundary of the Cantonment at Wallajahbad, and with all deference, submit to you the propriety of making them publickly known by a Notice to the following Effect -

Notice is hereby given, That the following Boundaries are fixt for the Cantonment of Walajahbad within which Camp Discipline will henceforth be observed. Therefore, no person under any pretence whatsoever is hereafter to offer for Sale any Spirituous Liquors, intoxicating Drugs &c &c within that distance of the Cantonment, without permission first obtained, and places appointed for the disposal of them under proper Inspection - But although Camp Discipline is strictly to be observed within those Limits in future, it is nevertheless to be understood, that no kind of interference with the Inhabitants will be suffered in the Cultivation of the Grounds within the Boundaries here prescribed, on any pretence, otherwise than within that part reserved for the immediate purposes of the Cantonment, the particular Boundary of which the Resident of the Sagheir

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and the Engineer will point out to the Renters and Headmen of the neighbouring Villages -

Places where intoxicating Liquors Drugs &c &c are forbid to be sold or any where with in these distances of the Cantonments -

From Podda Naigues Tope on the Chinglepet road to Pattoo Mety Hill & Village -

From Pattoo Mety Hill &c to Lingarums small Tope -

From Lingarums Tope to Cuttapack =um Choultry and Tank -

From Cuttapackum Choultry &c to Cutacaut Fort & Village -

From Cutacaut to Reddy Choultry.

From Reddy Choultry to the Bank of the Cutacaut Tank -

From the Cutacaut Tank to Nasam =pettah Pagoda on the Conjeveram Road -

From Nasampettah Pagoda to Pullicontan Choultry -

From Pullicontan Choultry across the River Palar to Nelvalam Village -

From Nelvalam Village to Vanyen Choultry -

From Vanyen Choultry to the Toomboonoor Village -

From the Toomboonoor Village to

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to the River Skiar, or Cheyanoo, opposite to the Vellempackum Tope -

From the River Skiar to Uncum-
-packum Tope on the Banks of the Palar.

From the Uncumpackum Tope
across the River Palar to Pedda Naigues Tope on
the Chingleput Road -

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I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) Patrick Ross

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Board of
Revenue be desired to publish the Notification
on Colonel Ross's Letter in the environs of the
New Cantonment, and that a Copy be sent
to the Commanding Officer at Wandiwash
for the same purpose -

Read the following Letter
from the Attornies of General Joseph Smith
(with Enclosures entered on MB. Nos 20-21-22.)

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

From the Attornies of General Smith, requesting that a Bond may be granted for the value of a House belonging to their Constituent, pulled down at the requisition of Government for the better Security of the Fort -

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Having been instructed by
General Joseph Smith as his Attornies to apply to
you respecting his Claims to a Compensation for
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an House belonging to him which was situated at the extremity of the N. W. Esplanade of Fort St George and pulled down with a number of other Houses at the requisition of Government in the Month of Decamber 1780 in order to enlarge the Esplanade, & thereby give additional Security to the Fort. We beg leave Honble Sir & Sirs to request your attention to a subject on which our Constituent thinks himself greatly aggrieved from the long time it has been suffered to lay dormant, altho' the Faith of Government at that time became pledged for the due performance of an Agreement proposed by them, & chearfully acquiesced to by the Inhabitants, in the full Confidence, that it would be strictly fulfilled. We take the liberty of enclosing a Copy of the Engagement entered into between the Government, and the Inhabitants on this subject, as well as of the Proceedings of the Committee of Works in their investigation of it for the information of the Honble Board in the year 1783 which so clearly explains the nature of General Smith's Claim, & the mode of Compensation to which he is entitled, that we hope Honble Sir & Sirs you will be pleased to grant a Bond for the Valuation of the House taken by Mr Maxwell by order of Government being Pr 13384.60 with Interest from that time, & that you will also direct that a Spot of Ground equal in Dimensions & value to that on which the House

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House stood, may be given to General Smith agre-
-ably to the Agreement beforementioned —

In order to strengthen General
Smith's Claim to the particular consideration of
the Honble Board, We beg leave to remark that
the House in question was built beyond the Boun-
-dary of the Esplanade, & with the Consent of the
Chief Engineer to secure it against the conse-
-quences, which have since happened, but which
were unavoidable, owing to the extension of the
new Works of the Fort, a circumstance at that
time not foreseen —

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6th October 1786

We have the honor to be &c &c.
Mat.w Horne
/ Signed / Wm. Sydenham

Minute thereon

The Board are desirous of finally
adjusting the long outstanding Claims of the
Inhabitants of Hog Hill, & it is in consequence
Agreed that the Committee of Works be directed to
lay before Government a correct Statement of the
Claims, with the particulars of the Arrangement
which was made in consequence in the year 1780

Major Maule
appointed Surveyor
of the Roads —
Wm Garrow resigned

The President informs the
Board that Mr Garrow has signified his desire
of resigning the post of Surveyor of the Roads,
and he begs leave to propose in consequence
that Major Maule of the Engineers be appointed
to the above Employ —

Ordered accordingly —

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The President lays before the Board the following Letter & Enclosures addressed to him from the Chief of Masulipatam —

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

&c &c &c

Honble Sir.

From the Chief of Masulipatam, enclosing Copy of a Letter to him from the Soubah, on the Subject of the Complaint preferred by the latter against Mr Kinchant; & copy of a Letter from Captain Schouler with Intelligence of the Motions of Tippoo & the Mahrattas.

I have the honor to send you enclosed, Copies of two Letters I have received from His Highness the Soubah, and from Capt. Scouler at Bezoara — The Soubah, I with pleasure, observe, seems perfectly satisfied with the Answer sent to him about Mr Kinchant's business: and I flatter myself, that Captain Scouler's Intelligence will afford you pleasure — This Gentleman, I have found indefatigable in procuring Intelligence, & it has, in many instances, been well founded —

I have the honor to be &c &c.

Masulipatam
2d November 1786

(Signed) Charles Floyer

Letter from the Soubah to the Chief of Masulipatam — Received 1st Novr 1786 —

I have received your Letter, which you wrote me with much respect, and thereby learnd that, you have written an Order to Mr Kinchant, Resident at Nagapore, and that if he proceeds in such improper behavior, you'll remove him from his said Station — It

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is certain that there is no difference between the Districts of the Circar & the Company. & I trust you are using your endeavors for the Increase of the Friendship subsisting between me and the Company – I hope you will observe my favour towards you & continue writing me of your Welfare.

To Charles Floyer Esqr.

Chief &c. of Masulipatam

Sir

Permit me the particular honor to lay before you the following Intelligence, and which I believe may be depended upon as authentick – Harry Punt Farker with the whole of the Peshwahs Army, and a very large portion of the Nizams under the Command of Tahawwar Jung, remained encamped with them three Cos of Tippoo Camp till the 20th Instant during which time they greatly distressed him by cutting of his Escorts of Provisions &c. &c. They then marched to Bankapour Sawnora 'tis said with intent to besiege it – however on the 1st of Octr Farker marched two Cos from Bankapore to the Westward & encamped on a fine extensive Plain – where he has sufficient room to employ the whole of his numerous Cavalry to advantage – He removed to this situation in consequence of having received private Intelligence, that Tippo Sultaun was making great preparations, propo-sing to come & fight him, before Tuckojis

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Arrival with his Forces, or the remainder of the Nizam's Army - Holkar's Army are on the march to join Tarkur, & as soon as this Junction is effected - 'tis said he is determined to force Tippoo to hazard a general Engagement if possible - Their Camps are now amply provided with all sorts of Provisions, & abundance of Forage; which is principally owing to the indefatigable Industry of Tuckojee Holkar - This Chief some time since reduced the Fort of Darwar, & has lately taken another Fort five Cos to the West of Darwar, they are both in the Visiapour Districts, and were formerly taken from the Mahrattas -

The 2d or 3d of Octr Tippoo Sultaun was still encamped with his Army near Luckmanpar - his Distresses still continue, and his Troops are very badly off for every sort of Provision and Forage is likewise very scarce - 'tis said he proposes shortly to march his Army across the Tongbadra, & endeavor to take possession of his old Encampment near Hurnahurrayal -

He has lately dispatched a Vakeel to the Nizam, who is charged with some Proposals for Peace - This Vakeel took the Kanoot Road & is to leave that City on the 14th Instant - so that 'tis most probable he will arrive at Hyderabad before the end of the Month -

It is not supposed that either the Peshwah, or Nanah will take the Field

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in person this Season; as no preparations whatever are going on at Poonah for this occasion — Nanah however is using his utmost endeavors tis said to persuade Moodajee Boonslah to join Tarkeer in person this Campaign; but tis believed, that he will not consent to this proposal, except he is accompanied there, by the Peshwah & Nanah Furnavees —

I have the following particulars from Hyderabad — Mohubut Jung, who so gallantly defended Adonie, arrived from Rachore on the 3d Instant, & was most graciously received by the Nizam his Uncle — It is supposed he will be honored with a considerable Command of Troops in the ensuing Campaign —

Monsieur Godar arrived from Poonah on the 15th Inst: & he is charged with Letters from the Peshwah & Nanah Furnavees for Monsieur de Cossigny — He made repeated Applications to be honored with an Audience by the Nizam, but was absolutely & peremptorily refused — he could not even obtain answer to the Letters he formerly presented to him, & was therefore obliged to depart without that Satisfaction — he left it the 21st Inst: to proceed to Pondicherry —

The Nizam has lately directed all his Chiefs to discharge from their Service the half of whatever Infantry they have under their Command — at the same time they are to

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stop four Months pay out of the Arrears of every Sepoy - This circumstance has given universal Disgust to her whole Army, & in Hyderabad they are under the greatest Apprehension, that it will cause a general Mutiny amongst these injured Troops -

I have the honor to be &c &c

Bezoara
31st October 1786

/Signed/ Robt Scoules

Read the following Letter from

Mr Joseph Garrow -

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From the Purveyor to the General Hospital proposing to victual the Hospitals at Masulipatam and Trichinopoly on the same terms as that at the Presidency

Your Honorable Board having been pleased to accept of my offer for victualling the Hospitals at the Presidency and Vellore, I beg leave to propose victualling the two other General Hospitals of Manulipatam & Trichinopoly on the same terms, if agreeable to your Honorable Boards -

I have the honor to be &c &c

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/Signed/ Joseph Garrow.

Agreed

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Agreed that Mr Garrows Pro-
-posals for victualling the General Hospitals
at Trichinopoly & Manulipatam upon the same
terms as those at the Presidency be accepted.
& that this Resolution be communicated to the
Hospital Board.

Agreed to.

Read the following Letter
from Mr Digby.

To John Chamier Esq.

Military Secretary

Fort St George

Sir,

From Mr Digby requesting that the Mendau of his Appeal deemed by Government insufficiently supported, may be referred to the decision of the Court of Directors

I have been honored with your
Letter of the 15th Instant intimating that the
Board have consented to admit the Sums of
Star Pagodas 57/62.- -
108.9.-
171.18.- appealed from the audit
of the Commissioner of Southern Accounts. And
further that the Sums of Star Pagodas - - - -
2169.10.- For Bay & Batta to Manoty Coolies
1232.- -.- For Do - - to Artificers with the
Quarter Master General exceeding what was al-
-lowed to the Carnatic Army, will be admitted
provided I can produce Colonel Fullarton's
Authority for entertaining them.

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As no specific Order has ever been customary on such occasions either in this, or any other Army, that I have been able to discover, I should now be unprovided with the Authority here required if Col. Fullarton had not at my instance called upon Government for confirmation of these several Articles. His Letter upon record dated 17. December 1784, to which I must beg leave to refer, will mark his approbation, & authority thereupon.

With respect to the Indents required for the Cattle under the Quarter Master General for the Sum of Pags 1093.11. they were delivered in by the Deputy Agent to the Commissioner as necessary Vouchers.

I therefore presume that the Commissioner must either have lodged them in the proper Office, or deposited them with the rest of his Papers. But at any rate, he would not, I am well convinced, be suspected of having allowed any charge to have passed his hands without remarking such informality, had such existed at the time.

Over and above the foregoing Sums the amount of Pags 4234.11.35 has already been carried to the Credit of the Company in whole or in part, or in other words, will not be found upon investigation the actual debit against the Paymaster, as it at present stands, but which can only be accurately ascertained by the books of the Military Paymaster & Agent, for which purpose, the Order that the Board have been pleased to promise in your Letter, will be requisite for their undertaking the adjustment.

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Pags 592.12.60	Pays.
557.--.--	
380.--.--	Genl.
1613.28.75	
1083.--.--	Agent.
4234.11.35	

For

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For the reviews of the Appeal that the Board have deemed insufficiently supported by official Authorities (which an accident has deprived me of in this Country) I must solicit their protection, and recommendation of my claims to our Superiors, that when undeniable testimonies can be produced, that these Charges were incurred by order, & approbation of my Commanding Officer, whose powers were competent to enforce this obedience from me, they may be induced to release the property, & in so doing vindicate my reputation as a Man and public Officer, which are so intimately involved in the proof of my assertions —

I have upon a former occasion explained the cause of this insufficiency of Vouchers, by the loss of a Tappal from the Coast, containing every necessary One attested by Col. Fullarton, & dispatched by him a few days before he embarked. His last Letter to me dated London 22d Dec. 1785 repeats his promise of sending the fullest, and most unequivocal explanation of every proceeding relative to Specie or disbursement in order to compensate the unlucky fate of his packet from Pondicherry — all hopes of which being now entirely flown, I shall rely on the justice of the Board to afford me such a representation of my case, as well as allow me official copies of all Papers which may be conducive to substantiate my Claims, and proceedings, that when they are brought forward in Europe under the authority of such Documents as Colonel Fullarton can alone furnish, the expidiency and propriety of them may be so clearly enforced as to justify their attention to the Rights and Character of one

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under their immediate Government, and protection
who has the honor to be with Esteem,

Fort St George
25th October 1786

Your most Obedient
humble Servant,
(Signed) Kenelm Digby
Pay.r to the late S.d Army

Minute thereon

The Board are of opinion, after
referring to the Letters pointed out by Mr Digby
that the Authority requisite to justify the ad-
-mission of the Sums appealed is not to be found
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and Council to Colonel Fullarton, and they are
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directed to report whether the Indents required for
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the Sum of Pagodas 1993. 28 (as stated in Mr
Digby's Letter) are in his Office.

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(entered in MB Nos 23 24 25)

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Minute thereon

As it appears from Colonel Elphinston's Statement that it would be an Act of Injustice to deny admission to the above-mentioned Claims, it is Agreed to permit them being added to the List already delivered to the Military Paymaster General.

From Lieut Colonel Sydenham

From Lieut Col Sydenham

dated 3d Instant, requesting payment of the Balance due to him (being Pag 1074, 19, 38) for cloathing the Invalid Sepoys at Madras, Chinglepet, and Nellore for the year 1785, and enclosing the necessary Certificates in support of his Claim.

Minute thereon

As Lieut Colonel Sydenham's Account is supported by the proper Vouchers it is agreed that the Balance be discharged by a Certificate for a Bengal Bond.

From Brigadier General Horne

From Genl Horne

enclosing Letters & Statements from Capt. Stevenson requesting Allowances for Quarters for Officers who have lately joined his Regiment, & decreing that some who have exceeded the Allowances granted, may be reimbursed.

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform General Horne that the Officers, who have lately joined Captain Stevenson's Regiment are to be put on the precisely

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precisely upon the same footing as to Quarters with the other Officers of the same Corps to whom no Allowances are to be given for Quarters in addition to what have been already granted.

The President informs the Board that he directed the Chief Engineer to value some Stables upon the Island belonging to John Storey, which might be appropriated as Barracks for Sepoys and that he has received the underwritten Paper from Colonel Ross -

President's Information respecting the Stables on the Island belonging to John Storey -

This is to certify that the Stables built on the Company's Ground on the Island by John Storey, have been taken for the use of the Company at a valuation of Eight Hundred Star Pagodas.

Their Valuation by the Chief Engineer

Madras
5th November 1786

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

The President recommends that the Stables be purchased on account of the Company, as they are fit for a Battalion of Sepoys, and will cost the Company less Money than would be necessary for erecting a Barrack for

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for the same purpose.

A Company's Bond to be granted for the Amount.

Agreed that a Company's Bond for Pags 800 be accordingly granted to Mr John Morey.

W. C. Jackson
Dept Secy

" Archd Campbell
" Alexr Davidson
" Jas Cassamajor

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8th Sent the undermentioned Letters
entered in Mlls. Nos 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33
34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43

To the Hospital Board, advising
To the Hospital Board of the acceptance by Government of Mr Garrow's
Proposals for victualling the General Hospitals
at Masulipatam & Trichinopoly -

To Mr Joseph Garrow, his Proposals
To Mr J. Garrow accepted -

To the Paymaster at Chicacole
To the Payr. at Chicacole to pay Ensign Ropes Chit for 6 Months pay as stated

To the Paymaster at Palamcotah
To Mr Bates to pay the Artificers under Lieut Ogg, while they
do duty in his Garrison, and advise the Paymr.
at Tanjore accordingly -

To Mr C. J. Holland with Copy
To Mr Holland, of a Letter from Mr Scottney, which he is desired
to answer -

To the Committee for investigating
To the Committee for investigating the Nabobs Debts enclosing copy of a Letter from
the Nabobs Debts. His Highness relative to the consolidated Debt
of 1777, upon the Subject of which, they are desired
to reply.

To the Committee of Works, to lay
To the Committee before Government a correct Statement of the
of Works - unsettled Claims of those, whose Houses were
removed from Hog Hill, with the particulars
of the Arrangement made in consequence in the
Year 1780 -

To

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To Mr Lucas, Chief Surgeon, no alteration can be made in the Arrangement fixed by the Court of Directors for the Medical Department — His Letters will be sent home as Numbers in the Packet —

To Mr Lucas

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly to allow Lieut Tudway Clarke, full Batta from the time he took charge of the Drafts for the 2d Battalion at the Mount to her arrival at Trichinopoly —

To Mr Falk.

To General Horne, the Officers who have lately joined Captain Stevenson's Regiment, to be put on the same footing with respect to Quarters, as the rest, to whom no additional Allowances, beyond those already given, will be granted — Captain Vater to conform to this Arrangement —

To Genl Horne

To Mr Edward Garrow — His Resignation of the Surveyorship of the Roads accepted — To deliver over charge of the Office to Major Maule

To Mr E. Garrow

To Major Maule informing him of his appointment —

To Major Maule

To the Commissary General advising of the same —

To Col. Kapper

To the Commandant at Arcot the Repairs proposed for the Main Guard to be executed — The Engineers Bill for Pagodas 1Bt to be paid —

To Col. Kemball

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To Ganjam - The Artificers mentioned in their Letter of the 16th Ult.o cannot be restored to the Service, but they have permission to proceed to the Presidency, where sufficient Employment will be found them - enclosing the opinion of the Hospital Board upon the Claims of Mr Benny, which has been confirmed -

Ganjam.

To the Agent Victualler, to report whether the Cattle, staked by the Inhabitants of Carangooly to have been received during the War on the Company's account, were ever charged to Government; & whether the Indents for Cattle under the Quarter Master General of the Southern Army are lodged in his Office -

To Mr. Cockburn

To the Military Paymaster General enclosing Claims of Officers & others who suffered Imprisonment in Mysore, to be included in the List sent to him in the Letter of the 1st Instant.

To Mr. Turing

To Adjutant Innes, with a decision upon his Claim for Slops and Prize Money due the 10th Battalion of Sepoys -

To Adjt. Innes

To the Revenue Board, enclosing a Notification to be affixed at Conjeveram, and in the Vicinity of Wandayashbad, pointing out the Boundaries of the new Cantonment -

To the Revenue Board

To the Commanding Officer at Walajahbad to publish the Notification in G: O:

To the Commanding Officer at Walajahbad

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M/B. Nos 44 - 45 -

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From Ensign Kirkpatrick at Calcutta, enclosing a Certificate of ill Health, and requesting further leave of Absence, & to be placed on the list of the Army agreeably to his Rank.

From Ens: Kirkpatrick

From Colonel Braithwaite, in explanation of his Conduct upon the Differences between him & the Chief & Council of Masulipatam with respect to the power and Authority vested in the latter, over him —

From Col. Braithwaite

Sent the following Letter —

To Edward Hay Esqr

Secretary to the Right Honorable

the Governor General & Council

at

Fort William

Sir

To the Secretary at Bengal, informing him that the Complaint preferred by the Soubah against Mr. Kinchant has been terminated to the Satisfaction of His Highness.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 14th Ult.

I lose no time in acquainting you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General and Councils, that every Step was taken to remove the Cause of Complaint exhibited by the Soubahdar of the Decan against Mr Kinchant upon the first intimation of it to the Chief at Masulipatam and that he has reported his proceedings to the

President

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To President and Council, who have approved them —

I enclose Copy of a Letter from the Nabob Nizam Ally Cawn to Mr Floyer, which expresses his Satisfaction at the attention, which was immediately paid to his Complaints —

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

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/Signed/ John Chamier
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To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis
Governor General &c Council
at
Fort William

My Lord & Gentlemen

To Bengal with copy of a Letter from the Chief Engineer relative to furnishing the Surveyor General with Materials to compleat the genral Map of India.

We have the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter addressed to us by the Chief Engineer on this Coast relative to the desire expressed by your Lordship &c of furnishing assistance from hence to the Surveyor General at Calcutta, who is employed in preparing a Map of India —

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We have the honor to be &c &c.

/Signed/ Arch.d Campbell
&c Council

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To Lieut General Sir John Dalling Bart

Sir

I am directed by the Honble President and Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 2nd Instant, and to inform you that agreably to your Request they will order the Account between yourself and the Honorable Company to be drawn out with an Obligation on your part to pay to the Court of Directors whatever Balance shall appear due from you on a final Settlement of Accounts.

To Sir J. Dalling, the written obligation offered by him for the Acquitment of his Accounts in England, will be accepted by the Board.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) John Chamier

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At a Consultation Present

The Honorable Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.

President

Tuesday 14th November 1786.

Alexander Davidson Esqr

James Henry Casamajor Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved -

Read the following Letter

from Mr Holland.

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &c Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From Mr Edward John Holland, in reply to a Complaint preferred against him by Mr Scottney

I have received a Letter from your Secretary Mr Chamier dated 8th Instant, enclosing the Copy of an Address to your Honor &c from Mr Scottney late Military Storekeeper, dated 7th Inst. and am both surprized and concerned at the Subject thereof -

My Report to the Board of Accounts on Mr Scottney's Accounts, was sent to him officially, & they received his reply to it - A

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seperate Address to your Honor & from Mr Scottney, subsequent to their former Resolution, but previous to official Notification of it to Your Honor & Co appear informal, but you will no doubt be officially informed of the decision of the Board of Accounts.

Sent to Chidumberum, the Civil Storekeepers Head Concoply, one of the Names mentioned in Mr Scottney's Letter, & find that Mr Scottney's Concoply had been tampering with him, to make some faults upon my Head Braman. That Carhavia complained my Braman gave much trouble about the Accounts of his Masters Employ, & asked if he, Chidumberum, had paid any thing for passing the accounts of the Civil Storehouse Employ to which he answered in the negative, & told me that Paupia had never asked any thing - To this he added he was ready to make affidavit - Mr Scottney desires Carhavia, Davy his Son & Audimoolum may be examined on Oath, who are his Concoplies, and dependant probably on Carhavia -

As to the Charge against my Head Braman, which amounts only to an abortive attempt to extort Money; I once mentioned to Carhavia, & his Son, severally and in presence of some of my Servants, that I had heard such a suspicion suggested, or to that effect, & they did not accuse him tho they had a fair opening to have done so; but I understood them that nothing of that kind had passed - I particularly cautioned them not to give any thing - I must beg to observe that my Braman

denies

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denies the Charge, & that he has not been employed to assist me in comparing the Vouchers with the Accounts, & the People employd had my particular orders, to attend only to my directions - If find now it was a judicious Precaution -

I affirm that, I particularly & repeatedly warned Mr Scottney's Conicopoly Cashavia and his Son that my Writers in the buniness of col= =lating the Accounts with the Vouchers, acted under my immediate directions, but that in all matters that related to them, Mr Scottneys Conicoplies or the buniness of their Master, they, Mr Scottneys People were to attend only to my orders -

It was once a long time ago, whis= =pered to me, that Money was offered to my Servant, by Cashava, which my Servant refused, and which I should have been ashamed to repeat, if the Ex= =ample had not been set; for such whispers merit only Contempt, and I cannot but think a charge of the loss of Vouchers, quite negatory, when a great part of the Vouchers that have been produced, have been pronounced by the Board of Accounts, on an Inspection of them, defective in form, & to my conception can hardly be considered in that point of view - The deficiencies were once at least double the amount of the Statement Sent me -

I do not know what is meant by Copies of Vouchers, since Papers of that description were quite unnecessary, & ought not to have been delivered at my Office -

I only employed my Head

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A Bramin to procure me a number price Current of Stores purchased in account, and tho Sam convinced in my own mind, that they are charged on many cases at an extravagant Price, which I once mentioned to Mr Scottney, yet well knowing the difficulty of supporting private opinion, I did not chuse to set it in opposition to actual Charges, tho they were unsupported by Vouchers — I had once begun an account of that kind, by which there appeared differences to a considerable amount, & I now send a comparative view of the Prices at which I have been informed Stores might have been procured on March 1781, and the Charges in account taken from that month — I mean only to evince I have paid sufficient personal Attention to this busineſs, and have reported on the Accounts with mildneſs & Caution — Buſineſs of this kind, cannot be done without the aſsistance of Servants, which was allowed, I believe, on the appointment of Commiſsioners —

Having found the Entries in account were not formed to the Vouchers, which being on several detached Papers, I may say almost unintelligible in many cases, the personal attendance of Mr Scottney's Concojoby was absolutely necessary to point to & explain the Vouchers, in support of Charges in account, & they were always present. It could not be supposed that I was to set down with Mr Scottney's Servants, who were not very intelligible, when he himself did not think proper personally

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personally to attend, and had not probably personally arranged his accounts. I availed Myself of the assistance of my Servants, and was generally in a room adjacent with the Doors open, close at their Elbows, having previously directed the mode of proceeding, & I reiterated that in all cases where any deficiency was set down, & not admitted by them, an immediate reference should be made to me, which frequently occurred, and I directed on an inspection of the Papers, what was to be done; I was not only at their Elbows, but frequently looked over inspecting Papers - Two of my writers were employed on their business - When the whole was brought to a conclusion, I personally shewed to Mr Scottney's Head Conicoply & to his Son the Statement complained of, by which there appears deficiencies in the Sum of Pagodas 61,411. 20. 60. and asked in the presence of their own people, if they had any more Vouchers, & made Alterations more than once, in consequence of fresh Vouchers being produced, till it became necessary absolutely to close the business - Thus it will appear the objections came from me, and the delay complained of was rather on the part of Mr Scottneys People. My Head Bramen so far from taking any lead in collating the Vouchers, spoke of it to me with indifference, rather dissuading the measure, & did not nor had any authority to intermeddle with it -

Having, when I was Auditor, slightly looked into Mr Scottney's Accounts from

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1780 to April 1781 one year only. I then informed him, that his Accounts seemed to be all supported by Vouchers, begging to be informed what he considered as such. I removed his Books into a room in the lower part of my House expecting his attendance by appointment - He and Captain Bedford came together, with his Conicoplies. I met them, & pointed to some charges ill supported, but growing rather warm, the Observations became general, & they departed; apparently much dissatisfied - There was to my recollection some Warmth in their expressions, but it passed off - From this Visit Mr Scottney supposes his Vouchers have been kept in a Godown -

I do not admit that any Vouchers have been lost to my Knowledge in my Office, either when I was Auditor, or since I have been a Commissioner of Accounts, but I cannot think myself answerable for what may have happened so long ago as Prior to my appointment as a Commissioner - Such a charge may be convenient to the Parties concerned -

In regard to Vouchers lately found at the Office of the Civil Storekeeper, it rather evinces the negligence of Mr Scottneys People. I believe, there may have been Issues occasionally when Business was loosely conducted, on one voucher from both Departments of Civil & Military Store-house - The Civil Storehouse Conicoply, together with the Military Storehouse Conicoply, once took

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from my Office, vouchers of that description, on which they both said, Sums had been respectively made from both Departments, to support Charges objected to, they added by Colonel Capper in the Civil Department —

The Civil Department not being in my Division of Accounts, I know not that it could serve any purpose to lose their Vouchers — I believe Vouchers have occasionally been brought to me from the Civil Department, there was a play of that kind always unintelligible to me.

The particular receipt Mr. Scottney alludes to from Conductors &c which he brought to me on a personal interview, were never I believe produced prior to that visit, and I then to the best of my remembrance told him so — I cannot take upon me to say when it happened, but I think not unreasonably long prior to my delivering in my Report — On my first application for Vouchers such Receipts were never produced to me, from which I concluded in my own Mind, they were produced upon my objecting to Indents —

The Voucher Mr. Scottney speaks of under Lord Macartneys Signature, is quite unknown to me. Mr. Scottneys Conecoply has had free access to the Vouchers, & a very short time since came to my Office on speculation — It was matter of some Surprize to me, as Mr. Scottney had then sent in his Answer to my Report, to the Board of Accounts, on which they had decided — The

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Concerning said, there were some Vouchers which he could not find, but I do not now know to what he parte

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was some trick of Mr Scotney's People

In regard to my not giving receipts for Vouchers delivered at my Office, such a form was never I believe practised by any Commissioner of Accounts, nor ever required to the best of my recollection, when I was Auditor of Accounts. If Mr Scotney thought it necessary, he should have applied at the time, on my refusing compliance, to the Board of Accounts.

The circumstance was once mentioned to me, I forget by whom & how long ago, but I think at a late period of examining the Accounts, owing the impracticability of paging Receipts for multifarious detached Papers, arranged in no order - I did not think proper to comply, informing the Concomplt at the same time that I did not wish any Papers should be left at my Office, prior to their being compared to the Accounts, which I believe was the rule observed, and that afterwards they must be left there, & they now remain, not in a Godown, but in the same room in which the Accounts were examined, being

continuous

employed no new Servants since my appointment
as a Commissioner of Accounts —

As I have delivered in a particu-
-lar Statement of deficiencies it is Mr Scottney's
duty to specify the particular Vouchers that have
either been lost or not produced, & I conceive this
to be the most material point of Mr Scottney's
Representation — I am not conscious that I have
meant Mr Scottney any injury; prior to delivering
in the Statement complained of, I personally shewed
it to the Concomplies, I called upon them for the
Vouchers; I told them to bring them to me per-
-sonally, whether from my Office or their, I could
obtain no Satisfaction — What more can be expected
— I know not —

In regard to delay, I must observe
further, that the last years accounts, were exa-
-mined on Sections, that had not even been posted,
& that I waited some Months for them — In the
mean time, many new Vouchers, in support of
deficiencies that had been noted, were from time
to time produced, & admitted — There was some

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delay from the dilatory attendance of Mr Scottney's People, I am convinced, than mine, but this does not materially affect the Accounts one way or the other —

Such is the nature of the Vouchers that I publickly objected at the Board of Accounts to give them out of my Office, till they had passed their decision on the Accounts, because to my conception, there appeared a probability, that if the same Vouchers had been a second time produced I should not have been able to have ascertained it, for other reasons — Frequently in the course of examination when there was a deficiency of Vouchers Mr Scottney's Conceaplas were indulged to examine their Office for them, when after many days delay, they would bring the Receipts of some of the many Conductors & employed

I am sorry to have so much trouble on Accounts that I am quite indifferent about, and should have been glad to have had a fair Pretext to have made over the examination of them to some other Person — Mr Scottney came forward at this late period of the business, on the word & information of his Conceaply, with whom it is not my Provence to engage in altercation — It was Mr Scottney's business to have informed me by writing what Vouchers he forwarded after collating them with his Accounts — It was his business, if he apprehended oppression, personally to have attended, but he substituted a Conceaply, relying wholly on his information —

My Servants acted under my

immediate

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immediate inspection - I personally pointed out the defi-
=ciencies; but I heard nothing of vouchers being lost
in my Office, till after my Report was delivered in,
& I am convinced Mr Scottney cannot affirm on
oath, what Vouchers were delivered at my Office -

I do not comprehend the system of
subjecting a Commissioner of Accounts, employed in
an Office of Trust, to altercations on the faith of
Conceptions, on Accounts they are greatly more
interested to support, than I can possibly be to
depress - It would have been little short of madness
to destroy & lose Vouchers, with an intention, after-
-wards to report on deficiencies, which seems to be
insinuated -

Unprejudiced against Mr Scottney's
Accounts, I shall forbear all further remarks, referring
to my Report, in which I am not conscious of
having been severe, & shall be sorry, if from ~~any~~
inadvertency or misconceptions on my part, Mistakes
have crept into the Statement, to give unnecessary
uneasiness - but certainly Mr Scottney has his own
Servants only to reproach, for their negligence; for
I was really disposed to have admitted every paper,
that looked like a voucher, referring the paper
itself to the inspection of the Board of Accounts, which
is the rule I have adopted, & have observed for my
own justification -

At the Board of Accounts, I rather
wished to have passed over the deficiency of Vouchers,
as owing to the confusion of the times, & the then
loose manner of doing business, or being mislaid
or lost by Mr Scottney's People; but I cannot

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submet to my Servants being reproached in order to make it appear, that Mr Scottney's Accounts, & Conveyances are immaculate.

Enclosed are Copies of Letters, by which it will appear, Mr Scottney had early information of my opinion of his Vouchers and Accounts.

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I have the honor to be &c &c
(Signed) Edwd Pn. Holland

Agreed that Copy of the foregoing together with Mr Scottney's Letter to which it is an answer be sent to the Commissioners of Accounts for their Information

Read the following Letter from Manelipatam

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

Manelipatam acknowledging the receipt of the Regulations respecting Storehouses, & the General Orders defining the line between the Civil & Military authority And stating that, the greatest attention shall be paid to them

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your Commands communicated in your Secretary's Letters of the 26th & 29th Ultimo, and 1st Instant.

Agreeably to your Orders in the first of the above Letters, we have given directions for repairing the Escarp Wall of the Berm

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Berm, and for completing the Square of Officers Barracks, upon the Proporal delivered in by Captain Prescott for that purpose - We have likewise informed Colonel Brathwaite of your having declined at this time to purchase any Houses on account of the Company at Ellore -

We have transmitted Copies of the Regulations respecting Storekeepers and Inspectors of Stores, enclosed to us in your Secretary's Letter of the 29th Ult.o to Col.o Brathwaite, desiring he will publish the same throughout this District as also to our Committee of Stores, for their future guidance, & we shall carefully attend to those Regulations being strictly complied with -

The approbation which your Honor &c. have been pleased to express of our conduct in what relates to the Correspondence, which has lately passed between Col.o Brathwaite and this Board, has given us the greatest Satisfaction; & it shall always be our anxious endeavour to merit a continuance thereof - The most implicit Obedience, on our part, shall be paid to the Regulations published in G. O. which so fully and accurately define the line of Conduct, which you have been pleased to prescribe for the future management of this District, and which we conceive must evidently tend to promote that Harmony and good Understanding, so necessary to the benefit of the Public Service -

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In obedience to the 49th Article of your said Regulations, we have transmitted a Copy of them to Colonel Braithwaite for the purpose therein directed —

Masulipatam
2d November 1786

We have the honor to be &c &c

Charles Floyer
Geo. Westcott
W Dobbyn

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores (with the Enclosure entered in the Miscellany Book No 46)

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B

President & Governor &c Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Committee of Stores with a proposed Arrangement relative to the Duties of the Laboratory & the Conductors.

We have the honor to inform you that we have received from the Contractors your twelve 12 lb Foail Carriages which we examined, & finding them well finished & made of excellent materials, we have ordered them to be entered on the Honble Company's Books

The Commissary General laid before the Committee a list of Military Stores received last month from the Military Storekeeper a Copy of which we have the honor to enclose. These also we examined & found them agreeable to

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to the List and Musters -

Having taken into Consideration the business of the Ordnance & Laboratory Depart-ments, we have resolved that in future the Directors of the Laboratory, & the Conductors, shall lay their Books before us the second Tuesday in every month, in which the Receipts, Issues & Remains of the proceeding Months shall be particularly specified

Fort St George
7th November 1786

We have the honor to be &c &c

/ Signed / J. Kapper
Wm Petrie
B Moorhouse

Approved

The Board approve the Arrange-ment proposed by the Committee of Stores relative to the Directors of the Laboratory, & the Conductors

From Colonel Brathwaite

Read a Letter from Colonel Brathwaite entered in MB No 47 / stating the proceedings of the Committee of Works at Ellore, & enclosing Letters from the Engineer & Estimates relative to Proposed Repairs -

Minute thereon

Agreed that Copy of the fore-going together with the Estimates &c be sent to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam, & that they be desired to report their opinions thereon agreeably to the mode prescribed in the late Regulations

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob

Read Letter from His Highness the Nabob, as entered in C C No 87 / stating the refractory Disposition of Chuna Meerda

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In obedience to the 19th Article of your said Regulations, we have transmitted a Copy of them to Colonel Braithwaite for the purpose therein directed —

Masulipatam
5th November 1786

We have the honor to be &c &c

Charles Floyer
[signed] Geo. Westcott
W Dobbyn

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores (with the Enclosure entered on the Miscellany Book No 16)

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &c Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Committee of Stores with a proposed Arrangement relative to the Duties of the Laboratory & the Conductors.

We have the honor to inform you that we have received from the Contractors upon twelve 12 lb Trail Carriages which we examined & pondering them well furnished, & made of excellent materials, we have ordered them to be entered on the Honble Company's Books —

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We have the honor to be &c &c

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(Signed) J. Capper
Wm Petrie
P. Moorhouse

Approved

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Minute thereon

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The present Manager of Shevagunga, & the necessity of sending a Military Force to reduce him to Obedience; & requesting in consequence the assistance of three Battalions of Sepoys to act conjunctly with the Circar Naib, Meer Sultub, Ali Beem Cawn, on this Service.

Agreed that the President be desired to state to His Highness, the Impolicy of collecting the Revenues of his Country by force of Arms, which must ultimately tend to estrange the Minds of his People from His Highness's Interest & be destructive to the Welfare and Prosperity of his Country.

Minute thereon

Agreed also, that His Highness be requested to give his permission for China Murda visiting the Presidency under the protection of this Government; & informed, that when the Subject of Complaint has been fully elucidated, China Murda shall be compelled to render Justice to his Prince.

W. C. Jackson
Dep. Sec.

Archd. Campbell
Alex. Davidson
Ja. Hibbasmayor

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15 Dispatched the following Letters -

To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis

Governor General &c Council

at

Fort William

My Lord & Gentlemen

To Bengal, enclosing Return of Brass Field Artillery at the three Presidencies with Extract from the Company's Orders thereon -

We have the honor to enclose a Return of Brass Field Artillery at the three Presidencies together with Extract from the Company's General Letter dated the 21st Febry last, relating thereto -

We request your Lordship &c. will be pleased to send us by some of the Ships destined for this Port the Field Artillery, which we are to receive from your Presidency, agreably to the Arrangements made by the Court of Directors -

We have the honor to be &c &c.

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Signed / Arch.d Campbell
&c Council

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To His Excellency M de Cossigny

Brigadier General of Her Most Christian Majesty's Forces, Governor of Pondicherry

&c &c &c

To the Governor of Pondicherry, enclosing copy of a letter to the President from the Nabob, in reply to the Complaint preferred in his (Mr Cossigny's) letter of the 23d of September -

Sir

I lose no time in sending to your Excellency copy of a Letter, which I have received from His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatick, on the subject of the complaints contained

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I contained in your Excellency's Letter of the 23d of September

I am much concerned that any differences should have arisen between your Government and that of the Nabob: & beg of you to be assured, that I shall be always ready from personal regard & publick duty to pay the utmost attention to whatever will promote the harmony and good understanding now subsisting between our respective Sovereigns & their Allies

I have the honor to be &c &c

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Signed Archd Campbell

Rec'd the following Letter

from Bombay, via Anjengo

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &c Council

at Fort St George

Gentlemen,

From Bombay enclosing a Packet from the Court of Directors, & advising of the Arrivals of the Rockingham and Queen Indiaman

We wrote you last the 8th by the Indian Trader Country Ship and dispatch this by the way of Anjengo purposely to enclose a Packet to your Address from the Honorable the Court of Directors received the 26th Instant by the way of Bussora

We

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16 We have the pleasure to acquaint you that the Honorable Company's Ships Rockingham and Queen imported from Great Britain under the 19th & 22d Ultimo, and have the honor to be,

Bombay Castle
Publick Department
31st August 1786

Gentlemen &c &c

R.H. Boddam
L. Nelson
Signed / Robt Sparks
Richd Church

Received the following Letter from the Committee of Stores -

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From the Committee of Stores - the Books belonging to the Laboratory & of the several Departments found correct - Inclosing a Return of Tents necessary for one Brigade, & recommending that sufficient for two Brigades be made up - Fourke Tumbrells received into Store -

We have received Mr Secretary Chamier's Letter of the 29th Ult. enclosing Requisitions for the Officer of Storekeeper and Inspector of Stores -

In consequence of our Resolution on the 17th Instant, which we communicated to your Honble Board in our Letter of that date, we called for and examined the Books belonging

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16 belonging to the Director of the Laboratory & the Conductors of the several Departments, which we found very correct, but in order to prevent the possibility of any error or confusion in future & to render the Accounts as clear as possible, we have ordered some few alterations which are to take effect at the Commencement of the ensuing Year

The Commissary General of Stores has laid before us a Return of the Tents necessary to equip one Brigade for the Field, a Copy of which we have the honor to enclose.

We are however of opinion that Tents for two Brigades should be compleated & kept at the Presidency, where every Care will be taken to preserve them, & where also they will be in readiness to be sent to any place the Commander in Chief may think necessary.

We received from the Contractors Yard St Tumbrils, which proving on examination to be made of the best materials, and well finished we ordered them to be entered on the Company's Books.

We have the honor to be &c &c

T. Capper

Wm Petrie

Patrick Roy's

J. Moorhouse

Fort St George
16th November 1786

(signed)

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in Mss No 48 49 50 /

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From Colonel Ross, stating that a careful Survey of the Company's Water Works has been taken, & that the Estimate of Materials given in by the Superintendant, are found essential to the Works.

From Col. Ross

From Captain Richardson

From Captain Richardson requesting permission to return to Europe for the benefit of his health, & to be indulged with half Pay during his absence from the Coast.

From Captn North enclosing a letter from Mr Depenning desiring to be allowed House Rent on the terms Government shall be pleased to grant him.

From Captn North.

Sent the undermentioned letters (entered in MB Nos 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57.)

To the Military Board — to report their opinion upon the accompanying Claims from Lieut Colonel Edingtoun for Off-Reckonings from the 22d & 23d Battalions of Sepoys from November 1780 to April 1782. From Lieut Pollard of the 36th Regiment for Batta as Aid de Camp to Major General Ogle — and from Captain Fotherongham with Petitions from Lieuts Monsall and Grant, stating a supercession by Lieut Barclay.

To the Mil.y Board

To Manulipatam, enclosing Extract of a Letter from Colonel Brathwaite with sundry Enclosures, relative to Repairs, on which they are desired to give their opinion, agreeably to the mode prescribed by the late Regulations.

To Manulipatam.

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To the Commissioners of Accounts,

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enclosing Copy of a Letter addressed to Government by Mr Scottney with the reply given by Mr Holland to the charges contained therein -

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To Lieut James Kirkpatrick

To Lt Kirkpatrick

with permission to remain in Bengal until her Health be reestablished, when he is immediately to return to his Duty -

To the Paymaster at Palamcottah

To Mr Baker

to repay Captain Bonnevaux the amount of his Disbursements for Grain on account of the Troops previous to the G. O. of the 10th Inst -

19th

To the Clerk to the Committee

To Mr Whyte

of Treasury, to bring to account the Amount of the Sums, which have at different times been advanced from the Cash Chest to Lieutenant General Sir John Dalling Baronet by order of the Governor, with the Sanction of the Council -

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To Captain John Richardson

To Capt. Richardson

with Permission to proceed to Europe on half pay -

To Lieutenant Wilcox

To Lieut. Wilcox

with Permission to go to Europe, but without Pay -

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At a Consultation Present

The Honorable Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

Tuesday 21st November 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.

President & Governor &c Council

at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From the Military Board, on the Claim of Col. Edingtoun for Off Reckonings; Lieut Pollard for Batta, & Lieuts Monell & Grant for Rank—

We have the honor to acknow
-ledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Chamier's Letter
of the 26th Ultimo, enclosing a Set of Regulations
for the Storekeepers Department, which we shall
take due care to insert in the new Book of Regu-
-lations, agreeable to your Orders—

We have also been honored
with

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with Mr Chamiers Letter of the 15th Instant, deso-
-ring a Report of our opinion upon the accom-
-panying Claims from Lieut Col. Edingtoun
for Off. Reckonings from the 22d & 23d Battalions
of Sepoys from November 1780 to April 1782-
- From Lieut Pollard of the 36th Regiment for a
Batta as Aid de Camp to Major General Ogle-
& from Captain Fotherengham with Petitions
from Lieuts Monsell & Grant, stating a super-
-cession by Lieut Barclay.

As it appears by a Letter
from the Select Committee of the 26th Oct. 1780.
that Lieut. Colonel Edingtoun raised the 22d
& 23d Battalions of Sepoys by order of Govern-
-ment; and as the General Order of the 7th April
1782 clearly shews that Captains Robt Temple
& Wm Champneys were the forth Captains ap-
-pointed to the Command of them, we therefore
consider Lieut Col Edingtoun Commanding
those Corps, as entitled to the Off Reckonings
for the time specified in his Letter.

As we find that Lt Pollard
has formerly applied for the allowance of Batta.
which was not paid for some objections, with
which we are unacquainted, but which must
have had considerable weight with Government
at that time to induce them to withhold it,
we can offer no decisive opinion upon his partic-
-ular Claims, with respect to the precedents
that Lieut Pollard quotes of Captains Affleck

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Aid de camp to Major General Sir John Burgoyne and of Captain Donaldson, Aid de camp to Major General Campbell, we do not consider them as of sufficient Authority; for no Aids de camp, excepting those of the Commander in chief are ever allowed Batta unless with the Army in the Field; and altho it be usual to allow full Batta to Officers, Commanding Cantonments & Out Garrisons, that allowance does not in any instance extend to their Staff.

After a careful examination of the Petitions from Lieuts Monsell and Grant, we observe, that the rank given to Lieut Robert Barclay is established by a specific order from the Court of Directors, directing, that he should rank immediately after Ensign John Daley, who has resigned the Service. But the Officers immediately above, and several under him, having been promoted to the rank of Lieutenants with a date of Rank of the 17th April 1786, it appears to us that Mr Barclay could not have been admitted on the List, otherwise than as a Lieut of that date; and we are therefore of opinion that the date of Lieut Barclays Commission should be altered from the 7th to the 17th April 1786, which would completely redress the error complained of by Lieutenant Monsell; but from the express terms of the above mentioned Order of the Court of Directors, We apprehend

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apprehend that Lieutenant Barclay must
continue to preside Lieut. Monckton Grant.

Fort St George
18th November 1786.

We have the honor to be &c.

J. Capper
Patrick Ross
James Sidinghoun
/ Signed / Henry Malcolm
Jas Campbell
Wm Sydenham

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Report of the Military Board upon the Papers referred to them, be confirmed, and that the necessary Orders be issued in consequence

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

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From the Committee for investigating the Nabobs debts on respect to the debt of 1777: &c enclosing a Statement thereof.

We have been honored by your Commands of the 8th Instant accompanied by Copy of a Letter from the Nabob on the subject of the Debt of 1777 - Our Reasons for differing from the Account he transmitted to us on our making

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making up of that Debt are very fully set forth in our Report to your Honble Board on 17th December last, which was thoroughly approved of, and the Debt in consequence put in course of payment. We beg leave to quote for your Information such part of our Report as relates to the Subject in question —

"On the 12th September last (1785) "we received from the Deputation on the part of "the Creditors, a List of Bonds granted by His "Highness the Nabob in his Consolidated Debt "of 1777 as well as an Account of several Sums "stated to have been received on account of that "Debt, both of which we referred to the Nabobs "Agents, in order to obtain his Sentiments on the "justness of the several Claims, and the Sums "stated to have been received — The Agents received "us in reply, that having laid the Papers before "His Highness they had his Instructions to say "that the List of Bonds granted in the Conso- "lidated debt of 1777 and the payments of 9/p "Cent made thereon, had been examined and "found to be just."

"In order to ascertain the real "state of this debt as clearly as possible, we found "it necessary to apply for the original agreement "entered into between the Nabob, & his Creditors, "and which contains the following Article — "That during the first twelve Months, reckoning

"from

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"from the 25th November 1777. The Nabob shall
"pay from the Carnatick yearly (exclusive of the
"Province of Tanjour) the full Interest, 8 two
"Lacks and a half of Star Pagodas, on account
"of the Principal."

"It was upon the good faith of
"this Agreement that this debt was originally
"established on the Grounds it now stands, and
"agreed to by both parties, and as our Instructions
"do not authorize any deviation from it we
"could not think ourselves justified in entering
"into the Ideas of the Nabobs Agents, who delivered
"us an account made up, charging Interest
"upon the small Sums, which had been paid at diffe-
"rent periods, and at the distance of several Years.
"The whole Amount of such payments being only
"9 p.c Cent, as appears by the Statement delivered
"in to us by the Deputation and approved of by
"the Nabob. Nor in a conference which we held
"with the Nabobs Agents on the Subject, did there
"appear any reason to charge the Creditors with
"a compound Interest, when the simple Interest
"was itself unpaid, contrary to that good faith
"which they had reason to expect would be observed
"with them, & so injurious to the Individuals con-
"cerned, who were compelled either to give such
"Receipts as were required of them, or to relinquish
"their Claims to a Dividend in any shape whatever
"A Copy of the Protest they made in form at the
"time against this measure appears upon our Pro-
"ceedings."

These

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"These Considerations induced us to
"form into one Sum, the different small payments
"which had been made, amounting on the whole
"only to 9/ p Cent, and to deduct it from the
"12 p Cent Interest due the first Year, still
"observing to your Honor &c. that it is attended
"with considerable Loss to the Creditors, the Pay-
"ments thus made extending so far beyond that
"Period."

"We beg leave to observe that some
days previous to the first Dividends being made
public Notice was given by which all Parties
might clearly perceive the mode in which the
several Accounts were made up.

We are concerned to differ in
opinion from His Highness, but in the ultimate
Settlement we conceive he is by no means injured
which in our Answer to his Agents on the 13th
Ultimo, we communicated to His Highness by
a Statement, of which We beg leave to enclose
a Copy for the immediate Information of
Your Honor &c.

We have the honor to be &c &c.

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16th November 1786

/ Signed / Edw. Garrow
Wm Webb
James Landon

Statement

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Statement of the new Debt, with the Interest calculated on two Principals -

Amount on 25th November 1777		350000 -
Interest on it for 4 Yrs a 12 ℔ Cent		134750 0
Amount on 25. November 1781. or this second Principal		484750 0
Interest on it for 3 Years 1 Month and 6 days at 6 ℔ Cent		90385
Total Amount on 31st Dec. 1784 Pag.		574910

Statement of the new Debt, with the Interest calculated on one Principal as reported to Government -

Amount on 25th November 1777		350000
Interest on it for 4 years a 12 ℔ Cent		134750
Interest on it for 3 years 1 Month & 6 days at 6 ℔ Cent		63500
Total Amount on 31st Dec. 1786 Pag.		549850

Difference between the two Statements

Amount on two Principals		574910
Amount on one Principal as reported to Government		549850
Difference, Pagodas		25060
Amount reported to Government		549850
Amount stated by the Nabob's Agents		533406 3 -
Difference -		16443 33 -

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The Sum in favor of the Nabob by the
Interest being calculated on one
Principal only - - - - - - - - - - 2.50.635.--

The Sum stated by the Nabobs Agents
as Interest on the Dividends made
on the Debt which was not allowed - 1.64.432.33.

Balance remaining in favor of
the Nabob - - - - - - - - - - 86.202.3

A true Copy
Landon
for the Committee -

Agreed that Copy of the fore-
-going be sent to the Nabob, and that His
Highness be informed thro' the channel of the
President, that as the Account of the Debts
made up by the Committee was approved by the
late Government and transmitted to the
Court of Directors - as the Bonds have in
consequence been certified, Payments made
upon them, and Transfers taken place upon
the idea that the Arrangement was to be
permanent, the Board would not be justi-
-fiable in making any alteration in it, unless
the Court of Directors should absolutely order it.

Minute thereon.

The President informs the
Board that he purposes addressing His Highness
the Nabob on the subject of the Honorable
Company's orders in the 106th Paragraph of
their Letter dated the 12th April 1786, relative
to

The President states
to the Board his
intention of address-
-ing the Nabob
on the Charge of
Corruption preferred
by His Highness
against

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against Lord Macartney & of applying for an account of the Gross Revenues and Net Collections of the Carnatic for the last & present years

to the Accusations made by the Nabob against Veera Permalle for Corruption practised on account of Lord Macartney — The President also proposes applying to His Highness for an Account of the Gross Revenues, and Net Collections in the Carnatick for the last and present Year in order to form the Grounds of the Treaty directed by the Company —

Approved

The Board approve the Presidents addressing the Nabob on the above Subjects —

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob —

The President lays before the Board a Letter received from the Nabob entered in Country Correspondence (N.º 92.) stating his "Acquiescence in the mode ordered by the Court of "Directors for the adjustment of the Claims of "Colonel Corby &c. and expressing his wish of doing "justice to all his Creditors as far as his Situation "will permit — The Nabob proceeds to state, that "there are various Claims upon him unliquidated "some for Arrears of Pay to Officers, who lost their "Lives in his Service particularly the late Captain "Graham Campbell, Major Galway &c. and others "for ready Cash advanced to the Regiments of "Cavalry as was done by the Executors of the late "Mr Redhead's Estate, who issued 28000 Pagodas "to Captain Dugald Campbell for which Dis- "bursement, Captain Campbell gave his receipt "to the Circar, so that by this transaction a "certain part of the Cavalry Debt was extin- "guished" — His Highness expresses his Wish

that

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That "the President will allow the above Claims to
"be comprehended in the Cavalry Debt upon which
"the Court of Directors have transmitted their Orders"
The Nabob in the above Letter also states, that
"as the magnitude of his annual Payments pre-
=cludes him from paying attention to Claims
"not funded, however just; he is willing to agree
"to an immediate Arrangement for the whole,
"& requests the Sanction of this Government for
"the purpose - His Highness concludes in desiring
"that this Arrangement may be submitted to
"the Honble Company, if necessary" -

Minute thereon.

Agreed that the President be desired to inform the Nabob that the Board are prohibited by the 10th Paragraph of the General Letter of the 9th December from admitting any Claims upon His Highness to a participation of the 12 Lacks annually paid by him for the liquidation of his Debts untill such Claims shall have been fully investigated reported to the Court of Directors, & their Instructions transmitted thereon - The President is also requested to inform the Nabob that the Subject of His Highness's Letter will be particularly mentioned in the next Despatch to the Court of Directors -

His Highness the Nabob having acquiesced in the Arrangement made by the Court of Directors, in favor of the Claims of Colonel Sir Henry Corby, Lieut. Colonel Dugald Campbell, Major

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improper for me to remark here, that we had every reason at that time to suppose, the Estate of Mr Readhead was competent to the discharge of every just Debt, and to the payment of the Legacies bequeathed by the Deceased; but from a variety of failures, and other unavoidable Accidents, the Estate is become insolvent to a considerable Amount, in consequence of which, my Colleague and myself, have been involved in various embarrassments, the Creditors in loss & inconvenience and the Family of the deceased in the most grievous distress.

His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic and her Son Ameer Ul Omrah very soon after this transaction, put Mr Brodie in possession of a Tuncah upon the Tinnevelly Country, which was becoming productive, and in all likelihood the Debt would soon have been discharged, when the Revenues of the Circar were assigned over to the Company, & the Assignment of Mr Brodie thereby rendered ineffectual.

This Transaction being clearly and indisputably a bonâ fide operation, in which a Sum of Money was actually lent, for an urgent and a publick purpose, upon strong assurances that it was to be immediately repaid and upon no account whatever to be blended with any other Funds or Debts of His Highness. Mr Brodie who continued to act as Executor during my absence in Europe, never could conceive it necessary to bring forward this Claim amongst the

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the other Creditors of the Carnatic, but on the contrary continued to rely upon the repeated promises of His Highness, that the Debt should be speadily and faithfully discharged & as far as I am enabled to judge from appearances, I have every reason to be convinced that had not a variety of unfortunate Circumstances intervened His Highness would long ago have done justice to the Estate

From the late Arrangements transmitted from England under the Orders of the Company, for the payment of the Nabobs Debts there is now no longer any ground for expectation that the favorable disposition of His Highness for the Settlement of our Claim, can operate towards the immediate payment of this Debt. Thus situated, Justice to the objects of my trust, to my Colleague and to myself, compell me to come forward and to appeal to the Justice of your Honorable Board, that we may be comprehended in the humane and liberal protection afforded by the Company to those Creditors of His Highness whose Demands are exactly similar to our own.

To bring the foregoing Arguments to one connected and distinct point of discussion I beg leave to recapitulate, that I offer to prove to you Honorable Sir and Gentlemen that the Sum of 28000 Pagodas was paid by Mr Brodie, bonâ fide from the Estate of Mr Readhead to Captain Dugald Campbell, Commanding

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a Regement of Cercar Cavalry; for which no value on account thereof was or has been received: Secondly that this Money was so paid on account, and on behalf of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, for extinguishing a certain proportion of his Debt to his Cavalry, and thirdly to prove by authentic Vouchers and Accounts that the afore-said Sum was regularly carried to account and Credit given to His Highness in the Cavalry Charges to that amount, and consequently that the Estate has by every principle of Justice and equity, an equal right to be considered in the general Arrangement, for payment as any other part of the Cavalry Debt, now due to the said Colonel Dugald Campbell, because it must be admitted that if Mr. Brodie's payment had not been made, the Amount of the Cavalry Debt would at this time be increased by the addition of 28000 Pagodas. or to express my meaning more concisely, the Executors of Mr Readhead's Estate, ground their Claim upon the Nabob for the aforesaid Sum, on the same Rights and Authorities as Colonel Campbell has established his Demands upon His Highness.

In firm reliance on the Justice and impartiality of your Honorable Board

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Board I have in my duty, as Executor to the Deceased, brought forward this Application, and I beg leave to add, that if I have failed in explaining any of the Circumstances to your full Satisfaction, I request that I may be so far indulged as to be called upon for further Proofs, for I am so perfectly convinced of the justness of our Claim, that if I have not succeeded in establishing the Fact, it must proceed from the inability of the advo-cate, and not from the Weakness of the Claim -

Fort St George
16th November 1786.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Wm Petrie
for himself, & Mr Alex Brodie
Executors of the Will of Mr Bradshaw

Minute thereon.

Agreed that Copy of the 101st Paragraph of the General Letter of the 9th Decr be sent to Mr Petrie, & to inform him that the Board will state his Application to the Court of Directors, together with the Nabob's acknowledgement & recommendation of it.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from the Agents for the three Classes of the Nabob's Creditors

To

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor in Council

Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From the Agents for the three Classes of Nabobs Creditors, requesting copy of the Instructions received from England relating to their Constituents.—

Learning that some Instructions have been received from the Honble the Court of Directors, wherein the Interest of the three Classes of the Nabobs Creditors, whom we represent may be implicated, We beg leave to request your Honor &ca will be pleased to grant us Copies of such Instructions, and any proceedings that may have passed thereon, & we trust no alteration will be admitted in the Arrangement, that has so specially taken place between the Nabob, the Company, and our Constituents, & which can only be regarded as a Publick Covenant established in pursuance of an Act of Parliament, and legally binding upon the several parties concerned in it.

We have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St George
18th November 1786

{Signed} John Turing
James Taylor
Edwd Wm Holland
Paul Benfield
Geo. Moubray

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The President informs the Board, that on receiving the above Letter he directed the Secretary to send Extracts from the Company's Letter of the 12th April last, relative to the Claims of Colonel Cosby &c as also a copy of the President's Letter to the Nabob on the Subject.

The President's information upon the Subject of the foregoing Letter.

Agreed that the Agents be informed of the Determination of Government to carry the directions of the Honble Company into Execution by placing the Debts of Col. Sir Henry Cosby &ca on the same Class of those Creditors distinguished under the name of the Creditors in the Cavalry Loan.

Minute thereon.

Read the following Letter from Mr Remnant.

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President &c Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

With great Submission I take the Liberty of reminding your Honor &c of the Contract entered into with me, & duly signed & executed by your Honble Board & myself for the supply of 1500 Horses for the Service of the Native Cavalry, and at the same time to inform your Honor &ca that I shall take some future opportunity of laying before you a full and True

From Mr Remnant requests Government will call to mind the Contract entered into with him for the supply of 1500 Horses —

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I have the honor to be &c &c

Calcutta
2d October 1786

/ Signed / Sam.l Rennant

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table -

Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board -

Hospital Board
November 14th 1786.

Report of the Hospital Board in respect to Dr Patrick Russell's Memoir on the subject of a Botanical Publication - as to Sub-Assistants - commencing on a letter from Mr Mein in regard to an allowance for Servants to Hospital first Surgeons - and to Mr Pringle's Continuance in the Service - Mr Briggs to fill Mr Gordon's Station at Palamcotah - the first Surgeon at Vellore to draw nothing for Servants - Correspondence between the Apothecary & the Surgeon of the 19th Regt of Light Dragoons.

Read a Letter from Government enclosing a letter & Memoir from Doctor Patrick Russel to the Honble President on the subject of adopting a Botanical Publication to the Service on the Coast -

The Hospital Board assemble of the eminent Abilities of Doctor Russel in all the branches of Physick are happy to find him particularly engaged in collating into one point of view a

Medical

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Medical History of the Plants of this Country, so as to bring the uses of them within the reach of the young Practitioner —

As a Work of this kind can only be accomplished under the auspices of Government, the Hospital Board will feel a sensible pleasure in rendering him any communications, that may conduce to its perfection.

Received Letters from Mr Davis and Mr Whyte respecting Messrs Weatherilone and Rencontre, Sub Assistants, the one at Chinglepet, the other at Trichinopoly —

The Hospital Board expecting soon to get a sufficient number of Assistant Surgeons do not wish to introduce any more Sub-Assistants; but as those who are at present employed, have been long in the Service, the Board hope they may be continued on their present Pay —

The Board desire to know who the Sub-Assistants are & where stationed such Persons are not allowed on the Establishment.

Read a Letter from Mr Munfort Surgeon

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at Trichinopoly, expressing his dissatisfaction that Mr Pringle remains in the Service after, as Mr Mein supposes, he had resigned, and that an Allowance for Servants is granted to Regimental, & not to Hospital Surgeons alike of a higher Class—

In answer to the first part of Mr Mein's Letter, the Hospital Board beg leave to observe, that they received Mr Pringle's apology for being so precipitate, before it was necessary for them to recommend his having leave to resign, & in answer to the latter part, as they consider the Senior Assistant in charge of Medicines at each of the General Hospitals to fill up the Station of Apothecary, and to comply with the prescriptions of the Head and First Surgeon, as well in their practice abroad, as in the Hospital, and that all the Establishment of Hospital Servants are to be immediately under their direction, they do not see

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the same reason to allow Servants for them, that there is for Regimental Surgeons.

Ordered, That Mr Mein desires the enclosed Letter may be made a number in the Packet to the Honble the Court of Directors together with that he wrote the 14th of July, they beg leave to forward it, and to observe that his Letter of 14th of July has already been transmitted with the Proceedings of the 24th & 25th of that Month.

Read a Letter from Mr Gordon concerning a Mr Moss installing him in the Apothecary Business in the Black Town.

Ordered appears by this Letter as well as a former one from Mr Gordon, that he has no intention of returning to his Station at Palamcotah Agreed to recommend to Government, that Mr Briggs be ordered to fill that vacancy as soon as possible, Mr Laird having been sent to Palamcotah to officiate in Mr Gordon's absence, & now Mr Laird's presence is very much

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wanted

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Council at Trichinopoly —

Read an Extract of a letter from Mr Torriano dated October 27th transmitted by Government —

The Hospital Board are of opinion that Mr Gahagan as First Surgeon to the Hospital at Vellore can draw nothing for Servants but that Mr Rollo as Surgeon to the 2d Batt. should be supplied with Medical Regimental Servants, the same as every other Surgeon of a Regiment, let the Regt be stationed where it will —

Read a letter from Mr Macmahon Assistant Surgeon with the 2d Batt. transmitted by Mr Turing soliciting permission to attend the Sepoy Battalion at Ellore —

The Hospital Board however much they may approve of this young Gentleman's Zeal, must however take the liberty to remark, that they consider Mr Macmahon can only act by direction of Mr Ferguson the Surgeon of the Regiment to which he belongs, & direct the

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the Secretary to write Mr Turing that they expect he will acquaint Mr Ferguson there are no Orders against his rendering any Service to the Sepoys, who may require his assistance, but that no Allowance can be drawn on this account by any Surgeon without a special Appointment.—

Read a letter from Mr Ferrier Surgeon at Vizagapatam to Mr Turing Head Surgeon at Masulipatam, which the Board have the honor to enclose, as the General Orders of the 10th Inst. are so expressive respecting the furnishing the Head Surgeons of the Genl Hospitals with weekly Returns of the Sick.—

Read a letter from Mr Bulman Apothecary dated the 13th Instant enclosing a Correspondence with Mr Irwine Surgeon of His Majesty's Light Dragoons—

Resolved that the Secretary write Mr Bulman this Board are satisfied he has complied as far as lies in his power with Mr Irwine's Indent in sending him Lapis

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Calamenaro Syt and Lethargy for the preparation of Cerate & Extract of Lead, and as Regimental Surgeons are allowed Servants for compounding Medicines to Mr Irvine ought not to complain of Contrefs for want of Articles he might easily make - The other Articles Canthardes and Flannel, the Hospital Board recommend the Apothecary to purchase and send without delay and at the same time to acquaint Mr Irvine that no Claret is allowed the Sick, as Port Wine & Madeira are thought sufficient

The Hospital Board have the honor to enclose to Government the Copy of Mr Bennys Letter to the Chief and Council at Ganjam mentioned in the last Proceedings, agreeable to Order

I signed J. Andw Berry
Secry Hospl Board

Read

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Read the following Letters (entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 58-59-60-61-62.)

From Mr Robert Gardener, Pay-master at Angole, requesting leave to resign his Employ, & to return to the Presidency.

From Mr Gardiner

Agreed that Mr Gardener's requests be complied with, & that Mr Samuel Young be appointed Paymaster at Angole & in the Palnaud in his room.

Minute thereon

From the Committee of Works, dated 14th Inst enclosing an account of pay due to Lascars returned from confinement in the Mysore Country, & requesting an Order for the payment of it (being Pags 597.21) as practiced in the case of Sepoys.

From the Committee of Works.

Agreed that the Paymaster Genl be directed to liquidate the above Account in the same manner as practiced in the case of Sepoys.

Minute thereon

From Mr Raine (Surgeon) dated 3d Inst stating his advanced Age & sufferings in the Service, & requesting some additional Allowance for attending the Prisoners in the Town Goal.

From Mr Raine

Agreed that Mr Raine be permitted to draw 60 Pags Monthly from the 1st Inst. in addition to his present Pay, on account of the extra duty assigned to him of visiting the Prisoners in the Town Goal and in consideration of his spirited exertions

Minute thereon

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and of the hazards to which he exposed himself by
her very humane Attention to his fellow Prisoners
during her Confinement in the Mysore Country.

From Mrs Davis Executrix to
From Mrs Davis the late Major Rumley, requesting a Settlement
of the Sum due to her Estate on account of Batta
while a Prisoner in the Mysore Country —

Agreed to inform Mrs Davis
Minute thereon that as this Government have not yet received
Instructions from Bengal relative to the mode
of liquidating the Batta due to the Prisoners in
the Mysore Country, the Board are obliged to
decline making any separate Arrangement
in her favor.

From Lieut Colonel Ruspell
to the Commander in Chief, stating that the
From Lieut Col Ruspell destination of the Contractor Indiaman having
been changed after he had taken his Passage,
he was obliged to embark on a Ship for Bombay,
& desiring that his Allowances may commence
from the day of his Arrival at that Presidency.

In consideration of the expence
to which Lieutenant Colonel Ruspell must have
Minute thereon been subjected by her journey from the Mala-
bar Coast to Madras, it is Agreed that his
Allowances shall commence from the day of
his Arrival at Bombay.

Read

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Substance of a Letter from the Nabob -

Read a letter from the Nabob entered in Country Correspondence N.o 91. stating that he has sent two Gentlemen to mediate between the contending parties at Ramnad-poram, and that he desires no further Steps may be taken in this business untill the President shall receive another Letter from him

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

Arch.d Campbell

Alex.r Davidson

S.l W.m Casamajor

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Sent the following Letters —

To Messrs. Turing
Taylor
Benfield
Holland
&
Moubray

Gentlemen

To the Agents for the three Claises of Nabobs Creditors, enclosing Extract from the Company's Letter relating to the Claims of Col. Sir Henry Corby &c. and informing them that the Orders contained therein, will be carried into immediate Execution.

I am directed by the Honorable President and Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 18th Instant, and to enclose Extract from the Company's General Letter dated the 12th of April with the President's Letter to the Nabob in consequence —

I am further directed to signify to you that Government have resolved to carry into execution the Instructions of the Court of Directors by placing the Debts of Colonel Sir Henry Corby, Lieut Colonel Dugald Campbell, Major Sourdan and Mr Dolt in the same Class of those Creditors distinguished under the name of the Creditors in the Cavalry Loan agreeable to the accompanying Extract of their Letter dated the 12th April 1786.

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I am Gentlemen, &c &c
Signed John Chamier Sec.y

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21st Received the following Answer

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have been honored with

Copy from Paragraph 5th to Paragraph 24th of
the Honble Company's Letter to your Government,
under date the 12th April last, relative to the
Claims of Colonel Sir Henry Coby, Col. Dugald
Campbell and Major Sourdan, upon the Nabob:
and however much public report might have
given room for alarm the perusal of those Pa-
ragraphs hath perfectly relieved our minds, &
confirmed our belief that the Honble Court of
Directors were incapable of innovating upon
those solemn Engagements, enjoined by themselves
in the first instance & made under the sanction
of Parliament, between the Company, the Nabob
& the three Classes of Creditors, that we have the
Honor to represent.

From the Agents, requesting that Government will not include the Claims of Col. Sir H. Coby, Cieth Col. Campbell & Major Sourdan in the Cavalry Loan, stating their Interpretation of the Company's Letter, and their reasons for believing they never intended that an innovation should take place in the Engagements entered into for the liquidation of the Nabob's Debts.

We are highly satisfied to
observe the clear distinction the Honble Court
are pleased to make, between those three Classes
of Creditors, with whom they stand solemnly
engaged, & others coming under their notice and
addressing themselves to you, concerning the Debt

of

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21 of the Nabob to Colonel Sir Henry Corby &c in the
7th Parag: of their Letter of 12th April last they
declare, "this Debt is not included in any of the
"other Claſses of Debts for which Provision is
"made agreeable to their Letter of 9th Dec. 1784:
the Honble Court are pleased after such declar-
-ation to follow the progreſs of the Debt: and
ultimately in the 20th Parag: to say, they "are
"clearly of opinion that the Debt is fully and
"completely established, and that it remains
"therefore for them to consider of the most eli-
-gible mode for liquidating the same". This
idea is pursued in the following Paragh (21)
wherein they are pleased to say, "In all events
"some mode ought to be adopted for putting
"these Arrears in a train of liquidation; and
"that after the most mature consideration they
"can give to the Circumstances of the Claims of
"those Creditors, they are clearly of opinion, that
"in Equity, they are entitled to be ranked in the
"same Claſs as those Creditors in the Cavalry
"Loan: and they recommend to you to take the
"most effectual means that occur to you, for
"ensuring the Nabob's concurrence to that pro-
-portion". It is here observable, that the
three Claſses of Creditors are not even implicated
as parties in the plan the Honble Court are
pleased to recommend; also, that they recommend
only, & in no respect order, and that to the end
you could take the most effectual means that
occur to you for ensuring the Nabob's concurrence

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24 to rank those Creditors in the same Class as the Creditors in the Cavalry Loan; which evidently could be no otherwise done, than by obtaining from the Nabob in favor of those Claimants, an Arrangement that would place them upon a footing with the Creditors in the Cavalry Loan. The recommendation to Your Honor &c. we presume could carry no other implication or meaning; and the force of expression employed warrants such conclusion, Viz.t "that you take "the most effectual means that occur to you "for ensuring the Nabobs concurrence; "it evi-dently could require no interposition, no solicitation, to ensure the Nabobs concurrence, to admit all the Debts he has in the World, upon the Funds already assigned & allotted, by special compact to the Company, and the three Classes of Creditors we have the honor to represent: the recommendation then could have no other object or operation, than to excite Your Honor &c. to obtain from the Nabob, in favor of those claimants a provision that would place them in as good a comparative Situation as the Creditors in the Cavalry Loan stand, with respect to the other classes. It appears also in Parag. 15th and 18th of the Extracts of the Honble Company's Letter of the 12th April last, that the Government of Madras had absolutely "engaged to see that provision should be "made by the Nabob, to satisfy those claimants" and the Honble Court, feeling very justly the

force

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21st force of such undertaking declare their opinion of the Equity that is due to them, it would surely have been most unworthy of the honor and Dignity of the Honble Company, could it for a moment be supposed, they would attempt to render Justice, & acquit themselves of their Engagements to those Claimants, at the proper cost & expence of any other description of Men, however much within their power: but to the Creditors of the three Classes we represent, circumstanced as they are, we assure ourselves you will agree with us, that Honor, Justice, and good faith, forbid the Idea—

We have ever looked up to the paternal protection of the Honble Company, under all the accumulated Misfortunes that had attended us, for a series of years: distresses so great and unexampled, that, even the Legislature of Great Britain, judged it right and necessary, to interpose, for our relief: and under its authority the Honble Court were pleased to form special Arrangements, for the liquidation of the Nabob's Debts to us, such as they declare to be "consistent "with Justice, with policy, & the relative pre- "tensions of the different Classes" to which they expressly enjoin and require us to conform under penalty of all the Calamities that the force of power exclusion, & the want of protection could suggest; such requisitions operating to

exclude

2d exclude us from asserting our rights; and vesting in the Company, all power for that purpose; leaving us to depend solely upon the faithful discharge of the Trust so vested & created in themselves, as the only means of recovering our property — Thus circumstanced, the Creditors submitted to all the Company's requisitions; the Nabob readily gave his formal Assent to the Arrangement and relying on the good faith of the Company for the safety of our Interests which they had so taken under their absolute Guardianship, we accordingly signified our entire acquiescence by a Letter to the Government of Madras dated the 1st July 1785 — Copy of which is subjoined —

The three parties, interested

that is to say, the Honble Company, the Nabob & the Creditors, having thus confirmed the Arrangements, it thence becomes a conclusive & solemn public Covenant, established in pursuance of an Act of Parliament, & is doubtless legally binding upon the several Parties concerned in it; and the Honble Court of Directors are pleased to declare expressly in the 7th Parag: of their Letter of 12th April last, that, the Debt of the Nabob to Colonel Sir Henry Colby &c. is not included in the provision made by such arrangement, agreeable to their Orders of 9th Dec. 1784 for the three Classes of Creditors we have the honor to represent —

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21st

Conformable to those principles, we regard the Company's Government, as charged with the faithfull performance of such solemn Trust, & Covenant on the part of the Company. It is on full reliance upon the Stability of the Company's Government, & perfect confidence in its observance of Honor & good Faith in its Engagements, whereby we conceived we should at last derive unquestionable Security to our property, that we have so patiently submitted to the great reduction of Interest upon the new Consolidated Debt, which is by far the largest Fund, a measure that has at once absolutely reduced the value of that Fund, to less than half of its nominal Sum. At the same time, the justice, and good faith, Honble Sir & Sirs you have observed towards the Creditors, in the distribution of the Sums received from the Nabob under the arrangement, have in a manner given life to those Funds. They have thereby become in some shape negociable property; large Sums are daily bought and sold, upon the faith of the Arrangements, and of course, the Funds form a currency in the Settlement, equal to the aggregate amount of their market price. and we trust and hope, no immature Event will arise to destroy the Credit, value and circulation of those Funds, or to contaminate the solemn Arrangement made for their liquidation, which hath the honor & good faith of the Company for its Basis.

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It is yet a Tribute, we in common with all the Inhabitants of Madras, owe to your Honorable President, to acknowledge, that since his Accession to this Government we have seen Prosperity begin to rear its Head, after all the Calamities that had attended this devoted Colony through a long, ruinous, and distressful War, we have seen Confidence and Credit begin to renew their wonted Smiles, and Commerce commence again to flourish, promising under the Patronage and protection of his Administration to ensure Success to the public Affairs & Happiness to the Colony at large.

We have the honor to be &c &c.

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John Turing
James Taylor
/ Signed / Edwd Inl Holland
Paul Benfield
Geo: Moubray

Ordered that Copies of the fore-going Letter be sent to England by the Swallow.

Copies for Ingland

Wednesday 22d Nov. 1786

The Governor begs Mr Chamier would send the Letter from the Committee of the Nabobs Agents in Circulation, and put the following Question.

"Is there any thing contained

in

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Question put by the President on respect to the Claims of Col. Sir Henry Coby, Lieut. Col. Campbell Major Sourdan & Mr Dott

"in the abovementioned Letter to alter the opinion
"given at Tuesday's Consultation, agreeing to
"execute the Instructions of the Court of Directors,
"by ranking Colonel Sir Henry Coby, Lieut Colonel
"Dugald Campbell, Major Sourdan, & Mr Dott
"as Creditors upon the same Clase, with those dis-
"tinguished by the name of the Cavalry Loan
"Creditors?"

Mr Davidson's Opinion

Although I did not record my Opinion at the last Consultation, Sir Archibald Campbell and Mr Casamayor may remember, I expressed a Wish that the Orders concerning the late Reference might lie over, till Answers were received to the Dispatch by the Francis, a Packet being immediately expected. I still wish that no decisive measure may be taken, till the arri-val of the Directors reply to the late Govern-ments' Arrangement of the Nabob's Debts.

(Signed) Alex.r Davidson

Mr Casamayor's Opinion

I can observe nothing in the Letter of the 28th Instant from the Committee of the Nabob's Creditors, which can induce me to alter the opinion I gave at Tuesday's Consultation, to admit the Claims of Messrs Coby, Campbell, and Sourdan, as well as Mr Dotts, as Creditors upon the same Clase with those distinguished by the name of Cavalry Loan Creditors, for I conceive

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22d Packed conformable to Instructions from the Court of Directors—

/Signed/ James Henry Casamajor

Agreeable to the Instructions
received from the Honble Court of Directors by
the Swallow Packet the 12th April 1786. I am of
President's opinion opinion that Sir Henry Cosby, Lieut Colonel
Dugald Campbell, Major Sourdan, and Mr
Dott have a just right to be immediately ranked
upon the same footing with the Cavalry Loan
Creditors. His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic
having signified his acquiescence in the Arrange-
-ment recommended by the Honble Court of
Directors in their Letter of the 12th April 1786.

/Signed/ Arch.d Campbell

Received the undermentioned
Letters entered in MB Nos 63. 64. 65.)

From Ganjam, enclosing the
From Ganjam Engineers Estimate and Plans of Repairs necessary
for that Garrison—

From Ganjam, enclosing the
From Do Engineers Report for repairing the Roads and
Officers Quarters—

From Vizagapatam, enclosing
From Vizagapatam the Engineers Report, and Estimates of the necessary
Repairs

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22 Repairs for the Magazine and Barracks, which have been considerably damaged in the late Storm, and requesting leave for Mr Baker to visit the Presidency.

Sent the undermentioned Letters (entered in Miscellany Book N.66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77.)

To Mr Davis

To Mr. Davis, can make no partial Arrangements (until Orders are received from Bengal) in favor of any Individuals who suffered Captivity in the Mysore Country.

To the Committee of Works.

To the Committee of Works

pay due to the Lascars to be discharged in the same manner as the Sepoys who returned from Confinement.

To the Military Board.

To the Mely Board &c

to report on Sir Henry Corby's Claim to Off-Reckonings

To Mr Gardiner.

To Mr Gardiner. Mr Young appointed Paymaster at Angola, and in the Palmaud, in her room.

To Manelipatam

To Manelipatam, informing them of the above.

To Mr Young, informing her

To Mr Young

of her Appointment.

To Mr Raine; permitted to draw

To Mr Raine.

6 Pags p. Month, in addition to her present pay in consequence of her humane Conduct to the Prisoners during their Confinement in Mysore, for her extra trouble at the Town Goal.

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To Major Cochrane 22

To Major Cochrane with permission to proceed to Europe on half Pay.

To Col. Edingtoun 23

To Lieut Colonel Edingtoun his Off- Reckonings to be paid agreeable to his request.

To Mr Petrie

To Mr Petrie (one of the Executors to the Will of Mr Readhead) The Board are precluded by the positive Orders from home from admitting any Claim on the Nabob for a participation of the 12 Lacks.

To Mr Toriano, Mr Rollo to draw for Medical Servants for the 3d Regiment, and not Mr Gahagan as first Surgeon to the Hospital

To Mr Toriano

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The Board decline receiving Mr Duffins Paddy

To Colonel Kyd

To Colonel Kyd to report on the accompanying Plan and Estimates from Vizagapatam.

To Ganjam

To Ganjam, the Repairs recommended in their Letter for the Roads and Officers Quarters are to be immediately executed. The Engineer in future, on his Statement of Repairs to close it with an Abstract, that the whole Expence may at once be brought to view.

Sent the following Letter to the Committee for investigating the Nabobs Debts.

To

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To Messrs 24 Garrow
Webb
Landon
} Committee for investigating the Debts of His Highness the Nabob.

Gentlemen,

To the Committee for investigating the Nabobs Debts, to make up the Bonds of Col Colby, Lieut Col Campbell, Major Sourdan & Mr Dott to the 31st December 1784 & certify what was due on that day, conformably to the mode of making up Bonds of the Cavalry Loan of 1777.

His Highness the Nabob having acquiesced in the Arrangement made by the Court of Directors in favor of the Claims of Colonel Sir Henry Colby, Lieut Col Dugald Campbell, Major Sourdan & Mr Dott, I am directed to desire you will make up the Bonds of the above Gentlemen to the 31st of December 1784 & certify what was due upon each Bond on that day, agreably to the Order of the Court of Directors under date the 12th April last, & conformably to the mode which you pursued in making up the Bonds of the Cavalry Loan of 1777.

I am Gentlemen &c &c

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24th November 1786

Signed / John Cramer Secy

Received the following Letter from the Agents for the three Classes of Nabobs freedom

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We did ourselves the honor of addressing

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From the Agents for the three Claſſes of Nabob's Creditors repeating their request that Government will not carry into execution any new Arrangement, prejudicial to their Rights —

We addreſſing a letter to you of the 21st Inſtant, which was delivered to the Honble President the following morning; and yesterday we received Mr Secretary Chamier's Letter, under date the 21st Inſtant, announcing to have enclosed the Extract from the Company's General Letter dated the 12th of April last (which had been previously sent to us for dispatch) and the Honble President's Letter to the Nabob also signifying to us, "that Government "had resolved to carry into execution the Instructions "of the Court of Directors by placing the Debts of "Colonel Sir Henry Corby, Lieut Colonel Dugald "Campbell, Major Sourdan and Mr Dott on the "same Claſs of those Creditors distinguished under "the name of the Creditors on the Cavalry Loan "agreeable to the accompanying Extract of their "Letter dated 12th April 1786." —

We trust and hope your Honor

& will maturely consider our Letter of the 21st Inſtant, and that you will not carry into execution any new Arrangement to prejudice our Rights, or to alienate in favor of others, a publick negociable Fund, the sole Property of our Constituents, committed to your Charge for the faithful performance of a Solemn Covenant conclusively made with the Company, under the Sanction of an Act of Parliament —

We have been induced to make our representations to you in what may possibly

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24 be considered a premature step, because from the importance of the subject with respect to the property of the three Classes of Creditors, whom we represent as a transferable Fund, it was our duty, where an Idea of doubt could be entertained, to shew the very clear and indisputable Ground, on which our rights stand; that the Credit & Currency of the Fund might not suffer.—

Since the Arrangement hath taken place, the respective Interests of your Constituents in the Fund have fixed at a certain value in the Market, because it is known we are regularly to receive a stated Interest, and that it is stipulated when the Capital will be discharged: this has been regarded as fixed and unalterable, except from the Calamities of War: and by an innovation upon the regular course of payment, by charging this Fund with the liquidation of other Debts (should your Honor & Council enforce such a measure upon us, against all the remonstrances we are able to make, and contrary to what we have shewn to be the true Sense of the Instructions or Recommendations of the Honorable Court of Directors) all Property in the Fund would at once become uncertain and undefinable, it would lose its Stability and Credit, and its Value must fall in an inordinate Proportion.

We hope Your Honor & Council will

&c

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2d. be pleased to transmit this, and our former Letter of the 21st Instant, as Numbers in your Packet by the Swallow.

We have the honor to be &c.

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(Signed) John Turing
James Taylor
Edw.d Ino.s Hollond
Paul Benfield
Geo. Moubray.

Ordered that Copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted a Number in the Swallow Packet.

Copy to England

25

Sent the following Letter to the Resident at Tanjore.

To John Rudleston Esqr.

Resident at Tanjore

Sir,

To the Resident at Tanjore, enclosing Copy of the Proposal offered by Messrs. Balfour & Spalding for payment at the Presidency the Surplus of the Tanjore Subsidy of the next year to be remitted hither.

I am directed by the Honble President and Council to enclose a Paper containing Proposals from Messrs. Balfour & Spalding for payment at the Presidency the Surplus of the Tanjore Subsidy of the next year to be remitted here. These Proposals having been accepted I am further directed to desire you will

pay

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25. pay to the Agent of Messrs Balfour & Spalding at Tanjore such Sums as you may have received and have to remit to the Presidency —

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Sam Lr & Cs

Signed / John Chamier Secy

Received the following Letter from Messrs Balfour and Spalding —

To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary.

Sir

From Messrs Balfour & Spalding appointing Mr Hepperley as their Agent at Tanjore in the Performance of their Contract with Government —

We beg to request that the Resident of Tanjore be informed that we have nominated Mr. Hepperley as our Agent at that place & that his receipts, or in his absence the receipts of his Dubash Patchepa Moodeliar may be accepted by the Resident in the performance of our Contract with Government.

We have the honor to be &c &c

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Signed / Balfour & Spalding

In consequence of the foregoing Letter, the following was dispatched to the Resident at Tanjore.

To John Hudleston Esqr.

Resident at Tanjore

To the Resident at Tanjore, informing him of the above —

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable President

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25 President and Council to inform you that Messrs Balfour and Spalding have nominated Mr Hopperley as their Agent at Tanjore, and that his Receipts or in his Absence, the Receipts of his Dubash Patchepa Moodeliar, are to be accepted by you, in the performance of their Contract with Government for paying at the Presidency the Surplus of the Tanjore Subsidy, as stated in my Letter to you of the 24th Instant.

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I am Sir &c &c
(Signed) John Shannier
Secy

26 Received the following Letter from Bengal.

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

From Bengal—Mr Malet can receive no orders from His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, or his Agent at the Court of Poona, but thro' the Channel of the Governor and Council at Fort St George.

In a Letter which Mr Malet has lately written to Mr Macpherson, he has transmitted to him an Extract of one that he addressed to your President on the 25th of August on occasion of it's being understood that a Vakeel from the Nabob Mahomed Ally Khan was on his way to Poona, in which Letter Mr Malet observes

that

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26 "that should no such appointment have taken place
"and should the Nabob seek to have a regular
"account of the Transactions of the Poona Durbar, I
"should he think proper to devolve that charge
"on Mr Malet in the same manner as Mr Anderson
"is entrusted with the care of the Nizam Interest
"at the Court of the King and Mahajee Scindia,
"he would chearfully undertake it under the sanc-
"tion of your President's Approval and the Licence
"of the Governor General and Council."

We think it proper to inform you, that, as we cannot agree that any Servant of the Company, who represents us at an Indian Court, shall receive any Orders or Instructions but through the Company's Government, we have desired Mr Malet not to repeat his application, and acquainted him that, if the Nabob Hallaw Rau should have any thing to transact at the Court of Poona thro our President, it will be communicated to Mr Malet thro the regular Channel of your Government.

Fort William
Secret & Pol Dep.t
30.th October 1786

We have the honor to be &c

Cornwallis

Signed / John Stables

Chas Stuart

Forwd

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Received the undermentioned Letters

entered in the Mins: Nos 78-79)

From the Chief Engineer, recommending that a new Magazine be built on the Rock at Vizagapatam in preference to repairing the old one —

From Col. Ross

From the Agent Victualler, reporting on the subject of the Cattle, stated by the Inhabitants of Cangooly to have been taken from them during the War for the use of the Army, and on the Indents for Cattle in the Department of the Quarter Master General to the Southern Army.

From Mr Cockburn

Southern

At a Consultation Present

The Honorable Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

Alexander Davidson Esqr.

James Henry Casamajor Esqr.

Tuesday 28th November 1786 —

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

The Letter from the Agents for the three Clases of the Nabobs Creditors dated the 24th Instant and entered in the Diary, is now taken into Consideration — Agreed to adhere to

The Letter from the Agents for the three Clases of Nabobs Creditors dated 24th Novr taken into Consideration.

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Resolution thereon

to the Resolution in last Consultation of carrying into Execution the Company's Instructions relative to the Claims of Colonel Corby &c and that an Answer to this Effect be given to the Agents informing them at the same time, that their Letters shall be sent to the Court of Directors as Numbers in the Packets by the next Dispatches

Read the following Letter from the Governor of Pondicherry

To His Excellency Sir Archibald Campbell

Governor General & Council of the Presidency

of Madras

Gentlemen,

From the Governor of Pondicherry on the subject of the Revd Mr Gericke's Claim to a compensation for the Demolition of two Houses destroyed at Cuddalore, guaranteed by the Capitulation

You will excuse me for being so long without answering the Letter you honored me with on the Subject of the Claim made by Doctor Gericke regarding the demolition of two Houses in the environs of Cuddalore guaranteed by the Capitulation of that place when it surrendered to the French Army under the Command of Monsieur Duchemin Marechal de Camp, and for which Doctor Gericke demands to be reimbursed.

However just the Claim of Doctor Gericke may appear, Gentlemen, at first sight, and altho it may itself be of no great importance it has deserved from me the greatest

attention

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attention, on account of the Claims, which on the same principles might be respectively made by His Most Christian, and by the Britannick Majesty.

In consequence I assembled a Committee of Military Administration in which it was unanimously decided that Dr Gericke, having already made his Claim to Mr Coutenceau Brigadier, Commanding, at Pondicherry, nothing could be determined upon his prehensions, but from the Orders which I shall receive, in answer to the Letter written by Mr Coutenceau, who sent it directly to Court.

I have the honor to observe to you, Gentlemen, that in the discussion of this matter, we were unanimously of opinion that the Claim of Doctor Gericke could not be admitted, seeing, that the two Houses without the Town, were not demolished till the Army of His Britannick Majesty came to invest & attack Cuddalore, & that they thought themselves forced by that circumstance to sacrifice them to a just defence.

I have the honor to be &c &c

Pondicherry
23d November 1786

/Signed/ Cossigny

A true Translation

L. Chase French Translator.

Minute thereon

Agreed that an Answer be sent to Mr Gericke's application conformably to what is above written from M. de Cossigny.

Read

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Read the following Letters from the Resident at Poona.

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

Honble Sir

From the Resident at Poona, with Political Intelligence of the Situation of affairs between the contending Armies

My last Respects to you were dated the 26th of September. Duplicate of which has been forwarded. On the 30th Tippoo Sultan again attempted to surprize Hurry Punt, in which he so far succeeded as to force the Mahrattas to retreat with some loss, and encamped on their Ground. Soon after this Success he marched toward Shanoor, which Place surrendered on the first Summons, the Nabob and such of the Inhabitants as thought proper, having moved off with the Mahratta Army: Shanoor is a place of no Strength, but from being the Residence of a Pattan Chief of some consequence will give Eclat to Tippoo's Arms, particularly as being taken in the face of the whole Marratta Force, tho' they had received the Chief into their protection.

I have received very good Intelligence that the Frenchman deputed by the Pondicherry Government to Tippoo mentioned by me in a former Letter by the name of Salvere was called Moreaux, that he arrived

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in August, and returned in September, that during
his Residence in Teppoo's Army he industrio-
-ously propogated the same Stories of an ap-
-proaching War with the English, which
have been circulated here, and since he left it
a Persuasion has prevailed that that Prince
is soon to be joined by a large Reinforcement
of French, and so industriously have the French
Emisaries been in propagating this Belief, that
notwithstanding my former Assurances to this
Durbar, the positive Advices received from all
Quarters have so far awakened their Apprehen-
-sions, as to induce them again to call on me
for an account of the present State of Affairs
between Great Britain and France, and of
the French Force in this Country. Fortunately
your Favour of the 29th September, which
reached me the 25. October, arrived very a propos
to aid me in giving them a very full & explicit
Answer; and I flatter myself that Nana is
now almost as much convinced as I am, that
the French Affairs in India are in a state
from which neither much is to be hoped or feard.

Agreable to your wish, I
have applied to Nana to permit your Agent
to reside in the Army, but have not yet
received an Answer. From his objecting to his
remaining with the Army when I wished to
leave him there on my return from it to Poona
before the Rains. I apprehend he will not now
very

very readily consent to her residing there - In which case I beg to receive your Instructions regarding him.

The Orion on her way hither from the Nabob Wallawjah. I find on enquiry is named Dada Row, who formerly filled the Station of Vakeel on a confidential Footing for the Nabob at this Court, I cannot therefore expect Success in my offer of acting for her Excellency, tho from the means I propose of discharging such Trust I flatter myself I should have merited her approbation. My best Acknowledgments however are due, & I beg you to accept them, for your Attention to my Proposals - I lately learnt from Nana that Dada Row was advanced to some place on the Kistna.

Having received Lord Cornwallis's Proclamation on taking possession of the Government General a few days previous to the Arrival of your Dispatches enclosing Letters to the Perhua and Nana Furnavees, & sending the description of Lord Cornwallis's appointment, as contained in your Letter to the Perhua different from that promulgated by his Lordship himself, agreeable to which I had announced his Arrival and Accession to the Ministers of this Government. I have, to prevent all appearance of Contradiction in the fundamental Principles of our Constitution, taken the liberty to defer the delivery of your Letter till I am honored with his Lordship's own formal * * *

contradiction

Annunciation

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Annunciation of his Powers & appointment, with which if your Letter agrees it shall be immediately delivered - I flatter myself you will approve my endeavouring by a few days delay to prevent all appearance of Contradiction or misunderstanding on a matter of so great importance between the two first Characters in India in their Publick Dispatches to a foreign Durbar, especially as the Letter exclusive of the matter in question are merely complimentary -

Well knowing the importance of a safe and speedy communication between all the Members of a Body Politick, it has been a principal Object of my Attention, since my Arrival here, to establish an expeditious Intercourse with Calcutta & Madras, but hitherto with very little Success. I had flattered myself with getting my Letters to Calcutta by Benares in twenty five Days, but Disputes that have lately arisen between the Rajah of Nagpore and the Government of Bundelcund have rendered that Route impracticable, or too precarious to be attempted - The Conveyance through Mr Anderson, by Mhadjee Scindea's Camp, though so exceedingly out of the way, is, by a Dawk being established from Scindea Camp to Lucnow on three, & thence to Calcutta in nine days, effected from hence with a reasonable degree of Certainty in thirty two days - None of my Letters from Calcutta by the way of Masulipatam have come in less than six

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Works, nor from Madras in less than twenty five Days: I do not conceive that any of mine have been more expeditious: Being convinced that this cannot proceed from the distance, but must be owing to the badness of the Copies, I shall dispatch ther to Mr Floyer at Masulipatam by a pair of good Hircarrahs with high Enams, whence I may be able to form a Judgement of the time in which the Journey is practicable—

Large Sums of Money have been already remitted to Bombay Bank, & the attention of the Ministry continues principally taken up with this important Object. The nature of the war is repugnant to the Genius of the Mahrattas, & to the Policy of the Brahmin Government. The former rather delights in a predatory than a defensive War, & the latter studies to employ its Armies expeditious, where they can be gratified at the Enemys Expence — In the Army the Leaders account for their late Backwardness by assuring the Troops that they only wait for the Arrival of Nizam Ali Doula and Nana with a large Reinforcement, when they will immediately march against & chastise the Enemy, but at present I have no great reason to think either of them will take the Field —

As I have already experienced the ability of your Correspondence relative to the French encabling me to combat the persuasions they are so desirous to establish thro

Hindostan

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Hindostan, I flatter myself no other Argument is requisite to induce your continuing to honor me with advice of their Motions -

I believe the Distresses of the Bombay Government have hitherto prevented the Completion of their Military Establishment to the Complement lately prescribed from Europe

You will perceive by this Letter, I have taken advantage of the Arrival of your Cypher in which I shall in future have the honor of addressing you -

I have the honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ C.W. Malet

Poona
3d November 1786.

P.S. I have the honor to enclose Extract of Europe News just received -

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell

K.B. Governor

Fort St George

Honble Sir

From the Resident at Poona - Nana consents to Rago Punts accompanying the Marratta Army - The Resident advances him four hundred Rupees -

This accompanies Duplicate of my Address of 3d Instant - since which nothing new has occurred; I have this day received an Order from Nanna to Hurry Punt Furkia to receive your Agent Rago Punt and permit him to accompany the Army - I shall immediately dispatch him, but as he complains of the scantiness

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scantiness of her Finances having only 150 Rupees
p Month & that only paid to August I shall
advance him 400 Rupees to furnish him with
a Palky & to discharge some little Debts, which
he has been forced to contract here - I have
to request you will grant me a Bill on this
place for the Amount - I should not have
made the Advance, did I not think it absolutely
necessary, & had I not a good opinion of the
Man, at the same time that I am desirous
to promote your Wish of having him at the
Army

Poona
8th November 1786

I have the honor to be &c &
Signed / C.W. Malet

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

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

From the Committee
for investigating the
Nabobs Debts, with
a list of Bonds ack-
nowledged by Her
Highness to be just;
Enclosing Copy of a Letter
to them from Genl
Macalister, & a List of
Claims preferred in
consequence of the
Advertisement, pub-
-lished for the limitation
of the period for receiving
unreconciliated Bonds.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the honor to lay
before you the following List of Claims on
Bonds which we have at various periods for-
-warded to Her Highness the Nabob on the

course

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course of the last 15 Months, and which he now acknowledges to be just.

One Bond to Captain Lysaght dated
22d Febry 1779 bearing Interest at
12 p% p Annum from 1st Janry 1779 for Pags 10000.--

One do - to do - do - - - - - - - - - 9854.--

One do - to do - bearing no Interest - - 800.--

One do - to do - - do - - - - - - - - 788.10.10

Two do to Capt.n John Macalister dated
15. August 1781. bearing Interest at
12 p% p Annum for Pag.s 6000 each is 12000.--

One do to do - do - for Pagodas - - 5004.27.03

Three do to Col.o H.A.M. Corby dated
1st June 1781. bearing Interest at 12 per
Ct. p Annum for Pag.s 10000 each is - 30000.--

One do - to do - - do for Pagodas - 12393.39.68

Four Bonds to Lieut Col.o Dugald Campbell
dated 1st June 1781 bearing Interest
@ 12 p% p Ann for Pag.s 10000. each is 40000.--

One do - to do - - do - - - - - - - 6130.28.65

Four do to Captain Edward Jourdan
Dated 1st August 1781 bearing Int.
@ 12 p% p Ann: for Pag.s 10000 each is 40000.--

One do to do - - do - - - - - - - 4266.6.13

× One do to Captain Alex.r Wynch dated
2d May 1782 bearing no Interest - 6000.--

One do to Col.o Capper dated 16th Febry
1781 bearing Int.t @ 12 p% p Ann: - 5000.--

Carried over Pag.s

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Brought over Pags	
One Bond to Major Grove Cutler dated 5th June 1782 bearing Int.t a 6 p Cent p Annum from 1st June 1782	18022.23.5
One Do to Captain Alexr Tod dated 3d April 1780 bearing no Interest	500.-.-
One Do to Coll Geo Buck dated 1st Novr 1782 bearing Interest at 6 per Cent p Annum	2020.27.-
One Do to Captain James Dewart Pearson dated 15 August 1781 bearing Int.t at 12 p Cent p Annum	5362.23.68
One Do to Captain Collingwood Roddam dated 15th September 1775 bearing Interest a 12 p Cent p Ann: from 6th Do	6000.-.-
One Do to Do bearing no Interest	240.-.-
One Do to Captain Joshua Smith of Artillery dated 27th January 1785 bearing Interest at 6 per Cent p Ann: from 1st June 1784	323721.30
Pagodas	2,35,810.39.72
One Bond to Miss Ann Sykes dated 1st February 1770 bearing no Interest for Rupees	1080.-.-

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The Nabobs Agents inform us that
His Highness's Bonds of 3d. April 1780 to Captain
Alexander Tod for Pagodas 5520 was cancelled on
24th. September 1784. and we understand from
them that the Claims for Arrears of Pay are under
examination, & will be reported in a few days.

We beg leave to enclose for the
Information of your Honble Board Copy of a
Letter we have just received from Lieutenant
Macalister, on the subject of the Claim of his
late Brother, and which forms a part of the
preceding List, the Bonds granted him by the
Nabob specify the particular purposes on which
they were granted, and we cannot but remark
that altho the Honble the Court of Directors
take no notice of this Claim in their Instruction
of 12th. April 1786, yet we conceive that added
to the Nabobs present full acknowledgement
of the Debt, Lieut. Macalister stands precisely
on the same grounds (as Administrator to his
late Brother) as the other Gentlemen who com-
manded Regiments of Cavalry at the period
they made their Demands, & on the same Account.

The undermentioned Claims
on the Nabob having been received by us in
consequence of the Advertisement issued by
order of your Honor &c. We beg leave to request
your Instructions for referring them to the

Nabobs

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Nabobs Agents, also for submitting to your Honor
& those which may hereafter be delivered in.
previous to their being referred to the Nabobs
Agents.—

Lieut Jame Graham as Administrator
to the Estate of his late Brother
Captain Graham Campbell for Pay
Batta, and Allowances ——— 1915.30.32
Interest upon the same ——— 1369.12.60

Mr Henry Price for Pay &c as
Storekeeper at Rammad ——— 1295.24.-

Mrs Helmeyer, Widow, on a Bond
to her late Husband ——— 1065.1/4

Lieutenant Yates on Bond ——— 1002.2/6 1/2

Lieut Fenwick for Pay and Batta — 223.25.16

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We have the honor to be
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Edwd Garrow
/ Signed / Wm Webb
Landon

To

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To Edward Garrow Esqr

&c Committee for investigating the Debts of

His Highness the Nabob

Gentlemen

Being given to understand that
the Sums due to the Officers who commanded
Regiments of Cavalry in the Service of His Highe-
-ness the Nabob at the Commencement of the
late War on account of their Contract for
feeding the Horses are put in course of Payment
I beg leave to refer you to the Letters I have
wrote to Government on the subject, setting forth
the case of my late Brother who commanded one
of the Regiments, and whose situation is precisely
the same with Colonel Sir Henry Colby, Major
Dugald Campbell and Captain Sourdan, and
make no doubt that it will not escape the
attention of Government, that any Payments
made on that account should in an equal
degree extend to the Estate of my late Brother
more especially as his Highness has acknow-
-ledged the Justice of those Claims in the
same Letter with those of the above Gentlemen.

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20th November 1786

I have the honor to be &c &c.

Signed / Keith Macalister

a true Copy
Glanton for the Committee

Agreed

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Agreed that the Committee be desired to refer to the Nabobs Agents the Claims lately received, together with such other Claims as may be presented, previous to their being reported to Government —

Mem.de thereon

Read the following Letter from the Military Board —

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell

K.B. Governor & &. in Council

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have been honored with Mr. Secretary Chamiers letter of the 21st Inst. enclosing for our consideration a letter from Colonel Sir Henry Corby.

From the Military Board - Colonel Sir Henry Corbys Claim on the European Off-reckoning Fund well founded - Capt. Peirce Godfrey no right to make a demand for the payment of Colours make up for the 9th Batt.n because he received no authority for so doing —

Having attentively considered the purport of their letter with such authorities on the subject as we have been able to procure; - Colonel Sir Henry Corby appears to us, to have a Claim on the European Off Reckoning Fund for the time specified in her letter; But we conceive ourselves incompetent to give a decided opinion on the distribution of that fund, as it relates to him; until a Committee of Officers agreeably to the custom of the Service, shall have taken into consideration, the Agents accounts, & the distribution of the fund, for the space of time claimed by Sir H. Corby; & assigned that

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their reasons for giving or denying a Share in the case of a doubtful Claim

Colonel Capper in addition to the above opinion of the Board at large, suggests a doubt, whether Government in the Minutes of Consultation of 8th Novr 1785 did not intend the allowances of Commandant of Cavalry, and the Command of Palamcotah as a full compensation to Colonel Sir Henry Orby for not giving him Off Reckonings, or any other allowance whatever, excepting the pay of a Lieut Colonel of Infantry &c

Having resumed the consideration of Captain Lieut Godfrey's Claim, on receipt of his answer to our Secretary's Letter of the 30th Ultimo, and it not appearing that he had procured any regular authority for making up the Colours of the 9th Battalion. We beg leave to observe that being possessed of no Documents, regarding the regulations that have been adopted in the payment of this charge, since the abolition of the former system of providing Colours by Stoppages

We can only say that Captain Lieutenant Godfrey has no right to claim the payment of this demand, by the established usage of the Service, and if the Honorable Board should think proper to grant it as an indulgence, it should not be considered as a

precedent

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Precedent authorising such Charges in future.

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We have the Honor to be &c &c

L Kapper
James Eidenstoun
Henry Malcolm
Ja.s Campbell

Agreed that the above opinions relative to Colonel Corbyn's Claim for Off Rec. Stoning, and Captain Godfrey's application for Colours supplies the 6th Battalion be confirmed, and that those Gentlemen be informed thereof.

The foregoing opinions confirmed.

Agreed also that the Military Board be directed to take into consideration the establishing a fixed mode of supplying Colours to the different Corps, when it may be necessary, & report their opinion to Government on the subject.

Resolution of the Board in regard to making up Colours for the different Corps.

The President reads to the Board a letter from Lieutenant Maxwell of the 78th Regiment of Dragoons, requesting permission to resign his Post of Barrack Master for the Centre Division of the Carnatick, which the President recommends may be granted, & proposes that Captain James Campbell of the 72d Regiment be appointed in his Room.

Ordered accordingly.

Captain James Campbell of the 72d Regt appointed Barrack Master to the Centre Division of the Carnatic vice Lieut. Maxwell.

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Read the following Letter
from Mr Cockburn, Acting Superintendant
of Army Grain Accounts, with Enclosures entered
in the MB Nos 20- 21- 22- 23-

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From the Acting Superintendant of Army Grain Accounts, states the progress he has made in adjusting the Accounts of his Imploy—

I had the honor to receive your Secretary's Letter of the 25th July last, accompanied by a Letter and two Statements from Mr Jackson the late Superintendant of Grain Accounts, desiring me to execute what remained of the Service lately intrusted to him, and enclosing a copy of a General Order published to facilitate the final adjustment of the Grain Accounts—

I soon after addressed Letters to all Persons indebted to the Honble Company for Grain, whose Names were mentioned in the List of good Debts delivered to me by Mr Jackson, and to such of those their Attornies or Executors included in the Statement of irrecoverable Debts, as I found on the Coast, calling upon them for payment of the amount, and in obedience to your commands, have now the honor to lay before you a State of the progress I have made in adjusting the same—

Yours

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Your Honor & will observe by the Account Current (N.1) that I have recovered and brought to Account Pags 3578. 7. 9 on part of Pags 7420. 12. 60 - the total Amount of what Mr Jackson considered good Debts, and Pags das 306. 13. 15 on part of Pags 939. 9. 15 the amount due from those included in his List of irrecoverable Balances, who I found on the Coast - N.2 is a Statement of Sums which appeared to me erroneously debited to the Gentlemen thereon mentioned, & which with your concurrence ought to be written off to Profit and Loss - N.3 is a Statement of the total Amount of Balances considered irrecoverable by Mr Jackson (deducting the Balances due from those I found on the Coast) the Sum of which, together with N.2 making Pags 5061. 3. 46 may be considered totally irrecoverable, a Sum very inconsiderable indeed, when it is considered that the total Amount of Nett Sales of Grain appears by Mr Jacksons Account to have been upwards of 7. 64000 Pagodas, by whose exertions almost the whole has been realized —

Statement N.4 exhibits the Names and particulars of what Mr Jackson considered good Balances remaining unpaid this day to the amount of Pags 365. 30. 39 and of such as were included in the List of irrecoverable Debts as I found on the Coast to the amount of Pags 608. 13. in all Pags 1065. 43. 39 - and that your Honble Board may be enabled to pass Orders thereon

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thereon without the trouble of reference to a volumi-
nous correspondence I have abstracted in my
Remarks the reasons assigned by those Gentlemen
who have delayed payment of, or objected to the
demands made on them - and likewise my answers
thereto, but as Captain Smith intimated a wish
that his should appear before your Honble Board
at full length I have complied with his request
by making his Letter (marked A) a number in
this Packet. -

I have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St George
27th November 1786

/Signed/ Tho. Cockburn
acting Superintendant of Grain
Accounts -

Minute thereon

The Board proceed to take into
Consideration the Statement accompanying the
above Letter, & after passing their Resolutions upon
the several points referred to them, agree to return
it to Mr Cockburn, & to direct him to act in
conformity thereto -

From Brigadier General Horne -

Read the following Letters, entered
in the Miscellany Book Nos 84 - 85 - 86 -

From Brigadier General Horne
stating that the Comptroller of Army Accounts
has refused to admit a Charge of Pay 42 monthly
for an Interpreter, & Ajentants, of whom the
General particularizes the necessity, and hopes
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which has been drawn by his Predecessors -

Minute thereon

Agreed on consideration of
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acting Superintendant of Grain
Accounts -

Minute thereon

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From Brigadier General Horne -

Agreed on consideration of
the

Minute thereon -

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the reasons urged by General Horne that the Charges to which Col. Capper objected be admitted, and that the same be signified to Col. Capper & to Gen.l Horne

From Seeva Permall late Dubash to Lord Macartney stating his confidence that he is able to refute the Charges exhibited against him by the Nabob, & requesting that His Highness may be desired to bring them forward, & to produce the Paper said to be written by him —

From Seeva Permal late Dubash to Lord Macartney.

Ordered to lie on the Table until the Nabob's Answer to the President's Letter on the Subject be received.

Hereto thereon.

From Major Burrowes, requesting pay from the day of his Arrival in India, having been detained at Bombay by unavoidable necessity —

From Major Burrowes

Ordered accordingly —

Ordered

W. C. Jackson
Dep.t Secy

Wm. Campbell

Alex.r Davidson

Ja.s Whitehill

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30 The President sends in circulation a Letter addressed to him by the Resident at Tanjore together with Copy of his Reply, which are entered hereunder —

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor

&c &c &c Fort St George

Honble Sir.

From the Resident at Tanjore, enclosing a Statement of the mode in which the Rajah desires his Rists for the current year may be paid —

In the Minute which I delivered in to the Committee of Inspection the 26th August I judged it my duty to offer it as my opinion that the agreement, which I prevailed upon the Rajah to consent to for the payment of his Balance, fixed that payment to a shorter period than would be compatible with his doing all we wished him to do for the relief & encouragement of his People, & that an abatement of 50000 Pag or at least of one Lack, should be made in the 6 Lacks, which by the said agreement, his Excellency was to pay from December to April next — I recommended also upon grounds stated in the Minute that the Rists should be equally divided, or nearly so, on the different Months of the year, instead of their being all payable between November and April — I fully intended to have touched upon this Subject in the Letter which I did myself the honor to address you the 29th September, but it entirely escaped my memory — Mr Swartz however was so kind to do it for me and had the Satisfaction to find that your Sentiments

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30. Sentiments were favorable to the proposetion — The Rajah has since delivered to us thos the Minister a List of the Rents as he would wish to have them settled for the ensuing year, & I have the honor to enclose a translation of it, by which, Sir, you will perceive that he entertains hopes of yours indulging him with an abatement of one Lack out of the six, that is to say, that he may pay but one Lack of the Balance, besides the Subsidy of four, and the remainder the year following, but his Excellency particularly desires me to acquaint you that if either this, or the alteration of the Rents, or periods of payment should not be agreable to you, he will continue to fulfill the engagement he entered into with me for the payment of the whole by the end of April with the same punctuality that he has hitherto fulfilled it.

I have the honor to be &c &c

Signd/ F Budleston

Tanjore
20th November 1786

Rents propond by the Rajah —

1786	
November	20000
December	20000
1787	
January	20000
February	50000
March	70000
April	70000
May	50000
June	50000
July	50000
August	50000
September	50000
Pagodas	500000

F Budleston — &

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To John Huddleston Esqr 30.

Resident

Tanjore

Dear Sir

I have received your Letter of the 20th enclosing a State of the manner in which the Rajah of Tanjore has expressed his Desire to pay the Kists for the Current year — I observe he wishes to limit his Payments to 5 Lacks of Pagodas, instead of the six Lacks stipulated, when you made the last Arrange-ment with him —

To, in answer to the foregoing letter

I have the utmost Desire to accommodate the Rajah & to facilitate the progress of every System, that can the better enable him to do Justice to his People. But I am sorry to find it will not be possible for Government to accommodate him to the Extent proposed — Upon the Faith of the Agree-ments, which on my arrival here I found subsisting between this Government and the Rajah, I made up a State of Receipts and Disbursements, that has been sent to England. in which I inserted the whole six Lacks to be received from the Rajah, in the course of this year, and disbursements are now actually going on agreable to the State then made up. — I cannot therefore consent to change the amount, but I shall with great pleasure agree to enlarge the time for making the

Payments

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30th Payments - If the Rajah will make good his Subsidy of Four Lacks between this Time and the middle of April, I shall consent to the postponing of the 2 Lacks for Arrears agreeable to the annexed Proportions, which carries the Payments on to the months of September - This I hope he can manage without any material Inconvenience - You will observe that it is an extension of 5 Months for these two Lacks and I have also diminished the monthly Payments from this time to the month of April as much as the Exigencies of Government would any way admit - I wish you would explain all these matters fully to his Excellency & assure him that I have gone as far to accommodate him in the Proposals now made as is any way consistent with my Duty to the Company -

The Payment for this Month I take for granted is made good and I am very desirous that you would prevail with the Rajah to advance the Sums set down by me for the Months of December and January as soon as possible, which will be a great accommodation to Government at this Juncture - I beg to know from you as soon as possible when I may expect the payments for these Months will come into your hands -

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I am Dear Sir &c &c

(Signed) Archd Campbell

Instalments

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Instalments proposed for the Payments to be made by the Rajah of Tanjore in the year 1786-7-

		Pagodas	
1786	November	20,000	
	December	50,000	
1787	January	50,000	4,00,000
	February	90,000	
	March	90,000	
	April	1,00,000	
	May	50,000	
	June	50,000	
	July	40,000	2,00,000
	August	30,000	
	September	30,000	
	Pagodas	6,00,000	

Received the following Letter from the Board of Revenue, with the Enclosure entered in the Miscellany Book N.o 87-

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Council

Fort St George

From the Board of Revenue; the orders respecting the Boundaries of the new Cantonment at Walajahbad have been issued - stating the quantity of Rice received into Store at Chingleput.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have had the honor to receive your Commands signified to us in Mr Secretary Chamier's Letter of the 9.th Instant in consequence of which we transmitted the Notification prescribing the Limits of Camp.o Discipline

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To Deceptions and the Places where the Sale of spirituous Liquors is prohibited to the Superintendant of the Paghere with Orders to assess at Conjeveram and other Places adjacent to the new Cantonment at Wandewash &c.

Mr Oakeley the late Superintendant of the Paghere having been instructed by Government to receive from different Renters of the Paghere a Quantity of Grain for the purpose of forming a Magazine at Chinglepeth, we have the honor to acquaint you that upwards of 227 Garces (which is as much as there is accommodation for) have been delivered to the Paymaster of that Garrison as will appear by a Letter from him to this Board of the 9th Instant, Copy of which we beg leave to enclose.

Fort St George
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We have the honor to be &c
Hen Davidson
Chas Oakeley
Signed / David Halibarton
Geo. Moubray

Sent the following Letter

to the Agents for the three Classes of Nabob

Creditors.

To

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To Messrs. Turing
Taylor
Benfield
Holland
Houbray

Agents for the three Classes of the Nabobs Creditors --

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honble President & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters dated the 21st. and 24th. Instant --

Previous to the receipt of the foregoing, the Board had taken the Subject to which they relate into their serious Consideration, and had resolved to carry into Execution the Honble Company's Instructions under date the 12th April last, as you were particularly informed in my Letter of the 21st Instant --

After having paid every attention to the Arguments and reasoning contained in your two last Letters above acknowledged, the Board direct me to inform you that they adhere to the Resolution, of which you have already been advised --

I am further to signify to you that your Letters will be sent as Numbers in the Packet by the next Dispatch --

I am Gentlemen &c &c

/Signed/ John Chamier Secy

To the Agents for the three Classes of Nabobs Creditors, the Board adhere to their Resolution, as already communicated to them --

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The Swallow being arrived from Bengal, it is ordered that the Dispatches be immediately prepared, and the Packet closed to Morrow morning —

The Swallow Packet arrives from Bengal in her way to Europe.

Sent the undermentioned Letters (entered in MB for the Month of December Nos 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11)

To the Chief Engineer, with Extracts from the proceedings of the Board of Revenue, requesting that an Officer from the Corps of Engineers may be ordered to execute the Service therein stated —

To Colonel Ross

To M.r Gericke — his Claim being now before the Court of France, no decision can be given upon it, untill Instructions shall be received from thence —

To the Rev.d M. Gericke

To Brig.r Gen.l Horne, the Board consent to admit the monthly charge of Pag.s 42 for the Servants objected to by the Comptroller General & which he deems indispensibly necessary — N.B. Letters were sent to the Rev.d at Trechinopoly & to the Commissary General with advice of the above —

To Gen.l Horne.

To the Committee for investigating the Nabobs Debts — to refer to the Nabobs Agents the Claims lately received by them upon His Highness. Such other Claims as may be delivered in before the 31.st Dec.r next are to be referred to the Nabobs Agents previous to their being reported to Government —

To Messrs Garrow Webb & Landon.

To the Acting Superintendant of Army Grain Accounts, with Statements of the Balances at present due from sundry Persons on account of Grain delivered, with the Orders of Government thereon —

To M.r Cockburn

To the Milit.y Board — Government approve

To the Milit.y Board.

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I approve the opinions they have given upon the Claims preferred to them - desired to take into consideration the establishing a fixed mode of supplying Colours for the different Corps when it may be necessary, & lay before the Board their opinion & recommendation upon the Subject - enclosing two Petitions from Native Officers lately readmitted into the Service, upon which they are to report -

To Col. Coby - his Claim admitted on the European Off- Reckoning fund for the time specified - The Committee of Off Reckonings will fix the distribution of the fund for the space of time claimed in his Letter, when they will take into Consideration the Agents account agreeably to the usage of the Service -

To Col. Coby -

To the Military Agent - Colonel Sir H. Coby to be included in the Distribution of Off Reckonings for the years 1785- Caran Officer of Infantry -

To Mr. W.m Balfour

To Brigadier General Horne - The Paymaster at Trichinopoly has been ordered to pay to Capt. Stevenson one Pagoda for each horse of the 4.th Regt on account of Sheds to be erected for the Horses of the above Regiment - A Return of the Sheds to be sent to the Commander in Chief, which is to be certified by him - N.B. the same Order to Col. Rumbold, Commanding at Arcot for the Cavalry stationed there; & advice given to the Pay.r accordingly -

To Gen.l Horne

To the Paymaster at Vellore - to pay M.r Kincaid 250 Pag.s for a house purchased of him at Amboor for the use of the Company -

To Mr. Touzaine

To the Military Paymaster General & Colonel Capper, informing them that Lieut Colonel Malcolm, the Adjutant General, is to draw 12 Pag.s p. Mensem, as Horse Allowance -

To Mr. J. Turing Esq.r & Col.o Capper.

A.G.

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At ten this morning, the General

The Swallow's Packet closed — Letters p Swallow from this Department were signed and the Packet closed.

Received the undermentioned

Letters entered in the Miscellany Book No. 12. 13. 14.

From Genl. Horne

From General Horne, transmits the Engineer's Report of the State of the Quarters and Hospital in the Garrison of Trichinopoly; as also an Estimate of the Expence necessary for repairing the same; which he strongly recommends may immediately be carried into effect.—

From Chandernagherry

From Chandernagherry, with political Intelligence, and advising, of some Robberies having been committed in the vicinage of his Station, attended with Murder, and other shocking instances of Cruelty.—

From Colonel Rumbold

From the Commandant of Arcot transmits a Return of the Stores in his Cantonment for the month of November, also an Indent of Stores for the ensuing three Months — The Storekeeper reports that the last Indent was not complied with, which is the cause of the present being greater than it otherwise would have been — recommends that the Carriages of the Field, and battering Train be immediately repaired —

At

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At a Consultation Present

The Honorable Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

Tuesday 5th December 1786

Alexander Davidson Esqr

James Henry Casamajor Esqr

Member of last Consultation

read and approved —

The President delivers in the following Minute —

President's Minute introducing Regulations for the Laboratory at Fort St George —

Whatever may have been the original Motive for confining the Knowledge of Laboratory Stores to the Invalids of this Presidency or for precluding the Commanding Officer of the Artillery from any Interference or Authority in the Laboratory of Fort St George, there cannot be a stronger proof of its absurdity, than the present Ignorance of the Artillery in the art of making up fixed Ammunition, and of adjusting the ne- -cessary proportions for such Military Stores as are generally wanting for the Public Service —

The Advantages which must result to the Army by having the Officers, and Men of the Artillery completely instructed in this important Branch of their Profession, is not less obvious, than the Injury which the Company must necessarily experience if it is suffered any

longer

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longer to exist —

That nine Tenths of the Officers, Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of the Artillery Corps on the Coast of Choromandel should at this hour, be in extreme ignorance respecting the Preparations and Compositions of Artillery Stores, is scarcely to be credited, and yet this is a Fact which cannot in Justice be controverted. To remedy such a defect in future, & to put it out of the Power of Chance to saddle the Service with Ignorance so serious and prejudicial to the Interests of the Company, I have the honor to lay before the Board a Sketch of Regulations for the Laboratory of Fort St George, which if it meets with your Approbation, may be henceforth established as standing Orders in the General Book of Regulations for this Presidency —

/Signed/ Archd Campbell.

Regulations for the Honble Company's Laboratory at Fort St George.

1st

The Laboratory at Fort St George is henceforth to be under the entire superintendance and Controul of the Officers Commanding the Battalion of Artillery at the Presidency who is to be considered as Director of the Laboratory and to have an Officer experienced in the preparation of

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of Laboratory Stores under him as Said Director with a Serjeant and Corporal for carrying his Orders for effectually into Execution —

2 The proportions of Composition for every species of Ammunition and Stores ordered to be made up in the Laboratory, are to be determined upon by the Director of the Laboratory & delivered in writing to the Sub Director, who is to register them in a Book to be kept expresly for the purpose open at all times to the Inspection of the Officers on duty at the Laboratory & to the Members of the Committee of Stores, whenever they may chuse to peruse them —

3 The Committee of Stores are to determine quarterly the quantity of Ammunition, and other Articles to be made up in the Laboratory, to answer all the exigencies of the Service — The Director of the Laboratory is to conform strictly to the Instructions of the Committee in this respect, & is ultimately responsible for any deficiencies in the quality and quantity of the Ammunition that may be delivered from the Laboratory into the Stores for the Public Service —

4 The Sub Director of the Laboratory is to indent weekly to the Military Storekeeper for such Articles and Materials as may be wanted for making up the Ammunition and Stores required for the Public Service; which Indents are to be countersigned by the Director of the Laboratory — The Sub Director is to give his Receipt to the Storekeeper for

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for such Materials as are received in consequence of those Indents, & when the Articles of Ammunition &c. are completed & made up, they are to be examined by the Commissary General of Stores, & if thought by him to be fit and proper for Service they are to be delivered over to the Military Storekeeper on his Receipt.—

5 Such Articles as are issued from the Stores in consequence of the Sub Directors Indents, are to be formed into one monthly Indent in the Military Storekeepers Books, and to be signed by the Director of the Laboratory on the last day of every Month, on his findeing the Stores issued, corresponding with the Sub Directors Receipts for the month. In like manner the Ammunition and Articles occasionally made up in the Laboratory, and returned to the Stores are to be formed into one monthly Account in the Director of the Laboratory's Book of Deliveries, and to be signed by the Military Storekeeper on the last day of the Month, on finding his Receipts correspond with the Stores stated in the Account of Deliveries. The Commissary General of Stores is also to certify at the bottom of this monthly Account that the Articles & Ammunition so delivered were properly made up, & fit for Service.—

6 As a small dispense Magazine for Powder is to be appropriated to the Laboratory Service no greater quantity of Powder is henceforth to be kept in the Laboratory, than what can be made up in the course of a day; nor are there

more

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more Stores or Articles of any other Kind to be kept in the Laboratory than what can be readily worked up in the course of a Week.

7th The Commissary General of Stores is to see that the Store Rooms appropriated for keeping the Laboratory Articles delivered to the Military Storekeeper are properly arranged & fitted up for that purpose, & that the Ammunition or other Articles delivered from the Laboratory to the Military Storekeeper should be injured by time, & their Force & Effect be greatly lessened from the dampness of Bomb Proofs or other Godowns in which they are unavoidably kept; the Committee of Stores shall every year, in the months of February and September take a minute & particular Survey of the Laboratory Stores in charge of the Military Store-keeper, causing such Experiments to be made as will clearly ascertain their quality & condition, & are to report their state to the Honble Governor in Council with their opinion of the Store Rooms in which they are kept, & the manner in which the different Articles are arranged.

8 Exclusive of the usual Detachment of Artillery doing duty at Fort St George, a Detachment from the Artillery Regiment at the Mount, with a proportion of Officers and Non Commissioned Officers to superintend them, together with a Detachment of Artillery Lascars are henceforth to do duty in the Laboratory at Fort St George and be relieved monthly.

9 The Sub Director of the Laboratory

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is to instruct the Artillery Officers and Men in the method of making up the different Kinds of Ammunition — He is to be constantly in the Laboratory at working hours, as well as the Laboratory Sergeant & Corporal; and is to make a morning Report to the Director of the Work done the preceding days, the number of People employed, & the Conduct and progress of the Officers and Men who attend for Instruction —

10. When the whole of the Artillery Officers and Men are made completely acquainted with the Laboratory Business, a certain proportion of Men will be ordered to work there daily for the purpose of making up such Ammunition as may be wanted for the Public Service, there are henceforth to be allowed working Money agreeable to the Rates hitherto established, Viz.t Six Fanams pday to every non Commissioned Officer, and four to every Gunner and Matross — The Sub Director is to enter in a Book the names of the Men who are thus employed, that a regular Account may be made out monthly & the working Money drawn for accordingly — All Bills for Work performed at the Laboratory are to be signed by the Sub Director, and certified by the Director or Officer Commanding the Artillery at the Mount, who is answerable that no charges are made but such as are just and reasonable —

11 All Port Fires, Fuzes, Rockets & that are judged fit to be received into the Stores

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for the Public Service are to have besides the name of the Person who made them up, a particular Laboratory Stamp affixed by the Sub Director who is to be answerable that the Stores so thus marked or stamped are in every respect of a proper Quality & well made which he is to ascertain by previous Trial & experiment.

12. The Director of the Laboratory is to lay before the Committee of Stores the first meeting of every Month the Laboratory Books, specifying the Receipts, Issues & Remains of all the Ammunition Stores, Utensils, Compositions &c under his charge that the same may be examined & compared with the Storekeepers Book of Receipts and Issues, and that all deficiencies may be minutely examined into & properly accounted for.—

13 The Sub Director of the Laboratory is to keep a regular set of Books, in which is to be entered every particular respecting his Department ready at all times for the Inspection of the Senior Officer of Artillery or any Member of the Committee of Stores.—

14. The Director is to be allowed 60 Pags p Month, the Sub Director 25 Pags p Month, the Laboratory Serjeant 4 Pags & the Laboratory Corporal 3 Pags p Month.

15. At all other Stations where Ammunition & Laboratory Stores are to be made up, the Laboratory is to be under the sole direction and Orders of the Officer Commanding the Artillery on the Spot, without additional Pay who shall have a Serjeant and a Corporal under him for conducting the Detail & Duties of the Laboratory.

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Approved

The Board approve the Regulations proposed by the President for the Laboratory, and it is Agreed that they be published in General Orders and sent to the Military Board for insertion in the new Book of Regulations.—

President proposes that the Commissary General of Stores be appointed a Member of the Mily Board.

The President proposes to the Board that Lieut. Colonel Moorhouse the Commissary General of Stores be appointed a Member of the Military Board, being of opinion that the Service will benefit by the admission of that Officer who has much experience in the Department of the Stores.—

Approved

The Board concur in opinion with the President and it is accordingly Agreed that Lieut Colonel Moorhouse be appointed a Member of the Military Board.— Agreed also at the recommendation of the President, that Lieut Colonel Moorhouse be permitted to draw Thirty Pagodas Monthly for the Extra duty performed by him in the department of the Commissary of Stores, which he has agreed to undertake, without the assistance of a Deputy during the Peace.

Lieut Col. Moorhouse to draw 30 Pags per Mensem for extra Duty to be performed by him on the Department of the Commissary of Stores.

Read the following Letter from Bengal.

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Council

at Fort St George

From Bengal, Mr. George Tyler's proposals for sending 50,000 Bags of Rice to Madras accepted. The Sentiments of the Madras Board

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

We were favoured with your Letter

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Board of Trade with
respect to remittances
approved - Opium
ent. hither as an
experiment - Bengal
to be drawn upon
for the Charges of his
Majesty's Troops -
Instructions in
consequance -

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Letter of the 23d Ultimo but deferred replying to
it till this day, when the Consideration of the
Proposals for the supply of Rice to your Presidency
which had been invited on the 9th Instant, should
enable us to judge of the Extent to which it can
be carried -

By this measure we in some
degree anticipated the mode of Remittance since
pointed out by your Board of Trade, and have
accepted the Proposals of Mr George Tyler to deliver
50,000 Bags of Rice on or before the 1st day of
March next at the low rate of four Siccaa Rupees
and twelve Annas p Bag, to be landed on the
Sea Beach at Fort St George, clear of all Charges, he
paying the accustomed Duties to you, and we hope
this Supply will be extended, of which you will be
duly advised -

Concurring generally in the Sen-
-timents of your Board of Trade on the Subject
of Remittances to you, we have resolved to confine
our Supplies to the Articles of Rice & Opium - In
doing this, however, we fear we shall not be able
to furnish the quantity of three Hundred Thousand
Bags in the course of the present Season - for
admitting that the provision of this Article would
not extend the Amount of the Supplies beyond
the Sum to be sent you, we have neither Tonnage
to convey nor Resources to furnish so large and so
immediate a Disbursement -

2 We have reduced the quantity
of Opium mentioned in the 5th Paragraph of the
Remarks

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Remarks of your Board of Trades from one thousand to two Hundred Chests, because the Macao Merchants and Eastern Traders having usually provided that Article here, and not expecting to find it at Madras will of course be unprepared for the purchase, the consequent Loss is obvious — This quantity which we send as an Experiment will be invoiced at the Medium rate of the ensuing Sales for as we dispose of it for ready money, at that rate it should be charged, and we trust you will obtain such an Advance upon it as to reimburse the Company the Freight, Marine, and Charges attending sending it to Fort St George —

As your Board of Trade are of opinion that by settling a regular & certain payment at 30 days sight, Bills to a considerable Amount may be drawn on Bengal at the Exchange of 105 to 110 Arcot Rupees p Sa Star Pagodas, and placing the fullest confidence in your Exertions to effect so desireable a measure we have resolved to authorize you to draw upon us for the Charges of His Majesty's Troops, but at the same time that we do this, we positively limit your Drafts to the monthly Issues on this Account, and forbid at all events, your exceeding the present rate of Exchange; in time, we hope, by the united Exertions of the two Governments, it will be reduced to its former Standard —

We

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We are therefore to request to be furnished with an Account of the Amount you will require monthly on this Account in order that we may be enabled to appropriate Funds to answer your Bills, which shall be punctually discharged by our Military Paymaster General—

We transmit you an Account of Advances made to the Kings Paymaster, by which you will perceive that the Supplies already sent you, and those we are about to send, together with the Engagements we have entered into on account of your Presidency will go very far towards compleating the allotted Sum; we shall therefore for the present stop any further Issues to Mr. Burke and leave it entirely to you Gentlemen to manage the internal Oeconomy of your own Govern-ment; we are desirous of affording every Aid in our power, and request to be informed as early as possi-ble whether these Supplies are equal to your Exigencies. If you apprehend that your advices will not arrive in time for us to be informed of the extent of your wants previous to your grant-ing Bills upon us, we request you will draw for such Sums as are absolutely necessary for your Current Disbursements stating in the Bills, that their Amount is on account of the Kings Troops, to be discharged by our Military Paymaster General—

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In taking this Step we are influenced by the hopes of yet creating a Resource of Remittance by Commercial means as we apprehend the Returns for Bengal Goods sent to the Gulphs and the Coast of Sumatra will go to Madras, whenever the Merchants here, engaged in that Trade, are sure their Bills will be punctually discharged —

We cannot entertain any hopes of the Shroffs and Soucars remitting to Madras the Proceeds of Goods sent annually from Bengal to Surat, Bombay, and the Malabar Coast, for as the Supplies from hence to Bombay are greater than the amount of Goods exported to those places, it is sometimes with difficulty, & at a considerable loss to the Company, that we obtain Remittances — But we understand that the Gold Dust from the Coast of Sumatra yields in the Mint of Madras a Profit of Venetian Zequins, the Coin generally brought from the Gulphs usually bear a higher price with you than in Bengal; powerful Inducements to Merchants to land the Returns of their Goods at Madras, independent of the risque of this River, which is thereby saved —

Zequins

We have the honor to be &c &c

Fort William
31st October 1786.

Cornwallis
Signed / John Stables
Chas. Stuart.

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Statement of Advances made by the Bengal Government to the Paymaster of the King's Troops in India

1786	
In February	CR. 2,16,000.--
April	1,62,000.--
May	209,250.1.4
August	277,144.1.6
October	310,106.1.11
	11.74.500.4.9
Current Rupees	11.74.500.4.9

Fort William
Accountt Genl Office
17th November 1786

Errors Excepted
Signed/ Wm Larkins
Accountt General

A true Copy
Wm Bruere Secry.

Statement of the Disbursements made on account of Fort St George Presidency between 30th April & 1st Novr 1786 & of the Supplies engaged for, making a part of the Debts of the Bengal Government at the latter period.

Fort St George Presidency	Actual Disbursements: Supplies realized before 1st May 1786.	Disbursements which be realized after 30th April 1786 Supplies to the above Disbursements	Total of Actual Disbursements	Supplies engaged for: Supplies realized before 1st May 1786	Supplies realized after 1st May 1786	Total of Supplies engaged for.
Amount of Draughts granted by the President & Council there on the Governor General & Council	9,99,956.13.11	4,12,924.3.5	14,12,881.1.4	18,260.11.8	69,498.-.-	87,758.11.8
Amount of Orders granted on the general Treasury by the Gor General & Co. on account of Grain for the use of that Presidency	" "	3,48,000.-	3,48,000.-	" "	" "	" "
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Wm Bruere Secry.

Statement of the Disbursements made on account of Fort St George Presidency between 30th April & 1st Nov.r 1786 & of the Supplies engaged for, making a part of the Debts of the Bengal Government at the latter period.

Fort St George Presidency	Actual Disbursements: Supplies realized before 1st May 1786	Disbursements which be realized afford no Supplies to the Presidency	Supplies to after 30th April 1786	Total of Actual Disbursements	Supplies engaged for: Supplies realized before 1st May 1786	Supplies realized after 1st May 1786	Total of Supplies engaged for.
Amount of Draughts granted by the President & Council there on the Governor General & Council	9,99,956.13.11	1,12,424.3.5	" "	11,12,381.1.4	18,260.11.8	69,498.-.-	87,758.11.8
Amount of Orders granted on the general Treasury by the Gov.r General & Co.s on account of Grain for the use of that Presidency	" "	" "	36,000.-.-	36,000.-.-	" "	" "	" "
Carried over	9,99,956.13.11	1,12,424.3.5	36,000.-.-	11,48,381.1.4	18,260.11.8	69,498.-.-	87,758.11.8

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	Actual Disbursements			Supplies Engaged for		
Fort St George Presidency	Supplies engaged before 1st May 1786	Disbursements which afford no Supplies to the other Presidencies	Supplies to be received after 30th April 1786	Total of Actual Disbursements	Supplies realized before 1st May 1786	Supplies realized after 1st May 1786	Total of Supplies engaged for
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Fort William
Accountant Generals Office
12th November 1786

Errors Excepted
/ Signed / Wm Larkins
Accountant General

A true Copy
W Bruere
Secry.

To lie on the Table.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

having

Twelve Hundred stand of Arms intended for Madras, detained by the Governor General —

The President informs the Board that the Governor General of Bengal has advised him of his / detaining the 1200 Stand of Arms intended for Madras, which went to Bengal on the Hillsborough & other Ships of the last season at the same time giving an authority to this Government in case there is a want of Arms to ship an equal quantity next year from the Ships carrying Arms to Bengal —

Read

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Read the following Letter from

Masulipatam --

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.

President & Governor &c Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Masulipatam on the subject of Repairs - The Committee of Works at Ellore apply for an Allowance for their Clerks, which the Chief & Council refuse -

We have duely received your Orders communicated to us in your Secretary's Letters of the 2d. 15th. and 21st. Instant -

In consequence of the receipt of the first of the above Letters, we have given the necessary directions for a quarter being built for the Assistant Surgeon in charge of the Medical Stores at this place; of the dimentions usually allotted for a Subaltern Officer -

We have perused the Papers enclosed in your Secretary's Letter of the 15th. Instant, previous to the receipt of which, we had received from the Committee of Works at Ellore, the Engineer's Report of the quantity of Materials on hand, & what further quantity will be necessary for completing the repairs ordered to be made to the Military Quarters in that Cantonment in consequence of which we had also given the necessary directions that Advertisements should be published both here and at Ellore, for supplying the latter by Contract, as prescribed by the late Regulations -

The Sepoy Officers Quarters at Ellore consist, at present of four double Quarters, & consequently

serve

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serve for eight Subalterns, whereas a Battalion upon the present Establishment, requires Quarters for one Captain, one Adjutant who is usually allowed a double Quarter, and eight other Subaltern Officers. As we conceive that there will probably be one Battalion of Sepoys at least stationed at Ellore, in times of Peace, we approve of an additional double Quarter being built adjoining to the present Sepoy Officers Barracks, as being necessary to render them complete for the Subalterns of one Battalion, and accordingly caused an Estimate of the expence thereof to be sent us from Ellore, Copy of which we have the honor to enclose. If you should think proper to authorize this Quarter to be built, there will still be a Captain's Quarter wanting, respecting which we also request your orders.

With regard to the raising of the Floor and other Repairs recommended both by Colonel Brathwaite and Major Banks to be made to the present Sepoy Officers Barracks, we think there would be a propriety therein, for the reasons they have urged, tho' not included in the Estimates which we before received from Captain Prescott.

We have not required an Estimate of the Expence that would be necessary for building a new range of Barracks for the Officers of another Battalion of Sepoys, as proposed by Major Banks, thinking it proper that the Work now on hand should first be finished, and as it rests with your Honor &c. to determine what number of Troops shall be stationed there. If it should however

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however be resolved to build such a range of Barracks, we would recommend it to be done by Contract, and by the payment of monthly Instalments, which would be more convenient to our resources, than paying the whole Sum in advance -

We come now to the last part of Major Banks's report, which respects the Sepoy Pandals as they are commonly called - Captain Prescott pointed out nearly the same objections to those, which Major Banks has since done, informing us that the repairing of the present Pandals in the manner they are built, would be little better than so much money thrown away, for which reason he recommended that a Tyled Barrack should be erected in lieu thereof; upon Brick Pillars, with mud Walls between, which might be done for an expence of about 1000 Madrass Pagodas, and would be much more durable than one built with mud and thatch; - As this happened before your late orders, that no buildings or repairs should be undertaken untill first referred to your Honor &c we approved of what Captain Prescott recommended and authorized it's being done, but observe that by Major Banks's report that it is not yet begun -

The Committee of Works at Ellore lately applied to us for permission to appoint a Clerk, and requested we would authorize the Paymaster to pay him an allowance for his

trouble

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trouble. This we have declined complying with, until we should have received your Orders, more especially as the Clerk to the different Committees at this place receives no Allowance for his trouble, which must be considerably greater than that of the Clerk to the Committee of Works at any out Garrison—

Enclosed we have the honor of forwarding our Consultations for the Month of September—

Masulipatam
30th November 1786

We have the honor to be &c &c

Charles Floyer
Geo. Westcott
W. Dobbyn
(Signed)

The Board approve the Conduct of the Chief & Council at Masulipatam in declining to give an allowance to the Clerk to the Committee of Works at Ellore—

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from

Mr. Digby—

To John Chamier Esq.

Military Secretary

Fort St George

From Mr Digby, stating that the original documents are not to be found, but that he has furnished the Agent with the fair Copies, for the validity of which he is ready to make Oath; and requesting

Sir,

After a fruitless search for the General Returns of the late Southern Army in the proper Offices, I have in default of them furnished

Sir

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requesting therefore
that his Charges for
Pay to Artificers &c.
& for Bullocks
carrying Quarter
Master's Store &c.
may be admitted.

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the Agent with the four Copies, that I am ready to
declare upon Oath, correspond accurately & faithfully
with those I delivered to Mr Commissioner Jackson
& from which, it undeniably appears he has checked
& audited my Accounts, in various instances —

I need not, I presume, point out
the danger of admitting Indents, in preference to
Returns, as Vouchers; the Commissioner in a former
instance refused to receive them as such, because
it is a well known Fact, they are in the Field,
seldom fully complied with — whereas the Commis-
-sary can return only those present, or known, and
proved to exist, under their respective descriptions —
Now the Followers, & Cattle composing the three Charges
stated in my Letter of the 25 Oct.r are regularly &
actually returned by the proper Officer, which is
the only certain test of their existence in the Service
and which I understand, is the circumstance the
Board wish to ascertain, before they give them their
Sanction — But should my solemn Asseveration of
the delivery of the Returns to Mr Commissioner Jackson
in conformity to the Orders of the Board, not be deemed
sufficient testimony, I am further ready to enter into
any engagement to make good to the Company
the Sums in suspence, should the original Returns,
when brought to light, not be found of the same
tenor with the Copies now produced, or not to specify
the Subjects of these Charges —

Being extremely anxious to bring
to conclusion the adjustment of these Accounts as
far as circumstances will allow: may I entreat, you

will

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will represent to the Honble President and Council the improbability of obtaining for a length of time the original Documents sought for; & the cruelty of my suffering for the inadvertence, or carelessness of others, together with my readiness to obviate every possible evil to the Company, by such Covenants as they may judge expedient for me to enter into in case these premises shall hereafter be found incorrect or erroneous -

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1st December 1786

I remain Sir &c &c
Signd / Kenelm Digby
Payr Cale I. A.

Agreed that the Charges mentioned in Mr Digby's Letter of 25th Octr Vizt

Pags 2169. 10 }
1232. - } for Pay to Artificers &c

— 1993. 21 for Bullocks carrying Quarter Masters Stores &c -

Admitted, but to refund, in case the foul Copies are not found to correspond with the Originals -

be admitted upon his executing an Obligation to refund, if the foul Copies of the Returns, shall not be found to correspond with the originals, or not to specify the Subjects of the above Charges -

Agreed that the Company's Solicitors be directed to prepare an Obligation agreeably to the above Resolution -

The Company's Solicitors to prepare an Obligation to the above Effect.

Captain Eagle who commanded the Troops belonging to Vizeram Rauze

having

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Lieut. Gabriel Doveton appointed to the Command of the Troops belonging to Nizeram Zauze - Vice Captain Eagle.

having succeeded to the Grenadier Battalion, Vice Captain Richardson, who is gone home, The President, at the request of Sir John Dalling, proposes, that Lieutenant Doveton, late Aid de Camp to Sir John Dalling, be recommended to Nizeram Zauze in the room of Captain Eagle -

Approved

The Board entirely concur in the President's proposal, and are happy to have an opportunity of attending to Sir John Dallings Recommendation -

From Major Close -

Read a Letter from Major Close (entered on the Miscellany Book N° 15) stating that for many years he has been endeavouring to perfect himself in the Persian, and Moorish Languages, & desiring to undergo an examination for the purpose of ascertaining his pretensions to the Reward, which the Honorable Company have fixed for such Attainments -

Minute thereon.

As the proficiency which Major Close has made in the Knowledge of the Persian and Moorish Languages, is well known, it is Agreed that the usual Allowance of Pag.s 500 be paid to him -

Substance of a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun.

Read a letter from the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun (entered in C. C. N° 97) stating that all the Prisoners confined in Mysore were released at the Conclusion of the late Peace, & that the Information, the President has received of several

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several Gentlemen being now in Confinement at Bangalore, is totally without foundation.

The President proposes to the Board that a Notification be made of a Dividend to the Nabobs Creditors on the 15th Instant, and that one half of the Amount be tendered to the Creditors in Bills upon the Northern Subordinates

A Dividend to be made to the Creditors on the 15th Inst: one half in Cash, the remainder in Bills upon the Northern Subordinates.

The following Notification being in consequence drafted, is approved —

The Notification to the Creditors —

The Honble President & Council hereby give Notice that the Residue of the 12 Lacks of Pagodas paid by His Highness the Nabob on account of his Public and Private Debts, will be divided on the 15th Instant —

One half to be paid in Money at the Treasury, and the other Half by Bills on the Northern Settlements —

If there are any Creditors, who do not chuse to accept the above proportion of their Dividends in Bills on the Northward they will receive information, when Cash is ready to be issued from the Treasury —

Ordered that one half the amount of the Dividend (being Pagodas 100000) be issued on the 15th Instant to Mr A. M. Campbell who was appointed to the charge of keeping an Office, for registering and transferring the

100000 Pagodas advanced the Register for the payment of the moiety of the Dividend —

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Nabobs Bonds of the three Classes of Creditors on the 5th of August last -

The President states to the Board, that the Right Honble the Governor General has desired that Lieut Kirkpatrick of this Establishment may have leave of Absence from this Government to remain in Bengal until further Orders -

Lieut Kirkpatrick permitted to remain in Bengal till further Orders -

Agreed that the Request of the Right Honble the Governor General be complied with, & that Information be given of the same in the next Dispatch to Bengal -

W. C. Jackson
Dep. Sec.

Arch. Campbell

Alex. Davidson

Ja. H. Casamajor

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Received the following Report from the Hospital Board.

Hospital Board
November 28th 1786.

Report of the Hospital Board. Mr John Ingles qualified for the appointment of Assistant Surgeon — opinion on the Bills prerented to them by the Surgeon of the 52d Regiment for Madeira Wine supplied the Sick — Mr Gahagan to visit the Presidency — Mr Duffin Londary to Government four hundred Pagodas worth of Grain — Mr Boggs permitted to go to Europe, but without Pay — a Return of Sick assistants to be given —

The Hospital Board beg leave to recommend to Government Mr John Ingles, whom they find well qualified as an Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment.

Mr Lepper one of the Mates to the General Hospital being detached on immediate Service, Mr Ingles is recommended to do duty there till his return and then to be appointed to the 3d Regiment of Cavalry —

Approved

Received three Bills for Madeira Wine from Mr Drummond Surgeon of His Majesty's 52d Regiment, which he has sent to the Hospital Board, as Vouchers for Medecines that he represented were not to be had in the Honorable Company's Stores —

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As it appears by the Invoices of the Medecines sent Mr Drummond, that he has received since May thirty six Dozen of that Wine, which this Board judged sufficient for the Hospital of so weak a Regiment as the 52d: so the present extra charge of eighteen Dozen amounting to Pagodas 63, made by Mr Drummond is judged altogether inadmissible — The other Bills of 21 Pagodas for six Dozen of Madeira and 6 Pagodas for Medecines being incurred prior to the Institution of this Board, they dont conceive them to come under their cognizance —

May be admitted

Received a Letter from Mr Duffin, requesting permission for Mr Gahagan to visit the Presidency early in December in order to procure a passage for his Children to Europe

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Europe -

Approved

The Hospital Board recommend this request to be granted -

Received the accompanying Letter from Mr Duffin, by which he tenders to Government four hundred Pagodas worth of Grain, which he had bought for victualling the Hospital, on the same terms that the Nabob's Renter laid in Paddy to the publick Granaries, wishing thereby to prevent any Complaint from the Manager -

Approved

The Hospital Board conceive the Purveyor, and Mr Duffin, should settle their between them -

Read the enclosed Letter from Mr Braggs, soliciting leave of Absence for three Years to go to Europe to settle his private concerns -

Agreed

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Agreed to order
the Secretary to write Mr Briggs
that he is appointed to do duty
at Palamcotah, and that if
he intends going to Europe, he
must go there without Pay,
all Regulations prevcous to
April being done away by
the present Arrangement.

Approved

Read a letter from
Mr Whyte enclosing a charge
from Mr Bell for Servants car=
=rying Medecines, & attending
the Sick of a Detachment or=
=dered by General Horne.

Notwithstanding
the regular mode should have
been by an application from
the Head Surgeon to the Paymaster
for such Servants as were wanted
for the Detachment, yet, as it was
a sudden Emergency, & the Surgeon
in charge could not do without
them, the Hospital Board recom=
=mend the Bill to be paid, & have
the honor to enclose it.

Approved.

Agreeable to the
Remark of Government
respecting

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Cu. As there is no Establishment settled for Sub Assistants by the Honble Court of Directors the Return here mentioned when complete, to be laid before the Governor & Council with such reasons as may appear to the Hospital Board in favor of such an establishment, & the expence that will attend it monthly. — respecting the Sub Assistants,

Ordered the Secretary to write to the Head Surgeons to desire them to send in to this Board, without delay a Return of all the Sub Assistants in their Districts —

Signed / Andw Berry

Secry Hospl Board.

Sent the undermentioned Letters

(entered in MB. Nos 16-17-18-19-20-21-

To Colonel Sir Henry Corby with

To Col Corby — permission to go to Europe on half pay.

To the Military Board advising

To the Mil.y Board — of the appointment of Lt Col Moorhouse to be a member thereof, & directing them to report upon Letters from Colonel Rumbold, Lieut Innes & Mr Gordon.

To the Agent Victualler, to make

To Mr Cockburn — a Report from the Books in his Office upon a Petition from Verdapah Naick —

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly

To Mr Robb — - Lieut Fireworkers Geoghagen & Madder to draw full Batta from the month of June to the day of their joining their Corps at Trichinopoly.

To Lieut Col Lydenham with the

To Col Lydenham — Regulations for the Laboratory of which he is appointed Director. —

At

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At a Consultation Present,

The Honorable Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.

Friday 8th December 1786 — President

Alexander Davidson Esqr

James Henry Casamajor Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved —

+ The President delivers in the following Minute —

The Contract entered into by the late Administration for supplying the Troops of this Presidency with Arrack, being found to bear hard upon the Soldiery has been happily annulled and the Honble Basil Cochrane has been appointed Agent in behalf of the Company for the future Management and Distribution of such Spirituous Liquors as may be lodged in the public Stores for the use of the Army —

President's Minute respecting Arrack lodged in Public Stores for the use of the Troops of the Presidency of Fort St George —

The advantages from the Sale of Arrack assumed by Officers in the Command of Troops at the out Garrisons, Cantonments & other Military Stations have long been the subject

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of Content in the Honble Company's Service. Had these advantages arisen from avowed Emoluments, without injury to the Public, I am persuaded any Advantage arising upon this article of Consumption would have been readily allowed by Government, for the support of Government, whose gallant Conduct and faithful Services have raised them to the most elevated Stations in the Army. It is however unfortunate that from the want of proper Regulations, this Emolument to the Commanding Officers has been marked with a degree of Odium, which to Men of upright Feelings, can not fail to destroy every Satisfaction that can possibly arise from such advantages. Adulterated Spirits and Inebriety are generally assigned as the certain Effects of these Emoluments; and Proofs are not wanting from unprincipled Contractors, to countenance & support the Idea.

That Officers entrusted with a Superior Command in the Army ought to have some liberal Aids, besides their daily Pay to enable them to support the dignity of their respective Situations, I shall always be ready to admit, but those Emoluments must be founded on Profits, that can injure neither the Public Service, nor reflect the least disgrace on the Commissions they have the honor to hold. Viewing matters in this light, I have formed the accompanying Regulations, for

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the Agents Department; and trust that while the Company are put to no additional Expence on account of supplying their Troops with spirituous Liquors, an Emolument will arise to the Commanding Officers of Stations, on the best founded Principle, and the Soldiers will be regularly served with Liquors of the best quality and at the most reasonable Rates -

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/Signed/ Archd Campbell

Regulations respecting the Issuing of Arrack and Rum to the Troops of the Presidency - 8th December 1786 -

The Regulations for Issuing Arrack & Rum to the troops of the Presidency -

1st To prevent any future attempts to impose upon Government with new or adulterated Spirits, which have been found of the most pernicious consequences to the Health of the Troops, no Arrack or Rum shall henceforth be issued to the Army, but what is found to be of proper proof, & one year actually in Store; for which purpose Trials are to be made by the Agent on all Spirits bought & received for the use of the Company, & he is to report to the Governor in Council the state of such Spirits, & is instructed to issue none, but what has been a complete year lodged in the Publick Stores -

2d The grand Store or Magazine for Liquor shall be kept at Madras, from whence the Out Garrisons, Cantonments, and other Military Stations are to be annually supplied -

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When the annual supply is forwarded to the different Garrisons & Muster Bottles shall be sent with the respective Casks, and on their Arrival, the Commanding Officer will 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 on its transportation, such Liquor to be thrown upon the hands of the Agent, who alone is responsible for the misconduct of his Servants

4th

Each European in every Garrison, Cantonments &c is to have no more than two Drams served to him, in the course of the day, for which he is to pay at the rate of 45 Cash p diem except in the field, when his usual Drams shall be granted, or on any particular occasion, when the Commanding Officer shall think a further quantity necessary. On all such occasions, the Agent or his Servants on a Certificate from the Commanding Officer, will order the additional quantity to be delivered

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The Expence Godown in the different Garrisons, Cantonments &c for the use of the Europeans, non Commissioned and Privates &c are not to be kept open but from the hours of 7 to 9 in the Morning and from 4 to 6 in the Afternoon: after which periods they are to be shut and the Keys lodged on the Guard Room. During the time it is kept open a sufficient Detachment must be sent from the Main Guard, to prevent Irregularities

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6th The Agent shall be at Liberty to open and have as many retail Shops for supplying the Native Inhabitants at the rate of 60 Cash per Dram, as the Commanding Officer of the Troops in Garrison or in the Cantonments shall think proper. These retail Shops are only to be kept open from the hour of 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 at the Commanding Officer may think proper, shall be stationed as a Guard at each Godown, who are to have strict Orders not to permit any European, non Commissioned, or Private to purchase Liquor, at such Godowns, or to allow any Liquors to be carried away by any of the Natives without a Voucher or Order for the same, signed by any of the Commissioned Officers in Garrison &c. The Natives are however at Liberty to drink Arrack or Rum at the Godown, on condition that they are not suffered to get drunk and that they pay for Spirits so had at the rate of 60 Cash p dram.

7th The Agent is not to suffer his Servants or People of the retail Godowns for the Natives, to sell or dispose of any quantity of Arrack 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 Commanding Officer

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Officer of the Station to receive such exemplary Pu-
-nishment on the public Parade, as he shall think
proper to inflict —

8th

As the Sale of the Company's Arrack or Rum depends greatly on preventing other Liquors from entering any of the Garrisons, Cantonments, Camps &c It is the express orders of Govern-ment that the distilling, selling or offering to Sale any kind of spirituous Liquors to the European Soldiers, Sepoys, or other Persons belonging to, or following the Army, at any of the Garrisons, Cantonments Camps or Military Stations, be henceforth prohibited; & that upon discovery of any such person, or Persons, otherwise than before authorized, disposing of Spirituous Liquors, all such Liquors 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 the Com-manding Officer on the spot, who will inflict such further Punishment as the case shall in his judgement require. All Spirituous Liquors which may be sent or received on the private Account, or for the use of the Commissioned Officers, belonging to any of the Garrisons, Camps, or Military Stations, are excepted from such Condemnation —

9th

All Officers belonging to Garrison Cantonments, Camps or Military Stations shall be permitted to supply themselves from the Company's Stores at the rate established for the same — But their Orders in this respect must be in writing with their proper Signatures annexed —

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10th All the spirituous Liquors now in Store at the different Garrisons, are to be delivered over to the Agent, & 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 45 for each Leaguer of Arrack containing 108 ℔ Madras measured Gallons or 150 Gallons by the guaging Rod, and the different Storekeepers are to close their respective Accounts of spirituous Liquors by writing the Balance off to Profit and Loss -

11th The Agent to be alone responsible for the Conduct of his Servants in case of any part of the Public Money being embezzled, but to have the priviledge once a Month of paying the produce of the Sales into the hands of the different Paymasters who are to grant their Drafts on the Paymaster Genl of Fort St George payable at five days sight -

12th The Agent to be allowed 5 ℘ Ct. Commission on the prime Cost of the Liquor bought for the Presidency & in order that the Company may be indemnified against the loss of wastage the Agent is to be allowed to charge at the rate of 10 ℘ Cent ℘ Annum on the Liquors laid up for the annual Consumption of the Troops, in the grand Store at Madras; and when any Liquor is taken out of the Grand Store to be sent to the Garrisons for Consumption

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the Agent is to be allowed to charge 10 p Cent in full for all Loses which may be sustained by Leakage on Transportation &c & while in Garrison Store.

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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 which is deemed the medium exchange p Star Pagoda. The Books to be closed once a Quarter and the first quarter to terminate the 30th of April 1787.

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The Liquor is ordered to be issued at 45 Cash p Dram, being the lowest Rate at which the Troops can be supplied with wholesome Liquor the produce of Bengal, but as there will be a profit upon the Liquor supplied to the Inhabitants, the Honble the President and Council with a view of keeping the Troops in health agreable to precedent of General Orders 7th Sept 1775 & of encouraging the Consumption of Bengal Rum & Arrack have resolved that the advantages arising on the total Sales of Arrack & Rum shall be divided at the expiration of each year, among the Commanding Officers of Garrisons, Cantonments, Camps or other Military Stations upon the effective Strength of the European & Native Troops under their respective Commands in the proportion of 4/5 p 100 Europeans & 1/5 p 100 Natives.

15th

The Commandeng Officers of Garrisons, Cantonments or Camps at the expiration of each year Viz. (30th April) or when they are relieved from their respective Commands, by giving into the Agent for spirituous Liquors, an Abstract

countersigned

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countersigned by the Adjutant General specifying the Monthly Effective Strength of Europeans & Natives under their respective Commands shall be entitled to a Share of the Advantages arising from the Sale of spirituous Liquors, which Abstracts shall be deemed sufficient Vouchers for the Agent to close his Accounts & pay the amount due to each Commanding Officer—

16th In all Garrisons, Forts, Factories & Settlements on this Coast where the Arrack Farm is rented out by Cowle granted by the Honorable Company, the Agent is not to interfere with the Farmers Cowle, by selling Arrack to the Troops or other=wise, in case it should be expressed in the Cowle that the Europeans & Native Troops so stationed are to be supplied by the Farmer or Farmers. But in order that the Farmers may be kept to a due Performance of their respective Cowles, the Agent is to report to the Honble the Board of Revenue from time to time, any deviation from the Cowles that may be committed by the respective Farmers. And in case the Commandeng Officers of Garrisons, Forts, Factories or Settlements, where Cowles exist shall find that the Farmers supply the Troops with unwholesome Liquor, or the Terms of their Cowles are deviated from, they are hereby ordered to make instant Complaint of the same to the Commander=in=Chief, who will take such Measures as will com=-pel the Farmer to adhere to the Terms of their respective Cowles—

/Signed/ Archd. Campbell

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Minute thereon

The Board approve the Regulations submitted to them by the President, & it is in consequence Agreed that they be published in General Orders, and that a copy of them be sent to Mr Cochrane.

W. C. Jackson
Dep. Sec.y

Hugh Campbell
Alex.r Davidson
Ja.s Wm.s Basamayor

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9 Received the undermentioned Letter
(entered in the Miscellany Book N.o 22)

From Ganjam, enclosing copy of
their Minutes relative to the Rank to be held
at a Committee of Stores. & requesting that Mr.
John Garrett may be appointed Inspector of Stores
at their Settlement –

From Ganjam

The difficulty expressed by the
Chief and Council at Ganjam in respect to the rank
of the Gentlemen composing the Committee of Stores
is removed by a Letter from the Commander in Chief
to Captain Burr, Copy of which is entered in the
Miscellany Book N.o 23 –

Minute thereon

Letter to Capt.n Burr
from the Commander
in Chief –

Received the undermentioned Letters
entered in MB. N.os 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31.)

From Verdapak Naick – petitions
the Board to discharge the hire of 300 Bullocks
furnished the Commandant of Wandewash during
the late War with Hyder Ally from June 1781 to
January 1782 –

From Verdapak Naick

From Mr A. Jones requesting
payment of fifteen Bullocks at 6 Pags p.r head
captured by the Enemy, previous to the defeat of
Colonel Baillie –

From Mr A. Jones.

From Vizagapatam – enclosing
Copy of the Engineer's Report & estimate of the repairs
necessary to the Barracks at Chicacole, in conse-
-quence of the damage sustained by the late Storm.

From Vizagapatam.

From

2303. Fort St George December 1786

From Mr Thaston 9

From the Paymaster at Madura advising the Board of having it in his power to dispose of the Grain in Garrison to advantage, with assurances of its being replaced from the fresh Crop—

Table on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table—

From the Committee of Stores

From the Committee of Stores &c= =mitting of Mr Scottney's claim of Pag 1781. Rs 15 for Expences attending the alteration of Carriages, as he has produced sufficient proof to support his postulata,

From Mr Petrie

From Mr Petrie enclosing a Report of the quality of the Flints received this Season from England—

Minute thereon

Ordered that a Copy of the report be sent to the Court of Directors—

From Masulipatam

From Masulipatam with the Copy of Intelligence given by two Europeans (Deserters) from the Camps of Tippoo and the Mahrattas, Requesting Orders respecting them—

From the Agent for victualling the Troops—

From Mr Cockburn, finds on examining the Books of his Office, that 300 Bullocks were brought in by Verdapah Naick on 12th January 1782 from which time the hire was regularly paid— but it does not appear that any Sum was paid to him previous to that date—Keep from 1st of June 1781 to 12th January 1782—

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Sent the undermentioned Letter entered in the MB Nos 32. 33. 34—

To the Committee of Stores

To the Committee of Stores— The Board approve the discharging Mr Scottneys bill for Pag 181. Rs 15

To