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Received the following Report from
the Commissioners of Accounts

To the Honble Major Genl Sir Arch.d Campbell Kt
Governor &c &c Council of
Fort St George

Honorable Sir & Sirs

In our last address to your Honor
&c We notified that the following Reports had
been made to our Board.

Report of the Commissions of accounts — on the accounts of

Nellore
Angole
Civil Storekeeper
Committee of Works
Civil Paymasters
Poonamallee
Chingleput
Import Warehouse Keeper
Export Do — Do
Land Customs
Sea Customs
Military Storekeeper
Mr Brodie — Garrison Storekeeper
& Mr Turing —

By Colonel Capper on the Civil Storekepers accounts
from 1st May 1780 to the 31st Decembr 1784

Do — on the Committee of Works from 30th
april 1783 to the 30th april 1785

Do — on the Civil Paymasters accounts for
1783 & 1784

Mr Wynch — on Chingleput accounts from
May 1780 to the 31st July 1783

Do — on the Import Warehouse Keepers
from May 1780 to December 1785

Do — on the Export Warehouse Keepers from
May 1780 to april 1785

Do — on the Land Customs from 1783 to 1784

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1st Mr Wynch — on the Sea Customs for May 1780
to the 31st December 1784

Do — — — on the Paymaster of the Army from
May 1780 to December 1784

Mr Holland — on the Military Storekeepers
accounts from May 1780 to april 1784

Mr Balfour — on the Garrison Storekeepers accounts
from 1st October 1782 to 1st January 1785

We have received since the Date of the
above Letter fresh Reports

By Colonel Capper on the accounts of the Garrison
of Nellore from 1st May to Decr 1784

31st Do — — on the Accounts of the Garrison of Ar-
:gole from 1st May to December 1784

By Mr Wynch on the Accounts of the Garrison of
Tovnamalle from the 1st May 1783 to 31st December
1784

Nellore accounts — Mr Lind the Paymaster of Nellore
answers to the Report on his accounts with the
authorities he has produced in support of them
appear to us Satisfactory —

Orgole accounts — Mr Gardiner Paymaster of Orgole an-
:swers to the Report on his accounts is also Satis-
:factory —

The late Mr Barclay Civil Storekeeper in

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Civil Store Keepers accounts

1st in answer to the Report on his accounts from 1st May 1780 to the 31st December 1784 explains the cause of the want of Vouchers to the Confused manner in which they were kept with Vouchers of other Employs while under Examination — But the Purchases of Stationary being to a considerable Amount — We beg leave to propose to your Honor &c. that in future the following Regulations take place in this Department —

1st That all Officers Civil and Military particularly the Chief and Council of all the Out Settlements shall immediately send to the Civil Secretary a List of Stationary necessary for their different Employs for 12 Months —

2dly — That the Head of every different Office at the Presidency shall send with his Indent for Stationary a List of the Books kept in their several Departments and also all Military Officers on account of the Returns or other Publick Papers made out and kept by them by which means a Calculation may be made of the Quantity of Stationary necessary for each Office or Department —

3dly That the Indents for the Subordinacies be made out annually at such times as it shall be convenient to send the Packages to the different places by Sea, but those for the Presidency or any of the Out Garrisons in land to be made out at

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1st every Six Months and both according to the Established List from which should there be any necessary Deviation the Cause thereof must be explained by a Letter accompanying the Indent.

4th That the Heads of the Department only Sign the Indents nor is the Civil Storekeeper to comply with any Indent for Stationary Signed by the Deputy, unless in case of the Sickness or Absence of the Principal.

By these or similar Regulations which your Honor &c may think proper to Establish, no doubt a Considerable Reduction might be made in the Expence of every Department be more regularly supplied with a proper Quantity of Stationary.

When Indents are made to the Civil Storekeeper for Articles of which there is not a sufficient Quantity in Store, and it becomes necessary to purchase them in this Country, the Profit of the private Merchant considerably enhances the Price even to 100 or 150 ℘ Cent on the Prime Cost We therefore submit to your Honor &c whether this Loss would not be in a great measure prevented by the Civil Storekeeper making out an annual List or Indent of the Articles necessary for his Department

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1st Department, to be transmitted home with the Indents of the Committee of Military Stores so that a sufficient supply of Stationary for the use of this Settlement and its Dependencies be annually sent from Europe, and this We conceive will be more easily effected when the Civil Storekeeper has received the half yearly Indents as abovementioned from the Subordinacies and the Heads of the different Departments at the Presidency.

accounts of the Committee of Works

In the Report on the accounts of the Committee of Works from 30th april 1783 to 30th april 1785 several outstanding Balances appearing due to the Honorable Company We addressed them on that Subject &c but have not as yet been favored with their answer.

Civil Paymasters accounts

a Charge for Dooley Boys appearing in the Civil Paymasters accounts We have directed him to discontinue it in future & transfer it over to the Military Paymaster who generally defrays charges of this nature.

The Civil Paymaster having Charged 12 Pagodas pr Month for Godown Rent for Doolies, and not being able to produce any specific Order from Government We have directed him to carry it to the Credit of the Company

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he having a fixed price for the Doolies: We conceive should be at the Expence of preserving them before they are retailed to the Company.

A Charge of C Pagodas P Month for Totties and Sweepers for the Naval Hospital included in the Civil Paymasters Accounts, We have deemed inadmissible being contrary to an Order of the Select Committee in October 1782 and accordingly directed him to carry it to the Credit of the Company.

An Irregularity also appearing in the Civil Paymasters Books of Lascars stationed at Poonamalee being paid by him, We have directed him to discontinue it in future; as they should be paid by the Paymasters of that Garrison.

In the Civil Paymasters Accounts for the Years 1783 & 1784 many Charges have been unsupported by Vouchers but Mr Turing evincing the necessity he was under of complying with them, We have admitted of his Explanations; but We beg leave to propose to your Honor &c. that an Order may be issued for the Heads of every Department to make out a regular Monthly Draught for the Pay of the Servants, & also an Indent for the Articles used by themselves and other Persons belonging

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1st to their several Offices; by which means Persons who were intended only to be occasionally employed will if necessary be dismissed and no Charge of any kind be by the Plea of Custom, or Inattention only unnecessarily continued.

Poonamalle accounts

The Paymaster of Poonamalee has been ordered to discontinue in future all Charges for Dooly Bearers and when Doolies are wanted to transport the Sick to the Hospital an Indent is directed to be made by the Surgeon which Indent Should likewise accompany the Paymasters accounts to the Presidency as his Voucher.

The increase of Artificers on the arrival of the 52d Regiment at Poonamalee, We also deem unnecessary. We has accordingly been ordered to dismiss all Extra Artificers, to Refund 200 Pagodas the Pay of Artificers improperly charged; and also to be more careful in future of the Quantity of Oil expended and Charged to the Company's account.

Chingleput accounts

We have not yet received any answer to the Objections stated by Mr. Wynch in his Report on the Chingleput accounts from May 1770 to July 1783, nor are the accounts from that period to the end of 1784 yet delivered to us to be audited; but Mr. Taylor informs us that in the course of a few days they shall be prepared for

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for our Examination,

Import Warehouse Keepers accounts

We have observed in the Import Ware-house Keepers Accounts from May 1780 to April 1785, a Statement of Presents said to be given annually to certain Renters, Vakeels, Dubashes &c. and although the amount be near 1500 Pagodas We cannot conceive ourselves authorised to recommend a discontinuance of it, as it has been a long established Custom in the Country.

The Import Warehouse Keeper has been ordered to demand Payment of the Outstanding Balances due from Mr Bromley & Colonel Cosby, but with regard to those due from Mr Gideon Firth amounting to Pagodas 26,563 We must refer them to the Determination of your Honor &c.

In looking over the above accounts We find a Charge for Cloathing the Nabobs Troops which we are of Opinion stands improperly in these Books and that it Should be written off to the Debit of the Superintendent of the Nabobs Disbursements.

Export Warehouse Keepers accounts

We have not yet been favored with an Answer to Mr Wynchs Remarks on the Export Warehouse Keepers accounts from May 1780 to

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1st to april 1785

Land Customs accounts

The accounts of the Land Customs from 1780 to 1783 were examined by Mr Holland and from that period to the end of 1784 by Mr Wynch who has not found any particular Remarks necessary.

Sea Customs accounts

Upon Examination the Sea Customs accounts from May 1780 to the end of 1784 We find in his Books outstanding Balances to a very considerable Amount, but we must do the late Mr Barclay the Justice to observe that every exertion has been made by him for the recovery of them, and We fear that the Company will sustain great loss on that account, if more effectual measures are not adopted by Government to enforce Payment from those who have been remiss in liquidating these Debts.

Paymasters of the army's accounts

In consideration of Mr Wynches Report on the accounts of the Paymasters of the Army from May 1780 to December 1784 We beg leave to observe that although the Charge for repairs of Doolies appears very considerable we cannot offer any Objection to it when we reflect on the number of Troops, and the nature of the Service in which they were employed, and that whenever the Army halted, or came to its' ground, the Doolies were

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were carelessly flung down and neglected unless instantly watched by Sepoys, and Guards could not always be supplied for this particular purpose.

The Charge for Puckallies greatly exceeds what is allowed by the Company's regulations, but on an official Order being produced by Mr. Welch from the Commander in Chief We conceived ourselves sufficiently authorized to admit of it particularly as in large armies the number allowed by the Regulations is scarcely sufficient.

although no Objection can be made to the Charge of Fascine Makers for the Reasons assigned by Mr. Welch, yet we beg leave to recommend to your Honor &c that in future Sepoys or Lascars be employed for this purpose.

Mr. Welch has been directed to carry the overcharge of Field Batta to officers in the month of November 1780 amounting to Pagodas 100 to the Credit of the Honorable Company We have to observe that his Answer to Mr. Wynches Several Remarks on his accounts appear to us to be in general very Satisfactory.

Military Storekeepers accounts

We have taken into Consideration Mr. Hollonds Report on the accounts of the Military Storekeeper from 1st May 1780 to 30th April 1784 together with Mr. Scottney's Reply thereto, We are

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of Opinion that the Returns of Madras Con=
:ductors cannot be considered as sufficient Vouchers
unless supported by Receipts, some confusion
having arisen in consequence of Receipts being
given by Conductors and now Commissioned
Officers We beg leave to recommend to your
Honor &c. that Rules be established and Orders
accordingly issued That when a General Indent
is made for Stores and the nature of the Service
requires that they should be issued to different
Persons, that the Commissary of Stores at Camp
after having received, Examined, and Compared
the Receipts with the Issues, shall take these
different Vouchers and he himself give a Ge=
:neral Receipt for the whole in his own name,

We are of Opinion that the present
Plan of keeping the accounts is exceedingly de=
=fective but Colonel Capper having informed us
that he is preparing a new Plan We trust that
under the auspices of your Honor &c. it will in
a great measure prevent the Continuance of fur=
:ther abuses.

There appearing to be no Bills for the
Purchase of Stores Mr. Holland has in Conse
:quence recommended that no Stores should
be purchased but by the Express Order of the
Committee

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1st Committee of Stores on a previous Statement and Estimate being laid before them of the particular Articles required, a Copy of which under the Signature of their Clerk shall be considered as the Vouchers for Disbursements of this nature, We approve of Mr Hollonds recommendation, and Submit it to the consideration of your Honor &c to Issue an Order to that effect.

vouchers

We find in the Military Storekeepers Accounts in some Instances, the Vouchers exceedingly defective in Form, & in others a Total want of them as will appear by the following Statement,

Form

From 1st May 1780 to 30th April 1781 — 7686. 17. 57

Do — — — 1781 to Do — 1782 — 20144. 15. 38

Do — — — 1782 to Do — — 1783 — 15553. 22. 39

Do — — — 1783 to Do — — 1784 — 8609. 32. 35

Second War with Hyder ally

From 1st May 1783 to 30th April 1784 — 9417. 4. 44.

Pagodas 61411. 20. 53.

which we Therefore beg leave to Submit to the Determination of your Honor &c

Mr. Scottney says that "the appearance "of so great a Difference and Dificiency proceeds "from Mr. Hollonds not admitting Several Charges

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1st "Charges for Stores Supplied at different times on
"the same Indent from Camp, previous to Mr.
"Hollonds signifying the Propriety of producing
"receipts as well as Indents, Mr. Holland / adds
"Mr Scottney / also objects to the Charges for Stores
"sent at several times to complete Indents received
"from the Out Garrisons for which one could not
"be furnished with Receipts for the reason before
"given – These Charges will I hope appear just when
"compared with the several Indents and Return
"Books of the Madras Conductors as Colonel Moor-
"house can vouch for them" Mr. Scottney further
observes "That the Scarcity of Stores made it
"impossible to comply immediately with the
"General Indent from the army so that it
"might sometimes happen three Months
"were employed in compleating an Indent,
"in the intermediate time fresh Indents were
"received which met with the same difficulty,
"and has occasioned that Seeming Confusion
"represented by Mr Holland" He observes
"also that the difficulty of sending Stores to the
"Army by Sea and Land was another cause
"of Delay" In order to shew from what Causes
Deficiency of Vouchers have arisen in the

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1st Account of Stores furnished to the Navy Mr Scotney desires we will insert the following Letter and Extract of the Proceedings of the Committee of Stores Dated 15th June 1782, as proofs of the impossibility of always obtaining regular Vouchers for Stores delivered

To Colonel James Capper

&c Commissioners of accounts

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to enclose a Copy of a Minute of the Committee of Stores referred to in my Letter to the Commissioners dated the 23d September, as the Yarmouth was one of the Company's own Ships I hope it will fully imply that no Receipts could be obtained for Military Stores sent on board His Majesty's Squadron and that the Commissioners will be pleased to Order the Amount of such Stores to be deducted from Mr Hollonds account of Deficiencies.

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I have the Honor to be &c
&c
Signed B. Scott Arney

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1st "Extract of the Proceedings of the Committee
"of Stores Dated 15th June 1782"

"The Military Storekeeper informs
"the Committee that part of the Stores ordered
"for the Southward have been relanded from the
"yarmouth, and that the Captain has refused
"to give a Receipt for what he has on board ob=
"serving that it is unusual for a Ship of War to
"grant Receipts."

It appears that when small Arms are exported to Subordinacies, Chests for Packages are included in the Military Charges which for the Period of these accounts is Supposed to amount to 1500 Pagodas as small Arms come properly Packed from Europe, new Packages cannot be absolutely necessary on their being exported from Madras, but as Perquisites of a similar nature have been allowed in other Offices and approved by Government, it rests therefore with your Honor & Co to determine on the Propriety of the above Charge

We observe under the Head of Profit and Loss a Charge of 4476. 21.. 5 for waste of Gun Powder, It is the business of the Commissary of Stores to Superintend the Drying

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1st and Sifting of the Powder and he ought to Certify the Waste as we were of Opinion it cannot be admitted — But Mr Scotney in Justification of this Charge says that there was no Commissary General of Stores appointed when this waste was incurred.

Garrison Storekeepers or Mr Brodies accounts

Immediately after receiving Mr Balfours Report on the Accounts of the Garrison Storekeeper while that employ was held by Mr Alexander Brodie, We furnished his attornies & likewise the present Garrison Storekeeper — Mr Turing with a Copy of his Report desiring such explanations as they could give respecting the Charges objected to, not having received any answer from the attornies of Mr Brodie, We proceeded to take the report into Consideration paying due attention to the Explanation of Mr Turing;

Disbursements for Stores and Provisions of various Kinds, purchased not being supported by Vouchers of the Rice, that is Bills of Parcels from the Venders or Receipts for the Payment and it being impossible to trace backwards to the distance of 6 years the different Prices which such a Variety of Articles bore at that time, We have thought ourselves so circumstanced, unauthorized to admit those Prices, although these may be

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1st perfectly correct, yet the want of the regular Proof that they are so will not suffer us to decide upon them and Therefore We submit them to the Consideration of your Honor &c to whom only it belongs to shew that Indulgence to casual or unavoidable Irregularity to which the Case may seem to require. The following is Mr Turing's Explanation of the Charges of this kind objected to by Mr Balfour, the amount of which is Pagodas 12,25,14,,11,,19. Viz.t Pagodas 2,495,7,,31,,52,, for Stores purchased without Bills, and Pagodas 9,755,6,,13,,47,, for which the Bills are said to be mislaid.

Mr. Turing's answer to the 2d Paragraph of Mr. Balfours Report.

"Mr. Brodie was appointed Garrison "Storekeeper in September 1780 when he laid "before the President and Council a Return of Stores "and an estimate of the Articles necessary to com- "plete the Garrison Stock. Mr. Brodie was in "consequence ordered to use his best endeavours to "lay in a Store of Provisions. The State of the "Public Treasury would not then admit of the "usual regular Payments but such was Mr. "Brodies zeal for the Service, that by advancing "some Thousands of Pagodas of his own money "and becoming responsible to Individuals he "contrived to provide a considerable part of the

"Garrison

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"Garrison Stock I beg leave to refer, to the account
"No 1 of Disbursements for Stores and provisions
"purchased from June 1780 until august 1782
"The annexed List of Vouchers Speak for themselves;
"and circumstantial Proof of such Bills as are at
"present mislaid, but which I still hope may
"be found, can be traced by the Payments having
"been made either in Cash, or in Transfer by Bills on
"the Bengal Presidency and other Settlements;
"regarding the articles provided by Mr Brodie
"there is his Signature to his Monthly accounts
"were that Gentleman on the Spot, I am confident
"he could either produce Bills of Parcels from the
"Venders, or give the most satisfactory evidence
"that every article of Store was Supplied in the
"cheapest and best manner, according to circum=
"stances It appears Mr Brodie gave in previous
"Estimates calculated at the Current price of the
"Market, that he was invested with discretional
"Power, and reported his proceedings to the Board,
"so instead of doubting the admissibility, I trust
"upon the Strictest examination there will not
"be found reasonable Cause of Objection to any
"of the Charges."

Gunny Bags received with Rice have

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1st been considered a Perquisite of Office when the Rice has been started, but not so where Rice is issued by weight in the Bag in which it was received, Mr. Turing has requested that Mr Brodie may have an opportunity of explaining a Charge of this kind objected to by Mr Balfour, before a final Resolution passes on it, and beg leave to recommend it accordingly to the Determination of your Honor &c. It is necessary however to acquaint you, that if from any future Explanation, you should be induced to allow these Bags as a Perquisite of Office one fifth part of the price charged by him is to be deducted, it appearing to us that 4 Pagodas P. 100- is a sufficient price in this case, no higher having been allowed in any other on which we have decided We have directed the attornies of Mr. Brodie to refund to the Company the Sum of 1315 Pagodas an Over charge in a further Sum of 6,574..41..56 stated to have been paid for Gunnies and Gunny Bags purchased

Considerable Loss has been sustained by Deficiencies on Rice &c. imported on account of the Company above the Established Rates_ The Captains of the Vessels which imported those articles having left the place

we Rent

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1st without accounting with the Garrison Store=
keeper for the Extra Deficiencies To prevent si=
milar Loss to the Company in future we are
induced to recommend to your Honor &c
that no Captain importing Goods for them have
a Port clearance granted him without pro=
ducing a Certificate from the Storekeeper that
he has settled his accounts with the Compa=
ny.

Having observed in the Garrison Store=
keepers Books, Rice sold at the same time at
different prices, without any Specifick autho=
rity from Government for the diversity of
price, We beg leave to recommend that your
Honor &c issue Orders that no Rice be sold
but under an Order of Government Specifying
the rate at which it is to be disposed of.

Mr Balfour has objected to Charges of
Rice stated to have been issued to the Soldiers
in Garrison, the Quantity appearing to him,
more than could have been necessary and no
Indents having been produced in Support
of the Issue Mr Turing has informed
us that these Indents were destroyed by the

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1st white arts We has endeavoured to Support
the Issues stated on the Book of the Garrison
Storekeeper by Explanations on the Subject
by the Testimony of the Town Major enume-
rating the Corps which were Quartered in and
about Fort St George, and may be supposed
to have been supplied by the Garrison Store-
keeper; From the want of the regular Vouchers
We consider ourselves unauthorized to admit
this Charge We therefore beg leave to Submit
it to the decision of your Honor &c. & in order
to assist your Determination shall quote
Mr. Balfour's Objection together with the Explan-
nation by Mr. Turing and the Testimony
of the Town Major adduced in consequence
thereof.

Mr. Balfour's Objection	Mr. Turing's Explanation
"In the Garrison	"Mr. Commissioner
"Storekeeper's Books from	"Balfour takes it for granted,
"February 1781 to September	"Grain was issued to European
"1782 are stated 257 Garces	"Soldiers only, whereas Men
"81 13/16 Marcals of Rice sold	"and Women of all descrip-
"to the Soldiers in Garrison	"tions were served with Rice
"at 90, and 7127 3/4 at	"from the Company's Store-
"100 Pagodas P.r Garce,	"house according to the
"for which no Orders or	"Quantity charged in the
"Indents	Storekeepers

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"Indents have been pro-
"duced; at half a Mea-
"sure or 1½ ℔ to each Man
"P.r Day, the allowance by
"Regulations to Europeans
"Victualled by the Company,
"the above quantity would
"have supplied 2800 men
"for the whole time. This
"allowance must be suf-
"ficient and there is no
"reason to suppose at a
"time when Rice was of
"so much consequence as
"to render every saving in
"Expenditure a Matter
"of Moment, that there
"was any authority for a
"larger or that such was
"actually issued for the
"greatest part of the period,
"during which this Issue
"is stated to have been made
"I believe all the Soldiers on
"the Establishment did
"not exceed 2800, and when
"it is considered that every
"Man that could be
Spared

"Storekeepers Books which
"is particularised in the cor-
"responding accounts of
"daily Issues W.m Com-
"missioner Balfour calcu-
"lated upon half a Mea-
"sure of Rice weighing 1½ ℔
"to each Man P.r Day
"when in fact the daily sup-
"ply to each Man was
"regulated by one Measure
"of Rice weighing ℔ 2 4 7/16
"which being reckoned
"upon the whole quantity of
"Rice issued from February
"1781 until September 1782
"will I believe afford a sup-
"ply for 1785 Men or
"there about, In proof of
"what is here advanced, I
"beg leave to produce a Cer-
"tified Copy of the Orders of
"Government, and an expli-
"cit explanation of Cir-
"cumstances testified by
"Town Major Sydenham,
"all the original Indents
"and Vouchers with the
"Garrison Storekepers Accounts
"during this Period, were
"Submitted to the Examination

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1st "spared was sent into the "Field it seems improbable "that the number remain- "ing at Madras to be "supplied by the Garrison "Storekeeper could at an "average for the whole time "have exceeded one fourth "of the number, upon this "Calculation which I do "not give as exact, but one "as near the Truth as the "best grounds in my pos- "session for forming a "Judgement warrant, "Three fourths of the above "quantity of Rice or 198 "Garces have been errone- "ously charged, as sold "at a Price at a Medium, "nearly 50 Pagodas under "its Value: for the difference "being Pagodas 9900 on the "whole quantity it appears "to me that the Garrison "Storekeeper is answerable "to the Company, until "Satisfactory Proof of the "Loss shall be produced"

"of the Auditor Holland & "being returned to the Office "these Indents with some other "Papers not being deemed "longer of material con- "sequence were lodged in a "Godown where they were "unfortunately destroyed "by white ants, I recollect at "the time a Report being "made to me of the Circum- "stance. I will not suppose "an advantage can be taken "of such an accident but "flatter myself the corrobo- "rating exposition of so "many Facts will serve "to satisfy the Commissio- "ners there is no ground "to consider the Garrison "Storekeper answerable for "the Difference in the re- "gulated price of a quan- "tity of Rice actually issued "for the Publick Service "under the Orders of Government."

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Testimony of Major Sydenham.

"In the Month of January 1781
"an Order was issued to the Garrison Storekeeper to
"supply the Troops at Madras and its Neighbour=
"hood with Rice, at a Rate suited to the Pay of the
"Europeans and Sepoys which was Calculated and
"recommended by Major General Stuart & approved
"by the Board, and as the European Soldiers received their
"Pay in advance, it was ordered that they should pay
"for the Rice on delivery but the Sepoys to have the
"amount deducted from their Pay for the Month
"preceding – The price of the Rice was fixed at 90
"Pagodas P. Garce, and the proportion to each Soldier
"and Sepoy established, so that the Measure should
"hold exactly the value of one fanam, and at the
"exchange of 45 Fanams P Pagoda, the Garce of
"400 Marcalls contained 4050 of these Measures
"each weighing 2 lb 4 oz 7½"

"This mode as the best calculated to
"prevent Confusion in Accounts was invariably ob=
"=served during the War and the Indents counter=
"=signed by the Town Major – It is impossible
"for him to guess at the quantity which was issued
"Monthly on such Indents to the European
"Soldiers, and others who paid for their Rice on
Delivery

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1st "delivery, but from the great variety of People under
"this description it must have been very considerable"

"The following is an abstract of the Persons
"to whom Rice was served in this manner."—

"1st European Soldiers, Artillery, and Infantry
belonging to the Garrison of Madras.—

"2d — — Families of Europeans in Camp.—

"3d — — European Soldiers received from the Sick of the
Army and kept ready to join their Corps

"4th — — — Sepoy Recruits who paid for their Rice out of
their Bounty the number very considerable

"5th — — Sepoys from detached situations Rice paid
from their Batta.—

"6th — — — In the latter end of 1781 all the Dutch
Prisoners Europeans and Malayes.—

"7th — — In the beginning of 1782 — French Prisoners
& the 98th Regiment at St Thome.—

"8th — — — The Colour Men, Carpenters, Bellmen,
Conicoplis, Booky boys, and others employed
on the Company's Duty in Garrison.—

"9th — — — The Portenguez Militia, and the Families
of Sepoys who were served with Rice at 100
Pagodas P.r Gara which rate was fixed
by the Governor for them only with the
approbation of the Board.—

"The Aggregate of These different
"Clasus of People must have formed a very large

"Number

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1st "Number, to which is to be added a great many
"Prisoners from Hyderally continually at Madras
"who paid for their Rice from the daily subsistence
"Issued to them."

"The whole of the Indents were Countersigned
"by the Town Major, and it is to be supposed that
"an Estimate can be formed from the remaining
"Vouchers in the hands of the Garrison Storekeeper of the
"quantity which was probably issued, for which the
"Vouchers are missing."

Fort St George
2d April 1786.

/Signed/ William Lydenham
Town Major

We have likewise received Mr Turings
Answer to Mr Balfours Report on his Accounts from
September 1782 to 1st January 1785.

Mr Turings Accounts

We have directed Mr Turing to Re-
fund the Sum of Pagodas 389.17.— an Over-
Charge in the price of Gunny Bags purchased, on
account of the Company as also the Sum of Pagodas
1282.21.— an Expence incurred without authority by
an encrease in the number of Servants and the rate
of their wages, above what was Charged by his Pre-
decessor in Office or appears to us to have been necessary.

We likewise consider Mr Turing
ultimately responsible for a further Sum of Pagodas

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1st 734.40 Charged to the Company for Expences of Landing Bengal Contract Rice provided it shall appear by the terms of the Contract entered into at Bengal, That the Company ought not to have borne this Expence But we think it incumbent on us to mention that Capt. Turing declares the Commanders of the Vessels had not the means and were not authorised to defray these Charges.

There is a standing order that no Sums be written off to Profit and Loss without the concurrence of the President and Council, on a Representation of the Circumstances, this Order has not been attended to & we therefore beg leave to recommend to your Honor &c that it be Repeated.

We likewise think it adviseable that the Deficiencies in the several Articles of Provisions and Stores as stated in the Accounts Current of the Garrison Storekeeper be written off on his Books. These Deficiencies are of a very considerable amount particularly that of Salt Provisions, on which there remains at this time to be adjusted a Loss by Decay, Fire &c. Since april 1783 of Pagodas 65,742.20.29. This We understand has chiefly arisen from the unfitness of Bengal Salt Provisions for Store, which Circumstance renders it an Object of material Consideration that none should be laid up except in

cases

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1* cases of very urgent necessity.

In several Articles of Stores issued, Indents only have been produced, Mr. Turing informs us that these have always been considered as Vouchers, but We are of opinion that they ought not to be so returned, and We Therefore recommend that an Order be issued that Indents shall not in future be considered as Vouchers of the Issues of Stores, and that no Issue will be admitted in account without the acknowledgement of the Party receiving or for whom it was received.

In the year 1780 the Sum of Pagodas 7000 was advanced to the Inhabitants of Palicatmey upon an Engagement to Supply when called for Live Stock for the use of the Garrison, some was accordingly Supplied and an account was laid before the President and Council by Mr. Francis Pourdains, styling himself agent of the Contractors. This account stated more than Government thought proper to allow — We have Therefore directed Mr. Turing to Credit the Contractors agreeably to the Orders of Government on Mr. Pourdains account; and to apply to the Contractors or their Securities for the Balance of the Money advanced.

The whole of the accounts to be Examined and audited by the Commissioners of Accounts are now

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1st now Reported on excepting those of the Garrison of Chingleput; and of the Military Paymaster General, whose Books to the year 1784 having been but lately brought up, the audit of them is not yet concluded but will in a very little time,

We are with great Respect

&c &c

Fort St George
18th December 1786

J. Capper
Wm Wynch
Edwd Inc. Holland
J. Balfour

X The President having delivered in the following Minute in Council, in the Civil Department, it is ordered to be entered also here-under, in Consequence of the Instructions to Major Maule, which were sent to him from this Department.

President's Minute

The Conducting the Repairs of the Roads, the Charges of planting and keeping in Order the several avenues in the Environs of Fort St George together with the other matters contained in the Instructions to the Superintendant of the Company's Lands and Roads were originally in the Department of the

President's Minute with Instructions for Major Maule Superintendant of the Company's Lands

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the Engineers, who previous to the Creation of that Employ in the year 1771, had laid out and formed the several Roads that now exist which have received no alteration or addition except the exciting some Drains for the Conveyance of Water which from their original Insufficiency of Construction are now fallen so much into Decay as to require being rebuilt.

The Several other Charges committed to the Care of the Superintendant have from a variety of Causes never been carried into Effect that prescribed him of ascertaining and fixing the Boundaries of certain Lands and the precise Districts annexed to Madras have never been even undertaken from the Gentlemen appointed to this Office not being qualified for Surveying.

P. L.

Another important Duty required from the Superintendant of the Company's Lands is the ascertaining and protecting the Honorable Companys property in the Black Town and Environs of Madras from unjust Assumption and illicit Sale: This it appears he has never been able to carry into Effect from the Deficiency of a most Essential Nature (Viz.) a Want of Information of the particulars of all the

Bills

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1st Bills of Sale applied for previous to the measure-
:ment; on receiving which, the Superintendant
would be enabled to ascertain if any part of the
property was the Company's and his being assured
it was not he should certify the same in the Bill
of Sale before it was signed by the Justices In short
his Enquiries and Exertions are at present rendered
fruitless by the various Modes of dishonest and
unlawful practices adopted to defraud the Honble
Company of their property in Ground.

The Superintendant is directed to
report to the Committee of Works all Grounds for
which no Bill of Sale could be produced after the
year 1758, The Period fixed for the Commencement
of his Researches.

Since the year 1771 the Evil has increased
in a great Degree for the Company's Ground in
every Quarter has become the Prey of all who chose to
make it their own, and the variety of villanous
practices to procure possession of it would be if
detailed hardly credible.

How far it may be deemed expedient
to resume such Rights of this Nature as Re-
:search and Discovery might strip of their bor-
:rowed Pretensions will be matter of future
Consideration

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consideration. It is certain however that nothing short of an actual Register of the Company's Ground and Certificates given therefrom by the Superintendant becoming an Essential Part of Deeds of Sale Conveyancing &c will serve to protect and insure it for the future and the Honorable Board's positive Orders on this Head become absolutely necessary in addition to the Arrangements already committed to the Charge of the Superintendant.

As one principal Mode by which the Honorable Company have been deprived of a very considerable Part of their Property in Ground has been by fraudulent agreements between two Parties and collusive Proceſs carried on in Conse-quence in the Mayors Court — it is submitted with all Deference how far an application can with Propriety be made from Government to the Mayor's Court to desire that previously to Warrants of Re-gistration of Houses and Grounds for the Ac-quittal of a Debt being issued to the Sheriff some Enquiry may be made into the Registry of Com-pany's Grounds to ascertain whether the Ground in Question is any part of their property — Hun-dreds of Instances of this nature are to be ad-duced whereby the Company have lost Ground

to

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to a great amount and the Mayor's Court has
while administring Justice with one Hand by
carrying into Effect the established Law with the other
have innocently and unwarily deprived the Com-
:pany of their clear and undoubted possession, This
has arisen from a Deficiency of so essential a Na-
:ture as to require the most effectual Remedy the
Government can adopt for the future — This is only
to be done by establishing an Office for the Registry
of the Lands to which Reference may at any Time
be had. The Mode of that Reference may be
through the Registe of the Mayors Court or by any
other Means from them which may be deemed most
eligible. — /Signed/ Archibald Campbell

a true Copy /Signd/ Robert Clerk Dep.y Sec.y

To Major George Maule

Superintendant of the Company's Lands

Instructions to major Maule

Sir

The Board have thought proper to
appoint you Superintendant of the Lands and
Grounds belonging to the Town of Madras, St Thome
Chapaukum and the Environs, and for your
Guidance

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1st Guidance in the Execution of this Office do give you the following Instruction,

2 You are to take particular and distinct account of every Lot of Ground within the Town and Limits aforesaid, specifying the Names of the present and former Proprietor of each, the Quantity of Ground in each Lot, the nature and application of it with the Buildings thereon, the date and Number of the Chaultry Bill or Bills of Sale, or such other Deeds or Proofs as authenticate the Right of Possession, & for that purpose you are to call upon every Owner where you see cause of Suspicion to produce the said Deeds &c.

3 You will ascertain the Environs of Lands immediately dependant on Madras, distinguishing them from the Districts of Poonamalle and fix proper Land Marks for the Boundaries thereof.

4 In your accounts of the Lands you must distinguish them under the following Heads Viz.t

5 All Grounds for which regular Bills of Sale can be produced, all Grounds built upon or laid out in Gardens, or enclosed for some Purpose for which no Bills of Sale can be produced, but

which

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1st which can be proved to have been occupied by the present Possessors or others from whom they derive their Possession befor the year 1758. These you are to certify the Property of the present occupants, and direct them to apply for Choultry Bills for the same which will be granted accordingly.

6 All Grounds for which no Bills of Sale can be produced, and which cannot be proved to have been occupied before the year 1758 altho built upon or enclosed those are to be valued and reported to the Committee of Works.

7 All Ground laying waste, that is to say neither built upon or enclosed and for which no Bills of Sale can be produced, these are to be taken and Registered as the property of the Company altho Proofs should be offered of their having been occupied before the year 1758 The Board considering the mere Plea of Possession as giving no Claim to the Indulgence they are willing to shew to such as having no real Property have been suffered to acquire Possession, and have been at the Charges of cultivating improving or otherwise laying out the Ground so occupied by them, under this Head may also be included such Grounds as are indisputably the Property of the Company, that is which are neither Possessed

nor

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1st nor Claimed by any Person or Persons,

8 You will call upon all Persons hol:
:ding Grounds by Bills of Sale Dated since the
31st of May 1769 that is since the Commence:
:ment of the Town Wall to produce the Vouchers
for the Right by which they obtained them, and
where sufficient Proofs are wanting or there is
cause to suspect Fraud or Collusion in the man:
:ner by which the Grounds were obtained, you
are to report the same to the Committee of Works
with such Particulars as shall have come to
your Knowledge concerning them,

9 You are diligently to observe and
take Care that no Encroachments are made on
the Company's Property and for this Purpose
you shall be furnished with an abstract of
every Bill of Sale granted from the Choultry
Court without which no Possession is to be deem:
:ed valid, and in order the more effectually to
prevent the Numberless abuses and unjust
Assumption and Disposal of the Companys
Property in Ground the Registar of the Choultry
Court is Directed by the Board to submit in
future to your Inspection previous to the making
out any Bills of Sale for Houses and Grounds, all

applications

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9th applications for such specifying the particular of their situation and Measurement according to the Annexed Form,—

Houses or Ground and to whom	where Situated	Measuring N° & S°	E° & West	Containing Square feet

10 And on your being assured that such Ground whether built upon or otherwise, is no part of the Companys property you are before each Bill of Sale shall receive the Signature of the Justices to Certify to them thereon that the profession specified in that Instrument has been Examined by you and is free from any Claim on the part of the Honorable Company,—

11 you are to prevent Encroachments on the Streets and publick Roads, not suffering any Banks, Drains, Channels, Buildings or other Impediments or Nuisances thereon, and to cause such Persons as upon proper Notice shall continue to be guilty of the above Practices to be brought before, or report them to the acting Magistrate,—

12 You are to see that the Roads be kept in proper Repair and for this purpose you will be occasionally furnished with Coolies and Lascars by

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1st Lascars by the Committee of Works.

13 You are to report all your Proceedings to the Committee of Works and receive your future Orders and Instructions from them.

14 You are to report to the Governor Monthly the State of the Roads, avenues &c of the Environs with a particular account of their being encroached upon or otherwise, specifying such as have been repaired in the preceding Month and such as still want Repair — you are at the same time to include in your Report all such other Circumstances in your Department as may be necessary for the Governor's Information.

Sam & &c &c

Signed / John Chamier Sec.

Fort St George
4th January 1787.

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Minute and Instructions be sent to the Committee of Works.

Copy of the foregoing to the Committee of Works —

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M B for the Month of January

No. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5

From Ensign William Neate — Soliciting an appointment, on the Idea of an augmentation of forces taking place on this establishment

From Ensign William Neate

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1st establishment, and stating the hardship of his situation.

From Captain Vigors — Requesting to be allowed passage Money to Europe.

From Captain Vigors

From the Hospital Board — Rejecting

From the Hos=pital Board

the Surgeon Turing's application for leave of absence in favor of Mr. Miller.

From Captain Lieutenant Orr — requesting

From Captain Lieutenant Orr.

permission to proceed to Europe on half pay for three years.

From Major Cochrane — urging a reim=

From Major Cochrane

=bursement for money expended on quarters at Tanjore.

2d Dispatched the undermentioned Letters

Entered in M. B. Nos. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12

To Mr Scottney — Enclosing Extract

To Mr Scottney

from the report of the Commissioners of accounts relative to the accounts of his late Employ as Military Storekeeper, and desiring he would particularize the Sums for which he is un=provided with Vouchers.

To Major Cochrane previous to the Board's

To Major Cochrane.

deciding upon his Claim he is desired to report to them by what authority he repaired the Quarters which he occupies at Tanjore

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Received the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore

The Honorable Sir Arch: Campbell K.B.

Honorable Sir,

From the Resident at Tanjore stating that the Rajah has consented to the proposal of the President in respect to the remittances of his Rists to Madras - Encloses correspondence with General Horne on the subject of the Dispute between the Inhabitants of the Carnatic and Tanjore; & requests permission to visit the Presidency

I have been honored with your Letter of the 23d Instant enclosing a Letter to the Rajah, and a Copy thereof.

I lost no time in sending to desire a conference with his Excellency in order to present the Letter, and enforce its contents to the best of my ability, but finding that in all probability I should not be able to obtain access to his Excellency for three, or four days, I went to the Palace yesterday afternoon with Mr. Swartz, and delivered the Letter to the Minister, and explained to him fully the contents - the Minister said he should carry the Letter to the Rajah who he made no doubt would agree to what the Governor has desired - that is to say to write to the Governor his promise to pay the Rists at Madras in fifteen days after each Rist should become due - namely the

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3d the December Kist to be paid at Madras the 15th January — the January Kist the 15th Fe= bruary, and so on, first deducting what the Re= sident might want for the disbursements here — The Minister then asked me what the latter would amount to — I answered that it was im= possible to ascertain it precisely, as the Garrison might be increased, and from many circum= stances the disbursements at Tanjore must always fluctuate, and incidental charges fre= quently occur, but that I thought he might for the present reckon it at 10,000 Pagodas ₱ month — he then reminded me that he had already advanced me 6,000 Pagodas of the December Kist, and I desired him to reserve 10,000 more, and remit the remainder /34,000/ to Madras as soon as possible without waiting for the 15th Ja= nuary as I knew it would be pleasing to the Governor to receive it as soon as the Rajah could discharge it without distressing himself.

The Minister asked me if the Rajah should send his answer to the Governor's Letter to me, or direct to Madras; to which I replied, that it rested entirely with his Excellency, and that if his Excellency should be pleased to send the answer to me I should instantly forward it

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it to the Governor — that he / the Minister / would doubtless remember the positive assurance, or promise, which the Governor wished it should contain.

Of the 6,000 Pagodas received the beginning of this month of the December List, 4,000 were advanced to the acting Paymaster to complete the payments for November, and 2,000 were sent to the Resident at Negapatam. The remainder of the List / 4,000 Pagodas / I had applied for to the Minister on the receipt of your Orders of the 19th Instant, and he had promised to begin immediately to discharge it, so that I hope there will be no delay in his commencing the remittances to the Presidency.

As you may possibly Sir receive complaints from his Highness the Nabob concerning some matters that have been lately the subject of representations to me from General Horne, I beg leave to enclose Copies of those representations, and of my answer to them. Applied to the Minister yesterday regarding them, and he desired me to write to General Horne to have some of the injured persons sent hither to point out the Offenders, who he assured me should be severely punished. — With regards to

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3 to the desire of the Nabob's Phouzdar to have leave to apprehend the family of his Highness's absconded Renter at Myaveram, the Minister said the Rajah could not consent to it, but that if the Renter himself could be found in any part of the Tanjore Country he should be immediately delivered up. I shall write accordingly to General Horne.

My private affairs requiring my presence at Madras, permit me, Sir, to request the Honor of your permission, and that of the Honorable Board to proceed thither for a few days. The several matters now depending with the Rajah I shall take care to adjust previous to my departure.

I have the Honor to be with the

Tanjore
29th December 1786. greatest respect &c. &c.

Signed J Hudleston

John Hudleston Esq.
Resident at Tanjore

Sir,

at the request of the Nabob's Phouzdar of this place I am desired to inform you that one Nana / a Renter of part of this District / has absconded with his family considerably indebted

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2d indebted to the Circar, — as he has information of some part of his family being at Myaveram he thinks it expedient to send some Peons to bring them to this place, and requests that you will inform the Rajah's Ministers of this circumstance obtaining his approbation for their being apprehended: — I have the Honor to be &c &c

Trichinopoly
December 20 1786.

/Signed/ Math.w Horne

a true Copy
/Signed/ Wm Harrington
Asstant

To John Hudleston Esq.
Resident at Tanjore

Sir,

Being sensible of your wish to preserve the greatest cordiality between the Nabob's and Rajah's Subjects I beg leave to trouble you with a copy of a Letter addressed to me by the Nabob's Shouzdar, setting forth the ill treatment &c that some of the Inhabitants on the frontiers have received from the Tanjore Collerie's, I have the Honor to be &c

Trichinopoly
December 27th 1786

a true copy
/Signed/ Wm Harrington
Asstant

/Signed/ Math.w Horne

To

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Translation of a Persian Letter received from Jaffer Sait, the Nabob's Manager, to Brigadier General Mathew Horne, dated 21st December 1786

Sir,

The Colleries of Solagumputty Village, belonging to the Tanjore Country have flogged a Brannay 'till his life is in danger, and have plundered a number of things belonging to the Inhabitants of Sungoondy &c in the Salgoody Countries.

The village Watches to Tondiman can easily take satisfaction, but I do not like to order them without your knowledge.

How can our Country be settled if the Tanjore Colleries commit such injuries to the Inhabitants of the Circar — the Nabob is acquainted with this affair by the daily News-writer — I wish therefore to have an answer soon to this Letter. Sam. &c. &c

a true Copy
Wm Harrington
Assistant

To Brigadier General Horne
Commanding the Southern Forces

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your Letter

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3 Letters of the 20th and 24th Instant of the contents of the former I made an exact communication to the Rajah through the Minister — more I did not conceive myself authorized to do, as I believe there is no agreement subsisting between the Nabob, and his Excellency by which the family of the absconded Renter could be claimed; — The Ministers answer was, that he should send to Myaveram, & make enquiry relative to the family of Nana; —

With regard to the complaint trasmitted with your Letter of the 27th Instant I shall immediately make a strong representation to his Excellency, and urge him to cause an exemplary punishment to be inflicted on those who were guilty of the outrage on the person of the Brahmin, and to afford the most effectual redress to the Inhabitants of Sengoondy &c. by punishing the Offenders, and compelling them to restore the plundered property.

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

Tanjore
28 December 1786

(Signed) S. Hudleston

A true Copy
(Signed) Wm Harrington Assistant

Received letter from Mr Cottrey
Entered in M. B. No. 8 / acquainting the Board

that

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3 That since Mr Holland made his report / the Military Storekeeps accounts, commencing the 1st May 1780 and ending 30th June 1784 and & brought under the head of deficiencies — that he has been so fortunate as to find many Vouchers, respecting the above accounts, which he requests may be examined, —

From Mr Scottney

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To the Commissary General — In consequence of the aforementioned Letter from Mr Scottney he is desired to examine the Vouchers in question, —

To the Commissary General

From Captain Lieutenant &c — with permission to proceed to Europe on half pay agreeably to his request, —

To Captain Lieutenant &c.

To the Committee of Works — with minute & Letter relating to the Superintendant of the Company's Lands, —

To the Committee of Works

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To Masulipatam

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From Mr Ferries

From

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From

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From Mr Oakes

From Mr Oakes — with a weekly return of Grain in Store in the Garrison of Palamcotah

From Masulipatam

From Masulipatam — advising of their having accommodated Lieutenant Colonel Dl Campbell with a Surgeon for the use of his party at Hydrabad — and of Colonel Brathwaites request through them, that Captain Smith Commanding Artillery at Ellore, may be allowed full Batta during the continuance of the artillery practice at that Cantonment.

From Ditto

From Dl — the two Europeans who arrived there some time ago from the Camps of the Mahrattas and Tippoo Sultaun, together with one of the Deserters from the Talbot Indiaman — are now sent to the Presidency defer sending the remaining three Deserters by the same conveyance, to prevent Conspiracies.

From Ditto

From Ditto — Two of the above remaining three Deserters, sent to the Presidency, the other through sickness, unable to be removed.

From Bengal

From the Bengal Secretary — with a letter addressed to Mons. De Cossigny, which it is requested may be forwarded.

From Mr John Mackenzie

From Mr John Mackenzie Junr. Forwards Invoice and Bill of Lading for Bags

of

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7th of Cargo Rice, shipped on the Ketch Phoenix, on account of Lieutenant John Anderson late Deputy Paymaster late Madras Detachment,

9th Ordered that the Invoice and Bill of Lading be sent to the Garrison Storekeeper, and that he be directed to receive the Rice into the Company's Stores / Vide M.B. N.o 20—

Minute thereon—

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Major Gen.l Sir Ach.d Campbell K.B. President

Alexander Davidson
James Henry Casamajor } Esq.rs

Friday 12th January 1787

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved—

Letters from the Resident and Commandant at Tanjore advising of the Dismission of the Rajah's Ministers & the measures resulting therefrom—

The President lays before the Board Letters to him from the Resident and Commandant at Tanjore, dated the 31st Ultimo, 1st and 5th Instant, stating the Dismission and Imprisonment of the Minister Bawa, supposed to have arisen from his Interference during the Rajah's late Illness, in

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in respect to a Successor on his Excellency's Dismise.— The Letters state also the salutary Consequences which have already resulted from this Measure, by his Excellency having repealed several of the most oppressive Taxes laid on the Inhabitants during Sawa's Administration, who are now invoking Blessings on the Rajah's Head, and are proceeding to the Cultivation of the Country and other necessary avocations with a zeal that must be productive of the greatest advantages both to his Excellency and to his Subjects in general.

Substance of Letter From the Rajah of Tanjore

Read Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore /entered in Country Correspondence No. 3. 4/ dated the 2d and 5th Instant, stating his acquiescence to the Governor's Proposal for paying into the Treasury at Madras, the Amount of his Kists for the Current year, over and above what may be necessary for the Monthly Disbursements of the Garrison of Tanjore; and enclosing Soucar Bills for thirty four Thousand Pagodas, which compleat the Payment of his December Kist.

Resolved that the Bills be sent for acceptance, and that an answer be drafted to the Rajah's Letter, conceived in Terms of Satisfaction at his chearful Concurrence to the wishes of this Government.

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Comptroller General of Army accounts

To the Honble Major Genl Sir Arch. Campbell Kt
Governor in Council
Fort St George

From the Comptroller General of army accounts reports upon the Charges in the late Military Storekeepers accounts unsupported by Vouchers.

Honorable Sir & Sirs

In obedience to your Orders communicated to me by Mr Secretary Chamier in a Letter of the 3d Instant I have examined the Vouchers furnished me by Mr Scottney for the Articles which Mr Holland has brought under the head of Deficiencies and have now the honor to lay before you a List thereof together with some general Remarks on those accounts.

The objections to these Accounts may be devided under three heads Exceptionable Charges, Defective Vouchers, and an Entire want of Vouchers, Charges may be Exceptionable from many different causes, The first that occurs in these Accounts is the Claim of Packages or Chests in which the Arms are sent from Europe — It is usual in most other Departments for the Chests in which Goods are packed to become the perquisite of the Office as in the case of Copper which is disposed of by publick Sale

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sale, and is generally carried away by the Purcha-
sers in small quantities, but with respect to the arm
Chests when these are broke up, and the Arms are
afterwards to be sent to the Out Garrisons the Company
are put to an Extra Expence in purchasing new
Chests which probably are not so well made of
of such good wood as those that come from Europe,
or else the old Chests are sent, and the Company
made to pay for their own property — It appears
therefore to me that it would be better to abolish
this Perquisite even if you should think proper
in future to make an allowance in lieu of it,

The second cause of insufficient Vouchers
arises from the Conductors Returns having been
considered as Proofs of the Issue of Stores for the
Armory, Park, Saluting Battery &c. but this Ir-
regularity cannot happen again for the Com-
missary General of Stores is now to give Receipts
for every thing that is Issued.

Charges may also be exceptionable from
being above the price commonly paid or publickly
allowed, but in the Vouchers now produced by Mr
Scottney to me, I see no Examples of either kind.

Vouchers for every Charge are Defective

of

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or sufficent for which there is not both an Indent & a Receipt, for a Person may make an Indent for many Articles which are not in Store, & consequently the Indent can be deemed no proof of the delivery of the Articles required, but a Receipt is an acknowledgement of their having been issued, and of their being actually in the possession of the Person who made the Demand for them. In the course of the last war, frequent applications were made to Mr. Scottney from Camp for Stores to a considerable amount on small Slips of Paper, many of these he has kept, and considered as sufficient Proofs of his having complied with those Requisitions, but he ought rather to have made out two Lists of the Stores both which should have been Signed by the Person who was to carry them to Camp, one of these the Storekeeper might have kept, and the other should have been sent with the Stores to be Signed by the Officer to whom they were delivered and the other List by remaining in the hands of the Storekeeper would have served as a Voucher in case the Stores were lost on the way. Mr. Scottney seems to have neglected this precaution, but he says that he is justified by the custom of the Service, and the conduct of his

Predecessors

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Predecessors in Office, of this I do not presume to be a Judge, but as effectual Checks are now established the admission of Mr Scottney's apology for his Vouchers being effective or insufficient cannot be adduced as a precedent for so allowing similar Irregularities in future.

As Mr Scottney is on the Eve of sailing for Europe, he flatters himself that your Honorable Board will vouchsafe to accept of his affidavit, Corroborated by the Oaths of the Commissary General of Stores, and likewise of the Conductors, of those Vouchers having once existed, which is a mode that was adopted by a former Government in many similar Cases, and is the only means left him of supplying the Deficiency.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect

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Yr &c
/Signed/ J Capper
C. G. A. A.

Examination of the Vouchers that were deficient

The whole amount of the deficiencies stated by Mr Holland is Pagodas	61411.	20. 60.
The amount of the 29 Vouchers now produced by Mr Scottney is Pagodas	30166.	34. 61.
No Vouchers for Pagodas	30558	27. 79

Remarks

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Remarks on the 29th Vouchers

Voucher No. 32. in October 1780 an Indent but no receipt for Pagodas	472. 12	"
" No 26 in November 1780 Indent & Receipt	14. 35. 20.	
" 11 in December 1780 B.th Commissarys List	609. 29. 59	
" 7 in January 1781 receipt for	38. 4 10	
" 8 in February 1781 Two Indents for Sir E. Coote	827	1 "
" 10 in March 1781 Indent of Col. Kennedy	28. 20. 60	
" 2 in May 1781 List of the Storekeepers	15. 25 35	
" 5 in May 1781 Indent & receipt	458. 18	"
" 5 in June 1781 List signed by the Storek.r NB sent by Superd.t Exeter to Camp	1412. 4 44	
" 2 in July 1781, a torn Indent with Lord Macartneys Initials for	179	26. 42
" 20 in August 1781 an Indent & 5 receipts for	3347	6. 63
" 31 Indent for 4 Butts signed by the Commanding officers Lord Macartney, General Coote & Mr Scottney for	1249.	28. 40
" 10 September 1781 letter from Town Major	445.	1 "
" 8 January 1782 Order of the Government by the Town Major	34	9 "
February 1782 Indent from Tanjore	1.	14 "
" 26 in April 1782 receipt for Pagodas	11	12 69
" 23 May 1782 Town Majors Indent for Dolies	63.	9. 10
" 21 in August 1782 receipt for General Munro's aid de Camps for	678	25. 31
" 9 September 1782 By Order of Lord Macartney thro' Town Major	820.	30. 33
Carried over Pagodas		

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Brought Over Pagodas

Vouchr N°10 dº Nov.r Dec.r 1782 receipt for — —	4696	15 7/6
29 November 1782 Certificate of Colonel Eidingtown — — — — —	2446	28 "
43 May 1783 Order of Lord Mac:cartney by the Town Major for —	101	28 "
17 July 1783 receipt for — — — — —	1556	6 "
5 July 1783 Order of Government by Secretary — — — — —	3267	22 "
44. October 1782 Certificate of Lieute:nant Byrne for a Gun lost —	507	27 55
13 December 1780 letter of Colonel Sydenham for brass Gun &c —	272	8 26
8 July 1781 letter of Colonel Syden:ham Stores to Sadras — —	87	16 7/0
10 September 1782 Colonel Syden:ham's Certificate for — — — —	323.	5 8
Dº — — — — Dº — for — — — —	5293	4 "
1" October 1782 Dº — for — — —	906	9 "
Pagodas	30165	4 61

/Signed/ J. Capper

C.G.S.A.

Minute therein — The Board having taken into Consider:ation the Offer of Mr Scottney to make an Affidavit to the Validity of the Charges in his

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his accounts, unsupported by Vouchers; and recurring to the upright Conduct maintained by Mr. Scottney while in the Office of Military Storekeeper, and to the peculiar Situation of the Times, resolved to accept his affidavit, corroborated by the oaths of the Commissary General of Stores, and of the Conductors, of the Vouchers having once existed.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Capper.

To The Honble Major Genl. Sir Arch: Campbell KB.
Governor in Council
Fort St George

From Colonel Capper Represents that much labor and Expence will attend the auditing the accounts of his Majesty's Paymasters General

Honorable Sir & Sirs

I have been honored with Mr Secretary Charrier's Letter containing your Commands to me to audit the accounts of Mr. Burke the Paymasters General to the Kings Troops in the same manner as those of the Military Paymaster General at the Presidency &c.

I shall on this as on all other occasions obey your Commands with the greatest readiness, and punctuality; and without Stipulating for any Reward for my Services; but I trust that you will pardon my Representing to you that

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I have already had much trouble in making out the Returns, and attending to the Temporary Disbursements of the Kings Troops at the Presidency, without receiving any Recompense for my Labours or Indemnification for my Expences; & although as His Majesty's Officers are unacquainted with the Regulations of the Service in India I have infinitely more trouble in corresponding with them and in checking their accounts than with the Companys Officers whose allowances and Claims of all kinds are tolerably well ascertained.

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

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/Signed/ J Capper
C. G.e A. A.

Minute thereon

As Considerable Trouble and Expence will attend the auditing the accounts of his Majesty's Paymaster General, it is agreed that Colonel Capper be allowed the Monthly Sum of One hundred Pagodas; and that Mr Burke be desired to pay it, and carry to account in his Books under the Head of "Auditor of accounts

"of

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of His Majesty's Regiments serving in India.

The President states to the Board that the Company have been long subjected to considerable Expence by Batta being drawn for Persons confined in the Main Guard, and particularly Deserters, whose Pay is drawn at the same time in the Corps to which they belong — He therefore proposes that Batta be in future discontinued to Prisoners, who draw Pay either from the King or Company; and that an Order be Issued directing all Commanding Officers of Corps or Companies, to see that the Men in Confinement, particularly Deserters, be subsisted from their own Pay, and that the Arrears, if there should be any, be not given to them upon their Enlargement until their Arms, Accoutrements and Half Mounting be compleated.

President proposes that no Batta be allowed in future to Persons confined in the Main Guard, particularly Deserters,

The Board approve the Proposal of the President, and resolve that a General Order be published in Consequence.

agreed to and a General Order to be published,

Read the following Letter from Mr. Mallet, Resident at Poona,

To the Honble Sir, Archibald Campbell KB. Governor Fort St George.

Honorable Sir,

From the Resident at Poona, states that Hyppo made a night attack on the Maratta Camp with Success —

I had the Honor to address you last

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last under 26th ultimo Duplicate of which was forwarded 30th.

On the 9th Instant I received Intelligence that a Relation of Dada Rao's had arrived in Town, having left his Principal at Bider, that this Person having visited some Persons here, returned to meet Dada Rao who is daily expected here. The same Day four Madras Hircarras came to me, they had a Letter from Rago Punt; conceiving it might contain One for me I opened it but finding none Sealed and delivered it to them again with Direction to follow Rago Punt to the Army.

The Principal Intent of this address is to inform you, that about ten Days ago Tippoo made a very serious night attack on the Maratta Camp, which fell most severely on the Bonsla & Nizam's Quarters, the Bazars and Baggage which was plundered by the Enemy Harry Punt's Quarters being less encumbered, escaped better, But the whole Army was thrown into great confusion & Tippoo after remaining on the Maratta Ground all Night and finding on the Morning that the Enemy had retreated, seven Cos further returned to his Tents. This has been a severe blow to the Marattas and

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and will I apprehend be found so in its Conse=
quences the Plunder acquired by it will in some
measure reconcile Tippoo's Troops to their bad Pay=
ment while the Marattas used to commit Depreda=
tions on others will be greatly disconcerted on finding
the Tables turned

I have the Honor to be with perfect Respect

Poona 12th December
1786.

&c &c
Signed Wm Malet

Arch: Campbell

Alex. Davidson

Ja. Wm Casamajor

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Diary

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Sent the undermentioned Letters pr. ditto
in M. B. Nos 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28.

To the Pay masters General to His Majesty's
To William Burke Esqr. forces in India.— Informed of the Board's resolu-
tion of making Colonel Capper an allowance of
100 Pagodas ℳ Mensem for his trouble & expence
in auditing the accounts of his Majesty's Pay ma-
ister General in India — which he is to carry in his
books, under the head of "auditor of accounts of His
"Majesty's regiments serving in India."—

To Mr. Oakes — To employ as many
To the Paymasters of Palamcotah Sheikdars as may be necessary for putting the
Arms at Palamcotah into immediate good order;
and to report to the Board the number sufficient
for that purpose, and such as may be necessary
in future.—

To Colonel Capper — advised of being allow-
To Colonel Capper ied 100 Pagodas ℳ month, in consideration of
the trouble and expence which will attend au-
diting Mr. Burke, the Pay masters Generals'
accounts.—

To — Do. To — Ditto The Board have resolved to
admit the affidavit proposed by Mr Scottney
together with that of the Commissary General &
Conductors

12th Conductors, in respect to the deficiency of Vouchers for the articles delivered by him, while in Charge of the Office of Military Storekeeper,

To Mr. B. Scottney

To Mr. Bryan Scottney, late Military Storekeeper, Informed of the above resolution of the Board,

To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam Colonel Brathwaite's application in favor of Captain Smith, to draw three Months full batta during the continuance of the artillery practice at Ellore; deemed inadmissible,

To the Committee for Investigating the Nabob's Debts

To Messrs. Garrow, Webb and Landon — Debts due by his Highness the Nabob to Natives, not to be considered within the Limits of their Investigation,

To Lt. J. Innes

To Lieutenant James Innes — with permission to proceed to Bombay for the recovery of his health,

Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in M.B. Nos. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37 38.

From Mr. A. Jones.

From Mr. A. Jones — States the impossibility of producing Vouchers to verify his claim to the 15 Bullocks lost on the defeat of Lieutenant Colonel Baillies detachment in consequence of the death of the Paymaster,

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From Captain Flint

From Captain Flint — informs the Board that the reason the Bullocks lent the Company by Verdapah Naick were not included in his accounts was their being employed for the Service of the army by desire of the Commander in Chief, and not for the business of the Garrison.

From General Horne

From General Horne — Incloses a Monthly return of Stores for November, in the different Garrisons South of the Coleroon.

From Mr Lewin

From Mr Lewin — Soliciting an additional reinforcement to the Troops stationed at Negapatam the present force being found inadequate to what the public Service occasionally requires.

From Colonel Keating

From Colonel Keating — requests an Order may be obtained for Mr Turing to discharg his pay notes, or that he may be allowed to receive his pay at Tanjore.

From General Horne

From General Horne — Mentioning a loss of Regimental Money stole from the pay Serjeant of Captain Burns Company, & desiring to be informed by whom the loss is to be sustained.

From Captain Murray —

From Captain Murray — Requesting leave to proceed to Europe on half Pay

From Captain Lieutenant &c.

From Captain Lieutenant &c — Desiring his Passage to Europe may be paid, agreeable to

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12th to the regulation from home.

From Mr. Burke promising due atten-
tion to the Orders of Government relative to the
Monthly Stipend of Pagodas 100 to Colonel
Capper, as auditor of accounts of His Majesty's
Regiments serving in India.

From Mr Burke

From Colonel Ross Requesting the Ma-
terials for the use of the Cantonment at Vala-
jahbad may be exempted from duty.

From the Chief Engineer

At a Consultation Present

The Honble Major Genl Sir Archd Campbell K.B.
President
Alexander Davidson Esqr
James Henry Casamajor Esqr

Tuesday 16th January 1787

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The President informs the Board that from the Multiplicity of Business which has engaged his attention since he took charge of the Government — The Time unavoi-
dably required to obtain the most circumstan-
tial information on a variety of essential points to be attended to; which together with the
indisposition

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indisposition of the Nabob has till now prevented him from bringing forward his Sentiments on the Treaty to be entered into with his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, and his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore, for the general Defence and Security of the Carnatic, agreeable to the Company's Orders of the 9th December 1784—that he had however at length obtained sufficient Knowledge to form the different articles of the Treaty, and lays the same before the Board for their Consideration, together with his reasoning and Observations on the Subject.

Presidents Minute

Respecting the Treaties Proposed for the General Security and Defence of the Carnatic.

The President lays before the Board a Minute Containing his Sentiments upon the Treaty to be entered into with the Nabob and the Rajah of Tanjore

In executing the Treaties recommended by the Honorable Court of Directors in their General Letter of the 9th December 1784 respecting the future defence and Security of the Carnatic, such Embarrassments occur, that it is difficult to adopt a Plan that will render an equal degree of Justice to the Honorable Company, the Nabob of Arcot and the Rajah of Tanjore.

Upon

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Upon an accurate Calculation I find that the annual Expences of the Military Peace Establishment of Fort St George and the necessary Garrison Charges are not less than 21 Lacks of Pagodas, exclusive of the Repairs of Fortifications & other Military Contingencies, But as there will remain in the Treasury at the Expiration of each year, a considerable Sum on account of the Non effectives of the Army this Balance may be consi=dered as a Fund which with good Managa=ment may be nearly adequate to answer all the Payments not included in the annual Expence of the Military Peace Establishment,

In settling for the contracting Par=ties a just Proportion for the annual Discharge of 21 Lacks of Pagodas, many Circumstances must necessarily present themselves to the Board—The actual State of the Country and its Revenue in consequence of the destructive Invasions of Hyder Ally, becomes a serious Object of Consideration— The Carnatic is recovering but slowly from the Effects of the late War, and the Arcot Country in Particular being much depopulated, cannot for some time be brought to yield what it did before the Invasion, I is also apprehend that an

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this Province, as well as those which are in a better State, the System of Government established for the Collections is but ill calculated to encouirage Population or Promote Industry.

The Revenues of Tanjore are still in a worse Condition, and although the late Interiference of this Government has given a check to those Oppressions which had actually driven the greatest part of the Inhabitants from the Country, yet the Spirit of the Rajahs administration cannot be so far charged, as to promise any considerable Improvement in the Revenues.

The heavy Debts and Incumberanices which the Company, the Nabob of Arcot, and the Rajah of Tanjore at present labour under, and which it will require many years to discharge, becomes another Object of attention, in fixing the Proportions of the Charge to be borne by the different Parties interested in the defence of the Carniatic. If it be admitted as a Principle, that the actual Resource or ability of a Country ought to be determined by its Produce after providing for the Burthens that are upon it; the difficulty of adjusting the Proportions of the Expence in the present Case becomes at once apparent. The Company, the Nabob and the Rajah, are all

heavily

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heavily burthened with Debt, and those Burthens are by no means Proportioned to their Respective Revenues in the Carnatic, being much heavier upon the Nabob than on either of the other Parties, It follows therefore, that until the Nabob is relieved of his Debt to the Company and Individuals; his Country which is the largest, cannot bear its due Proportion in the Scale of Expence without restricting the disbursements of his Highness to a Moderate Annuity.

The arrears of Pescash to be accounted for by the Rajah of Tanjore to the Nabob of arcot, together with the Provision directed to be made for his Private Debts must disable him for a time, even with good Management, from contributing so large a share to the General Defence, as the Country would otherwise permit.

Hence it is evident, that the Company would bear a greater Part of the charge than ought to fall to them by a proportioned assessment upon the Produce of their Territories on the Coast of Choromandel, unless his Highness and the Rajah of Tanjore will limit their annual Expences to a moderate competency during the Period in which their debts are discharging.

Much of this Embarrassment arises to the Company from the increase which it is judged necessary

necessary to make on the Military Peace Establishment, and it would lend considerably to their Ease, if the additional Strength was to rise, only in Proportion, as they could receive Assistance from the Nabob of Arcot and the Rajah of Tanjore, but such a delay in the Augmentation of our Force would prove a dangerous Expedient at Present on account of the warlike State of the Neighbouring Powers of Indostan, which renders it absolutely necessary to increase our Army to a degree that must render us respectable on the Continent. The Proposed Treaties must then have a two fold Provision; one adapted to the present Circumstances of the contracting Parties, and the other to the Situation when the Carnatic and Tanjore shall be relieved of the Incumbrances which now lay so heavy upon them.

To render this subject more clearly understood, it is necessary to state the Revenues of the contracting Parties with accuracy; for which Purpose, the following Extracts have been made from the Public Records

Company's Revenues.

No. 1 By a State of the Company's Gross Revenues of Fort St George including the Jaghire Lands, the Farms and Customs & the Revenues of the Circars and Ceded Districts for eight years of Peace from 1769 to 1777 it appears that the whole Gross Produce amounted to the annual average Sum of — 1,581,857 Pr Annum

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From an Estimate made of the Compa-
ny's Gross Revenues from 30th april 1786.
to the 1st of May 1787. which included
the Negapatam and Nagore districts,
it appears that the Company's Revenues
amount to - - - - - - - - - 1382334 -
As the Revenues of the Honorable Com-
pany are improving, their Gross amount
may be fairly stated at the annual Sum of 1600000 -

No 2

Nabob's Revenues

By the fourth Report of the Committee
of the House of Commons, it is stated
that in the year 1776 the nett Revenues
collected for the Nabob amounted to - - 2600000
By the same Report it is stated that
in 1777 his nett Revenues amounted to - 2200000
Total - - - - 4800000

No 3

Average of the Nett Collections - - - 2400000

By an account made up by the Commit-
tee of assigned Revenue, the annual
Gross amount of the Nabob's Revenues
taken at an average of the three years
immediately preceding the War, as com-
municated by the Nabob amount to - 2754177 -

No 4

It also appears that the Committee of
assigned Revenue has actually let the
Nabob's Lands on an average of three
years for the annual Gross Sum of - - 2725862 -

No 5

Hence

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Hence it is Evident that the Gross Revenues, as stated by the Nabob for three years preceding the War and the average Sum for which the Committee had actually let the Lands for the last three years of the Assignment differ so little that they may be reasonably estimated at the annual average Sum of 27,25,862 or to avoid Fractions stated at ——————— 27,00,000.—

Tanjore Revenues

By Extracts from the Reports of the House of Commons as well as from undeniable Testimony upon the Spot, it appears that the Revenues of the Tanjore Country have long been upon the decline, owing to the bad management of the Rajah's affairs, and to improper Grants made of his Lands From thence it becomes extremely difficult to fix any Sums as the annual produce of the Rajahs' Revenues, whereon to lay the Basis of a special Agreement for the future defence of the Carnatic.

If we were to state his Revenues at what they were when in a flourishing Condition they would stand so high as to Burthen him with a much greater Share of Expence than his present Income would admit, and if We state the Revenues at

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at the Rate which they now produce, under the bad Management of the Rajah's Minister his Contribution towards the General Expence would then fall greatly short of what his Country ought to bear.

It is most advisable therefore to steer a middle course, in assessing his Revenues, to do which, it may be necessary to attend to the following Circumstances.

The Average produce of the Rajah's Revenues in the year 1759, 1760, 1761, & amounted to 34 Lacks of Chuckrums, which is equal to 17 Lacks of Porto Novo Pagodas or Star Pagodas at 15 per Cent — — — — — — — — — — 14,45,000 — —

The two first years of the present Rajah's Administration 1764 & 1765. the Revenues amounted the first year to 28 Lacks of Chuckrums, and the 2d year to 33 Lacks of Chuckrums, the average of which is 15.25,000 Porto Novo Pagodas or Star Pagodas — — 12,96,250 — —

In 1776 the Revenues Amounted in Chuckrums to Lacks — — — — 26.
In 1777 — to — — — — — — 24
Total 50.

Average 25 Lacks of Chuckrums or 12,50,000 Porto novo Pagodas equal to Star Pagodas at 15 per Cent — — 10,62,500 — —

It is Supposed and I believe with Justice that the Rajah's present Revenues owing to the War, and various Causes, particularly

particularly to improper and improvident Grants of Lands made by His Excellency of large districts at Rents greatly under their real Value do not exceed the annual Sum of - - - - - - 9,00,000.-

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But that is not a good Reason why his Country at large ought not to pay its due proportion towards the General Protection; and if the Rajah's Minister by underletting his Excellency's Lands has diminished his public Revenues, he should assess those to whom he has underlet his Lands and make them accountable for any Sum that he may be called upon by the Company as his just Proportion for the General Defence of the Carnatic.

The annual Revenues of the contracting Parties may therefore be stated in the following Manner.

The Company's Gross Revenues at - -	1,00,000.-
The Nabob's Gross Revenues at - -	2,00,000.-
The Rajah of Tanjore's Gross Revenues at	1,00,000.-
Total Gross Revenues of the Carnatic -	5,00,000.-

The Gross Revenues of the Carnatic being 53. Lacks of Pagodas and the Military Peace Establishment 21 Lacks, the annual Contributions of the Honorable Company, the Nabob of Arcot and the Rajah of Tanjore for the General Security of their respective Territories will be as near as

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accurately ascertained agreeable to the following Proportions,

As 53 Lacks is to 21 Lacks so is their respective Revenues to their Annual Contributions; the Result of which is that,

The Company will contribute	6,33,962	or to avoid Fractions	6,50,000
The Nabob	10,69,812		10,50,000
The Rajah	3,96,226		1,00,000
Total	21,00,000	Total	21,00,000

Whenever the Revenues of the contracting Parties are found to encrease or diminish, it is but reasonable that their respective Contributions should henceforth continue to be regulated accordingly.

If an annual Provision be made for discharging the Debts of the contracting Parties in a given time, and a Calculation is formed upon a State of their Revenues after such appropriations are deducted, it would shew the Contributions of each for the General defence during the Period in which their debts are discharging; and that proportion would have been just; if there debts were in the Ratio of their respective Gross Revenues, but as this is not the Case, a Calculation formed upon Premises so unjust could not fail to injure in a high degree the Parties who are least in debt, as they would have to contribute a larger Proportion to the General defence, to make good, the deficiency of

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of those who are most in debt.— The following Statements will serve to illustrate this Fact.

The Honorable Company's Bond & simple Contract debts of Fort St George amount to 28 Lacks of Pagodas — which may be discharged in the course of 12 Years if 3,70,000 Pagodas is annually applied to that purpose. This appropriation deducted from the Company's Gross Revenues will reduce their annual Revenues to — — — — — — — — 12,30,000 — —

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The Nabob of Arcot's debt is estimated at 1,45,00000 Pagodas and he has appropriated the Sum of 12 Lacks annually for the discharge of his Public and Private Creditors as the debts of His Highness will be discharged in 12 years, the annual Amount of this Sum deducted from his Gross Revenues will reduce the Nabobs annual Revenues for that time to — — — — — — — — — 1,00,000 " —

In like manner it is necessary to consider that the annual Peishcush which the Rajah of Tanjore has to pay to the Nabob of Arcot amounts to 4 Lacks of Rupees or Pagodas — — — — 1,14,285 — — "

No 11. That his Excellency owes to the Nabob arrears of Peishcash for 11 years from 1776 to 1786 at the Rate of 114285 Pagodas P annum — — — 12,57,235 — " —

and Debts to British Subjects — — — — 5,00,000 — " "

Total Debts — 17,57,235 — —

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As the above Debts to private Creditors bear an Interest of 12 ℘ Cent ℘ Annum, that Interest amounting to 60,000 Pagodas must be included in whatever Plan is adopted for the liquidation of the Rajah's debts, If His Excellency could be prevailed upon to allow the annual Sum of 3 Lacks of Pagodas ℘ Pagodas to be applied to the Payment of his Current Peshcush, the arrears of Peshcush and the discharge of his Private Debts; the application of that Sum might be made

Thus,

To current Peshcush	1,14,285
To Arrears of Peshcush	1,05,715
To his Private Debts	80,000
Total	300000

By this Means the Rajah of Tanjore would pay off his arrears of Peshcush and private debts with Interest thereon in the course of 12 years, the Period fixed for the discharge of the Nabobs debts and his annual Revenues after such deductions is made will for that time amount to — — 1,00,000

On a Supposition that these arrangements are adopted, and that a Proportion is established according to the State of their respective Revenues thus reduced, the Contribution & Surplusage of the contracting Parties would stand thus,

The Company would contribute	753050	and have a Surplus of	476931
The Nabob — D°	918376		581633
The Rajah — D°	428574		271428
	2,00000		

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From the above it is evident that as the debts of the contracting Parties are not proportioned to their respective Revenues, it is impossible that any just Proportion can be formed upon the State of their Revenues after the annual appropriations for the discharge of their debts are deducted; for by such a Calculation the Company would contribute 12,36,600 Pagodas more than they ought during that Period, and the Rajah of Tanjore 3,42,888 Pagodas, while the Nabob of Arcot would be deficient in his just Contributions to the amount of 15,79,488 Pagodas towards the General defence

Hence it is obvious that the only correct and equitable Line to go by, in adjusting the annual Contributions towards the defence of the Carnatic, is to Proportion the Contributions to the Gross Revenues of the contracting Parties.

But as the annual appropriations of his Highness the Nabob of Arcot and the Rajah of Tanjore for the relief of their Creditors are great, and it is certain, that during the Period of discharging their Debts, they must be considerably pressed in their Circumstances, the following Arrangements for the Revenues of His Highness the Nabob of Arcot and the Rajah of Tanjore, would in my Opinion render their Situation more easy and comfortable than any other I can suggest.

Annual Arrangement for the Nabob of Arcot

Expence of Collections estimated at	2,18,974--
Annual Appropriation to Creditors	12,00,000--
Contribution to the General Defence	10,50,000--
Family Expences &c.	23,1026--
Total Gross Revenues	27,00,000--

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Annual Arrangement for the Rajah of Tanjore

Expence of Collections estimated at	10,0000.—
Peshcush and appropriation to Creditors	300000.—
Contributions to the General defence	400000.—
Family Expences	200000.—
Total Prob. Revenues	1000000.—

By these Arrangements the annual Provision for the Nabobs Family Expences is only stated at two Lacks thirty one Thousand and Twenty Six Pagodas; but as His Highness will receive from the Rajah of Tanjore, on account of Peshcush and the Arrears of Peshcush, the annual Sum of two Lacks and twenty Thousand Pagodas; the real Provision for the support of this Family and the dignity of his Durbar, will amount to four Lacks fifty one Thousand and twenty Six Pagodas annually, during the Period in which he is discharging his Debts.

It has been remarked that although the Military Peace Establishment settled for the Carnatic has been cheafly encreased for the Purpose of securing more effectually the Territories of the Honorable Company and their allies on the Coast of Choromandel, yet as the affording of essential aid to the Provinces of Bengal, Bahar and Orixa in case of an attack, was likewise a material Cause for the encrease of the Coast Army, the Bengal Government should

contribute

contribute a Proportion for supporting the Military Establishment of Madras, adequate to the extensive Revenues of those Provinces; without which, the Carnatic will be loaded with an Expence far beyond what in Justice it ought to bear.

The Propriety of this Remark cannot be disputed; but at the same time that it is admitted in its fullest Extent, it must be remembered, that the Company's Troops at Bombay, who are no charge upon the Revenues of the Carnatic, contribute in a very serious degree to the security of our possessions on the Coast of Choromandel. It is likewise reasonable to expect, that as the Troops, and Revenues of the Bengal Provinces have been constantly and extensively employed in the defence of the Carnatic Possessions, and has more than once saved them from utter Ruin, a proportionate Share of the debts incurred by the Bengal Government on those Services, ought to be charged to our Revenues, and those of our allies on the Coast of Choromandel.

To View this Matter comprehensively it is necessary to regard the whole Company's Territorial Revenues and that of our allies, as one common Stock Purse. That the Company's Troops at Bengal, Madras and Bombay be considered, as Divisions of the same army, acting in concert with each other for the General security and defence; to be paid from the

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the common Stock Purse, or which is the same thing, by annual Contributions proportioned to the Revenues of the contracting Parties.

To ascertain these Proportions the following Statement may answer every purpose.

Annual Revenues of the Honorable Company & their Allies in India

Bengal Gross Revenues		100,12,500.
Madras	Ditto	16,00,000.
Bombay	Ditto	3,25,000.
Gross Revenues of the Honorable Company		119,37,500.
Gross Revenues of the Nabob of Arcot		27,00,000
Gross Revenues of the Rajah of Tanjore		10,00,000.
Total Gross Revenues		156,37,500.

Expence of the Honorable Company's Military Establishments in India.

Bengal Army & Garrisons		40,00,000.
Madras	D° D°	21,00,000
Bombay	D° D°	9,00,000.
Total Expence of Military Establishments		70,00000.

Such being the annual amount of the Revenues of the contracting Parties, and the yearly Expence of the Military Establishments at the three Presidencies, the proportional Contributions of each for the General defence will be accurately ascertained & agreeable

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agreeable to the following Proportions

as the Total Gross Revenues are to the Expence of the whole Military Establishments so is the Revenues of the respective Parties to their annual Contributions; the result of which is that

The Company will contribute	53,43,725
The Nabob of Arcot	120 8634
The Rajah of Tanjore	44 7641

Such are the Contributions which would naturally take place if a just Regard is had to the General Amount of their respective Gross Revenues, from whence it is evident that if any Estimate is formed on the General Gross Revenues in India, the Nabob of Arcot and the Rajah of Tanjore will have to pay more than would fall to their Share, if the Calculations were confined to the Revenues of the Contracting Parties on the Coast of Choromandel only.

If an Estimate is formed on the General Revenues in India after deducting the necessary appropriations for the discharge of their respective Debts, it will be found that even in that Respect the Nabob of Arcot and the Rajah of Tanjore will pay more than would otherwise fall to their Share if the Calculations were confined to the Revenues of the Coast, and that their distress for the want of pecuniary aids would consequently be greater.

To ascertain this Fact it is only necessary to

Observe

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observe that the Principal of the Honorable Company's Bond and simple contract debts in India amount to 11 Millions Sterling or 27,500,000 Pagodas and that 44 Lacks of Pagodas appropriated annually will discharge these Debts in the Course of twelve years.—

If therefore from the Company's Gross Revenues — 119,37,500.—

The annual appropriation for the discharge of their Bond and simple Contract debts be deducted amounting to — — — — — — — — — 44,00,000.—

The Company's Revenues will amount to — — 75,37,500.—

It has already been found that the Nabob's annual Revenues after deducting the 12 Lacks of Pagodas for discharge of his debts will amount to 15,00,000.—

And That the Rajah of Tanjore's annual Revenues after deducting the annual Sum of 3 Lacks of Pagodas for the discharge of his current Pesheush, Arrears of Pesheush, and private Debts will amount to — — — — — — — — — — 7,00,000.—

Total Revenues — — — — — 97,37,500.—

As the annual Expence of the whole Military Establishment of the Company in India amounts to 70,00,000.— the proportioned Contributions of the contracting Parties towards the General defence will stand Thus.—

The Company will contribute — — — — — 54,18,485.—

The Nabob — — D° — — — — — — — — 10,78,305.—

The Rajah — — — D° — — — — — — — 5,03,209.—

Total Military Establishment — 70,00,000.—

Hence it appears that, whether a Calculation be

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be formed on the Gneral Gross Revenue of the Ho=
:norable Company and that of their allies in India,
or upon their Revenues, after deducting their respective
debts, the Nabob of Arcot and the Rajah of Tanjore
would contribute more to the General defence than
if the Estimate was actually restricted to their respec=
:tive Gross Revenues on the Coast of Choromandel.

It is likewise of much Satisfaction to know
that although His Highness the Nabob of Arcot,
will receive by these arrangements a more complete
and certain Protection than was ever established for
his paternal Dominions yet, according to the Pro=
:portions calculated upon the Gross Revenues of
the Coast, His Highness will only pay for that Protec=
:tion the Sum of ten Lacks fifty thousand Pagodas
annually; whereas the Protection which he has for=
:merly experienced and which was neither founded
on sound Policy or any regular System to be de=
:pended upon cost his Highness for seven years pre=
:vious to the last War not less than 18,10,800.- Pago=
:das annually, as appears by the following Extracts
taken from the Records of Parliament and from the
Estimate made of the Military Force maintained
by His Highness for that Period.

By the General State of Receipts and dis=
:bursements of the Honorable Company
laid before Parliament in 1781, it appears
that

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that £1,990,498 Sterling was received from the Nabob of Arcot towards defraying Military Expences from the year 1771, to the year 1778 the average Sum of which is £284,356 Sterling which is equal to ---- Pagodas ---- 710,890.--

The Nabob had in Pay seven Regiments of Cavalry computed annually at 60,000 and 20 Battalions of Sepoys 500,000 ---- 1100,000.--

Hence it is evident that the Nabobs annual Expence for the Protection of his Dominions from 1771 to 1778 amounted to a Sum not less than ---------- 1810890

The Nature of the System by which the Carnatic is to be protected becomes another serious Object of Consideration — A System that imposes the whole Burthen and responsibility of defence immediately upon the Honorable Company, It is necessary therefore that they should be provided with an adequate Power to execute the Trust and do not give up that just and necessary Controul which must direct the Politicks and command the Resources of defence both in Peace and War, They who hold the Sword who are responsible to the Army for their Pay, and who bear in the first Instance all the extraordinary Burthens of War, must have the Power of declaring Hostilities or making Peace, — The expediency of such Measures and the time of executing them

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them, if left to any other discretion than their own, would be subject to determinations highly perni-cious to the General Safety, But at the same time that these Precautions are indispensible it is con-sistent with Justice and the Orders of the Court of Directors that this Part of the Treaty shall be coupled with a positive Assurance from the Honorable Company of their determination to support the dig-nity and authority of His Highness the Nabob of Arcot and the Rajah of Tanjore in the exclusive administration of the Civil Government & Revenues of their respective Countries; and that in case of any Hostility being committed against the Territories of either of the contracting Parties the whole Reve-nues of either Territories excepting what may be necessary for the Dignity and support of their Families and the Civil Government of their respective Countries shall be considered as one common Stock, to be appropriated in the common Cause of their defence.

Such are the Ideas which have occurred to me respecting the Treaty to be entered into by the Honorable Company, His Highness the Nabob of Arcot, and the Rajah of Tanjore for the Security & defence of their respective Territories on the Coast of Choromandel; agreeable to which, I have formed the accompanying

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accompanying
Brought which I beg leave to lay before the Board for their Consideration, and to receive their Sentiments upon it, that no time may be lost in adjusting this important Business with His Highness before the sailing of the Company's Ship Earl Talbot for England.

I regret exceedingly that it was not in my Power to have brought forward this Treaty at an earlier Period, and trust that no imputation will be charged to me on the score of Indolence or inattention to the Honorable Company's Interests.

The Public Arrangements ordered from home were necessarily first attended to and their Progress may be traced upon the Records to the Months of June and July. It is well known to the Governor General that on his arrival at Fort St George in August I was prepared with the Chief Part of the Statements here alluded to and had so far arranged my Ideas upon the Subject notwithstanding my bad State of health that in a few days thereafter I was in hopes of laying them before the Board. The Nabob's Indisposition followed, and it is but now that His Highness has been able to enter upon any Public Business.

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I Signed Arch.d Campbell

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after the preceding Statements were extracted from the Public Records and the several Calculations formed upon them I received from good authority an account of the Gross Summa settled last year for the Nabob's Revenues, by which it appears they amounted to 26,27,338 Pagodas and that the actual Receipts of His Highness Amer Ul Umrah Behander, was not less than 24,24,138 Pagodas.

By the accounts which his Highness Amer Ul Umrah Behander was pleased to furnish me with of the Nabobs' Revenues for the same Period, it also appears, that his Collections for the last year amounted to 22,20,706 Pagodas: but as this account did not include the Jaghires granted by his Highness the Nabob Walajah to his Family and Servants; which I understand may be estimated at two Lacks of Pagodas; the Difference between the two Accounts is so very trifling, that the Nabobs Collections may be reasonably computed at 24,24,000 Pagodas for the last year.

Treaty

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Proposed Treaty to be entered into with His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic and the Rajah of Tanjore

Treaty of perpetual Friendship Alliance and Security, concluded between His Highness the Nabob Wallajah, Omdit ul Mulk, Ummeer ul Hind, Asoph ul Dowla, Ameverdeen Cawn Bahauder, Zupher Jung, Seppa Salar, Soubadar of the Carnatic Sayen Gaut, on Behalf of Himself, His Heirs and Successors; And the Honble Major General Sir Archibald Campbell, Knight of the Bath, President and Governor of Fort St George and the Council thereof, on the Part of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

The Court of Directors of the Honble United East India Company, having taken into their serious Consideration, the great advantages which may be attained by improving the Blessings of Peace, now happily restablished on the Coast of Coromandel and the Carnatic; and considering the present Hour best suited for settling by a just and equitable Treaty a Plan for the future Defence and Protection of the

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The Military Peace Establishment settled by the Court of Directors for the security and defence of the Carnatic and the Coast of Coromandel, being two Regiments of European artillery, a Corps of Engineers, one Regiment of European Cavalry, 4 Regiments of European Infantry, 5 Regiments of native Cavalry, 36 Regiments of native Infantry and 30 Companies of artillery Lascars completely trained to the Guns; an accurate Estimate has been made of the annual Expence necessary for maintaining and supporting the same, which, together with the Expence of Garrisons and other Military Contingencies amount to Twenty one Lacks of Pagodas ₱ annum - - -

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The more fully to manifest the firm determination of the Honorable United East India Company, and his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, to provide against every Event which can possibly endanger the safety or disturb the Peace of the Carnatic, and the Coast of Choromandel, and to convince All the World, that the said contracting Parties are positively engaged in one Common Cause, and strictly combined in one System of permanent and vigorous Defence, for the Preservation and Security of their respective Rights and the General Tranquility: It is also solemnly concluded and agreed upon that in the Event of the War breaking out in the Carnatic or on the Coast of Coromandel which God forbid, —

The Honorable United East India Company shall appropriate from their Revenues for the purpose of discharging the current Expences of the said War, the Sum of twelve Lacks and fifty Thousand Pagodas annually . . . . . 12,50,000 — Pagodas

His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic shall appropriate from his Revenues for the same Purpose the Sum of Twenty one Lacks of Pagodas annually 21,00,000 —

and from the Tanjore Country shall be appropriated for the same Purpose, the Sum of seven Lacks and Eighty Thousand Pagodas annually . . . . . 7,80,000 —

Total annual Contributions for discharging the Military Expences of the War — 41,30,000 —

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It is likewise stipulated and agreed that the whole annual Contributions for supporting the Military Peace Establishment and for discharging the Expences of the war in the Event of a War breaking out in the Carnatic or on the Coast of Coromandel shall be united into one common Stock to be appropriated for the mutual Security and Defence of the contracting Parties; and as it is necessary that the application of the said Contributions both for Peace and War, should be reposed in the United Company or their Representatives, together with the Command of the Army, Magazines and Provisions, the direction of the War, and full Power to occupy or dismantle such Forts, as by them shall be deemed necessary for the General Security: The said contracting Parties Do hereby solemnly engage and agree for themselves and their Successors to and with each other in manner following, that is to say,

1st The Friends and Enemies of his highness the Nabob of the Carnatic and of the English United East India Company shall be considered as the Friends and Enemies of both.

2d The said United Company shall and will pay and contribute annually as their Proportion towards the annual Expences of the Military

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Peace Establishment the Sum of Six Lacks and fifty Thousand Pagodas.

3d The said Nabob shall and will contribute as his proportion of the said Military Peace Establishment, and pay into the Treasury of the said United Company, the annual Sum of ten Lacks and fifty Thousand Pagodas, divided into Kists, payable at the following Periods: That is to say.—

4th That for the satisfaction of his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, His Heirs and Successors; The President in Council of Fort St George shall furnish his Highness annually, with an accurate account, shewing the Number of Troops maintained, and the names and Situations of the Garrisons supported by the annual Contributions of twenty one Lacks of Pagodas, and particularly the Troops and Garrisons maintained by the ten Lacks and

Lacks and fifty Thousand Pagodas annually con-
:tributed by His Highness to the General Defence;
5th As any Failure or Neglect in the punc-
:tual Payment of the said Rists for Ten Lacks and
fifty Thousand Pagodas may be attended with dan-
:gerous Consequences to the General Interests and
Safety: His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic;
in default of Payment thereof on the Days above
mentioned, or within One Month thenafter, does
of his own free will and consent grant to the
President and Council of Fort St George, in Behalf
of the said United Company full Power and
Authority to enter upon and possess themselves of
the Districts and farms mentioned and described
in the Schedule N.1, hereunto annexed; Together,
with all Peishcash, Customs, Duties, Rents and
Revenues arising therefrom; and to appoint Super-
:intendants, Managers, Collectors and Receivers
of Rents with full Power to act, demand, receive and
seize the same, and to hold and enjoy the same
until all arrears of his said proportional Con-
:tribution of Ten Lacks and fifty Thousand Pagodas
to the Expences of the said Military Peace Esta-
:blishment be fully paid off and discharged and
no longer.

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It is nevertheless understood, that the President in Council of Fort St George, shall Continue the same amildars or Renters who may have Cowles from his Highness, so long as they shall discharge their Collections Punctually and honestly, to the approbation of the Governor in Council, and in like manner when the Districts are restored to his Highness such amildars or Renters as may have Cowles from the President in Council, during the period in which the Districts are in their Possession, shall be continued in their Situations for the unexpired time of their Cowles, provided their Honesty and Fidelity to the Nabob shall deserve it.

6th That so long as the said United Company shall hold and enjoy the said Districts and Farms his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic in behalf of himself his Heirs and Successors, shall have full Power and authority to appoint one or more Superintendants or Accomptants, to inspect and examine the Cutcherry Receipts of all the Lands and Districts mentioned and described in the annexed Schedule No 1, aforesaid, as well as to ascertain the State of all other Revenues

Revenues which the Company's Agents shall collect annually from the Customs or from the Zemindars or Poligars Tributary to His Highness within the said Districts, and that exclusive of the said Cutchery Receipts, and Accounts being open at all times to the Inspection of the Superintendants or Accomptants appointed by the authority of his Highness the President & Council of Fort St George, shall produce regular accounts annually of the Pushcash, Customs, Duties, Rents and Revenues arising therefrom; and of the application thereof to the discharge of the said Arrears.

7th That the Possession and Enjoyment of the said Districts and Farms, in case of failure in the Payment of any of the said Kists, shall not extend or be construed to extend to deprive His highness the Nabob of the Carnatic or his Successors of the Civil Government thereof, the Credit of his Family or the dignity of His illustrious House; But that the same shall be preserved to him and them inviolate, saving and excepting the Powers in the foregoing Article expressed and mentioned.

8th That in the Event of any War breaking out in the Carnatic, or on the Coast of Coromandel, the said United Company shall charge themselves with the direction, Order and Conduct thereof, and during the continuance of such War, shall apply the Sum of Twelve Lacks and fifty Thousand Pagodas annually to the Military Expences of the War,

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9th That in the like Event his highness the Nabob of the Carnatic shall and will pay into the Treasury of the said United Company the annual Sum of twenty one Lacks of Pagodas to the General Expence of such War, to be applied in such Manner as the said United Company or their Representatives shall find necessary for their common safety and Interests; as also for the Interest of their allies in the Carnatic and on the Coast of Coromandel.

10th For the more effectual Security of the Payment of 21 Lacks of Pagodas annually to the Military Expences of the War, his highness the Nabob of the Carnatic does hereby assign and approbriate certain Districts & Farms mentioned and described in the Schedule No. 2 hereunto annexed with full Power in Case the Revenues of the said Districts or any part thereof are diverted from the discharge of the current Expences of the War or the Debts or Expences incurred thereby; the said United Company shall have full Power to enter upon and possess themselves of the whole Districts and Farms specified in the Schedule No 2 with the same Authority and under the like Restrictions and Conditions as are contained in the 5th, 6th and 7th Articles of this Treaty relative to the Districts and Farms of the annexed Schedule No. 1 already mentioned.

11th That the said annual Twelve Lacks and fifty Thousand Pagodas payable from the Revenues of the United East India Company and twenty one Lacks of Pagodas payable from the Revenues of his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic shall after the Termination of any such War, continue to be applied to the discharge of all Debts & Expences

Expences that may be incurred or arise during the Course of such War.

12 It is Expressly understood, and declared that so soon as the Expences incurred by the War, are paid off and discharged the Assignment of the Districts in the said Schedule No 2 Contained, so far as the same relates to the Provisions mentioned in the 9th and 10th articles, shall become Null and Void, and the said Districts be immediately restored to his Highness. And it is further expressly declard that the 11th article shall not have any Retrospect to the Expences of any War anticident to the date of this Treaty.

13th That after the termination of such War, and during the application of the said Gross Revenues to the Debts and Expences thereof; the 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th articles of this treaty, shall be, and remain dormant, and be of no Effect; but shall recommence and regain their full Force and Validity from and immediately after all the Debts and Expences of such War have been fully and proportionally paid off & discharged.

14th The annual Contributions for the Peace and War Establishments being proportioned to the present Gross Revenues of the contracting Parties in the Carnatic, on the Coast of Coromandel and the Northern Circars; it is hereby stipulated and agreed, that whenever their respective annual Gross Revenues shall increase or diminish, the annual Contributions of each in peace and War shall be regulated according to that Scale or Standard.

15th To remove every Difficulty or doubt that may arise concerning the real State of the annual Gross

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Gross Revenues of the contracting Parties, His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic in Behalf of himself, His Heirs & Successors, shall have full Power & authority to appoint one or more Superintendants or accountants to inspect and examine the Cutchery Receipts of all the Company's Lands and Districts in the Carnatic, and on the Coast of Coromandel as well as the annual State of the Revenues collected from the Farms and Customs within the said Districts of the Honorable Company; and that the same accounts & Receipts shall be open at all times to the Inspection of such Superintendants and Accomptants on their producing an Authority for such Inspection under the Seal and Signature of his highness; and in like manner the President and Council of Fort St George in Behalf of the India Company shall have full Power and authority to appoint one or more Superintendants and Accomptants to inspect and Examine the Cutcherry Receipts of all the Countries and Districts of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, as well as the State of all other Revenues collected annually from the Customs, and from the Zemindars and Poligars, Tributaries to his highness.

16th The Defence of the Carnatic and the Coast of Coromandel being amply provided for, and the charge thereof committed to the United Company by the foregoing Articles, and it becoming thereby unnecessary that his Highness the Nabob should henceforth continue to burthen himself with the Expence of maintaining

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maintaining any Number of Troops beyond what may be requisite for the support of his Dignity and the Splendour of his Durbar, It is hereby stipulated and agreed that His Highness shall only retain for the purpose aforesaid, the number of

Cavalry
Infantry
Artillery

17th In Case his Highness shall at any time have Occasion for any further or other Number of Troops for the Security and Collection of his Revenue, the Support of his Authority or the good Order and Government of his Dominions than are mentioned and contained in the foregoing Articles, the said United Company shall and will furnish, a Sufficient Number of Troops for that purpose, on a just representation being made by his highness to the President and Council of Fort St George of the necessity of employing such a force and the objects to be obtained thereby; In case of the March of such Troops the additional Batta and Expences attending their movements will be annually discharged by his Highness.

18th Whereves the Company shall enter into any Negociations wherein the Interests of the Carnatic and its Dependencies may be concerned the President in Council of Fort St George shall communicate the Procedings to His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic as the ally of the Company,

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and altho' the direction of the Combined Force of the Country, is Committed entirely to the Honorable Company or their Representatives, it is nevertheless understood, that his highness shall be informed of all Measures which shall relate to the Declaring of War or Making Peace with any of the Princes and Powers of Hindostan, so far as the Interests of the Carnatic may be immediately concerned therein.

In Confirmation of all the articles in the preceding Treaty, His Highness the Nabob Wallajah for himself, his heirs and Successors has subscribed and Sealed two Instruments of the same Tenor and Date at Chepauk the Day of the Moon in the year of the Hegyra; and the President and Council of Fort St George, invested with full Powers in Behalf of the India Company have also subscribed, and sealed the same Instruments at Fort St George on the Day of in the year of the Christian Æra, One Thousand seven Hundred & Eighty Seven.

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The Board having maturely considered the Minute and proposed Treaty laid before them by the President, declare the most perfect approbation thereof; and feel much Satisfaction in recording their Sense of the laborious application of Sir Archibald Campbell, in collecting Materials on a Subject of so much Importance — The Calculations being in their Opinion clear and correct, and the Reasoning just and conclusive.

Approved by the Board.

Resolved, that the President be desired to communicate with his Highness the Nabob on the Subject; and that Copies of the President's Minute & Draft of the Treaty, be afterwards transmitted to the Government General of Bengal, for their Decision.

Resolution in Consequence

Read the following Letter from Messrs Balfour and Spalding.

To The Honble Major Genl Sir Arch: Campbell K.B.
&c &c &c

Honorable Sir

In order to prevent any Loss arising from discount to the Mysore Prisoners on the Bengal Bills to be given them We beg leave to propose that one Bill be delivered to us for the whole amount which shall be sent to our Agents

From Messrs Balfour & Spalding with Proposals for adjusting the Liquidation of the Batta due the Prisoners late in Captivity in Mysore.

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in Calcutta with directions to remit the proceeds when discharged there immediately to Madras, and upon receiving the money here each claimant will be paid his respective share without any other deduction than one ℔ Cent to our agents in Bengal and one ℔ Cent more for Commission now charged by us which we engage shall be in full of every expence whatever.

With regard to what is due to the field Officers and Captains as this is to be liquidated by Certificates for which Bonds in Bengal or Bills on England will be granted we propose that one certificate be given us for the whole amount and that each Proprietor shall communicate thro us such instructions to our Agents relative to the disposal thereof as he may Judge necessary.

We have the honor to be with the most perfect Respect

Honorable Sir,

your most Obedient humble Servts

/Signd/ William Balfour

John Spalding

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31th December 1786

Before the Board decide upon the Proposal of

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Minute thereon

of Messrs Balfour and Spalding, it is agreed, that a Letter be written to the Governor General & Council, suggesting to them the Inexpediency of granting immediate Bills to the Subalterns and Soldiers who were Prisoners in Mysore, as the Major Part of them would not fail to dispose of the Bills at an extravagant Discount, and destroy the Purpose for which the Batta was granted — that to obviate this Circumstance, the Gentlemen at Bengal have but to permit this Government to give Assurances, that at the Expiration of eight Months, from the 1st of December last, a Sett of Bills for the Amount of Batta due the Subalterns and Soldiers, will be drawn on Bengal, payable at thirty Days Sight, when each Claimant will receive his Proportion, without any Deduction.

Read the following Letters from Mr. Malet, Resident at Poona,

To The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell Kt.

Governor of Fort St George

From the Resident at Poona: Supposes: Sprigs the Maratta Camp by night: the advantages gained in Consequence — Inquiry how the Nabob Mallayahs Vakeel behaves in a extraordinary Manner

Honorable Sir,

I have now the honor to enclose Duplicate of my last Respects of 12th Instant by

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By accounts received from the Army since that Dispatch, it appears that the Mahrattas sustained great loss, and were thrown into very great confusion, by the Surprize of the 2d Instant; but I have not yet received a line on the Subject from Ragonath Pundit, nor have I heard from him since he left this place. Since this affair the Mahrattas have sent their Guns and heavy Baggage to Beddarre, and give out that they are now seriously determined to prosecute the War with vigour. They talk of detaching a Corps to act to the South of the Tumbadra, and Reinforcements are to be sent from hence to join the Army.

On the 15th Instant Bujjing Rao, or Dada Rao, Vakeel of his Highness the Nabob Walla Ja' arrived here; previous to his arrival I had made the Minister of this Court acquainted with his near approach, and agreeable to your favour of 29 September expected immediately to hear from him but was surprized to learn from a Person connected with me, who had a meeting with him, that so far was he from being instructed to act in concert with me that he was ignorant of my Residence here. I thought this the more extraordinary since the Bujjing Rao has been Five Months and twenty Six days on his

Journey

Journey, yet not only my appointment but my arrival at this place must have been per=:fectly well known to the Madras Government before he was dispatched, previous to your arrival in India, but allowing him to have received no intimation of my appointment on his depar=:ture from the Carnatic, it is equally extraordi=:nary that it should not have been communi=:cated to him agreeable to the promise made by the Nabob his Master to you as signified to me in your Commands of 29th September,

On the 18th Instant Bujung Raó had his first audience of the Minister, and on the 23d paid his respects to the Peshwa He brought with him 7 Elephants, four of which I under=:stand were presented to the Peshwa with some Jewels,

On the 20th Instant the Durbar Mi=:nister through whom the Hon'ble Company's Business is transacted enquired of my Vackeel if Bujung Raó had communicated to me the particulars of his Commission and on being informed he had not added that he under=:stood he was charged by the Nabob Walla Jah

with

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with the management of certain Points relative to that Prince adding the Pishwa in the present War that tho' from the latest advices from Calcutta, and his knowledge of the close Connection between the Company and Walla Jah, he was induced to give no credit to these reports yet when he recollected that tho' the English were withheld by Treaties from commencing Hostility against Tippoo they could not from his former Conduct be well affected to him, He was inclined to think that they might be induced to connive at the Nabob Wallajah's assisting the Pishwa independantly of the Company's Government; Not thinking it material, and deeming it impracticable to erase these Ideas further or to endeavour to ascertain whether they did or did not arise from Bajung Rao, I had immediate recourse to the last Treaty for information whether the Nabob was not equally bound with the Company in the Peace with Tippoo Sultaun, Where finding that the whole Negotiations of that Treaty were conducted and concluded in the name of the Honorable Company for the Protection of the Carnatic, Payenghaut of which I believe the Company's Government had at that time taken entire Possession and that the Nabob Walajaw is not mentioned either as principal or ally through the whole I have taken the liberty of submitting this Circumstance to your

consideration

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consideration, in the Course of which you will be able to ascertain what advantage may be taken of it by an intriguing agent on the Part of the Nabob or by Tippoo Sultaun on any future occasion of Dis-content from other Quarters. I have learnt that Buying Rao propogates Stories of Disputes between his Majesty and the Company tending to the esta-blishment of an Idea of the weakness of the British Power in the East and that he even draws conclusi-ons to the Disadvantage of the Company from the Equity of the nation in the arrangements lately made by Parliament for the Recovery of the Na-bob's Debts and what is still more extraordinary I am told that He magnifies the Power of the French as much as he derogates from that of the English drawing his arguments in their favor principally from their alliances in Europe their Connection with the Dutch, acquisition of Trincomale, and nu-merous Forces at Pondicherry and Mauritius. I should rather hope that these Stories are without Foundation; But true or false I have thought it necessary to make you acquainted with them, that you may make such use of the Information as you may think proper.

I have the honor to acquaint you that in consequence of Orders from the Governor General

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and Council this Court has been informed of the Resolution of that Honorable Board on all occasions faithfully to adhere to subsisting Treaties, and on that Principle to observe the most perfect neutrality during the present Hostilities — The communication of these Resolutions was accompanied with assurances of the highest Regard and Friendship — In answer to which I have the pleasure to acquaint you that I received Professions equally warm and friendly from this Court.

Having communicated to the Honorable the Governor General and Council the application I had the honor to make to you relative to acting for the Nabob Walau Jah at this Court, and having lately been honored with their Determination thereon, I have taken the liberty to enclose Copy of it for your Information.

I have the Honor to be with

Poona
27th December
1786

perfect Respect &c &c &c

Signed W Malet

P.S. I have not yet either seen or heard from Bujjing Rao

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

From the Resident at Poona. Bujjing Rao makes Presents to the Resident & his Ministers

Honble Sir

I had the Honor to address you the

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the 27 Instant by Express Cossids direct to Madras and now enclose Duplicate.

Bujung Rao presented the Peshwa at his first audience with three Elephants a Jewelled Serpesh and Jega, a String of Pearl with a Pendant of value & a Serpaw — To Nanna 1 Elephant a Jewelled Jega and Serpesh, and a Serpaw. — The other Elephants are intended for Hurry punt, Holcas and Madaras Sadaras, thro' the last of whom the Business of the Nabob Walla Jah' is transacted.

I have not yet heard from Rago Punt but since my last Dispatch have received Intel: ligence from the army that on the 17th Instant, a Public Agent from Tippoo arrived in the Maratta Camp charged with Proposals for an accommo: dation I cannot pretend to surmise the Issue of this advance so artfully made by Tippoo when the Eclat of his late Success will give it Dignity in the Eyes of the World and his antagonists. — The Marat: tas Eight days since were encamped 4 Cos from Bhadier Bunda; Tippoo Three Cos from Copul, and about Seven from the Maratta army. Tho' I doubt not you will receive the earliest Intelli: gence of the Army from Rago Pundit yet I have either bare possibility of your not having heard

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of the above thought proper to trouble you with it.

Poona
28th December 1786

I have the honor to be with the highest
Respect &c &c &c
(Signed) C.W. Malet

Minute on the foregoing Letters

The Board are surprized to observe the Information contained in Mr. Malets letters of the intriguing Disposition of Bujung Rao, his Highness the Nabobs Minister at the Poona Durbar, which may prove of Disservice to the Company's affairs, by leading the Mahrattas to a wrong Judgment of the Political Intentions of the Company's Representatives during the present Hostilities — Resolved Therefore, that the President be requested to state to His Highness the Nabob the Conduct of his Minister, and to urge his Highness to give the most positive Orders to Bujung Rao to act in Concert with Mr. Malet, and to bear a Share in no Negociation without his previous Concurrence.

The President lays before the Board the following Letters received from the Chief of Vizagapatam, together with his proposed Reply.

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The Honble Jon.l Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.

Governor and Commander in Chief

Dear Sir,

From the Chief of Vizagapatam, advices of the Dismission of Venkaty Rauze, Minister of the Raja Vizianam Rauze: and why

In my last I had the Honor to acquaint you with my Suspicions of Vizia-ramrauzes Jealousy respecting his Dewan considering him a Restraint upon his Pleasures and I wish I could now say that I was mistaken, but he has yesterday formally given him his Dismission assigning as the Cause in a Message to me, and as I understand to the people about him, that finding the Credit of the Management ascribed to Venkaty Rauze: he is desirous of convincing the World he is himself able to conduct the Business.

Sitteramrauze whom I could not help suspecting to be at the Bottom has I find much to his honour / being no friend of the Dewan / been strenuous in advising the Raja against this ruinous Measure, but to no Purpose — The Man is strangely altered indeed, and become so ungovernable from Pride and

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self sufficiency that Persuasion might pro-
:bably widen the Breach — a day or two's Re-
:flection however will I hope make him sen-
:sible of his Folly and incline him to listen to
Reason meanwhile Vencaty ranze / the Dewan /
has sent to me to Request that we should not
even mention his Name as any Interference
at present on our part might be fatal to his
Life — We shall therefore wait for a more
seasonable Opportunity to bring about a Re-
:conciliation so much to be wished for by every
man that wishes well to the Raja, the Country
and the Interest of the Company —

With great Regard and Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Sigd/ Aland Russell

Vizagapatam
28th December
1786

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The Honorable General Sir Arch: Campbell Kts

Dear Sir

From the Chief of Vizagapatam - Vizeanam Ranze pays a Visit to the dismissed Minister.

Indisposition prevented my having the Honor yesterday to acquaint you that the Rajah paid a Visit in the afternoon to the dismissed Dewan, nothing passed but Compliments

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Compliments and Encomiums upon Vencaty Vauze's Courage abilities and Fidelity — Vencaty Vauze had on pretence of Sickness but in reality from apprehension declined going to him the Evening before and this Visit was professedly from a Solicitude about his health but I would fain hope it is a Dawning of returning Favor, and the more so as he has within these two days quarrelled with another of his best friends and probably find himself embarrassed — I shall at a proper time endeavour all in my Power to encourage this seeming change in the Rajahs Disposition, but he is at present so inconsistent and unruly from the use of Maw=zigin, / a preparation of Opium / that ma=nagement is necessary.

May tomorrow usher in a Year stored with Happiness and every other Blessing for you and yours.

I remain with Respect and Regard,

Dear Sir

your most faithful

& Obedient humble Servant

/ Sign'd / Claud Russell

Vizagapatam
31st December 1786.

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The Honble Gen.l Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.

Dear Sir,

From the Chief of Vizagapatam states that the Nizam has sent People to make an offer of the Commamett Country to Sitteram Rauze, & encloses Extract of a Letter to him from Colonel Brathwaite on the Subject

Enclosed I have the Honor to send you Extract of a Letter received from Colonel Brathwaite giving Intelligence of some persons being so far on their way from the Nizam with an Offer of the Comma mett Country to Sitteram Rauze — I have in consequence dispatched Hurcara's to intercept and bring them directly to Vizagapatam as a Negociation of this Sort with a Dependant of the Company without your Permission I apprehend is irregular — Sitteram since being dispossessed of the Management has often expressed an Intention of applying to Government for permission to retire to Hydrabad to seek for Employment under Nizams Court and so long ago as December 84 Intimated his Views to the Governor as well as in February last to Government when I was more certain of them — That he has still nothing more at heart I have not a doubt and considering his present Situation it is not

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to be wondered at — but whether it may be good Policy to give into his Vieuss is another Matter He certainly has every Qualification to be a dangerous Foe or a good Friend,

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I have the Honor to be with great personal Regard &c &c

(Signed) Claud Russell

Vizagapatam
6th January 1787

Extract of a Letter from Colonel Brathwaite dated 31st December 1786 to Mr. Russell

"Some persons arrived here this Morning who have some Bullocks Lepoys &c &c with them — They came from Hydrabad and as I understand are so far on their way to Sitteram Rauze — They come to close an agreement with him and have powers from the Souba so to do, to which if he agrees he is to return with them and to take possession of the Comamet Country and some other Countries lately called the Dowsas Country — This Dowsa it seems is dead — The Souba's first Idea was to give it to Moffer Jung the Son of Bazalet Jung in lieu of the adone Country which

Tippoo

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Tippoo some time since took, but as Tippoo has lately defeated that force which the Subah sent to join the Marattas it is now determined that Moffer Jung is to take the field with a large force, and the Soubah determines to close with Sitteram if he can for these Countries his principal aim is I believe to touch a Sum of Money in advance.

To Claud Russell Esqr.
Chief of
Vizagapatam

Dear Sir,

To the Chief of Vizagapatam in Reply to the preceding Letter.

I am favoured with your Sundry letters communicating to me the difference that had taken place between Vizeram Rauze and his Dewan, and the reasons which you thought operated most for the Dewan being dismissed.

As a few days however will probably bring Vizeramrauze back to his reason, I am hopeful that a reconciliation will take place between them, as I should be much concerned that in a moment of Rashness so good a man as

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as Venkataraze should suffer disgrace without imputation of Misconduct; and I am glad to observe by your letter of the 31st December that the Rajah was shewing something like a disposition to reinstate him.

I am now favoured with yours of the 6th January, communicating the Information you had received from Colonel Brathwaite & about Sitteramauze; you will soon learn if there is any foundation for the Report — and I beg you may use all the means in your power to prevent his going to the Nizam's Country; In fact it must be prevented at all Events, and this Government leave it to you to adopt such means as you may think best calculated to divert him from the purpose proposed — Arguments and kind treatment must first and in all Events be used, and if you find it necessary you must tell him that when the Great Powers of Hindostan are in Arms, you cannot consent to his removing to a distance from his own Country, where his assistance may be wanted unless he makes a friendly Arrangement with me that will Secure his assistance when required

I am, with Esteem &c.

Sign'd Arch Campbell

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Agreed the answer to Mr. Russells Letters be copied fair, and immediately dispatched.

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.

To The Horible Major Genl. Sir Arch. Campbell KB.

Governor &c. &c. &c. in Council

Honorable Sir & Sirs

From the Military Board, with their Opinions, on the Claims of Ensign Grant for Batta &c. while attending the General Drill of the Executor to Lieutenant Munro for arrears of Pay - and of Captain Torrens for arrears of Staff Pay -

We have been honored with Mr. Secretary Chamiers Letters of the 12th Ultimo and also Mr Jacksons of the 27th Ultimo requiring our opinion on the accompanying claims of Ensign Grant for Batta &c. while attending the General Drill - of Mr Gardiner as Executor to Lieutenant Munro of His Majesty's 102 Regiment for Arrears of Pay - and From Captain Torrens for arrears of Staff Pay while commanding a Draft of Europeans ordered to the Southward.

Colonel Capper, Commissary General having informed us that official application was made to him by the adjutants of the several Corps attending the General Drill of the Army at the period mentioned by Ensign Grant, which was then positively rejected and that he knows of no

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no Order since issued in favour of that claim; we are of opinion that unless Ensign Grant can produce a Specific Order from the Honorable the Governor and Council, authorizing all the adjutants employed on that duty to draw the above allowances, his claim to them cannot be admitted.—

In regard of Mr. Gardiner's application for Arrears of Pay &c. due to Lieutenant Munro, it appears to us indispensably necessary that a Certificate should be procured from the Command: ding Officer of the 102d Regiment, or from the Adjut: tant General of His Majesty's Forces, to prove that Lieutenant Munro was entitled to Pay for the time included in his Draft; as well as a Voucher from the King's Pay-master General to shew that none of those have been already paid to him; - as until these points be fully established and the causes of his having omitted to draw his pay &c. in the regular mode, clearly ascertained we apprehend that Mr. Gardiner's application cannot be complied with.—

Upon examining the claim preferred by Captain Torrens for Staff Pay while comm: manding a draft of Europeans ordered to the Southward

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Southward, we find the several circumstances therein Stated, perfectly well founded, and confirmed by the testimony of some Members of this Board who were present at the time when Captain Torrens was called upon by the Governor to go on that Service, — As it appears evidently that these arrears were incurred, not by any neglect of Captain Torrens, but from an Omission of the Officer whom he left acting in his Staff appointment — and as the nature of the duty he went on, seems to entitle him to every indulgence — We beg leave to recommend to your Honor & Q to order the payment of his arrears, on his producing a Voucher from the Paymaster Generals Office to prove that they have not already been discharged.

We have the honor to be, with perfect respect, &c &c

[Signed] J. Capper,
Robt. Kelly
Wm Sydenham
J. Moorhouse

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agreed that the Opinions contained in the foregoing Letter be confirmed by the Board

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Read the following Letter from Major Cochrane;

To John Shannier Esq.
Military Secretary

Sir

From Major Cochrane, requesting an allowance for his Passage to Europe

From orders published in the Bengal Gazette, granting an allowance to Officers returning to Europe on half Pay, as passage Money, I am now to request you'll be pleased to inform the Honorable President and Council, that, in Justice to myself as well as the Officers in general of this Establishment, I submit my Case to their decision, whether or not the Army on this Coast, have not an equal plea, with the Officers in Bengal to that Indulgence, as I hope it will be granted, they had at least a full proportion of the hardships that attended the late War;

In full Confidence, that the Army, will ever meet that Support, from our present Commander in Chief, their just claims may entitle them to, as well as the concurrence of Government I am to request that if this my, application is admitted by, the Honorable

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the Governor and Council, they will be pleased to issue the necessary orders for my drawing the allowance annexed to my Rank.

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

Tanjore
12th January 1787

Lynd Spencer Cochrane
Major

The Right Honorable the Governor General and Council having granted an allowance for Passage Money to the Supernumerary Officers returning to Europe on half Pay — it is resolved that the same Indulgence be extended to the Company's Officers on the Coast, provided they are Supernumerary or that they are obliged to proceed to England for the Re-establishment of their Health — in either Event to draw the allowance granted by the Honorable Company to his Majesty's Officers Viz.t

The Company's Officers to be included in the allowance to the King's Officers returning to Europe —

£ 85 for a field Officer
80 for a Captain
65 for a Subaltern

Resolved also, that the Military Paymaster General be directed to advance the Passage Money to the Captain of the Ship, agreable to the Rank of the Officer, upon producing the Order of Government, for his being received on Board his

The Passage Money to be paid by the Military Paymaster General to the Captain of the Ship

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this Ship for Europe.

The President recommends to the Board that a Paragraph be inserted in the next General Letter to the Honorable Court of Directors, in behalf of the Supernumerary Surgeons returning to Europe, for drawing their Pay during their absence, in like manner as the Company's Officers.

a Paragraph to be inserted in the next General Letter, recommending that Surgeons be placed, on the same footing as Officers going Home.

Ordered accordingly.

Read the following Letters and Enclosures from the Garrison Storekeeper

To The Honble Major Gen.l Sir Arch.d Campbell

K.B. Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honorable Sir & Sirs

From Garrison Storekeeper with Proposals from Pellavedoo Vinnah & Rashapah Chitty for the Purchase of 20513 Bags of Company's Rice.

I have the Honor to lay before you a proposal made to me by two Principal Merchants for 20513 Bags of the Honorable Company's Rice.

I have thought it necessary to subjoin an account of the Rice for which an offer is now made, specifying by whom the Grain was imported, the Invoice Price, contrasted with the Merchants Proposal and the present Retail Price;

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notwithstanding the reduced Prices such has been the late State of the Market that in the Course of last Month no more than Gares one only 31 3 31/16 of the Company's Rice was sold which produced Pagodas 1993.

I have the Honor to be &c &c

Madras
13th January 1787

[Signed] John Turing
Garrison Storekeeper

The Offer and Proposal of Pellaveddo Nunah Chitty and Rashapah Chitty of Madras Merchants to be laid before John Turing Esqr. Garrison Storekeeper for

We offer to Purchase part of the Honble Company's Rice under your Charge — To Wit 1747 Bags stored in two Godowns, one under the north Curtain, and one on the South Curtain of the White Town of Fort St George, No. 6. and No. 8, at the rate of 58 Pagodas ℔ Garce, and 2766 Bags stored in Godown No 7, under the north Curtain, at Pagodas 56 ℔ Garce, also 1000 Bags — from Mr. Blumers Granery at the Black Town, Contracted by Messrs. Corbett and Boyd, at the Rate of 52 Pagodas ℔ Garce, and 3000 Bags of the Grab Dolphin, also at the said Granery, at Pagodas 56 ℔ Garce — Provided you agree to let us have them at the Rates aforesaid, and the Money to be received, two Months after the Purchase, and the Rice to Correspond to the Musters

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in the Office; But should the said Rice differ in Goodness from the Musters, the Prices to be then abated as it shall be agreed upon.

An Account of the Honble Company's Rice which the Merchants have offered to purchase

Quantity offered for by Merchants	By whom imported	Invoice Rice	Present Retail price but in very little Demand	Merchants offer
7727 Bags	Mr. Bruere	at 85 ℔ Candy	at 64 ℔ Candy	at 58 ℔ Candy
2766 Do	Messrs. Bruere & Tyler	at 83 ℔ Do	at 61½ ℔ Do	at 56 ℔ Do
1000 Do	Messrs. Corbett & Boyd	at 110.15.21 ℔ Do	at 61½ ℔ Do	at 52 ℔ Do
3000 Do	Mr. M Leod	at 79.34.54 ℔ Do	at 61½ ℔ Do	at 56 ℔ Do

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Error Excepted

℔ (Signed) John Turing

Garrison Storekeeper

Minute thereon

agreed that the Garrison Storekeeper be directed to dispose of the Rice in Store to the best advantage

Read the undermentioned Letters (entered in the Miscellany Book Nos. 39. 40. 41)

From Major Cochrane

From Major Cochrane, dated the 9th Instant stating the authority by which he made the Repairs to the Quarters he occupied at Tanjore & requesting a Reimbursement

Minute thereon

agreed that the Claim of Major Cochrane, be admitted as the Poultry which he has rendered a convenient Quarter is now appropriated to the Use of the Honble

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Honorable Company,

From Lieutenant Colonel Russell, stating,

From Lieutenant Colonel Russell

that in October 1781, he had permission from the Governor and Council to proceed to Bombay and eventually to Europe for the recovery of his Health; that he remained twelve Months in India after this Permission in the Hope that a Voyage to England would be unnecessary but not proving so he requests that he may be allowed his Pay during his Residence at Bombay.

Minute thereon

Ordered Accordingly

From Colonel Elphinston, President of the Committee for ascertaining the Claims of the Mysorean Prisoners to Batta, representing that Mr. Surgeon Raine is entitled to Lieutenant Colonels Batta and not to Captains as was stated in the Batta account, and requesting that the Difference may be carried to the Credit of Mr. Raine, and that Assistant Surgeon John Elsmore Claim to Batta may be admitted.

From Colonel Elphinston

Agreed that the Military Paymaster General be directed to make the alteration in Mr. Raine's account of Batta, and that Mr. Elsmore's Claim be included in the Statement.

Minute thereon

Wm. Campbell

Alex. Davidson

Ja. Wallace

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17th their rigid Captivity.—

In order to obviate this Circumstance, we beg leave to suggest to your Lordship &c the Propriety of permitting us to give assurances to the Subalterns and Soldiers, that one Sett of Bills for the Amount will be granted by us on your Government at the Expiration of eight Months, from the 1st of December last, payable at thirty Days Sight, when each Claimant will be paid his proportion without any deduction — If your Lordship &c should concur in Opinion with us, we request you will send us your Instructions that no Delay may arise in the Completion of this affair.

We have the honor to be &c &c

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[Signed] Arch: Campbell
& Council

Dispatched the following Letters
Entered in M. B. N.os 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48
49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56.

To Mr. William Gardiner

To Mr. William Gardiner, Executor to the Estate of the late Lieutenant Munro — informed that before his application can be complied with, it will be necessary for him to procure a Certificate from the Adjutant General of His Majesty's forces; as well as a Voucher from the Kings Paymaster

17th

Paymaster General

To John Turing Esqr Garrison Storekeeper

To John Turing Esqr

The Rice in Store left to his judgement to dispose off to the best advantage for the Honble Company's

To Captain Lieutenant Murray

To Captain Lieutenant Murray

with permission to proceed to Europe on half pay.

To Captain Torrens his bill for Arrears

To Captain Torrens

admitted, on his producing a Voucher from the Pay master Generals Office, to prove that it has not already been discharged;

To the Military Board Government

To the Military Board,

approve the Opinions given on the Claims referred to them and request their Sentiments on a letter from Captain Dawes, claiming an allowance for repairing and cleaning the accoutrements belonging to his Corps.

To Mr Cockburn, Agent with Copy of

To Mr. Cockburn

a letter from Captain Flint, and directing him to account with Verdapah Maick for the 300 Bullocks, which appear to have been delivered by him, for the use of the Army;

To General Horne adjutant Grants

To Brigadier General Horne

application for Batta &c. while attending the General Drill, cannot be admitted; unless a specific order from Government can be produced, authorizing all

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17 all the adjutants employed on that duty to draw the allowance, Ensign Grant, solicits.

To the Military Paymaster General with Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Elphinston, president of the Committee, for investigating the Claims of the Prisoners to Batta; and desiring he will carry to the Credit of Mr Surgeon Raine, the extra Sum stated to be due to him; and include Mr. Elmore's claim in the batta Account — Enclosing also Copy of a G.O. granting to Supernumerary Officers in the Honorable Company's Service returning to Europe the same allowance for passage Money as the Officers in his Majesty's Service have been accustomed to receive.

To John Turing Esqr.

To the Board of Revenue — to give the necessary instructions to the Resident in the Bay here to permit the materials required for the Cantonment at Walajabad to pass without obstruction or Tax.

To the Board of Revenue

To John Turing Esqr. to deduct the Agents Commission from the amount of Stoppages to be paid the Sepoys of Native Infantry in lieu of Cloathing for the Year 1785, agreable to a General Order published by the Commander in

To the Military Paymaster General

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17th in Chief on the 30th Ultimo.

To General Horne — The Board think it highly proper that he should transmit them Monthly returns of the Stores and provisions in the Garrisons South of the Coleroon — In Consequence of which The Deputy Commissary's Indent for Stationary returned, with an order Subjoined to it, for its being complied with.

To General Horne

To Ditto — Lieutenant Johnson to be put under stoppages of one quarter of his pay, until the half of the sum lost is made up; the residue, to be sustained by the Honorable Company.

To Ditto.

To Major Spencer Cochrane — His request for a Reimbursement of Money expended on the House he occupied at Tanjore, admitted; & stating the Board's Resolution relative to Passage Money to Company's Officers.

To Major Spencer Cochrane

To the Committee of Stores — To report their opinion upon the Indent of Military Stores wanting for the use of the Garrison of Tanjore

To the Committee of Stores

20th Dispatched the following Letter.

To. C. W. Malet Esq.r

Resident at Poona

To the Resident at Poona — Complaints have been made to the Nabob of the Conduct of his Ministers at the Court of Poona —

Sir,

I am favored with your letter of the

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20th the 27th and 28th December, The last was received the 15th and the first the 16th Instant.

I am exceedingly sorry to perceive, that the Mahrattahs have been a Second time surprized, and that they had sustained so much loss; and apprehend that they are not sufficiently combined in pursuing the objects of the War in such a Manner as to repell the active Measures of their adversary.

I have not heard as yet from Ragonaut Pundith since his departure from Poonah, and if you have an opportunity of writing to him, I wish you would express my extreme surprize at his inattention & Silence I thank you for all the Intelligence you have communicated in your last letter, and trust to your keeping me regularly informed of every thing important that comes to your knowledge, particularly what probability there is of a Peace being concluded, and the Ground on which it is likely to be formed.

I do not wonder at Tippoo's eagerness in offering terms of accommodation, even in the hour of his late Success, for all my accounts agree that he has had Considerable difficulties in

20h in providing Supplies for his Army, and that provisions were exorbitantly dear in his Country.

The day after I received your letter I waited upon the Nabob, and made a formal Com=plaint against his Vakeel Bujurg Row for neglect of his duty, in not waiting upon you, and for his extraordinary and unwarrantable Conduct in holding the kind of conversation that had been narrated by you.— The Nabob was more enraged than I had ever seen him, expressed the utmost disapprobation of his Con=duct, and only attempted to extenuate his guilt by supposing that his language was misre=presented, and that some causes, of which he was ignorant, must have prevented the dis=charge of his duty by waiting upon the En=glish Resident— The Nabob entreated me to suspend my Judgement upon the business, until I should hear that you had received & sent— Bujurg Row the Nabobs letter, which I forwarded to you on the 11th December, and unless the man was totally changed or Corrupted, he was certain he would acquit himself pro=perly towards you.— To this delay I consented upon the Nabobs agreeing to write Bujurg

Row

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20h Row a Letter severely reprehending him for his Conduct.— This the Nabob has done, and I now send it to you enclosed,—

I am, with Esteem &c.a

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/Signd/ Arch: Campbell

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At a Consultation Present

The Honorable Major Genl. Sir Arch: Campbell K.B.

President

Tuesday 23d January 1787

& James Henry Casamajor Esqr.

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter which he has received from Mr. Huddleston, Resident at Tanjore, enclosing an address to the President from Trimaul Row, describing himself as agent to the Rana of Seringapatam.

The Honorable Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

From the Resident at

Dear Sir,

Trimalrow the agent of the Rana of Mysore

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at Tanjore — with Requisition from Tennaul Row, agent to the Rana of Seringapatam — States the Substance of a Conversation with the Baron De Bennmark, with respect to the Distribution of the water Course

Mysore, has entreated me to make a repre=
:sentation to you in his behalf, and to transmit
the enclosed address from him, with a translation
of it by Mr. Swartz. It was hoped that the
Influence of this person would have greatly
assisted our Southern Army, in the prosecution
of the late War, and Mr. Sullivan my Prede=
:cessor here entered into a very extensive Treaty
with him, which was approved and signed
by Lord Macarthey. It contains an Article
pledging the Company's support to him and
his family, in case of failure of the plan of Lord
Macarthey soon after my arrival here, autho=
:rized me to allow Tennalrow 20 Pagodas pr
Month, but his Brother and others of his re=
:lations having lately joined him from the
Mysore Country, this Stipend is no longer ade=
:quate to the Maintenance of his numerous
family, his wish however, is not for an Increase
of it, but for a provision which he thinks may
be granted him without any additional expence
to the Company — he suggested to me that there
are in the Company's Jaghire as also in the Na=
:bob's dominions, and in this Country, many Tracts
of land that have long been uncultivated and that

if

if one of them could be allotted to him he would Cultivate it with the assistance of his Dependants and a few Pariar Slaves, without taking any of the Inhabitants of the Country for that purpose— I promised at his urgent request to submit the matter Sir to your consideration, but how far it might be possible or liable to objection, I told him, I would by no means presume to answer.

The Baron de Pennark Commandant of Carical arrived here three days ago, and left me last night for Trichinopoly bedelivering to me a paper containing 7 Articles or propositions relative to the distribution of the water, for the Culture of the Carical Magans and the Tanjour Villages on that side, and brought with him a Native, who is employed in the management of those Magans to explain more fully the particulars, and demonstrate their utility for both parties.— Mr. Swartz was so good as to hear his Explanation, and every thing he had to urge respecting the several Articles, some of which appeared reasonable, and others calculated exclusively for the benefit of the french Lands after a Conversation with Mr Swartz on the subject I told the Baron de

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de Tennark that previous to any application to the Rajah for his assent, to the propositions, it might be proper that persons should be appointed on behalf of each party and likewise on the part of the Company, to meet at the several places and examine and ascertain the facts and circumstances set forth, and that in such of the propositions, as should then appear to the satisfaction of the Rajah's people, to be calculated, for the mutual benefit of the Carrical and Tanjore lands, I had not the least doubt that you Sir would give directions to the Resident here to endeavor to obtain his Excellency's acquiescence — that on the other hand it could not be expected that the Rajah would relinquish the advantage which his Country possessed from nature, by suffering an equal portion of the water to flow to the Karical lands, in cases where the whole of it might not be more than sufficient for the Cultivation of his own contiguous Villages — that that Country which from its situation, possessed the Command and direction of the waters must always be first supplied, and its Neighbours could expect no more than that it should not capriciously or malignantly detain more than was necessary for its own Cultivation, or shut up the waters,

when

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when by permitting it to flow both Countries would be equally benefitted — The Baron seemed perfectly satisfied with this answer, and I promised to lay before you what had passed between us.

I was to have waited on the Rajah as this day, but Shevarow sent me word yesterday that his Excellency was so indisposed with a Cough as to be scarcely able to speak. — I have myself caught a violent Cold and sore Throat which I am endeavoring to get rid of before my departure for the Presidency, where I hope to have the honor of paying you my respects in the course of next week at furthest agreeably to your kind permission.

I have the Honor to be, with the

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Sincerest respect &c. &c.

Signed J Huddleston

To Sir Archibald Campbell
President and Governor
Tirumale Rayer, agent of the Rani
at Seringapatam presents his Salam.

Our Masters desirous of regaining their power, and Government, or our Queen being called Rani

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esteeming the English nation as a faithful one, entered into an agreement with the English Company through the mediation of Johnr Sulivan Esqr — Lord Macartney in the name of the English Company gave a written Cowl, or promise to our Rani — our Rani fully confiding in the English faithfulness made proper preparations, and used every means for to secure the Garison, but when the English made peace with Tippoo Sultaun, and he became acquainted with the connection the Rani had contracted with the English, he confined 700 families being his, and our Relations, and slew 300 of them, confined the Rani more closely, and treated her cruelly — even to this day this cruelty continues — as to Tippoo Sultauns cruelties to others it would be needless to mention them —

It is not our intention to complain by any means — It was not our lot to succeed in the attempt to recover our former power — who knows but we may be made happy by the care of the Honorable Company — many of our Relations who escaped the furious persecution of Tippoo Sultaun fled hither knowing that I and some of my relations lived under the protection of the English, but as I spent

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spent all my little fortune to facilitate the above-
mentioned project I have it not in my power to
maintain those unhappy Exiles.

It is one of the Articles contained in the
Cowle given me by Lord Macartney, that in case the
abovementioned Project should not succeed, the
Honorable Company should maintain us, and
some families that might suffer by the Project,
but as I saw that Lord Macartney at the end of
the War was unable for want of money to assist us
in our distress I thought it improper to increase
his burden, and uneasiness by any application in
favor of my relations; moreover the number of those
unhappy families being greater than before I
find myself so burthened that I hope you, Ho-
norable Sir, will easily pardon this my appli-
cation, and supplication for the benefit of those
distressed friends, in which hope I am confirmed
by the consideration of your humane, and just
disposition — It will tend to your praise if you
can solace the distressed by some act of Charity
in the Honorable Company's Name, Trusting
in God for our relief, and looking upon you, Honble
Sir, as an Instrument of Providence I commit myself
to your kind care & determination

Tanjore
8 January 1787

a true Copy / Signed / J. Hudleston
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From Streerungapatam Tremul Row to the Honorable Major General Sir Archibald Campbell K. B. Governor of Fort St George

Dated 11th January 1787

My Master the Queen or Raunee of Mysore has on the fidelity of the Honorable Company granted them a Cowle through the Channel of Mr. John Sulivan, and the Honorable Company having also granted a Cowle to her solemnly offering their protection to her; she on the confidence of it, collected great number of Troops and intended to beat the Enemy and take possession of the Fort of Seerungapatam, in the mean time — The English have concluded a Peace with Tippoo and recalled their army, Tippoo hearing my Master the Queen's proceedings, secured all her friends, relations and adherents, fettered several of them and killed the others and placed likewise guards against the Queens house, with which your Honor can be no ways stranger; I am sensible of the several others have by the protection of the English became happy in their different possessions of their own Country, but the family of Mysore, whose Misfortune is thus completed, which they attribute to no other cause than their own ~~own~~ ill luck, I now beg to represent to your Honor

that

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that those who have escaped from the Injurys of Tippoo came to me with the hopes of the performance of the Honorable Company's Cowle, in which Lord Macartney and Mr Sullivan have promised to protect and support them as long as the English Colour remain in these parts of the Country — I am not afforded to maintain them at present — I have run into debt and been very expensive on the above occasion on the confidence of the protection of the English — The Creditors of mine are very importunate with me, which is difficult to be expressed. I hope the Honorable Company will be pleased to maintain them; In Lord Macartneys administration the Company felt some distress for Money and I had not so great number of People as I have at present to be maintained — I now take the Liberty to submit my distress to your Liberality that your Honor may be so hospitable as to contrive some means for their maintenance and relief of the Queen and with the Kingdom of Mysore may be joined with the Company's Possession — I have represented every thing to Mr Huddleston verbally whom I beg to be refer your Honor

What can I say more?

The

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Presidents – Observation as to Tremaul Row

The President observes, that in the foregoing address, Tremaul Row sets forth the sufferings of his Mistress Rany and her Followers in affecting Terms, which appear to claim every Indulgence that this Government can with Propriety administer to their Relief.

The Favor they ask as stated by Mr. Hudleston, is Permission to occupy some of the Waste Lands in the Company's Jaghire, to which the President imagines there can be no Objection, provided a reasonable Rent is secured to the Company, but as some Compensation to these People, and as an Encouragement to bring their Families to settle in the Country, the President thinks it would be good Policy to grant the Lands for two or three Years rent free – at the Expiration of either of these Periods, it is probable they will be in a situation to pay the same Rent as is given by the other Inhabitants of the different Districts where they may settle.

Recommends that Tremal Row's Requests be complied with

The Board approve the Reasoning of the President upon the Requisition of Tremaul Row, but agree to defer making a Decision on it 'till their next Meeting as they are desirous of a Reconsideration of the Subject.

The Boards Opinion thereon

The President states to the Board that some days since two Mussulmen apprehended in

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The President lays before the Board two Letters addressed by him, one to the Governor of Pondicherry and the other to the Chief of Yanaon, on the Subject of Enticing the Inhabitants from the Company's Possessions

in the Company's Sagbine, who, upon being questioned as to their Errand, declared themselves employed by Monsieur Martin Resident at Yanaon, for the Purpose of seducing from the Company's Possessions and conducting to Pondicherry as many Tank Diggers as they could collect; that upon this Information he sent back the two Men to Monsieur Martin in Irons, accompanied by the following Letter, which he lays before the Board, together with a Letter of Complaint which he has since written to the Governor of Pondicherry.

To Monsieur Martin

at Yanaon

Sir,

The Letter to the Chief at Yanaon

It is with great Concern I find that the two Men who accompany this Letter, have been taken up in the East India Company's Sagbine, who say that they had your Orders to entice and collect from the Honorable Company's Possessions, as well as from the Dominions of His Highness the Nabob of Arcot, as many Tank Diggers as possible, and to conduct them to Pondicherry without loss of time.

Having the highest respect for your Character, I cannot allow myself to suppose but that these

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there others have made use of your Name to screen their own infamous Conduct, because there is not a Transaction so unjustifiable as that of daring to carry away any part of the Inhabitants of a Country from it, without the express concurrence and consent of it's Rulers — Viewing matters in this Light, and the bad Consequences which must ensue, were such Vagabonds to pass with impunity, I have sent them to you in Irons, and trust that you will bring them to that Condign punishment which their unwarrantable Conduct so justly merits, and which I should most certainly have inflicted upon them, did not my regard for your nation, and the hope of their meeting with exemplary punishment from you, prevent it.

I have the honor to be with great

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Respect &c. &c. | Signd | Arch: Campbell

To His Excellency M. De Cossigny

Governor of Pondichery &c. &c.

The Letter to the Governor of Pondichery

Sir

Considering the friendly intercourse which has happily subsisted between your Government and this, since my arrival at Fort St George, it gives me great concern to find, that I should be

be compelled to the necessity of complaining to your Excellency of any Servant of the French nation, more especially of Mr. Martin the Resident at Yanaon in the Northern Circars, who from the testimony of two men lately taken up at one of our out posts, appear to have been employed by that Gentleman to entice and carry off from the Lands of the English East India Company, and from those of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, a number of Inhabitants Tank Diggers, with orders to convey them to Pondicherry.

This Conduct in Mr. Martin is so contrary to that harmony which I trust will long continue to subsist between the French and English Nations, that I am convinced it will meet with your displeasure; for it is certain that nothing can be more unfriendly and unjust than an attempt to inveigle and carry off in a clandestine Manner, the Subjects of any State, without the express Concurrence and consent of the Government to which they belong.

Not trusting to the declaration of these two Men, who have been detected in this fraudulent attempt to alienate the affections of our Inhabitants, and wishing at the same time to

impress

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impress Mr. Martin with the regard and attention of this Government to your Nation, & have returned these Men as Prisoners to Yanam, their proper place of Residence, and trust that he will inflict such punishment upon them, as their Conduct and Crimes deserve.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect &c &c

/Signed/ Arch: Campbell

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the foregoing Letters approved

The Board entirely approve the Steps taken by the President in this Transaction, and trust that the Language he has made use of, so well adapted to the occasion, will prevent the Commission of a Similar one in future.

Read the following Reports from the Committee of Stores.

To The Honble Major Genl. Sir Arch: Campbell K.B.
President and Governor &c Council
Fort St George

From the Committee of Stores, reporting upon the Letters sent them from the Committee of Stores at Vellore &c Recommending that Stores for Out Garrisons be sent from the Presidency

Honorable Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Chamiers Letters dated 18 and 21st Ultimo the former containing a Letter and Enclosures from the Committee of Stores at

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at Vellore, the latter approving of the Recommen=
:dations contained in our Letter to your Honorable
Board on the 15th of the same Month.

In our former proceedings we recommen=
:ded that no Stores should be purchased at the Out
Garrisons without the express permission of Govern=
:ment, of which your Honorable Board were
pleased to approve, the proposal made by the Com=
:mittee of Stores at Vellore, would be a deviation
from the rule, we therefore beg leave to observe,
that if the Storekeepers at Out Garrisons, are allowed
to purchase the Cartridge Paper, or any other small
Articles as specified in the Letter from Vellore,
the Company will sustain a Loss by paying
the Buzar Price, which is always from thirty
to fifty Per Cent dearer than for the same things
sent up from the Presidency, independent of its'
being an Inducement for the Storekeepers at Out
Garrisons to send down incomplete Indents, when
they will derive a Profit from supplying the
deficiencies.

Complaints have been made of the Cartridge Paper lately sent from the Presidency to Walajanbad. Great Care must be taken in future

approved

We beg leave to observe that as in the
out Garrisons in General, there are but few Skillful
artificers, the arms which might be repaired were
they sent to the Presidency, are often thrown aside
as useless, we Therefore beg leave to recommend that in

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in future all Arms reported unserviceable shall be sent down to the Presidency by the return of Bullocks or Carts that may carry up Stores, where there being no want of Skillful Artificers they may again be put into through repair.

A Considerable Number of Copper Hoops have during the last Six years been sent from the Presidency, and the present Account remains of this Article, by no means corresponds with the Issues as they are very expensive to the Company We likewise humbly recommend that the Store-keepers at Out Garrisons shall be ordered to keep a seperate Column in their returns for Copper Hoops, and when any Stores are sent up, the Copper Hoops not immediately in Use or likely to be wanted, shall be sent back to the Presidency by the return Carriage.

approved

The Paragraph of the Vellore Letter respecting the wheels of the Gun Carriages is not sufficiently explicit for us to understood what is meant by the Tellies having no binding on the out side, they should have specified whether they were Garrison, or Field Carriages, or whether they mean the Tire or the Dowledges.

The Commissary of Stores at the Presidency can write to Vellore upon the Subject and procure the Information they wish for

We have the honor to enclose you

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approved

you the Copy of a List of Stores received from the Military Storekeeper last Month, musters of which were produced, examined & approved.

approved

We received from the Contractors Yards Ten Six Pounders field Carriages, with Limbers which we carefully examined, and finding them well finished and made of the best Materials we ordered them to be received on the Company's Books.

We have the Honor to be &c &c

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/Signed/ J Capper
Wm Petrie
" J Moorhouse

To The Honble Major Genl Sir Arch Campbell KB
President and Governor &c Council of
Fort St George

From the Committee of Stores reporting upon the Indents for Stores from Vizagapatam & Masulipatam & recommending that Gun Carriages be in future made up only at the Presidency.

Honorable Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to inform you we examined at our last meeting the General Estimate of Stores from Vizagapatam in which finding some alterations necessary we have written a letter to the Storekeeper at that Garrison informing him thereof and requiring at the same time a further explanation

approved

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explanation of some Particular Articles; we observe in this General Estimate of Stores a return of 1500, 20 lbs Shot, which We beg leave to recommend may be sent to Masulipatam, where there are Guns of that Caliber.

In Order to prevent Carriages being made for Guns that are unserviceable, we beg leave to suggest the propriety of Issuing an Order that all Guns whatever for which new Carriages are required at the Out Garrisons, be first proved in presence of the Committee of Stores, or the Officer commanding the Artillery on the Spot.—we have likewise examined the Indent for Stores wanted for the Garrison of Masulipatam by which we find that it is recommended to receive into Store, the Six 6 lbs Gun Carriages now in the Arsenal at that place We know of no Order having been Issued for making them, nor can we at this distance positively Judge of the Goodness of the materials or workmenship of those particular carriages but during the late war the Gun Carriages made up at the Presidency were found on experience to be infinitely more durable than any of those made at the Out Garrisons where the workmen are unskillful and the Materials generally such as can be bought at the cheapest rate, besides those now making here, being of a new Construction

we

a General Order will be published in Consequence

The Chief and Council will be directed to make up no Gun Carriages in future; and an Order will be Issued to this Effect for the Out Garrisons in General

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approved

we humbly submit to you the propriety of those Carriages being received into Store — In regard to Smaller Stores, your Honorable Board has already been pleased to determine that they should be made up at the Presidency and from which we think there should be no deviation particularly as the Models of Pouches, Leather Buckets and many other Articles, are no longer of the same form or Materials as those which were formerly used

We have the Honor to be &c &c

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[Signed] J. Capper
Wm Petrie
Patrick Ross
Wm Sydenham
J Moorhouse

Read the following Report from the Hospital Board

Hospital Board
January 1787

Read a Letter from Mr Gillespie Surgeon at Chingleput accompanied by a Certificate from the Physician General, representing the necessity of his returning to Europe on account of

From the Hospital Board recommending that Mr Gillespie be permitted to go Home and that he be granted the same indulgence of Officers returning to Europe — Mr Gifford appointed to superintend the apothecary's shop — Removals of Assistant Surgeons from one Station to another.

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of bad Health.

The Hospital Board having perused Mr Gillespie's letter with attention are forcibly impressed with a proper sense of his Situation and think it a duty incumbent upon them to lay the same before the Honorable President and Council —

When a Surgeon in the Service shall have executed his Duty with zeal, and shall have established a good Character from length of Service in the Field, the Hospital Board are induced to believe, he merits the same attention as Officers serving the same Honble Masters, for, agreeably to the Tenor of Mr Gillespies letter, he is alike exposed to danger, and he labours in the same Vineyard —

The President & members of this Board hope, that when the Honorable President and Council shall think proper to investigate the Claims

of

a Paragraph will be inserted in the next Genral Letter to the Court of Directors recommending to their favorable Consideration, the Observations of the Hospital Board,

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Board on the Subject: in the mean time Surgeons and Surgeons Assistants belonging to this Presidency when reduced to the necessity of going to Europe on account of their health, will have their passage discharged in the same manner as Officers of their respective ranks in the Army.

of Surgeons of Mr Gillespies description they will be found to merit the like attention paid to Officers who are compelled to visit their Native Climate in order to reestablish that health they lost in actual Service.

In compliance with the Orders of Government directing this Board to appoint an Assistant Surgeon to Superintend the Apothecary's Shop, and constantly sleep over the Medical Godown; The Hospital Board beg leave to recommend that Mr Gifford be ordered to relieve Mr Vaughan with the 1st Regiment of Cavalry, in order that Mr Vaughan, who is in every respect qualified for a Station of such trust, may repair to the Presidency without loss of time.

approved

Mr Fergusson Assistant Surgeon with the

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the 2d Regiment of Cavalry and Mr Campbell assistant with the 4th Regiment of Europeans having each requested a removal from their respective Corps, the Hospital Board recommend that Mr Campbell be removed from the 4th Regiment of Europeans to the 2d Regiment of Cavalry, and Mr Fergusson appointed to the 4th Regiment in his room.

approved

Bonnings Van Coster D'Raza, who has been acting as apothecary to the General Hospital here, having been through mistake left out in the List of Sub assistants transmitted to Government, the Hospital Board beg leave to recommend him to the Honorable President and Council in order that he may be included in that number.

approved

The Hospital Board wishing to ascertain the

expence

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expences of the Medical Department on this Coast have directed their Secretary to desire the apothecary to transmit them without delay a particular account of his disbursements from the 1st of May to the 31st of December

approved

The Secretary is also Ordered to desire the Purveyor to transmit to this Board an account of the number of Cotts, Cloathing &c. he has furnished, with the respective Sums for each from the 1st of May to the 31st December 1786.

approved,

(Signed) Andw Berry
Secretary Hospital Board

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following List of Officers deceased, with the Promotions necessary in Consequence

Memorandum Report of Deceased Officers, with the promotion required to compleat,

Deceased, — Captain Lieutenant Walter Thompson, &c
who

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List of deceased Officers, with the Promotions necessary in Consequence

who had received three years leave of absence to England, Supernumerary—

Deceased—Captain Lieutenant John Spencer of the 1st Battalion Supernumerary—

Deceased—Cornet William Lumsdaine, Cavalry Supernumerary—

Deceased Lieutenants, Robert Hall
James Mills } 2 Infantry
James Burnthead

Lieutenant Zachary Pearce of Infantry, applys to be Invalided by Lieutenant Colonel Fraser's Letter of the 25th Ultimo.—If Lieutenant Pearce is Invalided, the following promotion will be required to compleat the Infantry List of Lieutenants, Viz.t Ensigns Richard Wright, John Butler, & Henry Keay and David Blair, to be Lieutenants—and when Ensign Keay is promoted, as he is the adjutant of the 13th Battalion one Lieutenant more will be required, Viz.t Ensign James G. Graham to that Rank.—

Ensign Charles Sheridan, to be adjutant to the 25th Battalion of Native Infantry, vice Taylor, resigned.—

To be published

Agreed that it be published in General Orders

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The Sepoy agent to furnish Cloathing for the Gun Lascars and the Officers Commanding Battalions of Artillery to draw the Off Reckonings till further Orders

Some Differences having arisen between the Sepoy Agent and the Clerk to the Committee of Works, in respect to the Right of Cloathing the Gun Lascars, it is resolved, that the Cloathing be given to the former; and that the Officers commanding Battalions of Artillery be permitted to enjoy the Off Reckonings arising therefrom, till further Orders—

Resolved also, that the Officers of the Artillery at the Mount be licenced to draw the extra allowance for House Rent, as the Troops at that Station are considered as Part of the Garrison of Fort St. George.

Substance of a Letter from the Chief of Vizagapatam

The President reads to the Board a Letter addressed to him by Mr. Russell, Chief of Vizagapatam, representing the Capricious Conduct of Vizeram Rauze, in attempting to prevent Gizzy Putty Dio from visiting the Fort with the usual Ceremonies; and that he had given positive Orders to his Officers to Stop Gizzy Putty Dio should he sound the Dunca a kind of Kettle Drum on the Road—Mr. Russell adds, that on his remonstrating with Vizeram Rauze upon the absurdity of the action, the latter without adducing any Reasons for his extraordinary Behaviour, suddenly declared his Intention of visiting Madras and

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Seringham, upon which he was informed by Mr.
Russell, that he could not leave the District until
he had made Provision for the regular Payment of
his Kists, one of which was nearly due.

Arch: Campbell

Examined

Alex. Davidson

J. W. Caramajor

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Diary

Recived the undermentioned Letters entered in Mn. B. Nos 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65.

From the Military Paymaster General — From John Turing Esq.r informing the Board of his having raised a new head in the Books of his Employ entitled Bills Payable.

From Captain Flint — From Captain Flint stating the distress of the Sepoys at Tiagar for want of pay.

From Major Burrowes — From Major Burrowes requesting permission to proceed to Bombay, and promising to return by the Ships of the approaching season.

From the Garrison Storekeeper — From John Turing Esq.r desiring to be accommodated with Godowns, for the Rice expected from Bengal.

From Ditto — From Ditto informs the Board of his having disposed of 1469 Bags of Company's Rice at the rate of 61½ & 66½ Pagodas ₱ Garce.

From General Horne. — From General Horne transmitting an Indent for Military Stores required for the Garrison of Trichinopoly together with the proceedings of a Committee of Stores, with complaints of the tubes used in firing the Artillery being totally unserviceable altho' recently received from the Presidency.

From Colonel Capper — From Colonel Capper has examined Mr. Scotts accounts to the day of his resigning the Employ

23 Employ of Military Storekeeper, and finds the vouchers thereof sufficiently complete

From Bengal — acknowledging receipt of

From Bengal — Letters under date 24th and 30th November and of the 2d and 9th Ultimo.

From Vizagapatam — Consigning to the Presidency and the Snow, Sophy, Captain Edward Salter, 29 Marguies, being the remainder of those indented for, and 71 of the Private Tents as p Invoice and Bill of Lading.

Dispatched the following Letters as entered in M. B. Nos. 66. 67. 68. Cp. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75.

To the Military Paymaster General — To John Turing Esq.r with Copy of a Letter from Captain Flint and desiring him to grant a bond to Verdapah Naick for the amount of the bullocks mentioned therein.

Circular Letters to Storekeepers — Circular Letters to Storekeepers in respect to Copper Hoops.

To Masulipatam — To Masulipatam The Board approve their receiving into Store the 6 Six lb Gun Carriages now in the Arsenal at Masulipatam but desire that in future no field or Garrison Gun Carriages may be made up at their Settlement, without their previous concurrence. The Chief &c. at Vizagapatam have been directed, to send them 1500 — 20 lb. shot, as they are in possession of Guns of that Calibet.

To

To the Military Board

To the Military Board — to report upon the Claim preferred by Mr. John Mutford in favor of the estate of the late Lieutenant Dillon for arrears of pay and for disbursements in repairing the Tents of the Southern Army.

To the Committee for investigating the Nabob's Debts

To Messrs. Darrow, Webb, and Landon — to include Mr. Duffins Debt in their investigation of the Debts of his Highness the Nabob.

To Vizagapatam

To Vizagapatam — to send to Masulipatam by the first opportunity the 1500 20 ℔ shot, now at this Settlement.

To Major Burrowes

To Major Burrowes — with permission to proceed to Bombay, agreeably to his request.

To the Military Paymaster General

To the Military Paymaster General — The Board approve his having raised a head in his books, "of Bills Payable" for the reasons assigned by him

To the Accountant General

To Mr. George Maubray — informed of the same,

To Mr. John Mackenzie

To Mr. John Mackenzie — His Consignments of Rice being no longer necessary, the Board desire he will retain the sums he may have now in his possession, and transmit his account Current as soon as possible — and that on receipt of his reply the Board intend drawing upon him at 30 Days sight, for the sums he has realized beyond what he has laid out in exportation of Grain to the Coast.

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23d The President having in this Days Consultation in the Civil Department, proposed the appointment of Mr. Alexander Macleod to succeed Mr. John Hudleston in the Residency of Tanjore. His Minute and Observation of the Board are ordered to be entered hereunder.

Memorandum from the President

The President proposes Mr. Macleod to succeed Mr. Hudleston at Tanjore

Mr. Hudleston has requested and obtained leave to come to the Presidency, with a Determination as appears from Documents in my possession to resign his Post at Tanjore, and to proceed to Europe immediately.

It appears that the Rajah of Tanjore is in such a very critical State of health, that it is highly requisite to have a Gentleman actually on the Spot, as Successor to Mr. Hudleston, who it is presumed has already quitted Tanjore.

It likewise is necessary on another Account. We may have some important Arrangements to make in that quarter, possibly very soon.

I beg leave Therefore to acquaint the Board, that as I place a full Confidence in Mr. Alex. Macleod, I propose that he be appointed to succeed Mr. Hudleston as Resident at Tanjore; and that he be ordered to hold himself in readiness to proceed thither at the Shortest Notice.

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Agreed unanimously that Mr. Macleod be appointed to succeed Mr. Hudleston as Resident at Tanjore and for the reasons mentioned in the above Minute of the President that he be directed to hold himself in readiness to proceed thither at the shortest notice.

Mr. Macleod unanimously appointed

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In Consequence of the foregoing Resolution, a letter was written to Mr. Macleod announcing his appointment Vide Mr. B. No. 76.

From Mr. Macleod

The President sends in Circulation the following Minute, which being approved, Letters were written to Mr. Macleod, directing him to proceed immediately to Tanjore, and to Mr. Hudleston advising of the same, Vide B. Nos. 77. 78.

To Mr. Macleod
To Mr. Hudleston

Minute of the President for Circulation

As Mr. Hudleston must have quitted Tanjore before this Time, unless detained, on account of the Rajah's critical State of Health, I beg leave to propose that Mr. Macleod, who stands appointed to succeed Mr. Hudleston do relieve him, that he may be at liberty to proceed to the Presidency immediately, agreeably to his Request, and that Mr. Macleod, be accordingly directed to

The President proposes that Mr. Macleod be directed to proceed immediately to Tanjore

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27th to repair to Tanjore with all Expedition to take charge of the Residency.

/Signed/ A: Campbell

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approved

/Signed/ Alexander Davidson
Ja: Wt/ Casamajor

To Masulipatam

Sent Letter to Masulipatam as entend in Mr B. No 19 Informing them of one Serjeant one Corporal and 6 Privates of the 2d Battalion of European Infantry being embarked on the St anne Snow Captain Collins who are to be sent to their respective Corps at Ellore - and for whom they are to pay Captain Collins at the rate of 6 fanams ℔ Diem for each man in full of every charge.

29th Received the following Letter & Enclosures from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam.

From Vizagapatam stating the Conduct of Nizam Ally, and the steps taken in Consequence

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Within these few days past an Event has taken place as extraordinary as it was unforseen and sudden — and which, if not evidently the Effects

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29½ of a Delirium produced by the use of Opiums by the Example of Disrespect and Violation of every rule of Decorum and Duty might otherwise be considered to be of serious consequence.—

Rajah Vizeram Iauze since his Restoration to power has been gradually relapsing into the Indulgence of an unhappy Habit which his Brother before with difficulty had restrained him from and latterly he has sett so little bounds to this Destructive Vice that his health and Looks are not only impaired, but he exposes himself daily to the Pity and ridicule of the people about him who have hitherto industriously concealed his failing from the Public nor would the Mask have been thrown off now had his Dewan Vencata Iauze remained in Office—but impatient of the restraint he found himself under from the presence of this respectable Character, he about the latter end of last month dismissed him from his Service with some others of his Principal people since which being under no Controul he now exhibits an unhappy proof of the fatal Effects of Intemperance.—

We can no otherwise account for his taking at the Sound of Raja Guzzapatty Deo's Donka

29th Donka, or Naubit as it passed quarters in the way to town which he considered as an Insult to his Dignity and immediately sent word to the Chief of it, at the same time that he sent orders to Guzzeputty not to presume to beat his Donka within his hearing. As the Donka had within some days before passed and repassed the same Road six times since Guzzeputty's arrival without giving the least offence and it is well known that Guzzeputty the different times he has been at Vizeanagrum constantly appeared with it; it was supposed there must be some mistake; the Chief's Dubash was therefore sent in the afternoon to Vizeanagrum to ask if that was not the case and if so to know his objection to it now.

This Message was by no means satisfactory he attributed his forbearance hitherto to his Dewan and Servants, but he was resolved not to suffer it in future. Soon after the Dubash had returned, word was brought that he had posted Guards upon the road to stop Guzzaputty's Donka, on his return to his house at Walter, the Chief therefore to prevent Mischief sent his Compliments to Guzzaputty desiring him to sleep in town that night on pretence of wishing to see him early in the Morning, least Brede

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29th and Honour, did he know the real reason, it might prompt him to run all Risks — and the Dubash was immediately sent back to Vizeramrauze to acquaint him that there must certainly be some misapprehension as Guzzapatty could have no intention of offending him and to recommend as the Chiefs best advice that he should remain quiet and withdraw his Guards till the Chief could have the pleasure of seeing him next morning when they might together talk over the Matter — On receiving this Message he became more enraged and declared an intention of setting out immediately for Madras and Tyruingham he accordingly moved his Tents a mile distance next morning and went himself in the afternoon leaving behind him 120 Sepoys some Match lock and Pikemen with four or five horsemen to whom he publickly gave orders in the hearing of all his people that they should take away by force Guzzapatty's Danka in case he again passed that way — Knowing the flighty Temper of the Man we thought it best to leave him to himself in the hope that a little cool reflection might make him sensible of the absurdity and rashness of his

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Conduct; however the day following he moved about four miles further when it was Judged proper to send him word that, had he remained on his former Ground it was our Intention to have sent him a Letter / which we had prepared / by a Member of the board; but as he was now so far we should send the Letter only unless he wished that a Gentleman should accompany it.

His return to this piece of Civility was nothing but threats in the most frantic Strain against his Brother, Vencata Lauze, the late Dewan and some others of the principal people whom he had lately dismissed, he also expressed himself with great Indignation against every one in the Settlement altho' but three days before on a visit to the Chief he had been solicitous for permission to bring his Family to Vizagapatam for a short time.

Finding that he desired not to receive any Gentleman the Letter / of which a Copy is inclosed / was immediately dispatched by Hurcarrahs and delivered on the 16th but we have not yet received any answer nor do we now expect one— The party left behind for seizing Puzzeputtys Danka was recalled the 16th.

He has now been three two days at

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27 at Ancapilly and by the accounts received last night from authentic authority we understand he means to remain there until he is Joined by all his Sepoys from the Hill Stations and the Beshastoolog, also three field pieces from Vezia= nagrum, and in the mean while has sent orders to the Inhabitants round Sennachellum in our neighbourhood to remove to the distance of twelve Cos — all these Circumstances added to his ordering his Family to leave Vizianagrum and go to the Rajamundry District / for every thing is done openly / are such Indications of a disordered mind or hostile Intentions and as such unexampled Military Preparations without authority, if suffered to go too far may endanger the Companys Interests and the Tranquility of the District we considered it our indispensable Duty to depart in some degree from the line of forbearance we had prescribed ourselves on it is too late and have therefore de= termined to intercept the Guns as the most likely means of preventing further Mischief which we flatter ourselves will appear to your Honor &c not only a prudent but a necessary Step which in a less Delicate situation would

have

29th have been unjustifiable without waiting for your Orders.

Enclosed we have the honor to send Copies of our letters to Colonel Fraser and Captain Grant upon the Occasion and as there is no doubt of the Success in case the either one or the other of the Detachments should be in time we hope it will impress the Raja with a sense of the Folly of his Conduct.

We much doubt whether the Raja really means to leave the District. Sometimes he declares publickly, that he never meant to go to Madras that it was merely a pretence for going to his God at Syringham at other times he as publickly gives out that he is going to the Nizam who is his only Master — and now he talks of remaining till he can kill his Brother Puzzeputty Deo, Venkata Lauze and Padma Lauze but what ever may be his Intention, it is probable the Hill people may be troublesome when they find the Sepoys and Sibbendies Corps are withdrawn from their Neighbourhood, and while the Rajah continues with a collected force it will not be in our power to protect, with our present numbers the Country from their Incursions — Nor is this the only evil to be apprehended — He is now draining his treasury of the Money that was preparing for the ensuing

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27th ensuing List and he is calling upon the Renters for large sums. Least it might furnish him with a pretence for not paying his List we Judged any interference on our part improper, without your Honors &c. orders, until he quits the District but then it may be well to circulate orders to the Renters to with-hold the payment of their Lists in the absence of the Raja until your Honors &c. shall determine to whom they are to be accountable for unless some Measure of this sort is taken, the remaining List for the year due from the Renters will be absorbed by this unhappy man and lost to the Country and the Company.

In the Month of april new Cowles are usually given for the ensuing year to the Renters, and We submit to your Honor &c. whether it may not be proper to desire the present ones in the management of their respective Districts that Cultivation may go on and the Revenue be secured. It is only to be feared that the Renters already under the greatest apprehensions of the Rajahs present ungovernable Temper, without a Man of Consequence or Character about him may be unwilling to

continue

29th continue their charge but this may possibly be gotover by assurances of Protection from your Honor &c. We are very respectfully &c. &c.

Vizagapatam
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(Signed) Claud Russell
Chas. Maxtone
Jo: Baker

To Colonel Fraser

Sir

Rajah Vizeram Rauze having left this place abruptly a few days since on account of a supposed Insult from the Rajah of Kemmedy and as his extraordinary Conduct since then assembling all his Troops, sending for Guns from Vizianagrum and Ordering the Villagers in our Neighbourhood to remove to 12 Coss distance, Makes it necessary to take every precaution to prevent any hostile purpose We must desire that you will be pleased to detach from your Cantonment such a Force as you shall Judge necessary for the purpose of interupting 3 Guns which We are informed are Ordered to Join the Rajah under an Escort of a Company of Sepoys of 100 Men from Vizeanagrum; as We think it highly necessary to prevent their Junction and We must request you will instruct the Officer

Commanding

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29th Commanding the Detachment to make a formal demand of those Guns from the Officer of the Escort as the Rajah has no authority to make Military preparations without the leave of Government and if they are refused to be delivered up, He should then possess himself of them by Force and according to circumstances either bring them and the Ammunition away with him or spike them up and destroy their Carriages &c.a—but dismiss the Escort,

Least the Guns should be too far advanced for your Detachment to overtake them We have directed Captain Grant to March to meet them with the Force under his Command so that We have no doubt that the Service will be effected and leave it to you to give such directions as you may Judge proper for Captain Grant for his Guidance after the two Detachments Join—tho' We are inclined to think for the sake of appearances they should March together to Cossim Cottah to await further Orders, it being necessary while the Raja continues in his present Frenzy, that nothing be left to chance or his Discretion.

By last Nights advices the Rajah

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29th Rajah means to remain at Arcapelle while his people are collecting and as its Vicinity to Cossim Cottah points out the necessity of making Captain Grant as respectable as We can, We think it advisable that the two field pieces at Chicacole should be Ordered to follow the Detachment with a proper Escort as expeditiously as possible, & that Captain Grant should be ordered to halt until he is Joined by them, before he returns.

We recommend that the Destination of the Detachment should be kept as private as possible and not made known to the Officer Commanding it before it has Marched — We beg leave also to recommend that it should avoid passing near Vizianagrum and to keep the Vizagapatam road until they come to Conaras — Hurcarras shall be placed to carry the Officer Intelligence of the Movement of the Guns.

We enclose for your information Copy of the Letter We have written to Captain Grant on the occasion.

By the last accounts the Rajah had with him eight Companies of Sepoys of 100 Men each and expected more, besides the Deshastoolos who may amount to about 7000. Even if his intentions are hostile We do not apprehend

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29th apprehend this irregular Force unassisted with Guns need create Alarm, however if you should be of Opinion that our whole Force should be Assembled We leave it to you to issue the ne=cessary Orders for that purpose.

We are with Esteem &c &c

Vizagapatam
20th January 1787

/Signed/ Claud Russell
&c Council

a true Copy
/Signed/ F. H. Brakell
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To Captain Grant

Sir

Enclosed We send you Copy of a Letter We have found necessary to address the Com=manding Officer of the District by which you will observe that the Rajahs extraordinary conduct renders it necessary to be upon our Guard and to prevent the Junction of 3 Guns he has ordered from Vizenagrum.

Least the Detachment from Chica=cole should be too late to overtake them you will be pleased to March to meet them with the Force under your Command and act conformably to the Instructions sent to Colonel

Fraser

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29th Fraser taking particular care to effect the intended
Service with as little injury to the Escort as the nature
of the Service will possibly admit.

We are &c &c
/Signed/ Claud Russell
&c Council

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a true Copy
/Signed/ F. H. Brake Secy

To Vizeram Rauze 15th January 1787

It is with no less concern than Surprise
that I received your Message the day before Yes-
terday complaining of the Zemindar of Kemedy's
beating a Danka but how much more I was
astonished is not to be described when I received
another Message the same evening that you had
taken a Resolution of setting out immediately for
Madras and Springham — I could not but
conceive that there was some mistake of the Mes-
senger, untill I found that you had moved
about a miles distance, for you must be sensible
that without the Permission of the Honorable the
President and Council the Zemindars and every
other person in Charge of Offices of high trust
cannot leave the District — will it not therefore
be more prudent, more wise and consequently

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less agreeable to the wishes of your Enemies if you were before it is too late to make a regular application for leave to go to Madras — Remember this is the advice of the friend whom you desired to take you by the hand, to lead you into the right road when you go wrong —

But if you are serious in your Intention I must desire you will acquaint me in whose hands you mean to confide the management of the Zemindary and Havelly in your Absence that we may know who is to be responsible for the Kists to the Company, one of which you will remember becomes due in the course of next month —

I must likewise remind you, that I have not received your answer to the Governor's Letter in which I delivered to you some weeks since,

It perhaps does not occur to you that without your answer upon the Subject of it, the Settlement for the year remains open and Government may see it necessary to recall their Resolution — Such delays will appear so very disrespectful to the Governor and Company's authority that you will neither consult your Interest nor your Duty if you defer this business

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any longer. — When I was favored with a visit from you six days past you desired me, on reminding you of the Governor's letter to keep the order for your taking possession of the Mawelly till you delivered me the answer for the Governor, when you should again visit me to receive it and soon after set out in person for Arcaco, to appoint proper persons for the management but nothing is yet done. —

Are such important matters to be neglected and your affairs suffered to run into confusion for a supposed Insult from Puzzipully Doo^r Let me recommend to you to reflect on this and arrange and settle all these matters before you undertake so long a Journey for notwithstanding the unbecoming manner in which you have thought proper to take so rash a Step, we have no desire to exert our authority upon the occasion tho' we must not forget it is our Duty to warn you that such Conduct will not Impress the Governor and Council nor the Company with a favorable opinion of your Management without the assistance of a Dewan. —

I shall make no remark on the indecency of the order you publickly gave to Hussein beg Commandant whom you have left behind

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behind with 120 Sepoys some Match locks and Pikemen and some few horsemen expressly for taking away by force Guzzipultty's Dunk from hire whenever he should pass that way which you are sensible must be attended with Blood shed but it is necessary I should desire you will immediately recall that party as it cannot be suffered to remain in the Company's bounds with a hostile intention towards any one but more especially to one of their own Dependants.

a true Copy

/Signed/ F. H. Brake Sec.

Advice from the Rajas Camp at Ancapilly

Dated Friday 19th January 1787

Yesterday we have decamped from hence but the Rajah received information of his not thus coming & stopt from his Journey Vasantia Rammudoo one of his principal Slaves has been flogged and he and his Brothers run away he /the Rajah/ has been very angry at it and sent People Round to Conjeevaram to look for and find them out but they have not made

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29 made their appearance — all the Slave Servants were examined and part of them were dismissed part of them were ordered to receive less pay then they now receive — The Rajah is in very hot Disposition, Hussein Mahomeds Company of Sepoys were come here / this was with Setteram Vauze / orders were written to fifteen Villages round Simachellum that all the people thereof should leave their Respective Villages and to go away to the Distance of twelve Cos's from them and not to remain near Simmachellum and that no provision &c should be carried thro, and also orders were written to the adjacent villages that no Standing to be assembled thro — Orders were sent to Madaun Cauns Company to repair to him With three field Pieces and balls and powder — after the Rajah's arrival here he told the Brahmins that after his return from his Journey he would settle their Business that he is now going to his Masters Nizam ally Caun and it was Nizam ally Caun that has given him the Zemindary and that he was his Gulam or Slave and was speaking such words — He swore that he would not return to the Country before he destroyed Setteram Vauze, Guzzipatty Venkaty Vauze and his

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29th four Sons and Padma Lauze, this he said in a
low of voice — before He has not been so much
against Vencaty Lauze but yesterday he has unco-
vered that Mask and said moreover that from
former times that he has lifted him up and did
him all the honour and now that he has begun to
act against him and such words — The Mir-
:carrah that is gone to Vencata Lauze for the praying
Beds told the Rajah that Vaskarah was then
upon hearing this he is very much irritated
"all those people says the Rajah Join together
in intrigues very well" I shall encamp here
8 days and that I will settle all affairs here and
ascertain the Ballances and pay off the Subendis
and then I will sett off — Narsinga Low carried to
the Rajah — Vizag of paul Rauze's letter to the Rajah
he perused it and ordered him to take care of it He
also said, that if Letters come from the Company's
people it would be seen and say that he would give
answer to them and that no answer would be given to
them but put them off from time to time.

He is very angry at Cota Narsinga Low's not
coming to him — He favored Chinna Puntolen
a little and told him, that he is good man and
and that he has his favor he is very much affraid

A true Copy / Signd / F. H. Brakell Secy

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29th The President in Circulation proposes the following Draft, in answer to the above Letter, which is ordered to be copied fair and dispatched.—

To Claud Rusell Esq.

Vizagapatam

To the Chief of Vizagapatam; approving his Conduct in respect to Vizeram Rauze.—

Dear Sir,

I am favoured with your letter of the 20th January, and think the Steps you have taken by writing to Colonel Fraser and Captain Grant to intercept the three Guns ordered by Vizeram Rauze from Vizeanagrum, perfectly proper.—

The Conduct of this Zemindar seems altogether unaccountable, and I am satisfied that every necessary Measure will be taken by you to Secure the Interests of the Honorable Company.—

I am with great Regard &c &c

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/Signed/ Arch. Campbell

Received the following Letter

The Honble Major Genl Sir Archibald Campbell KB.

From the Chief of Vizagapatam with a further account of the Conduct of Vizeram Rauze

Dear Sir

Captain Grant who is within four Miles of the Rajah writes us that 2 Company of Sepoys and 500 Peons had joined the Rajah yesterday—I have yet no accounts of the Guns having left Vizianagrum

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Vizianagrum, but Captain Grant marches this afternoon and will be at Soubaraw to night which being on the direct Road, it will be impossible for the Guns to escape his vigilance.

The Raja has to day sent his Cutwal Buchana, with a Party to shut up the Pagoda at Sivachellum and the Buzar there which is immediately levelled at his Brothers who resides there with his Family, tho' we may probably feel the Effects of it in Vizagapatam, as our Provisions come in from that part of the Country.

Things cannot remain thus long without the affairs of the District running into Confusion, and the Revenue being lost or absorbed active measures only can bring him to his Senses, but even then it is a question whether he can be ever trusted and whether after such Behaviour he can be trusted without hanging our Encouragement to other Zemindars to follow his Example — Whatever be your Determination, I humbly apprehend an additional Force is necessary to give it Effect, for altho' I have no Opinion of his Firmness nor of his Troops, I do not forget that our own are chiefly people of the District who have never seen Service and may be Startled

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29th startled at Numbers — besides you may probably think this a good Opportunity for disbanding his Sepoys agreeably to the Orders from home, which it may not be prudent to attempt without a respectable Force at hand to command Success. —

Vizagapatam I have the Honor to remain with
21st January 1787 great Regard &c. &c.

/Signd/ Aland Ruffell

To The Honble Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council at Fort St George.

Honorable Sir,

From Bengal advising of their Intention of sending down on the Barrington, the Ordnance required by the Company's Commands to be sent to Fort St George.

We have been honored by the Receipt of Your Letter dated 15th November enclosing a Return of Brass Field Artillery at the three Presidencies together with Extracts from the Company's General Letter dated the 24th February last relative thereto. —

We have given Orders for transmitting to you by the Indiamen proceeding to Fort St George the Ordinance required by the Company's Commands being Seven Twelve Pounders and thirty Six Six Pounders. We shall be glad to receive the Three Pounders which you are to send to Bengal, whenever you can conveniently spare them. We have the Honor to be &c. &c.

/Signd/ Cornwallis
John Macpherson
John Stables
Chas. Stuart.

Fort William
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To The Honble Major Genl Sir Arch.d Campbell Kt.

President and Governor &c. Council of

Fort St George

From the Committee of Works stating the Balance due to Mr. Edward Garrow.—

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to lay before you Mr. Edward Garrow's Bills for work executed by him to the 19th Instant amounting to Pagodas 62.759.22.57½

The Work done by him and the Bills now submitted to your Honor &c. having been examined and Certified by the proper Officers, We have to request your Orders for passing the Amount to his Credit on our Books.

We have the Honor to be &c.

Fort St George
1st January 1787

(Signed) Alex.r Davidson
J. Capper
Patrick Ross

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore

Received a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore, dated the 26 Instant (a) entered in Country Correspondence No (1) stating that he has adopted a Successor to the Rajahship, and named him Surfogee Rajah, and expressing his Hope that the favor and Protection he has received from the Company

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29th Company will be continued to his adopted Son.

The President sends in Circulation the following Letters received by him from Mr Hudleston

The Honorable Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Dear Sir

From Mr Hudleston Says a Visit to the Rajah and is introduced to the Rajah and his adopted Child - states the Conversation which passed, and encloses a Paper containing the Particulars of the Family of the Child the Rajah has adopted -

The Rajah having agreeably to my request consented that Colonel Stuart and Mr Hippisley should accompany me on my visit to him this morning, We accordingly waited on his Excellency about 12 o Clock - The Child the Rajah has adopted was first shewn to us, sitting in State, and we were then conducted to another wing of the same Room or Veranda where his Excellency was lying on the Floor with nothing apparently under him but a Carpet and Sheet - the child was brought and placed on the left hand - the Rajah was evidently extremely ill and too weak to move his head from the Pillow, after receiving our Salutations he spoke a few words which Dubash interpreted - namely, "that he had chosen that Child to be his Son, and Successor, and that he now in the presence of those Gentlemen desired me to consider him as such, and to write to the Governor to inform him of the same, I told his Excellency

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2d Excellency in reply that he might rely on my faithfully writing to the Governor what he had desired. — After congratulating his Excellency on the restored happiness of his people the effect of his kindness and Justice, we took leave, Shenarow having hinted that it would be agreable to the Raja that we should make our visit as short as possible. —

It was evident to us all that the Raja was in great extremity and must very soon be exhausted, — every precaution is taken to keep things in tranquility, and both Colonel Stuart and Mr Hippesley concur in the opinion which I did myself the honor to express to you Sir, in my Letter of the 8th Ultimo — namely — "that in the event of the Rajahs decease unless the succession should be previously settled / or I may now add the Raja's nomination of a Successor confirmed / all we should have to do in that event would be to take care to have every thing sealed and properly Secured, and the affairs and administration kept in statuquo until the arrival of the orders of Government." —

Shenarow sent me this evening a paper in the Maratta Language containing

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29th (as he assures me) the particulars of the family of the Child the Raja has adopted The inclosed is a literal translation of it I shall use my utmost endeavours to obtain Information on the Subject from other Channels and transmit it without delay.

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I have the Honor to be with sincere respect &c. &c. (Signed) J. Hudleston

Mahalgee and Edegee were Brothers their Fathers name unknown

Mahalgee had three Sons Viz Sevagee Rajah, Sambagee Rajah, and Eckogee Rajah; of whom, the eldest Sevagee Rajah founded the Mahratta Empire, and transmitted it to his immediate Descendants.

When Sevagee Rajah invaded the Carnatick he carried his Brother Eclogee Rajah along with him, and settled upon him the Kingdom of Tanjore, which is still governed by his lineal Descendants: Tulja Maharage the present Raja being descended in a direct Line from Eckogee Rajah,

Edegee, had Six Sons, from one of whom, called Bhoangee Gungagee, the Ancestor of Sherpogee, was lineally descended, — Gungagee, had a Son called Bulagee, who had a Son called Gungagee, who had a Son called Sulangee, who left two Sons Apunna, and Bala, Apunna has a Son called Sherpogee, who has been adopted by the Rajah, & declared his Successor.

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The Honorable Sir Rich.d Campbell K.B.

Dear Sir,

From Mr. Huddleston expresses his wish to return to Europe on the Talbot provided the Situation of affairs at Tanjore will permit him to leave his Station

I was last night honored with your Letter of the 20th Instant for which I beg to return you my very sincere acknowledgments.

Having reason to think that as passage is engaged for me on the Talbot it will certainly be a disappointment to me if I should not be able to embark on her, but permit me Sir to hope that you will do me the Justice not to interpret it as an empty Boast when I assure you that I have long since learnt to sacrifice every other consideration to that of my Duty to the Company, and to a zealous and ardent desire to promote the welfare of whatsoever Branch of their Interests might be committed to my charge & I could not without a direction of this principle leave my Station of the Company's Representative at Tanjore at the present critical period, when the Demise of the Rajah may be daily expected an event important in itself and the more so from the several Claims and pretensions that will be advanced to the Succession, and will call for that

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29th correct conduct in the Resident here by which, should the occasion offer, I hope to fulfill to your entire satisfaction the assurance made in a former Letter and which I now beg your permission to repeat yet more explicitly namely that I have adopted no side - made myself no party in favor of either of the Claimants, and am not, nor shall be directly or indirectly interested in the Success of either, but shall confine myself to a vigilant attention to the Companys Interests and a faithful adherence to the orders with which you may be pleased to honor me - should the event take place immediately or should the Rajah so far recover as to afford any prospect of his surviving yet a few months, I shall still hope to embark on the Talbot — but if things happen otherwise the Berrington may have room for me and I understand she is to call at Madras.

The Rajah continues the same as yesterday

I have the honor to inclose a paper containing some particulars which I have learnt from an old and very intelligent Inhabitant of Tanjore concerning the Pidigree of the Child whom the Rajah has adopted he has not till now lived in the Palace and it is said the adoption is not generally approved, by the principal people — but this I mention only as a report.

I have the honor to be with the Sincerest respect &c. &c.

Signed P Hudleston.

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The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Dear Sir

From Mr Hud-
=leston states his
Reply to the Rajahs
Invitation to Supper
to the Gentlemen
in Garrison, in
Honor of his ap-
=pointment of a
Successor -

The Rajah yesterday sent me a Mes-
=sage conveying a request which gave me great
concern as I doubted much if I could without
impropriety comply with it, and to refuse, or decline
compliance in his present desperate situation would
I feared give him pain, and perhaps accelerate his
end - The message was as follows, that the Rajah
wished to make a Supper to morrow / this / Evening
at the Residents' House in the Fort, for Mr Hudles-
=ton, Colonel Stuart, Mr Hippesley, Captain
Campbell, and all the Gentlemen of the Garrison, and
that his Excellency requested Mr Hudleston's
Company, and that he would send and ask the
same of Colonel Stuart, Mr Hippesley and all
the other Gentlemen - as this invitation was evidently
meant in honor of his Excellency's recent appoint-
=ment of a Successor, it occurred to me that the ac-
=cepting it might be considered as having the
appearance of giving a sanction to, or recognizing,
the said appointment on the part of the Company,
and I therefore Judged it proper to consult with
Colonel Stuart, and Mr Hippesley on the Subject -

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29 Those Gentlemen were so good as to call on me this morning, and after considering the matter which struck us all in exactly the same light, it was our unanimous opinion that I should avoid complying with the Invitation, and as the best mode of doing it, inform Schwarzow that having on the day we waited on his Excellency written fully to the Governor every thing that had passed, we could not avail ourselves of the honor his Excellency intended us without the Governor's permission, or Orders. In mentioning this to Schwarzow I particularly desired that he would use his utmost address to prevent the Rajah from feeling any dissatisfaction in consequence of our deferring to accept his kind invitation.

Mr. Swartz arrived this morning from Tranquebar soon after Colonel Stuart, and Mr Kippersley had left me, and his opinion on the matter above stated coincided entirely with ours. I delivered to Mr. Swartz the two papers of which copies were enclosed in my Letters of the 23d and 24th containing particulars relating to the family of the Child the Rajah has adopted, and requested of him to make enquiries on the same subject, and to acquaint me as soon as possible of the result that I might do myself the honor to transmit it to you. — Mr Swartz took the papers home with him, and this Evening he has informed me

that

29th that he intends to address you himself tomorrow regarding Sherpagee the adopted Child, & also regarding a part of the historical account which he gave me sometime since of the family of the Rajah.

The People about the Palace say as usual, that the Rajah is better, but according to other, and I fear truer, accounts, he grows weaker, & weaker, I beg Sir, to repeat to you my assurances of the utmost vigilance, and attention, and that in the event of the Rajah's decease you may confidently rely on my care, in conjunction with Colonel Stuart, to prevent any Step from being taken in favor of either of the Competitors until your orders shall have been received.

I have the honor to be with the Sincerest Respect &c &c

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[Signed] J Hudleston

The Honorable Sir Archibald Campbell Kt.

From Mr Hudleston The Rajah's Disorder encreases Shevarow promises the immediate Remittance to the Presidency of the 50,000 Pagodas due on the January First

Dear Sir

The Rajah continues extremely ill, and the endeavours to persuade me that he is better seem to be almost given up.

I reminded Shevarow this morning that the January First of 50,000 Pagodas would soon be

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29th due of which 40,000 are to be paid at Madras, and told him it would be very agreable to the Governor if he would manage to accelerate that payment as much as possible without Inconvenience to the Rajahs affairs – I have just received a very favorable answer from Sherarow in which he promises the immediate remittance of the 40,000 Pagodas and assures me of his zealous desire to please and obey the Governor, and merit his favor.

I have the Honor to be with the

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Sincere Respect &c &c
Signed J. Hudleston

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Major Gen.l Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B
President

Tuesday 30th January 1787

Alexander Davidson Esq.r
& James Henry Casamayor Esq.r

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The President begs leave to enter the following Minute

President

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Presidents Minute

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President's Minute recommending the raising Sibbendies

I have observed with great concern since my arrival on the Coast, the necessity of employing so many Battalions of the regular Native Infantry in collecting the Revenues of the Honble Company, the Nabob of Arcot and the Rajah of Tanjore — A duty which necessarily scatters the Sepoys individually over the Face of the Country, and removes them from the Eye of their Officers, by which their Conduct is unrestrained, and their Discipline so completely injured, that the best Efforts for many Months thereafter can scarcely restore them to their former good order & Regularity.

I am well persuaded that the Orders of Government for employing the Regular Sepoys on the Collection of the Revenues proceeded from the best possible Motive, The Hope of acquiring a Diminution of the annual Expence of the Revenues Collections and I am likewise persuaded that if it had been foreseen that the Discipline of the Army would have been sacrificed in a great degree to the Acquisition of such an advantage, good Policy would have restrained every Oeconomical Idea

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on the Subject, but more especially so, if it could have been ascertained, that the advantages were merely Speculative and that from the Nature & Practice of the Service such advantages could not possibly exist.

I have taken some pains to investigate the State of this Business, and find that the Savings expected by an application of the regular Sepoys to the Collection of the Revenues are fruitless and delusive because the regular Sepoys receive Batta whenever they are employed in collecting the Revenues and the Amount of this Batta becomes a necessary Charge to Government.

Upon a minute Enquiry into the Batta paid to the regular Sepoys who have been employed upon the Collection of the Revenues for the last 12 Months, I find that it amounts to a Sum not less than Pagodas 64,336.41.17 Pag. F. C. If a Corps could therefore be established independent of the Army to answer all the purposes of Collection without exceeding the Amount of that Sum annually the Honorable Company would reap the advantage of an Augmentation in their Forces; — the Discipline of the Army would be carried to its utmost Pitch, and the fighting Troops would be happily collected, in Readiness to act with Effect upon any sudden Emergency.

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I have the Satisfaction to inform the Board that such an arrangement is practicable, if the following Regulations are attended to.

1st That a Company of Revenue Troops shall consist of 1 Subadar 1 Jemidar, 5 Havildars, 3 Naigs and 16 Privates of the Invalids, to which 104 Sibendies are to be attached making in all 130.

2d That 5 Companies of this Streng th shall constitute a Battalion, and 9 Battalions the Establishment to be employed upon the Revenue Collections; agreable to the Statement N°1 by which it appears that they employing a certain proportion of the Native Invalid Officers, Non Commissioned Officers & privates the Sibendy Recruits will be formed into proper Orders and acquire a Degree of Discipline suited to their particular Situation.

By the Statement N°1 it also appears that the annual Expence of a Battalion of 5 Revenue Troops so established will amount to Pagodas 6300. 20 fans and that the Expence of 9 Battalions will amount to Pagodas 56704. 12 fans which is in fact Pagodas 7632. 29. 17. less than the Batta paid to the Troops employed in the Collection

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Collection of the Revenues for the last year and the Company will have the addition of 4,680 Men to the Strength of their Army;

Such an acquisition on the new Arrangement of the Troops without adding one Pagoda to the annual Expences of the Company will, I am convinced, meet with the approbation of the Board, especially when it is considered that this additional Body of Men is to consist of young healthy Lads who from the Veterans they are incorporated with will soon acquire the habit of taking Care of their Arms and Accoutrements, the Use of their Firelocks and an early respect for the Service; Qualifications which will render this Body of Men a very useful Nursery for recruiting the regular Battalions of the Army;

By the Disposition marked No 2 2080 Men will be added to the Strength of the Southern Army the same Number to the Northern Army and 520 to the Centre Districts of the Carnatic;

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Establishment proposed for 1 Company and 1 Battalion of Native Invalids and Sibendies

	Invalids already in Pay					Sibendies to be raised	Total
	Sibedars	Jemedars	Hawildars	Naigs	Privates		
Proportion for 1 Company	1	1	5	3	16	104	130
Proportion for 1 Battalion	5	5	25	15	80	520	650
9 Battalions	45	45	225	135	720	4680	5850

Expence of One Battalion for One Year

	Pagodas
Pay of 520 Sibendies for 1 Year at the rate of 40 Fanams ℘ Month	5942.36 "
Clothing and half Mounting for Do at 9 Fanams 40 Cash ℘ Month	117.26 "
5 Vakeels, 1 to each Company at 4 Pagodas ℘ Month	240 " "
Annual Expence of One Battalion	6300.20 "
Annual Expence of 9 Battalions	56704.12 "

Disposition

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Disposition of the Sibendies &c

		Numbers		Annual Expence
Southern Districts				
Tanjore	2 Batt.ns	1300		12,600.40 "
Trichinopoly	1 D.o	650		6300 20 "
Nagore	" 1 Comp.y	130		
Negapatam	" 1 D.o	130	650	6300.20 "
Madura	" 1 D.o	130		
Palamcotah	" 2 D.o	260		
		2600		25201 38 "
Center Districts				
Arcot	1 Company			
Vellore	" 1 D.o			
Cuddalore	" 1 D.o			
Ongole	" 2 D.o			
	5 D.o	650		6300 20 "
Northern Districts				
Masulipatam	2 Batt.ns 2 Comp.s	1560		15,121 6 "
Vizagapatam	1 D.o	650		6,300 20 "
Ganjam	" 3 D.o	390		3780. 12 "
		2600		25,201 38 "
Total Number of Men		5850	Expence	56,704. 12 "

Abstract

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Abstract of Batta paid to the Troops employed in the Collection of Revenues in the Carnatic & the Circars for one Year from the 30th September 1785 to 1st October 1786.—

Northern Districts	Masulipatam	13153 4 32	
	Ellore	2027 29 26	
	Samulcottah	353 17 8	
	Vizagapatam	922 35 57	
	Chicacole none paid	" " "	
	Ganjam for 10 Months	86 226	
	Aska	1686 4 64	18229 23 33
Centre Districts	Arcot	2469 25 "	
	Vellore	4779 34	
	Cuddalore	352 50	
	Ongole	805 3960	3787 34 64
Southern Districts	Tanjore — estimate	16440 " "	
	Trichinopoly	9281 23 42	
	Nagore	1419 17 26	
	Nagapatam	250 35 70	
	Palamcotah	14803 32 52	
	Madura	123 41 50	42319 25 "

Total Pagodas 64336 41 17

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The Board approve the Presidents' proposition of raising Sibbendies for the reasons he has given, and request he will, as Commander in Chief give the necessary Orders for carrying the Plan into Execution.

approved

Read the following Letter.

The Honble Major Genl Sir Arch: Campbell KB

President and Governor &c &c Council

Honorable Sir & Sirs

From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell, Lieutenant Colonel Monhouse, and Mr Thomas Cockburn with Proposals for maintaining an Establishment of 2000 Draught & Carriage Bullocks.

It is unnecessary to state to your Board that the Service has frequently been distressed, and that many inconveniencies have arisen from not having in readiness a Certain proportion of Draught and Carriage Bullocks suited to the sudden movements of a Detachment in the field. The time required to train a number sufficient for such a purpose will enable an enemy to strengthen himself and to make a rapid progress in the Country while Government is compelled to the necessity of encreasing its force at a great expence and with such Cattle as are by no means suited to the publick Service.

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It is likewise certain that if a considerable part of the Army is ordered to take the field it is not possible in any reasonable time to provide and train good Bullocks to enable the Troops to move with facility on which the success of every Military operation depends. The ruinous consequences of the want of means to move the Army and the insufficiency of the present mode of furnishing Draught and Carriage Bullocks were fully manifested during the late War, and is sufficient to point out the necessity of keeping up a fixt establishment of strong and well trained Draught and Carriage Bullocks which would enable us to pursue the enemy and secure all the advantages of Victory hitherto rendered indecisive as much owing to the want of Draught and Carriage Bullocks as to the real want of Cavalry.

When an Enemy invades the Country the Inhabitants employ their Bullocks in moving their families and property into places of safety distant from the seat of War, and those who have more Cattle than are required for these purposes conceal them in the Jollams to prevent

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their falling into the hands of the enemy, or being taken by force/as they sometimes are/ by the Compa=
:ny's Agents.

It is therefore difficult on such emergen=
:cies to procure either Draught or Carriage Bullocks. and such as are at that time picked up by accident are generally the least fit for service, because they are such as are only employed in the Cultivation of the lands and of a size and make inferior to those required for the service of the Army.

If from a consideration of these Circum=
:stances it should appear necessary to your Hono=
:rable Sir and Sirs to keep up a certain fixt esta=
:blishment of Bullocks we hope it will also be Judged of consequence that they should be fur=
:nished by those who have served the Honorable Com=
:pany long and faithfully and whose stations give them a very extensive responsibility in that line.

Concerning ourselves in a great measure answerable for the Carriage of the great Depart=
:ments of the Army we hope that it will not be deemed presumption in us to submit the fol=
:lowing proposals to your consideration.

We are willing to engage to keep in constant readiness for service One thousand

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Draught and One Thousand Carriage Bullocks to be stationed as undermentioned or at such other places as the Honorable Governor in Council shall Judge proper.

	Draught	Carriage
At Wallajabadd	500	500
Trichinopoly	230	230
Tanjore	90	90
Ellore	180	180
	1000	1000

This number of Bullocks will enable Government to keep the field Artillery of two Brigades in readiness to march on service at a moments warning.

We are willing also to engage on a notice of 40 Days to furnish any number of Bullocks that may be required for the Service of the army which we engage to keep compleat in every exigency. The Honorable Governor in Council agreeing to pay us regularly in time of peace one Star Pagoda, ten fanams and forty Cash P Month for every Draught & Carriage Bullock and a driver to every three Bullocks at 60 fanams P Month each and in time of War one Star Pagoda twenty one fanams for every Bullock Draught or Carriage and two Drivers

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Drivers to three Draught and one to three Carri-
:age at the rate of 60 fanams per Month each.

The whole Monthly expence being Pagodas 3452 which is nearly a third less than the same establishment would cost at the rate now paid by the Company and in time of War the saving would be immense.

The service has even frequently suffered by a delay in procuring Bullocks in time of peace, the moving Grain Stores &c. and the supplying for occasional Detachments of Draught and Carriage Cattle in a Country of such an immense extent must ever be attended with considerable difficulty and expence which will be obviated by the establishment we propose because those Draught and Carriage Bullocks will at all times be employed in transporting Guns Stores and Ammunition to the several Garrisons as well as Spirituous Liquors which in itself cannot fail to amount to a very consi-
:derable expence in the course of one Year. Upon the nearest calculation we have been able to make we can venture to assert that the dif-
:ference of expence between the present System and the plan we have the honor to propose is very

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very trifling whereas the advantages we have pointed out we hope will dispose Government to adopt that by which we flatter ourselves this Country so open to invasions will be secured from all danger of an unexpected attack.

We have the Honor to be with the greatest respect &c &c

Signed Ja.s Campbell
Dr. M.r Gen.l

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Jos Moorhouse
Commy Gen.l of Stores

Tho.s Cockburn
Agent for Victl.g the Troops &c

The Board being sensible of the advantage which will accrue to the Service from having at all times a number of Carriage and Draught Bullocks ready for the Field; It is Agreed that the Proposals of the above Gentlemen be accepted and that the Company's Sollicitors be directed to draw out Articles for a Contract between the Government, and Mess.rs Campbell Moorhouse and Cockburn, the Contract to be for Three Years, and the Penalty 18,000 Pagodas.

Read the following Letter from Mauwlipalam.

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To The Honble Major Genl Sir Arch: Campbell K.B.

President and Governor &c Council

of Fort St George

Honorable Sir & Sirs

From Masulipatam. stating an applic: cation of Ensign Pagan Shaw for an allowance during His Imprisonment with the Marattas.—

We have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of Your Orders communicated to us in your Deputy Secretary's letter of the 13th Instant, and have acquainted Colonel Brathwaite with your Determination.

Ensign Paggan Shaw, belonging to the 26th Battalion of Sepays, has made an application to us, thro' the commanding Officer of the Troops in this Garrison, for the payment of three Months Subsistance, Extra allowance, and Full Batta, for the time he was a Prisoner of War with the Marattas. He informs us, that he was admitted as an Ensign on this Establishment on the 12 January 1782, during which, and the two following Months, he remained a Prisoner with the Marattas, at the same time with Major Banks and Captain Bonnereaux; and has not received any Pay or allowance whatever for the above Period, altho' he understands that the other Officers who had the Misfortune of being

Prisoners

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Prisoners during the War, have received their Pay, and that Batta is also to be paid to them. He hopes Therefore, that having sustained equal hardships with Major Banks and Captain Bonneveaux, he will likewise experience an equal indulgence, as we do not think it rests with us to determine upon Mr. Shaw's applic: cation, we request to be honored with your Commands whether or not the Arrears claimd by him shall be paid.

We have the Honor to be

very respectfully &c: &c:

Masulipatam
22d January 1787

[Signed] Charles Floyer
Geo: Westcott
" Dobbyn

Minute thereon

Agreed that the above be referred to the Consideration of the Military Board.

Mr. MacLeod being ordered to proceed immediately to Tanjore, the fol: lowing Letter is drafted, and directed to be Sent to him.

To

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To Mr Alexander Macleod

To Mr Macleod with Instructions

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable President and Council to inform you, that on your Arrival at Tanjore, you will, in the Event of Mr Huddleston having left it, announce yourself to the Rajah in your official Capacity as Resident; and if the Rajah should be desirous of the Sentiments of the Board upon his late Measure of adopting a Successor to the Rajahship, you are to represent to him, that as Government only received his Letter two Days since they have not been able to give a Decision in so short a Time, upon a Subject of so much Importance; but that their Respect to the Rajah will lead them to a speedy Consideration of the Contents of his Letter, when the Governor will communicate their Sentiments to his Excellency.

The Board are of Opinion that this Language is suitable to the present Disposition of the Rajah; and they direct me to desire that you will impress his Excellency with the firm Belief that their Conduct towards him will be guided upon Principles of the Strictest Equity; and at the same Time with the due Observance of that Attachment which he has uniformly manifested for his real Freinds

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the Company.

In Case you should find Mr. Hudleston at Tanjore, he has received Directions from the Honorable President to communicate with you upon every Point leading to a thorough knowledge of the present Situation of Affairs at Tanjore; and you will of Course have reference to his Records for the Institution of the Committee of Inspection and the Reasons for its Formation.

The Board direct me to observe to you, that they have the utmost Reliance on your ability and address in the Management of the Office thus entrusted to you, and that they will in a few Days send you Instructions for your future Guidance.

I am &c.

/Signed/ John Shannier Sy

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The President lays before the Board the Proceedings of a General Court Martial lately held on Mr. Mallet Surgeon, which he, as Commander in Chief has approved.

Ordered that the Sentence be published in General Orders.

Mr Mallet Surgeon dismissed the Service

Read a Letter from Mr. Falk dated 22d Instant /entered in Mr B. No 80/ stating that

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From Mr. Palk

that in compliance with the desire of the Committee of Stores at Trichinopoly he had provided some Articles requisite for the Artillery Practise, & trusting that this deviation from the mode prescribed, will not be disapproved, as in the present instance the Service would have Suffered from a rigid Observance of the Line pointed out for his Employ.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Palk be Suffered to charge for the Articles furnished by him as abovementioned, but that he be at the same time informed, that this is not to be Construed into a Precedent.

Examined

Arch.d Campbell

Alex. Davidson

Ja. Hl. Casamayor

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31st Diary

Previous to the departure of Mr. MacLeod for Tanjore, as ordered in Diary to Consultation the 30th Instant, the President proposed that the following Instructions be given to Mr. MacLeod and Colonel Stuart.

To Alexander Macleod Esqr. Resident

and

Colonel James Stuart Commandant

at Tanjore.

To Mr. Macleod and Colonel Stuart with Instructions in the Event of the Death of the Rajah of Tanjore

Gentlemen

The very precarious State of the Rajah of Tanjore's health, makes it highly expedient, in the event of his death, that every degree of precaution should be adopted, to prevent any violent Commotion at his Durbar, especially as Disputes may arise concerning the Succession, in which the future welfare of the Country may be seriously involved. — From the Confidence we repose in your abilities, zeal, and Integrity, we are encouraged to entrust to your Joint care, the execution of this

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31st Important Service, and to enable you to discharge with Satisfaction and accuracy, the Trusts reposed in you, the following Instructions are formed for your Conduct.

1st ——— That on the death of the Rajah Colonel Stuart shall march a Body of Troops instantly to the Palace, to preserve the Peace, and prevent every degree of Abuse, Theft or Embezzlement, of His Excellency's Property and Effects.

2dly ——— With a view more effectually to prevent any Thefts or Embezzlements, you are not to suffer any Person or Persons to enter into, or come out of the Palace without being stricktly examined and Searched.

3dly ——— That you shall not suffer any person to be declared or proclaimed Successor to the Rajah of Tanjore, until the Resolutions of Government on this Important Subject are communicated to you, under the Signatures of the Governor & Council of Fort St George.

4thly ——— That you shall summon the Committee of Inspection, and communicate with them on all such Steps as are to be pursued, and whatever the Committee shall recommend, will be an authority to the Resident for giving such

Instructions

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31st Instructions to the Rajah's Ministers, as shall for the time appear best calculated to promote the welfare of the Country, and the Interest of the Company.

5thly — That you shall cause the Treasure and valuable Effects belonging to the Rajah, to be carefully sealed up, and lodged in a place of Security, with a proper Guard, and Sentries over them — In sealing up and securing the Treasure and Effects, it will be proper that you should be attended by the Committee of Inspection, The Rajahs brother, One of the Guardians or Regents for the adopted Child, if any such are appointed, and the Public Ministers who is in Office at the time of the Rajah's death; By these means all Parties will be satisfied that strict Justice is done.

6thly — You shall Order Baba the late Minister, who is now a Prisoner by the Rajah's Order, to be kept in safe Custody, as well for the purpose of preserving this Man from the Vengeance of an incensed people who had suffered long under his Oppressions, as for obtaining from him, every Information, which may tend to illustrate the present State of the Tanjore Country.

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Arch: Campbell
Alex: Davidson
J. Hy Casamajor

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Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore

1st Received a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore dated 30 Ultimo, as entered in Country Correspondence 1088, stating the appointment of his Brother, Ameer Sing, to the Guardian-ship of his adopted Child during his Minority.

2d In Consequence of the aforementioned Letter received from the Rajah of Tanjore and that from his Excellency dated the 26th Ultimo entered in Country Correspondence 1091, the following Letter was drafted, approved, and dispatched to Bengal.

To The Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis

Governor General &c. Council at Fort William

To Bengal— Requesting Instructions upon the Case to be taken in Case of the Rajah of Tanjore's Death, and enclosing Copies of two Letters from his Excellency.

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have the honor to enclose you Copies of two Letters received within these few days by our President from the Rajah of Tanjore, advising of his having adopted a Successor to the Rajaship, and expressing his confidence that the favor and protection he has received from the Honorable Company, will be continued to his adopted Son whom he has named Surfoge Rajah.

We request without loss of time to be

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2 to be favored with your Lordships &c. Instructions on the line We are to take upon this occasion; in the interim, We have directed our Resident to assure the Rajah that when his late adoption of a Successor shall be taken into Consideration the Strictest Equity will guide the Representatives of the Honorable Company, and every attention will be paid in deciding upon the serious and formal act by which his Excellency is anxious that his Kingdom shall be governed after his Death.

We have reason to believe that his Excellency's disease is Mortal should he depart this Life before We are honored with your Instructions, We shall take care to preserve good Order in the Kingdom of Tanjore until the right of Succession be ascertained — We have for this purpose given directions to our Resident, and to the Officer Commanding the Garrison of Tanjore.

We have the Honor to be.
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/Signed/ Arch: Campbell
& Council At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Major Genl Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.

President

Alexander Davidson Esqr.

& James Henry Casamajor Esqr.

Saturday
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1787

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The President delivers in the following Minute.

President's Minute
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In the Month of September last, the apprehensions as to the State of matters in the Tanjore Country were considerable — The Rajah had persisted in his ill judgd Resolution of keeping his Minister Bava in Office to scourge and distress the Inhabitants — The Committee of Inspection had produced a Hope that matters would change for the better, and altho' in this hope we have not been disappointed, yet at the

President's Minute with the Secret Instructions given to the Commandant on the 15th September last in the Event of the Death of the Rajah of Tanjore.

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period I am speaking of these Salutary Effects from the Representations of the Committee were extremely precarious. The Inhabitants had been alarmed by the Oppressions and Innovations of the Ministry to the extreme of flying from their Habitations, and these Alarms were not confined to a District or a province, but had pervaded every Village of the Country. Every Representation from Tanjore declared the Urgency of Conjuncture, which was rendered infinitely more critical and Alarming, by the well grounded apprehension of the Rajah's Death.

In this delicate Dilemma, I felt myself called upon to act, at a time when every Measure I could devise was rendered difficult, by the Situation of the Gentlemen whom I was to employ in carrying the Measure into Execution — The Health of our Resident confined him to his Pillow, and his Letters gave no Reason to place any Dependance upon his Assistance — Mr. Hippesley the other Member of the Committee of Inspection was upon his way to the Presidency, on Leave of absence for some Months, and

Colonel

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Colonel Stuart was also at the Presidency, but returning from thence to Tanjore in a few Days - I had little Option, My choice naturally fell upon Colonel Stuart and I had the pleasure to reflect that his tried Character, Honour and Integrity, pointed him out as a person every Way qualified for the Execution of a Trust of so delicate a Nature, as that in which I had resolved to employ him.

Having Therefore considered the Subject with that serious attention which its Magnitude and Importance required, its Consequences to the Company and consequences to the Rajah, his Family and Country, I resolved to instruct Colonel Stuart to take immediate and effectual Means the Instant he should hear of the Rajahs Death, to secure his Treasure and valuable Effects from Plunder and Embezzlement; his Relations and Ministers from Violence & Injury, and the Government from Anarchy and Confusion; by a Letter of Secret Instructions, which I delivered to him Sealed, and under an Order not to open it, until the Event arose to which the Measure applied.

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I have now the Honor to lay this Letter before you, which you will perceive to be nearly the same in Tendency and Object as the one we gave the other Day to Mr. Macleod and Colonel Stuart jointly; when Mr. Macleod's appointment of Resident took place; — I judged it expedient and regular to vest him in the powers given to Colonel Stuart, in like Manner as I should have done our late Resident, had not his Letters given me no hope to expect that he could take any part in an active Scene of Measures. —

I need not mention to you Gentlemen, my Reasons for not bringing this Subject upon our Records at the time these Measures took place. When the Success of a Measure of high Importance depends upon Secrecy, the person with whom it originates would place himself in a dangerous Responsibility if he omitted to take every precaution in his power to prevent its being divulged. I am happy to find that this Sentiment met your approbation, when you joined your Names to mine in the Instructions to Mr. Macleod and Colonel Stuart. —

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