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I have now only to add that the abi:
:lity Judgment and address shewn by Colonel
Stuart in the Execution of my Orders, have fully
answered my Expectations, and do great Credit
to the Character of that deserving Officer.

A Copy of the Instructions addressed
to Mr. Macleod and Colonel Stuart is now
laid before the Board to be entered upon our Re:
:cords, and also Colonel Stuart's Letter announ:
:cing the Death of the Rajah, and stating the
Steps he had taken in Consequence thereof.

/Signd/ Arch: Campbell

Colonel James Stuart 78th Regiment
Commanding at Tanjore

Dear Sir,

Inclosed you will receive sealed
up, my Secret Instructions, which are only
to be opened, in the event for which they are pre:
:pared, and which I have communicated to
you verbally.

I must beg leave to enjoin you
to the most inviolable Secrecy, regarding this
Important Busines, so that upon being even
in Possession of such Instructions may not.

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Transpire,

For fear of any accident happening to yourself, which God forbid, — I beg you will put the Instructions under a Sealed Cover, addressed to the Officer who may succeed you in the Command of Tanjore, communicating to him the same Injunctions which I have imposed upon you, and recommending to him the same necessary attentions and Secrecy, —

Believe me with sincere Esteem &c. &c.

Signd — Arch.d Campbell

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Colonel James Stuart of the 78th Regiment
Commanding at Tanjore

Sir

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 shall 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, and the Interest of the Honorable Company may be seriously involved. —

Your

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From the confidence I repose in your abilities, Zeal, and Integrity, I am encouraged to entrust to your Care, the execution of this 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 of Tanjore, you are to March a Body of Troops instantly to the Palace, to preserve the Peace, and prevent every degree of abuse, theft or embezzelment of his Excellencys Property and Effects.

2dly 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.

3dly That you shall at the same Instant take Bava into safe custody, as well for the purpose of preserving this Minister from the Vengeance of an Incensed People, who have long suffered under his Oppressions, as for obtaining from him, every Information, which may tend to illustrate the present State of Tanjore, or the Regulations established for the Rajahs Government and Revenues.

That

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4thly That you are not to suffer any Person or Persons to enter into or come out of the Palace, nor any Person to be declared or proclaimed Succ: cessor to the Rajah of Tanjore, until the Resolutions of Government on this important Subject, are communicated to you, under the Signature of the Governor and Council of Fort St George.—

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I am, with Sincere Esteem &c. &c.
/Signed/ Arch: Campbell

The Board approve the Steps taken by the President in giving provisional Instruc: tions to Colonel Stuart, and are well pleased to hear that they have been attended with good Effects.

approved

The President lays before the Board the following Letters from Mr Huddleston & Colonel Stuart and the Reverend Mr Swartz.—

The Honorable Sir Archibald Campbell Kt.

From Mr Huddleston; the Rajah sends for Mr Swartz, and requests him to be the Guardian of his adopted Son.— Mr Swartz's Reply—

Dear Sir,

Mr Swartz's visit yesterday to the Rajah was very short— the little Boy, was sent for and being brought, his Excellency desired Mr Swartz to look upon him as his Son.—

Mr Swartz describes the Rajah's Countenance

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Countenance as resembling what is called the facies hypocratia — and thinks himvery near his end — The Raja sent for Mr. Swartz again today — The substance of what passed was this — his Excellency requested of him to accept the office of Guardian to the Child — Mr Swartz declined and advised him as more proper and suitable to appoint his /the Rajahs/ Brother to that Office — The Raja objected, but at last promised to consider of it. —

Mr. Swartz, Sir, intends to write to you the particulars himself but defers it until tomorrow as he thinks it possible the Raja may send for him again in the Interval. —

I have the Honor to be with the

Tanjore
29th January
1787

Sincerest respect &c &c
/Signed/ I Huddleston

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Dear Sir,

From Mr. Huddleston
The Rajah expected not to live over the Night — appoints his brother, assisted Serj. Guardian to his adopted Son.

Last night about 11 o'clock Shivarow sent me a message requesting that I would come immediately to the Fort as the Rajah was much worse, and it was feared would not live over the night — I wrote the Intelligence immediately to Colonel Stuart Mr. Kippersley and

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and Mr. Swartz, and proceeded to the Fort and brought Mr. Swartz with me—We slept at Captain Brown's which is near the Palace—This morning early Shevarow sent me word that at 2o Clock the Rajah sent for his Brother and putting his hands in those of the child /whom he called his Son/ desired him to be his Guardian, and earnestly recommended the Child to his Care and affection—that his Excellency then ordered a dress for his Brother and requested that he would be kind to all his/the Rajahs/ old Servants who had been he said the Servants of their common Parent and to continue them in their Offices—that the Rajah's mother also and the principal people of the Palace were present at the Interview and that this conduct of the Rajah had relieved them from great anxiety, and given great Joy and Satisfaction—That the Rajah was still living, and the doctors thought might continue till the evening, about 9o Clock a message was brought to me from the Rajah desiring me to come immediately to the Palace with Mr. Swartz as I feared that if I waited for Colonel Stuart the Rajah might die in the Interval, we proceeded to the Palace after sending

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to the Colonel to request that he would meet us there / as Mr. Hippesley was gone to his house in the Country / we were conducted to a small Pavilion opposite, and very near to the place where the Rajah lay, and there introduced to his Brother, and the little Boy sitting together — the principal people were standing about them shewarow excepted who also sat on the Carpet — Suntaprah came from the Rajah, and delivered the following Message, — That his Excellency had sent for us in order to acquaint us that he had delivered over the Child whom he had adopted as his Son to his Brother who he desired should have the entire charge, and education of him as if he were his / his Brother's / own Son, and the management, and Government of the Country in the same manner as he / the Rajah / and his Ancestors had possessed them — that he had long since thought of doing this but had not executed it until now — that these two persons he desired the Company to consider as the persons nearest, and dearest to him in the world, and to support them in the Government, and management of the Country according to the solemn Covenant between him and the Company by which they had promised to

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maintain him and his heirs on the Throne as long as the Sun and Moon should endure that he wished, if his weakness had permitted, to have said, and performed all this in person and to have himself delivered over the Child to his Brother in our presence, — that if it should please God to prolong his life he would consider, and act towards those two persons agreeably to what he had now declared, and that it would be a Satisfaction to him in his last moments if he had an assurance from us that the Com= =pany would support what he had done and be kind to his Brother, and adopted Sons as they had been to him; — To the above I ans= =wered that I should faithfully state to the Governor Sir Archibald Campbell all that his Excellency had said — That his Excellency might be assured of the Company's kindness to those whom he had declared to be so dear to him, and of their constant solicitude for the welfare & prosperity of his Country — after receiving my answer the Rajah sent one or two Messages repeating the strongest parts of what I have above stated, and I replied to the same effect.

Colonel Stuart not having arrived at the Palace till most of the Rajah's Messages had

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had passed the substance of the whole was repeated by Shwarow and Suntapah and explained to him by Mr. Swartz.—

I have stated Sir to the best of my recollection every thing material, if not every particular of what passed on this interesting occasion, and I dispatch this by an extraordinary Tappaul that not a moment may be lost in your being made acquainted with it.— This evening I expect to communicate to you the event of which the prospect seems to have wrought this favorable change in the Rajahs disposition towards his Brother.—

I have the Honor to be with the

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Sincerest respect &c &c

Signd P. Hudleston

To Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Dear Sir

From Mr. Hudleston with the Substance of a Conversation between Shwarow and the Reverend Mr. Swartz—

I did myself the honor to write to you fully this morning acquainting you of the Rajahs appointment of his Brother to be Guardian to his adopted Son, and of what had passed at the Palace upon that Subject.— The Rajah still exists but—

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but it is thought will hardly survive till the morning.

I hav the honor to be with sincere respect

Y. &c.

/Signd/ Hudleston

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Tanjore
30th January 1787
12 P.M.

Mr Swartz was just now sent for to the Palace and asked by Shivarow in the name of the said of his dying Master whether every thing that he /the Rajah/ had said this morning had been written to the Governor — to which Mr Swartz replied that Mr Hudleston Colonel Stuart & himself had acquainted the Governor with it — Shivarow then asked Mr Swartz whether the Rajah's determination and last will declared to me this morning would not on his decease be immediately published as usual in all former times — Mr Swartz replied that as the Rajah's determination and will had been fully communicated to the Governor his Conformation and approbation must be received before any publication could be made or any steps be taken towards it.

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The Honble Major Genl Sir Arch Campbell KB

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Dear Sir,

From Colonel Stuart narrating what passed at the Palace in Consequence of the Rajahs appointment of his Brother, as the Guardian to his adopted Child—

I was about an hour ago Summoned by the President desiring my attendance at the palace on particular Business — which I immediately Complyd with, and found him — Mr Swartz — the late adopted Boy with the Rajahs Brother Ramah Sawmy and other Relations of the Rajahs Family assembled in a place adjoining where his Excellency was laying, I believe within a very few hours, of his death / He was so exceedingly weak that we could not see him — many Messages however passed from him to us, thus assembled, nearly to the following purport,

"That the adopted Boy and his Brother were all
"the Relations he had upon Earth, who he regarded
"with affection, —— That in his present weakly
"state, and in case of his decease, that he committed
"the Boy, who he Considered as his Son, to the Care
"of his Brother Ramah Sawmy — Ramah Sawmy
"and trusted, would look upon him, and take
"the same Care of him and his affairs, as if he was
"his Ramah Sawmy's / own Child — That he wished

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"his Brother to be Considered the Guardian and
"protector of the Boy."

"In his Agreement with the English / mea-
"suring the East India Company / it was parti-
"cularly stipulated that they were to support
"him and his family in all their just rights—
"and to see him and his descendants Succeeded
"to and kept in quiet possession of the Tanjore
"Territorys—That finding himself extreamly
"weak—prevented him from Seizing us, and ob-
"liged him to Convey to us by Messages, his
"determination—which gave him very great
"Concern, as he wished for nothing so much, as
"assuring us in person, of these his Sentiments and
"Wishes—That we might be able fully to Convey
"them to the Governor, or our Superiors, which he
"particularly Requested of us to do—and hoped,
"That they, and us, would Support his Son and
"Brother, in all things, as We had hitherto done him—
"and Should it please God, that he himself
"should recover from his present indisposition we
"would see, that he would always treat those / mea-
"suring his adopted Son and Brother / with every
"mark of Tenderness, attachment, and affection."

As far as my Memory Carry's me

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The above is what passed upon the Occasion, But should any thing have Escaped me or should I have Misconprehended any part of what passed — Mr. Hudleston has also the honor of transmitting to you a narrative which will Serve to Correct mine.

I have the Honor to Remain with perfect Respect &c. &c.

Signed / J Stuart

Tanjore 11 o'clock Tuesday forenoon 30th January 1787

From the Reverend Mr Swartz, relating the Circumstances of the Rajah's adoption of a Son; and his appointment of annen Ling as a Guardian to the Boy

Honorable Sir

I think it my duty to acquaint you with some remarkable circumstances, which happened a few days ago — When I returned from Tranquebar the Rajah sent me word, that he wished to see me — When I came to him, he said This Child / pointing to the boy, he had adopted, is not my Child but yours — I replied May this child become a Child of God — The Rajah felt great inconvenience from his Cough and consequently desired me to leave him — Yesterday being the 29th Instant he sent again for me — and as he felt himself a little

better

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Cottes, he expressed himself in the following Manner; I intend to give the Child over to your care, or litterally to put his hands into yours — You are to take care of it — I replied — You know, Rajah, that I have always been willing to serve you as far as I could — But this your last Wish is above my power — you have taken this Child, as I hear, you leave it without a Guardian, without a Support I am afraid that by doing so you do not consult the happiness of the Child, neither the Welfare of your country. Cabals and animosities will ensue — more than you may think of — as for me I must beg leave to disclaim all Guardianship for this reason because, waving all other considerations, it would be impossible to me to take care of the Child in my Situation — another method must be used — The Rajah asked What method do you mean? I replied: The Child must be delivered to the care of somebody — [e.g.] your brother, to bring it up — and if the Child be: haves well, to treat him as his own Son — By this method, the Child's health and life — and

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the Welfare of the country may be secured
Well, said the Rajah, I will consider all that
you have said — In the Night time he sent
for his brother Ranna Swamy and delivered the
Child to his Care — and his old Servants to his regard
This the Rajah did in the presence of the principal
People — all the People of the palace rejoiced at
the Step the Rajah had taken. — Instead of fear
and perplecity all appeared pleased — This
plain account I have thought it my duty to
give you without any disguise whatever that
from it you may take proper Measures —
An hourago the Rajah sent word, that he
wished to see Mr Hudleston and me after
this intimation both Mr. Hudleston and
I went — Colonel Stuart was likewise sent for
and Accordingly came — a little time after
the Conference began — The Rajah had ordered
his brother and adopted Child opposite to his
Room — He sent us the following message,
that he had long ago considered in his mind
to do what he had done last Night — that
he wished his brother should govern the Country —
take care of his Servants — and particularly
that he should have the care and Education of
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the adopted Child, treating the boy as his own—
that he [the Rajah] now delivered over the ma-
nagement of the country to his brother and the
Child that if it should please God to restow
him to life he was resolved to treat both accor-
ding to the present declaration—that as the
Company had engaged, at his restoration, to
take care that his Children or Posterity should
be preserved in their dignity of sitting on the
throne so he hoped that the Honorable Company
would fulfil that solemn Engagement,—and
as he looked upon Mr. Hudleston and us as
faithful, he wished, that we might give him
that assurance of doing all what he wished—To
which Mr Hudleston replied, that He would
faithfully write all the King's Message to
you Honorable Sir—The Rajah further sent
us Message, that as these two persons, were
all most dear to him, he heartily wished the
Honorable Company might bestow the same
kindness on them, as they had done on Him,
and that the assurance of all this would make
him very easy in his last moments—all
this was delivered in the presence of the principal

people

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people who appeared to be well pleasd with what the Rajah had done,

These are the most material things which I thought necessary to lay before you Honorable Sir — One Word, I beg leave, to add — Viz.t that, whatever Salutary regulations for the Welfare of the country — and administration of Justice, should be made, might now be introduced with great ease — as the Rajah's brother would chearfully consent to all that might be proposed by you, Honorable Sir, so that the Welfare of the country might now be grounded upon a Solid Basis,

My Wish has been and always shall be that your Government may prove the greatest blessing to this Country,

I am, respectfully &c. &c.

[Signed] C. F. Swartz

The Honble Major Genl. Sir Archd. Campbell K.B.
&c. &c. &c.

Dear Sir,

I have the Honor to acquaint you that His Excellency the Rajah died at 10 o'clock last night fortunately Mr. Huddleston Mr. Hippesley and Mr. Swartz were at my House

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when we received the accounts and In their presence I opened the Instructions you were pleased to Honor me with, we immediately proceeded to the palace with the 6 Companys of the 1st 2d Regiment where the Rajah's Brother, the adopted Boy, and the principal Relations were Assembled — I Communicated to them through Mr. Swartz the purport of your Inst: structions with which they were perfectly satis: fied — We then posted a Guard over the Treasure &c: which is Sealed up — The Guard has full Instructions and Besides the Centries over it Two European Officers a European Serjeant and a Subadar is also left in the place.

I am happy to tell you that every thing appears Regular and quiet and I am Encamped myself with the 6 Companys in the Palace yard / Having ordered in the other 4 from Vellum to Oc: cupy the little Fort and to be at hand / In this Situation I intend, to Continue till I am honord with your further Instructions I shall not now detain the Sappal — But in the Course of this day I shall have the Honor to write you fully and Communicate every particular worthy your notice —

I have the Honor to remain with perfect Respect &c &c / Signd / D Stuart

Tanjore 10 o'clock Thursday Morning 8 Feby 87

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The Death of the Rajah making it necessary that further Instructions be sent to the Committee of Inspection at Tanjore for the ascertaining and securing his Treasure Jewells and valuable Effects, and foreseeing the receipt of the List now due, it is agreed that the following Letter be immediately dispatched,—

To Alexander Macleod Esqr. Resident
Colonel James Stuart
John Coxe Hippesley Esqr.
The Reverend Mr. Swartz
Committee of Inspection
Tanjore

Gentlemen

Instructions to the Committee of Inspection, in Consequence of the Death of the Rajah of Tanjore.—

Having received Information from our President of the decease of the Rajah of Tanjore, communicated to him in a letter from Colonel Stuart, We think it necessary to direct that you do immediately in the presence of the late Rajah's Brother, a new Sing and four of the Principal Officers of the Rajah's Government, Proceed to the Palace and after opening the Seals of the Treasury, take a minute Account of the Treasure, Bonds Bills &c, or any other Valuable Papers, lodged therein,—

you

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You are in like manner to take an accurate account of all the Jewels and Valuable Effects of the deceased Prince, And after such accounts have been compleatly taken and ascertained you are in the presence of Annee Sing and the four Principal Officers already mentioned to seal up the Treasury Chests and appartments containing the said Treasure Papers and Effects, by affixing the Seal of the Honorable Company, and the Seal of the Deceased Rajah on the Doors thereof, and to secure the same under a Proper Guard and Sentinels, until you receive our further Orders.

Should you understand from Sheverow Perow who transacted the Company's Business for some time past, that he cannot compleat the Company's List now due, without having recourse to the Rajah's Treasury, you have our Permission to permit as much money to be taken out by Sheverow after the account of the whole has been compleated as already directed, as will enable him to make good the List now due, and you will order a regular acknowledgement to be given by Sheverow for any money that may be so advanced him, specifying the purpose for which such advance is given. This being done, the Treasure &c. to be sealed up in the manner beforementioned — A Copy of the accounts taken you will transmit to us without delay.

You

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You will make it publickly known to all the Family of the Deceased Rajah that this measure is adopted, with the View of ascertaining and Preserving the Treasure, Jewels, and Effects, for the Benefit of the Rajahs Successor, to whom the same shall be delivered over as soon as the approbation of the Governor General in Council is obtained thereon;

You are to maintain for the present the Government of the Tanjore Country in the same manner as Administered previous to the Death of the late Rajah, and without any change or alteration of his Ministers or Servants;

We are &c.

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Signed Arch.d Campbell
&c. Council

Resolved that a Letter be immediately drafted to Bengal advising the Governor General in Council of the death of the Rajah and that an Extract be sent from the Company's General Letter dated 12th april 1775 conveying their Orders in the Event of the Rajah's not being alive, when Lord Pigot arrived in India with directions to reinstate him upon his Throne;

To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis
Governor General &c. Council
at Fort William

To Bengal, stating the Death of the Rajah of Tanjore, and of the Measures pursued in Consequence—

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have the honor to inform you in our Letter of yesterday's date, that We apprehended the

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the Rajah of Tanjore was at the point of Death, We have now to communicate to you the Event of his Decease which happened on the 31st Ultimo.

That your Lordship &c may be acquainted with the particulars of this important Event, & of the Conduct of his Excellency previous to his Death We beg leave to enclose Copies of two Letters from Mr. Huddleston, and one from Colonel Stuart addressed to our President.

We have desired our President to write to the Rajah's Brother assuring him that the Honorable Company's protection will not be withdrawn from the deceased Rajah's family, and that as soon as We are honored with your Decision relative to the Succession, we shall communicate the same to him.

In the mean time We have directed the Committee of Inspection at Tanjore to take a minute account of the Rajah's Treasure Jewels and Effects, and to maintain for the present his Excellency's Government in the same manner as administered previous to his Death and without any change or alteration of his Servants.

We think it necessary to enclose to your Lordship &c. a Paragraph of the Letter from the Court of Directors dated 12 April 1775 which conveys the Honorable Company's Orders in the event of the Rajah's not being alive when Lord Pigot arrived

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arrived on this Coast directing that the late Rajah should be reinstated on his Throne—

Our President has received a Message from the Nabob of the Carnatick declaring his intention of addressing the Government on the Subject of appointing a Successor to the Throne of the deceased Rajah — When this Letter is received We shall immediately forward it to your Lordship &c.a

We have the Honor to be
&c.a &c.a
/Signed/ Arch.d Campbell
&c.a Council

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Diary

Received the following Report from the Hospital Board.—

Report of the Hospital Board — Mr Fleming's Rank settled — Amount of Mr Bullman's Disbursement from 1st May to 31st December — Returns of Sick &c.—

approved —

Hospital Board
February 2d 1787

The Hospital Board beg leave to recommend that Mr Charles Fleming Assistant Surgeon, who was received into the Service as per Proceedings Nov. 6th have rank from that date, and be appointed to do Duty at the General Hospital Fleming.

Mr Whyte having applied for further leave of absence for Mr Blackader to remain at the Sea Coast for the recovery of his health, the Board have agreed to grant it, as Mr Reid is at present doing Duty at Madura.

Government having been pleased to grant Mr Gillespie three Years leave of absence to return to Europe for the Recovery of his Health

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Ordered the Secretary to
Acquaint him, he has such
permission without prejudice
to his standing in the Service.

The Hospital Board hav-
:ving received a particular
account of Mr. Bulman's
Expences from the 1st of May
to the 31st December 1786
observe with pleasure, that
though all His Majesty's Re-
:giments have been supplied
by him, his disbursements
amount only to Pagodas
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Inclosed the Board
have the Honor of forwarding
to Government an abstract of
the number of Sick in the 4
General Hospitals and their
Dependencies for the Months
of October, November and
December, and the number
of Sick of His Majesty's
Regiments the 31st December
together with the present
state of the Medical De-
:partment on the Coast
Establishment.

Approved

(Signed) Andw Berry
Secy Hospital Board.

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Sent the undermentioned Letters for:
:ded in M B No^s 1.2.3.4.5.

To Lieutenant Colonels Campbell and
Moorhouse, and M^r. Thomas Cockburn, ac:
:cepting their Proposals for furnishing Draft &
Carriage Bullocks - the Contract to exist for three
Years, and the Penalty 18,000 Pagodas.

To Lieutenant Colonels Campbell & Moorhouse & M^r Thomas Cockburn,

To the Company's Solicitors, to draw out
the Contract.

To the Company's Solicitors

To the Garrison Storekeeper - The Board
approve his rejecting the Offer of the Merchants
for the Purchase of the Company's Rice,

To the Garrison Storekeeper

To the Storekeeper at Trichinopoly, the
Purchase of the Articles desired by the Committee
of Stores at Trichinopoly is approved by Govern:
:ment - but he is not to consider it as a Precedent,
unless in Cases of particular Emergency.

To the Storekeeper at Trichinopoly

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Received the undermentioned Letter,
(entered in M B N^o C. - 7.)

From Bengal, with Returns of Camp
Equipage shipped on the Earl Talbot & Berring-
-ton Indiamen for this Presidency.

From Bengal

Minute thereon

Ordered, that the Returns be sent to the
Military Storekeeper

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5th Received the following Letters

To John Cranier Esqr

Secretary to the Honorable the President in Council

at Fort St George.—

From Wm Secretary May, with acct: of Guns shipped on the Berrington for Madras

Sir,

I have the Orders of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to acquaint you that the Artillery required from this Presidency to complete the Establishment ordered by the Honble Court of Directors for the Presidency of Fort St George has been shipped in the Berrington, and will be delivered to the Order of the Honorable the President in Council on Captain Ley's arrival at Fort St George— The Guns shipped on the Berrington are Seven Twelve Pounders and thirty Six, Six Pounders,

Sam. Wm. Wa

Signed E. May Secy

Fort William
Secret & military Dept.
15th January 1787

To John Cranier Esqr:

Secretary

From the Garrison Storekeeper as to Provisions furnished from the King's Stores for the Use of his Majesty's Soldiers sent to England on the Piget—

Sir,

In consequence of the Orders of the Honorable Board dated 31st January 1785, I have Supplied from the Kings Stores 13 Puncheons and 1 Hogs head containing 1260 Pieces of Europe Salted Beef, and eight Puncheons containing 1260 Pieces of Europe Salted Pork, for the purpose

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and Sovereignty shall be fully preserved & maintained

Your Lordship will observe that on the Death of the former Rajah Pertaub Sing, his Son Tulgajee could not of right Succeed him untill he had first obtained my Sanad which I sent him by two of my Servants Rahmaunally Cawn and Hussain ally Cawn this will appear by his Letter to me and my answer — as Tulgajee is now deceased, The country of Tanjore of course comes into my possession according to the ancient tenure on which it was held, and as Tulgajee had died without issue or any lawful Heir, no embarrassment can arise from any expectations that might have been entertained of my reestablishing in them the same Government that has for some years been supported in the Family of Tulgajee — I accordingly call upon your Lordship that the province be delivered up to my authority and I trust your Lordship will send the necessary Orders for that purpose — my view in making this Requisition is not only the preservation of the rights of my Government and Sovereignty, but to secure the Perpetual peace of the Carnatic and the prosperity of my own and the Company's affairs — For this purpose I shall consent that the whole Revenues of that Province after defraying the charges of the Collections and providing such a reasonable &

Subsistence

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Subsistance for the remains of Tuljajie's family as Sir Archibald Campbell shall think proper, be appropriated and set apart for the Military charges of the Carnatic — This province being in the very heart of the Carnatic and so situated as it may be defended by a few Battalions of Sepoys, when it is in my possession and its Revenues from which I will engage to realize the first year eleven, the Second year thirteen and from the third year fifteen Lacks of Pagodas yearly to be paid to the Company applied to the purpose aforesaid we shall be perfectly secured from all foreign Invasions our finances will be in a flourishing state, our Army will be formidable and well paid and no Enemy will dare to disturb our Tranquility

Your Lordship is a Nobleman of wisdom, you will immediately see the Justice and propriety of this measure and I am fully persuaded that you will give it your full approbation and Support,

May your Lordships days be long & happy, What can I say more,

The President lays before the Board the following

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Copy of a Letter from Colonel Stuart

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

&c &c &c

Sir

From Colonel Stuart, with a view of the situation of affairs since the Rajah's Death.

I had the Honor to address you this Morning at 6 o'clock, giving you hasty accounts of what had passed in Consequence of the Rajah's death at 10 the preceding Night — altho I wrote in a hurry I believe I omitted no material part of what passed — Except that of my acquainting the late Rajah's Brother and the other Relations, That the people then in office were to Continue to Carry on the Business of their different Departments, and that every thing was to go in the same way as if his Excellency the late Rajah was still alive, until the pleasure of Government was known — I was the less anxious about not being so very particular as Mr. Huddleston who was writing at the same time, and had little Else to mind, I concluded would naturally inform you fully in the letter which he told me he was then doing himself the honor of addressing to you finding it necessary at that time not only to attend to the Troops who were at the palace, but also to keep patroles Constantly going in the Streets to prevent the Inhabitants from being plundered for

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for it Seems it is the Custom of the Marrahtas (I
mean the abandoned part of them) on the death
of their Prince to Rob and plunder at Discretion.—
Happily on the present Occasion we have had no:
thing of that kind here, altho' I had very reason
to expect it from the information I received from
Sherrow and others.—

This Morning at 7 o'clock the remains
of the late Rajah was Carried in procession from the
Palace to the ground about a mile from the Fort
where it is Customary to burn the Body— The pro:
:cession was preceded by 4 Companys of the 72d and
the Rear of it brought up by the first Battalion of
Sepoys, the whole under the Command of Lieute:
:nant Colonel Mackenzie.—

This detachment making part of the pro:
:cession I ordered not only as a Compliment to the
deceased Rajah But also to awe the great Concourse
of people who had Assembled on the Occasion and
to prevent any Riot or Disturbance that might
have taken place during the Ceremony, of the
Funeral &c.— I also Ordered Minute Guns to be
fired from the time the procession began untill the
Body was Consumed to Ashes— which I trust Sir
will meet with your approbation.—

I Judged it prudent to remain myself
with

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with the Companys in the Palace Yard, while this Business was going forward which was Conducted with much quietness and Regularity.

all partys being so perfectly Contented and Satisfied that things should be carried on in their formes State untill the pleasure of Government was known, — I did not think it necessary to Confine in the palace, the Brothers and other near Relations of the deceased — but allowed them as is their Custom, to attend the Funeral — not allowing them might have occasioned Serious discontent, and as I saw no Good End it could possibly Answer, and as they came so readily and chearfully into every thing I proposed, and appeared so well Satisfied, I thought it best to keep them in this humour — The people that composed the procession are all Returned to the palace, — and was it not for the number of Europeans that at present occupy the Palace Yard it would be impossible to tell that an Event of Such Consequence as the death of the prince of the Country had taken place — Every thing is quiet and all manner of persons are following their different Occupations. —

It was impossible for me fully to Carry into Execution the 7th Article of the Instructions as the Relations

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Relations of the late Rajahs Family with their Servants and dependants as well as those of his dif:ferent Women were all assembled at the palace on the Occasion — Most of the Relations and their Connections &c. live out of the Palace — I how:ever Secured all the Gates and allowed no person to go out, or Come into the palace untill such time as the Brother and the other Relations Chearfully acquiesced in every thing I proposed agreeably to my Instructions and untill I had placed a proper Guard, as I had the Honor to mention to you in my letter this morning, over the Treasure and Valuable Effects, which were Sealed up:

The Relations of the Family who usually Reside within the Walls of the palace continue to do so nor have they any inclination or desire to go out

That no Person was to be declared or proclaimed Successor to the Rajah of Tanjore untill the Reso:lution of Government on this important Subject was Communicated to me under the Signature of the Governor and Council of Fort St George, was fully and Clearly explained to and understood by the Rajahs Brother and the other Relations at the meeting held last night after the late Rajahs decease — VVr Swartz Interpreted on this Occa:sion, which they all most Readily, and Chearfully

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Chearfully acquiesced in and Agreed to — was any such attempt to be made — you may assured Sir, I would put an immediate Stop to it. —

Before I Conclude this letter I must in Justice to the Gentlemen Composing the Committee inform you, that allour meetings prior to the Rajahs death — Their opinion of what was proper and ought to be done on that Occasion in which we were unanimous was nearly, if not exactly the Same as that contained in the Instruction you were pleased to honor me with. —

I have the Honor to remain with perfect Respect &c &c

/Signed/ I Stuart

Palace Yard Tanjore 1st February 1787 7 o'Clock Evening

Colonel Stuarts Conduct approved:

The Resident's Conduct approved:

The Board very much approve the Conduct of Colonel Stuart, as well as that of the Resident at Tanjore, to both of whom it is agreed that the publick thanks of the Board be given. —

Resolved also that the Resident be directed to communicate to the Committee of Inspection Governments perfect approbation of their Conduct, on the late Event of the Rajah of Tanjore's Death

The Committee of Inspection &c.

The following Letters to Colonel Stuart and Mr. Hudleston being drafted by the Secretary are

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are approved, and ordered to be dispatched

To Colonel James Stuart

Commanding at Tanjore

Letter to Colonel Stuart approving his Conduct

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to inform you that the Honorable President has laid before them your several Letters addressed to him relative to the Secret Orders with which you were entrusted and the manner in which you carried them into Execution.

The whole of your proceedings upon this Occasion has been in the fullest manner approved by Government who direct me to express the high Sense they entertain of the Services you have performed, and to tender to you, in the name of the Honorable Company, their publick thanks for the Steady prudent and soldierlike conduct you have manifested by which the objects in view have been completely attained.

The Board rely upon the Continuation of your vigilance for preserving the publick tranquility at Tanjore until the appointment of a Successor to the Rajahship shall be proclaimed.

I have the Honor to be &c &c

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/Signed/ John Shore Secy

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To John Hudleston Esqr.

at Tanjore

Sir Letter to Mr Hud: leston in approbation of his Conduct, and that of the Committee of Inspection —

I am directed by the Honorable President in Council to signify to you Governments perfect approbation of your Conduct prior and subsequent to the late Rajahs death and to return to you their publick thanks accordingly.

The Board desire you will in their name express to the Committee of Inspection the high Sense they entertain of their zealous cooperation with you in forwarding the publick Service, and in preserving good Order and regularity in Tanjore when the Event of the Rajahs Death took place. — I am &c &c

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Signd John Chamier Jr

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores —

To the Honble Major General Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &c in Council

Fort St George.

Report of the Committee of Stores — On the Indent of Stores from the Committee of Stores at Trichinopoly — On the Tents received from Vizagapatam — On Major Gourdan's Representation of the bad State of the Cavalry accoutrements — And on the Europe Bouches remaining in Stores — Observations of the Board on the foregoing —

Honorable Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Deputy

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Deputy Secretary Jackson's
Letter of the 24th ultimo, enc:
closing Copies of our Letters to
your Honorable Board of the
2d and 21st of the same month,
with your Observations thereon,
also Copy of a Letter & Enclosures
from Brigadier General Horne,
a Return of Military Stores
in the Garrison of Masulipa,
: tam and Copy of a General
Order published at the Presidency
the 23d of last Month.

Resolved

We resolve at a former
Consultn to send the Stores
to Trichinopoly by the earliest
Sea Conveyance, after the Mon:
: soon, and we now only wait
for a proper Vessel to convey them
to the nearest Sea port to that
Garrison, though had we been
before informed that they were
in immediate want of the
small Stores mentioned might
have been found of sending
them thither, but at the time
we received the Indent & during
the monsoon, so large a Supp:
: ply would not be sent with:
: out subjecting the greater
part to the risk of being

entirely

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entirely spoiled, and the Com:
:pany to a much greater ex:
:pense than the rules of the
Service in time of Peace admit of.

With respect to the proce:
:dings of the Committee of
Stores at Trichinopoly we have
now submitted to your Honor
&c. our reasons for not comply:
:ing with their Indent, sooner,
but to prevent in future any
Cause for deviating from the
Orders of the Honorable Board,
we beg leave to solicit your
permission that we may re:
:quest the Committee of Stores
at the different Out Garrisons
to inform us, when the de=
=mand is particularly urgent
for the whole, or any part of their
Indent.

approved

In answer to General
Horne's remarks on the Tubes
the Commissary General of
Stores observed that no Tubes
have been sent to Trichinopoly
within these 7 or 8 Months
we therefore presume that
General Horne has been
misinformed

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misinformed, with respect to their having been lately sent from hence, we have examined some Tubes which have been lately made / taken promiscuously from a large heap / and they appeared to us perfectly good & Serviceable in every respect, those sent to the out Garrisons are filled with a Composition of which no Complaints have before been made, and therefore we cannot help supposing that those complained of at Trichinopoly have either met with some accident, or have been spoiled from the length of time they have remained in Store,

promiscuously

At our last meeting the Commissary General of Stores laid before us the Invoice of some Tents and Marquees received from Vizagapatam: By this Invoice it appears that the private Tents are said to be of a new Construction and the price charged is 38 ℔ Cent above that allowed by the Contract - We beg Leave to observe that We know of no

authority

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authority being given to the Storekeeper at Vizagapatam for making Tents of a new Construction, or charging for those made up more than the Contract price, and in respect to their being sent to the Presidency at an heavy expence of 327 Current Pagodas for Freight We are of Opinion the Storekeeper should have obtained permission from your Honble Board for sending them.

We submit whether these Tents upon a new Construction, different from what is allowed, and made up at an advanced price should be received into Store, and at the same time we beg to offer it as our Opinion That if your Honor &c should vouchsafe to order them to be received, that the Storekeeper at Vizagapatam should not be allowed to charge more than the Contract Price, and be obliged to deduct, or at least make a reasonable abatement from the Freight.

The Tents are to be received into Store at the Contract Price.

&c.

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a Letter will be written to the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam directing them in future not to Subject the Honorable Company to such an heavy Expence for Freight.

No receipt has yet been given for them, nor have they been taken into Store, as we wait for the Opinion of your Honorable Board respecting the Circumstances we have now stated.

We humbly solicit your permission to transmit to the Committee of Stores at Vizagapatam a Copy of your Honorable Board's reply to our Letter of the 10th October last which may prevent irregularities in future.

approved

We have agreed to write a Letter to the Committee of Stores at Vellore, requiring an explanation to certain Parts of their Letter of Reports dated 16th Ultimo.

Major Gourdan addressed the Committee at our last meeting, by Letter, representing the very indifferent State of the Cavalry Accoutrements made up in this Country, & requesting us to solicit your Honor &c. to recommend to the Court of Directors

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to send out in future, Saddles &c. for the whole of the Company's Cavalry after the Pattern of those brought out for the 19th Regiment of Dragoons, but as Major Gourdans application requires mature Deliberation, we agreed to postpone giving an Opinion until the matter can be more fully investigated, at our next meeting.

The Commissary General of Stores informed us that there are 5737 Europe Pouches of the old Construction now in the Stores, as it has been resolved to make up Pouches of one Form for the whole Army, We beg leave to submit to your Honorable Board, whether they shall be kept in their present State, or whether they shall be taken to pieces and the materials made up agreeably to the new form, the Storekeeper making a proper allowance to the Company for the Flaps & Belts those being the only parts of which any Use can be made

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the Europe Pouches remaining in Store are to be issued to the Troops until the whole be expended

We have the honor to be
Sir &c.
(Signed) J. Capper
Wm Petrie
J Moorhouse

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Agreed

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Agreed that a Letter be written to the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam, enclosing Extract of the Report of the Committee of Stores, &c expressing the expectation of Government, that in future arrangements for transporting Stores, the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam will settle with the Owners of Ships upon terms more favorable to the Company than those lately made,

Minute on the preceding Letter

Agreed also to inform the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam that no Excess upon the Contract Prices for Tents can be admitted without the Special Order of Government,

Do

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Captain Pringle,

To The Honble Major Genl Sir Archd Campbell KB.

Governor and Commander in Chief &c &c &c

From Captain Pringle, with a Plan for the Establishment of a Corps of Guides.

Sir,

Having had the honor to be Captain of the Guides to the Army on this Coast for near 10 years past, and from my experience in that line being convinced that no assistance what ever is to be expected from Villagers for conducting the Army over the very often obliterated Roads of

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this Country, as they uniformly abandon their Dwellings on the first alarm of War, I beg your permission, Sir, to address you on a subject so highly important, and which has great a share in the success of Military Operations in general,

Various Plans have been from time to time proposed for establishment of a Corps of Guides in time of Peace that should be always in readiness, and adequate to the Duty for which it was intended in the time of War; but all have been attended with much Expence, and now have been as yet competent to the wished for purpose. I therefore beg leave, Sir, to submit to your consideration the following outlines of a Plan by which I am inclined to believe that a numerous Body of Guides might be retained and their fidelity secured without any Expence whatever to the Honorable Company in time of Peace.

As in this time of Desolation, and almost at all other times, there are Lands in the Honorable Company's Jaghires and Northern Circars lying waste, the occupying of which, without having any Rent paid for them, would not affect the Revenues in the smallest degree;

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I would propose that a Body of two or three hundred, or such other number as might be deemed most eligible, of the most expert Guides, chosen with the greatest deliberation and circumspection, should be allowed a certain portion, each, of those Lands, suppose 6 Canals for a private Guide, as a free Maurium, on condition that he, or some one for him as expert as himself, should ever be ready at an Hours notice to attend his Duty with the Army or a Detachment, as a Guide; and in failure at any time of the performance of this Obligation not only to forfeit his Maurium but to undergo such punishment as his breach of so Fidility might be thought to deserve. — His Pay and Batta, whilst on Service, might be the same as it is now; The Mauriums might lye in different parts from North to South, that a portion of Guides might always be within call; and there might be Head — Second and Third Guides appointed, with larger Shares of Land, who might be made responsible for all the inferior Guides in their District, —

There might also be a proportion of them skilled in Horsemanship to act as Guides to the Cavalry

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Cavalry.— The whole of them might also be obliged, by the tenure of their Mannums, to forward to Government or their European Chief Guide, or to a Committee formed for that purpose, any Intelligence that may come to their Knowledge; the Minutiæ of all which Arrangements I shall have the honor, Sir, to lay before you, in an after, seperate Paper, drawn up under the Sanction of the Honorable Board of Revenue, provided this Ground — Work of the Plan, the leading Features of which are with Oeconomy in time of Peace to secure Fidility in time of War, should meet your approbation,

minutia

In order to provide for a Succession of Officers qualified for the Management of the Guides, I beg the favor of your permission, Sir, to suggest that two Deputies Captains of Guides, might be appointed; the one to act with the Troops South of the Coleroon, and the other with those North of the Kristnah, whilst I am stationed with the Grand Army in the Carnatick in time of War; that during the Peace, we might seperately or conjunctly be making ourselves fully acquainted with all the Roads &c. &c. in the different Provinces, reporting from time to time our progress to the Commander in Chief &c.

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the Chief Engineer, or the Quarter Master General,
which ever the Honorable Board might think
most eligible to put us under the Direction of
— And as in this Country the Department of
Guides should be on a more respectable Esta-
blishment than perhaps in any other part of
the World, it would be an inducement for Officers of
superior abilities to get themselves placed in it were I
allowed to hold the nominal Rank of Majors,
with the Pay and Emoluments annexed to that
station; and the two Deputies, from being
Lieutenants the nominal Rank of Captains,
with 10 Shillings ₰ Day as Captains of Guides,
Captains Batta and Surveyors allowances when
employed on Service —

Should These Ideas, Sir, be honored with
your approbation, I earnestly request that you
will do me the honor to communicate them
to the Board, and, should I be so fortunate as to
have them meet with their Sanction & Patronage,
in that case I would with the greatest deference,
but in the strongest Terms recommend Lieut.ts
Alexander Beatson and Alexander Allen to be the
two Captains of Guides, as they are Gentlemen every
way qualified, in experience and abilities, to do
honor to the appointment and gain reputation
to

deference

Terms

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to themselves in the execution of that office in the Event of a future War, however arduous the Duty may be.

Praying forgiveness for having so long intruded on your time,

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

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[Signed] Jno Pringle
Captain of Guides

guides

approved

The Board approve Captain Pringles idea of establishing a Corps of Guideas in time of Peace, and it is accordingly agreed that he be desired to deliver in the Plan of which the Outlines only are Sketched in his Letter.

Captain Pringle allowed the nominal Rank of Major

Resolved also in Consideration of the Merit and Services of Captain Pringle, that he be allowed the nominal Rank of Major with the pay of that Station, and that agreeably to his recommendation, Lieutenants Beatson & Allen be appointed his Deputies, and be indulged with the nominal Rank of Captains, to have 10 Shillings pr Diem as Captains of Guides, and Captains Batta & Surveyors allowances when employed on Survey.

Lieutenants Beatson & Allen of Captains

Ordered that the above be published in General Orders.

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Read the following Letter from Mr. Scottney, with Enclosures entered in Mr. B.s No.s 7-8-9-10-11.-/

To John Shannier Esq.r
Military Secretary

Sir

From Mr. Scottney, with a Statement of deficiencies in his accounts from 1st May 1780 to April 1784—also Letter of Explanation from Colonel Moorhouse with three Lett.s

Colonel Capper having made his final Report to the Honorable the President in Council on my accounts as Military Storekeeper from the 1st May 1784 to the 30th June 1786—I have the Honor/ in consequence of your Letter to me of the 1st and Mr. Jackson's of the 12th Ultimo/ send you for the Satisfaction of the Honorable Board, a State of deficiencies in my accounts commencing the 1st May 1780 and ending the 30th April 1784, as Reported by Mr. Holland.

I have at the same time the Honor to enclose a Letter accompanying three Lett.s from Colonel Moorhouse, which I hope with the Colonels explanation, will prove satisfactory to the Honorable Board.

I am encouraged to hope for the Indulgence of the Honorable Board, for the deficiency of Vouchers for the Balance of Pagodas 25 78 25 19/ in which is inclined the Stores inserted in Colonel Moorhouses List No. 3/ when I assure the Board that

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that from the nature of the Service at the time, it was not always possible to obtain Vouchers for Stores delivered, which I represented to the Commissioners of accounts in my Letter to them of the 23d September 1786 I can therefore with respect to myself, Swear, that to the best of my knowledge and belief, all Stores debited the Company in my accounts as Military Storekeeper, were actually delivered for the Company's Use, and that no such Stores were so delivered, without what I and every Person in my Department thought Sufficient authority for the Same,

I must also beg leave to observe, that I received no previous notice that Reciepts for all Stores delivered were absolutely necessary to be produced, 'till it was too late to obtain them; I Therefore depend upon the former method of examining my accounts by the Conductors Books when any Voucher was wanting which Books were kept under the Inspection and sole Direction of the Commissary of Stores; and as a Testimony of my attention in the article of Vouchers when it could possibly prevail, Colonel Capper has Reported to the Honorable Board, that they are complete for the last accounts he examined, which comprehend a period of Two years and two Months.

I have the Honor to be &c &c

[Signed] B: Scottney

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agreed

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agreed that the Certificate produced by Mr. Scottney be admitted, and that Credit be given him in his accounts agreably thereto — Resolved also that the Balance of Pagodas 25"78..25.49. for which there is deficiency of Vouchers be admitted, provided Mr. Scottney take an Oath before the President that the Stores debited the Company as above were actually delivered for their Use.

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General.

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

From the Military Paymasters General, requests to know to what Head the Cash advanced by him for the Cantonments at Malavyabad, is to be carried in his Books, —

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am to request that your Honble Board will be pleased to inform me, to what Head the amount of Cash advanced from this Office on account of the Cantonments at Malavyabad, is to be carried in the Books of my Employ or whether it is your Honorable Boards pleasure that a new Head should be raised on that account, — I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

/Signed/ John Turing
Mill. Pay Genl.

Pay Office
2d February 1787

agreed.

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Agreed that the Paymaster General be directed to raise a Head in his Books for the Cantonment at Walanjaubad, and that all Disbursements relative thereto be brought to account under the Head of Cantonment at Walanjaubad.

Arch.d Campbell

Alex.r Davidson

Sa.l Hussaniayr

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7th Received the following Letter from the Resident at Poona

To The Honble Sir Arch: Campbell Kt.

Governor of Fort St George

From the Resident at Poona - Enclosing an account of a Conversation between the Nabob's vakel and the Ministers at Poona

Honorable Sir,

The 28th of December I had the Honor to address you, and to forward Duplicate of my Letter of the preceding Day which Duplicate of my last is enclosed.

In the bare Possibility that my advices relative to the contending Armies can convey any thing new after Rago Punts reaching his Station, I shall continue to trouble you with such as I can vouch for as authentick.

On the 29th of December a large Reinforcement of the Soubas Forces joined the allied Army, and it was currently reported that Mogul Ally Khan and Mohabut Jung were expected at the Head of a much larger Body. Tippoo's Vackeel still remained in the Army, where the Reports were strong that his

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7th his Proposals were deemed inadmissible But a Persuasion prevails here that he is to come on to Poona to enter on Negociations for a general Peace I cannot decide which is the most probable.

On the 25th Ultimo the Mahratta Army moved three Cofs, on the 26th five, and on the Dispatch of my last Advices was encamped five Cofs. E. of Copal, whence it was expected to move across the Tumbudra.

This Day I have received Letters from Governor Boddam advising the Arrival of Europe Advices to the Middle of September. Mr. Boddam writes me that the King of Prussia is dead, but no Prospect of that important Events disturbing the Affairs of Europe, That the Dutch are distressed by intestine Troubles that threaten a civil War — There is very little English Matter in the Papers for August and September, most People being in the Country — The Duke of Norfolk is dead — These advices left Bussora the 5th of December and reached Bombay the 1st of January — another Packet is expected from the same Place during this Month. I have the Honor to enclose a List of Ships taken up for the ensuing Season.

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On the 31st ultimo a Mr. Durette
a Frenchman, arrived here last from the Mahratta
Army He informed me He had been a Surgeon
in the English Service on the Madras Establish:
:ment, was taken Prisoner by Hyder at Pingre,
and had been detained by Tippoo at the Peace
In consequence of his Representation I have
dispatched Him to Bombay with Letters to
Governor Boddam and to you, enclosing Copies
of his Narrative.

I have not yet heard from Raga
Punt, nor had any Message from Bussy
Row who I am informed has written to his
Master for Instructions for the Regulation
of his Conduct to me.

I have the Honor to be with perfect

Poona
10th January
1787

Respect &c &c
Signed W. Malet

P. S. 11th January — I have this moment
received the enclosed Paper of Intelligence rela=
:tive to Bujing Row's Negociations and judge it
incumbent on me to forward it for your
Information — As it some Times happens
that our Papers appear in Print, and as the
divulging the name of a Person who should
communicate

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/ communicate such Intelligence would subject
Him to Death I have not thought proper to mention
the name of the Person from whom I received it
Permit me to hope that any Enquiries of the Nabob
on the Subject may be conducted with the greatest
Care and Circumspection.

/Signd/ C.W. Malet

Account of a Meeting of Buying Row with nana

The Day before yesterday being Tuesday
of January 1787 Buying Row accompanied by
appa Sadasew Mada Row waited by appointment
on the Minister when the following Conversation
passed — after the Restoration of his Country the
Nabob Walajaw had stationed three thousand
Europeans and six Thousand Sepoys with ample
warlike apparatees near Pingee under a General
with Orders that should the French make any
motion from Pondicherry to oppose them that
another General with one Thousand five hundred
Europeans and three Thousand Sepoys was Stationed
near the Gate that should any Body of Forces
move from Pondicherry towards Tippoo's Country
they might oppose them that for the maintenance
of these Forces the nabob annually issues eight
Lacks of Hoons from his Treasury and Eight more
are

7th are appropriated to the Payment of his Debts, to the East India Company;

That the Nabob of the Carnatic is desirous that the Ministers should advance in Person to the River Kistna when He would send the abovementioned Forces to his Assistance; when it should be settled that the Marattas should supply the Nabobs Forces with Provisions &c.;

To this the Ministers replied how can the English join any other Powers when it has been settled that if the French do not assist Tippoo the English are not to assist other Powers How then can they join the Peishwa and fight against Tippoo;

Bujiung Row replied, that it was true that the English of themselves could not assist them, but that if Walajaw entertaining them as in his Service should dispatch them every obstacle would be removed;

The Ministers observed that full and ample Assurance would be requisite to satisfy him on this Head;

Bujiung Row replied that he also wanted from the Peishwa a firm agreement on this Head because as soon as Tippoo learns that

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that the Nabob of the Carnatic meant to assist the Peishwa He would comply with the Peishwa's Demands who would agree thereto and drop Walajaw when the whole weight of both Parties would fall upon the Nabob wherefore he begged to be favored with a firm and positive Instrument which he might dispatch to the Nabob his Master.

The Minister replied that there would be no Breach in any agreement the Peishwa should make that he would write Hurry Punt on the Subject and on receipt of his answer give him a clear answer through Nana Row which he might dispatch to his Master.

Bajirao Row also acquainted the Minister that Tippoo had from his Father's Death become an ally of the French but that they disgusted by his bad Behaviour had not now joined him but that if he had behaved well to them, and required their assistance at first they would; but that now should it be spread abroad that the Nabob Walajaw was to assist the Peishwa the French would remain quiet.

I was yesterday four Hours &c. with

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P. Pyapingchow with and his Brother Kishen Row and heard the Particulars of the above, True Translate

Signd/ W. Malet

Received the following Letter from Pondicherry,

To his Excellency Major Gen.l Campbell K.B.

Governor of Madras &c.a &c.a at Fort St George

From the Governor of Pondicherry, in reply to the Complaint preferred against Mr. Martin, of being accessary to the Enticing away the Inhabitants of the Carnatic

Sir, I have been perfectly informed by the Letter which your Excellency did me the honor to write me the 20th of this Month, of the Conduct that W.m Martin, agent for our nation at Yanaon has allowed his Emissaries to adopt, in engaging to abandon their Country in order to establish themselves at Pondicherry. Some Ditchers / Tank diggers / Inhabitants of the Territories of his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic and of the English Company.

I own to you Sir, that till this moment I believed, and it was the account sent to me, that these people were taking refuge at Pondicherry at Pondicherry, as I know that there are a certain number established in the Environs of Madras, under

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under the direction of an Italian Missionary.

I have just written to Monsieur Martin, regarding the Complaint which you make me, that I may be informed by him: self, how he could allow himself to be deceived by his Emissaries, who doubtless could not have told him, to whom the Inhabitants belonged who proposed coming to Pondichery.

I am equally well informed Sir, that not only the two Emissaries, you had the politeness to send back for the disposal of M^r. Martin, had been stopped, but I know likewise, that a considerable Number of these People, have been detained by one of your Posts, in the Environs of Madras.

I request you to believe Sir, that if it had been possible that they had arrived at Pondichery I would have sent them back, on the first demand which might have been made me from your Excellency, or from his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, I would not even have waited for this Demand, if I had known what you do me the honor to write one, that these Ditches, came from your Lands; this Sir, is my way of thinking, which I give you as an invariable

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Testimony which ought to assure you that I entirely disapprove of the Conduct of Monsieur Martin, whom a zeal for his Nation may have carried, perhaps, too far.

The polite manner in which you express yourself, Sir, in the Letter with which you honored me, can only augment the sincere desire which I have to concur with a person such as you, that the good Understanding which now subsists between the two Nations may long continue, I shall always impose a Law upon myself to correspond with you in a frank and friendly Manner, and which may prove to you, how much I am flatter'd in having the advantage to assure you particularly of my Sentiments of Esteem and Consideration with which I have the Honor to be

Your Excellency's most humble and most Obedient Servant

Pondichery 25th January 1787

[Signed] Cossigny

A true Translation

[Signed] F Chasle French Translator

Ordered that the following Letter, received by the President, from the Governor of Pondichery, be entered hereunder,

To

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To his Excellency Major Genl Campbell K.B.
Governor of Madras &c &c
Fort St George

From the Governor of Pondicherry, requesting the President to prevail on his Highness the Nabob, to desist from levying the Duties in the Environs of Pondicherry 'till Orders are received from the Court of France.

Sir,

I reply to the letter that your Excellency did me the honor to write me dated 16 Novem: :ber 1786 in which you had the Complaisance to send me Copy of the Letter which you have received from his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic in answer to the Complaints addressed to you against the overseers of that Prince's ta: :blished at the Conkans in the Environs of Pon: :dicherry and where the overseers frequently oppose the entry of articles of the greatest necessity into the town, and sometimes even those which we draw from the Districts ceded to us by the last treaty of peace;

I am well convinced Sir, by your letter of the desire you possess that the good under: :standing which subsists between our respective Sovereigns, should long continue, it is likewise with the greatest confidence that I claim from your Excellency your good Offices with his High: :ness the Nabob of the Carnatic, and that I have the honor to request of you to employ the Influence that

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7th that you have over him, to endeavour him to accept of my Reply to the different articles of the Conditions, he wishes to impose on the french nation which I cannot think of admitting till I receive Instructions from my Court,

His Highness Complains, that latterly the customary respect due to his Government has been neglected, I cannot say any thing to that Complaint / too vaguely expressed, except by declaring nothing of the kind ever came to my knowledge,

I have before me, Sir the Conditions proposed by His Highness to which I will Reply in the order in which they stand,

1st The French never made the least difficulty in paying the customary duties upon all goods which pass through the Country of the Nabob of the Carnatic the most precise Orders are given to pay them with the greatest punctuality, but it would be right for the Prince to give Orders for to act less arbitrarily in the Collection of the said duties,

2d I have already had the Honor to address you to obtain from His Highness a Passport which I thought necessary for Mr. Le Baron de Bennemark de Maisonille, Commandant for the King at Karical, & whose Business

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7th Business called to Trichinopoly, on a similar occasion I will always have the honor to address myself to your Excellency, or to his Highness himself, but I cannot conceive that his intention can be, that the French Merchants or others who may have urgent Business at Karical, Madras or Yanaon, in fine at all the Towns and Factories of other Nations, previous to their leaving Pondicherry or before they depart from these different Places, should be obliged to wait, till they have obtained a Pass port.

3d The French always have traded with the Subjects of the Nabob of the Carnatic, to procure wood, Charcoal Chunam &c. If the prince from political views, prohibits the exportation of his Territory, he is undoubtedly the master, but it is certain, that whatever his views may be in causing a prohibition of such little importance that his Highness does not bear a good will for the French Nation,

4th Under the Government of Mr Law only, there was in the Town of Pondicherry a Sonkan of the Nabobs which was solicited for by that Governor for the benefit of Trade — I have the honor to observe to your Excellency and to his

Highness

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H Highness, that since Pondicherry has been re=
:stored to us at the last Peace, that the Districts
of Bahour and Villenour have been ceded to us
the Lonkams to be established at the Environs of
Pondicherry, caused a Subject of discussion between
Lord Macartney Governor of Madras, and Mr
Contenceau Commandant at Pondicherry —
this latter claimed the duty of the Lonkam, as it
should belong to us, by the Cession of the districts
of Bahour & Villenour to which the Lonkams
had been established — Lord Macartney then
requested Mr Contenceau to allow the Lonkams
to remain since they found them established in
the name of the English Nation, till the
decision of our respective Courts — Mr Contenceau
willingly agreed to that proposal through respect
for Lord Macartney, without its being mentioned
in any manner to establish one in Pondicherry
It is near 18 Months since accounts were sent
to our respective Courts and which I have renewed
in dispatches forwarded 8 Months since, I
cannot therefore admit a Lonkan in Pondicherry
till I receive Orders from my Court and I absolutely
refuse the demand of his Highness
The arrudars, Servants and Subjects
of

7 of the Nabob of the Carnatic who shall take
refuge at Pondicherry, or other places belonging
to his most Christian Majesty, cannot be
given up at the requisition of his Highness, my
duty on the Contrary is to support a right enjoyed
respectively by all the powers of Europe in Patro-
nizing all persons who claim the protection of
their flags, nevertheless every Malefactor, or
Criminal, a Subject of the Nabob of the Carna-
tic, shall be restored at the single request of
that prince, to suffer the punishment due to his
Crime.

6th The French nation will always make
it a duty to respect the Government of his
Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, will you
Sir permit me to request your Excellency to
assure the Prince on every Occasion, of the desire
I have particularly to be agreable to him.

By a Dispatch which I presume
should not be long on its way to Europe I have
sent an Account to my Court of the Conditions
proposed by His Highness the Nabob of the
Carnatic, if you can Sir engage that prince
to suspend his pretentions till I shall receive
answers and Orders, you will render me a real

Service

7 Servica for as much as what has been wrote before by Lord Macartney and Mr. Contenceau it is to be presumed, that our respective Courts will have come to some decision, by waiting, we shall avoid many discussions, which can be of no use to either party, to some pretentions, well or ill grounded and, which can only interfere with the good understanding that so happily reigns between our respective Sovereigns and to the Satisfaction of two nations possessing mutual esteem. — I have the Honor to be with the highest esteem and most distinguished Consideration

your Excellency's very humble
& very Obedient Servant

Pondichery
14th December 1786

/Signed/ Cossigny

a True Translation

/Signed/ T Chase
French Translator

Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19.

To Edward Hay Esqr. transmitting the

To the Secretary at Bengal

Proceedings of the Military and Secret Department from the 1st July to the 31st December 1786.

To Mr. Turing to lay before the Board

To the Garrison Storekeeper

an account of Provisions supplied the King's Troops on board the Pigot and the Medium Price of those articles. The amount to be carried to the Head of Account Current London.

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To the Civil Storekeeper

To Mr. Robert Hughes to debit the Commtee of Works for the amount of Mr. Garrow's Bill Pagodas 2112.24.42.

To the Clerk to the Committee of Works

To Mr. John Balfour to debit Mr. Garrow for the above.

To the Committee of Stores

To the Committee of Stores, enclosing Copy of their Letter of the 4th Instant with the observations of the Board thereon. To report upon the accompanying Letter and Enclosure from General Morse.

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr. Turing to raise a head in his Books of Cantonment at Walajabad and carry the amount of Cash advanced on that account to it.

To Captain Pringle

To Captain Pringle. The Board approve the establishment of a Corps of Guides and desire he will deliver in a plan accordingly Lieutenant Beatson and Allen to do duty with the Corps. The allowances to be settled when the Corps is arranged.

8th

To Vizagapatam

To Vizagapatam informing them that the Freight charged for conveying Tents to the Presidency, appears much too high, and desiring they will in future be more attentive to the Company's Interest. The Committee of Stores have been directed to receive them into Store at the Contract Price.

Recd the undermentioned Letters entered in the C. in C. B. Nos. 20. 21. 22.

From Colonel Reinbold enclosing a Bill

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From Colonel Rumbold —

8th Bill for publick Work done to the Cantonment of Arcot and requesting an order for it to be discharged

Ordered accordingly.

From Captain Flint the Garrison of Tiagar has only been paid in part for September the Officers have been obliged to make a collection in order to relieve the distresses of the Sepoys.

From Captain Flint

From Mr. Turing enclosing an account of Provisions supplied the King's Troops on board the Pigot.

From Garrison Storekeeper

Ordered that the account be sent a number in the Packet by the Talbot.

To be sent to England

At a Consultation Present

The Honorable Sir Archibald Campbell K.B. President

& Alexander Davidson
& James Henry Casamajor } Esqrs

Friday the 9th February 1787

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.

The President lays before the Board the following Arrangement for the Army on the Coast which he proposes shall be formed into Four Divisions as hereunder Stated.

Eastern

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Eastern Division

Arrangement of the Army —

Stations	Force
Fort St George	His Majesty's 52d & 96th Regiments of Foot a Detachment of the 1st Battalion of Artillery from the Recruit consisting of 3 Battalions of Native Infantry Grenadier Battalion & Supernumeraries
Mount	1st Battalion of Artillery
Tondamallie Fort	His Majesty's 52d Regiment of Foot
Nellore Fort	1 Company of Native Infantry
Ongole Fort	1 Company of Native Infantry
Tennicottah Fort	4 Companies of Native Infantry
	2 Companies of Native Infantry

Western Division

Stations	Force
Wallajahbad Cantonment	8 Companies of His Majesty's 71st Regiment of Foot 1 Company of Artillery 4 Companies of Lascars 6 Battalion of Native Infantry } from the 2d Battn
Chittlinoordoo Cantonment	His Majesty's 19th Regt of Light Dragoons
Arcot Cantonment	4th Battalion of European Infantry 3 Regiments of Native Cavalry 1 Company of Native Infantry
Vellore Fort	3 Battalion of European Infantry 1 Battalion of Native Infantry
Chingleput Fort	2 Companies of His Majesty's 71st Regiment of Foot 1 Company of Native Infantry
Amboor Fort	2 Companies of Native Infantry
Thundergunny Fort	1 Company of Native Infantry
Chittore Fort	1 Company of Native Infantry
Daudnagur Fort	1 Company of Native Infantry
Arnee Fort	1 Company of Native Infantry
Tiagar Fort	4 Companies of Native Infantry
Ravet Nellore Fort	1 Company of Native Infantry
Cuddalore Fort	2 Companies of Native Infantry
Permacoil Fort	1 Company of Native Infantry

Northern

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Northern Division

Stations	Force
Ellore Fort	1 Company of artillery, 4 Companies of Lascars, 2d Battalion of European Infantry, 1 Battalion of native Infantry — from No 2 Br.
Masulipatam Fort	150 European Infantry Invalids, 2 Battalions of native Infantry
Samulcottah Fort	4 Companies of native Infantry
Condapilly Fort	3 Companies of native Infantry
Rajahmundry Fort	1 Company of native Infantry
Vizagapatam Fort	150 European Infantry Invalids, 2 Companies of native Infantry
Chicacole Fort	4 Companies of native Infantry
Cossimcotah Fort	2 Companies of native Infantry
Ganjam Fort	80 European Infantry Invalids, 4 Companies of native Infantry
Aska Fort	4 Companies of native Infantry

Southern Division

Stations	Force
Trichinopoly Fort & the Cantonment in its neighbourhood	3 Companies of artillery, 1 Companies of Lascars — from No 2 Br., 1 Battalion of European Infantry, 1 Regiment of native Cavalry, 5 Battalions of native Infantry
Tanjore Fort	6 Companies of His Majesty's 72d Regiment of Foot, 2 Battalions of native Infantry
Madura Fort	1 Battalion of native Infantry
Palamcottah Fort	1 Battalion of native Infantry
Vellum Fort	4 Companies of of His majesty's 72d Reg.t of Foot
Negapatam Fort	1 Company of native Infantry to be detached from Tanjore

The European Invalid artillery

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to be devided to the different Stations where their Services may be required in consequence of the above Distribution of the Effective Battalions of Artillery—

The Invalids of European Infantry posted at Masulipatam and Vizagapatam to be formed into Four Companies Viz! Two at each of those Stations; and the European Infantry Invalids ordered to Ganjam to be formed into a Company at that Station—

The Senior Officer of the Battalion of Artillery posted in the Southern Division, to be considered as the Commanding Officer of all the Artillery in that Division of the Army.— The Senior Officer of the Battalion of Artillery posted in the Eastern Division, to be considered as the Commanding Officer of all the Artillery between the Coleroon and Kistna, and the Captain Comm: manding the Company of Artillery at Ellore to be considered as the Officer Commanding all the Northern Division—

Brigadier

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Brigadier General Horne the Comm:
:manding Offics of the Southern Division of the army:—
Colonel Brathwaite to command the
Northern Division:—
all Reports and applications connected
with the Public Service, from the Northern Division,
to be made through Colonel Brathwaite to Head
Quarters; and through Brigadier General Horne—
from the Southern; with the exception of the Posts of
Tanjore and Vellum; as from their Situation the
Service might be retarded by that Channel of Comm:
:munication to Head Quarters; the Offices in
the Command of these Posts are, however, to make
the usual Returns and Reports to the Offices Comm:
:manding the Southern Division.— It is to be un:=
:derstood at the same time that, wherever the Comm:
:manding Offics of the Southern Troops shall be
posted at Tanjore, he is to be the Channel of Comm:
:munication to Head Quarters from all the Posts
of that Division of the army:—

The Posts established in the Eastern and
Western Divisions to report separately to Head Quarters
with the following Exceptions— the Post of Ravt
Nellore through the Offics Commanding Tiagar—
amboor, Chittoor, and Daudnagur through the Offics
Commanding Vellore— arnee through the Offics
Commanding Arcot; and Timricottah through the
Offics Commanding Angole;—

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As the above Disposition of the Troops will occasion a change of Quarters to many Corps and Detachments of the Army, as well as a new Formation of Brigades and an alteration in the appointment of the Field Officers, the Commander in Chief will publish the Detail for these Purposes and give his Orders for the movements that may be necessary for carrying the whole into execution in as connected a manner as practicable and with the least possible Delay and Expence;—

The Board approve the above Disposition, and desire the President will as Commander in Chief, give the necessary directions for moving the Troops conformably to the Arrangement proposed;—

approved

The President informs the Board that Colonel Muller has offered to pay into the Company's Cash the Sum of £50 being the principal Sum advanced him by the Court of Directors in England — as Colonel Muller has not received any Interest from the Rajah of Tanjore, and is in necessitous circumstances the President is of opinion that the principal of Colonel Muller's Debt to the Company ought to be received, & that on

The President proposes that Colonel Muller's offer of paying into the Cash the Sum of fifty Pounds advanced him by the Court of Directors be accepted;—and that the Interest be excused

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on account of his necessitous Situation brought to be excused the payment of the Interest.

The Board approve the Opinion of the President, and it is accordingly agreed that the Principal only of Colonel Mullers Debt to the Company be required from him.

Approved

The President begs leave to enter the following Minute.

President's Minute
of 2d February 1787

It gives me great Concern to make any Remarks that may tend to draw Censure from our Superiors, upon the Gentlemen who have held Confidential Employments in the Service; But a Circumstance has come to my Knowledge at which I cannot refrain expressing the utmost abhorrence — It is no less than the Loss of every important public paper, which was lodged in the Office of the political Secretary — The Paper I allude to, is an authentic Copy of the Phirmaund procured by Lord Clive from the Emperor of Delhi in the year 1765. Granting to His Highness The Nabob Walajah, The Nabobship of the Carnatic, which Phirmaund was transmitted to this Government, and presented to His Highness with distinguished

President's minute stating that the Copy of the Phirmaund from the Emperor of Delhi, to the Nabob of the Carnatic, has been taken out of the Political Secretary's Office,

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distinguished marks of Respect.

An exact Persian Copy of this Phermaund, with an English Translation annexed, was lodged in the Office, which Mr Petrie remembers well at the time that he held the Station of political Secretary — No Trace of this Paper can now be found, nor do any of the Gentlemen at present in Office, recollect to have seen it; But as it is never too late to censure unwarrantable neglect of Duty, in Those who hold Stations of the first Trust and Confidence under Government, or even to punish them for their treacherous delinquency, I think it my Duty to record this Discovery, and to move the Board, that every Exertion be forthwith made to trace this extraordinary Breach of Trust, to those who have suffered the Honor of this Government, and the Credit of the Office, to be tarnished by the Loss of a public Writing of so much Importance; so that they and their abettors may be brought to exemplary punishment.

Signd Archd Campbell

The President reads to the Board

Some

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The Nabob proposes some articles to the President to be inserted in the Treaty

some Articles sent to him by the Nabob and proposed by His Highness for insertion in the Treaty, to which the President has replied in a manner which the Board very much approve — they trust he will be able to settle the different Articles with His Highness previous to the Dispatch of the Talbot.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter addressed to him by Colonel Capper,

To The Honble Major Genl. Sir Archibald Campbell KB

Governor in Council &c

From Colonel Capper requesting additional Military Rank

Sir

The Support I have constantly received from Government encourages me to take this opportunity of Requesting you to Represent to the Court of Directors my Situation from which I foresee in a short time no small degree of Mortification & Embarrassment, but which I hope will be prevented by your kind Interposition.

It is now 14 years since the Directors conferred on me the Brevet Rank of Full Colonel in the Service; by the means of which I now have the honor to preside at the Military Board & the Committee of Stores; in my own absence, but from which Situation I am likely very soon to be removed, For if my own Promotion is stopped, and that of the other

Officers

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Officers is constantly going on, in the course of a very few Months from the first I may become the last Member of each Board.

An additional Rank conferred on me would be no Extraordinary Expence to the Company, nor be any Supercession of the Kings or Company's Officers who are now daily superseding me, I flatter myself therefore you will not consider my Request as unreasonable, or imputo that to Presumption, which arises only from an honest Emulation which every man possesses who is desirous of distinguishing himself in the Public Service.

I have the Honor to be &c &c

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7th February 1787

Signed J. Capper
Colonel &c

Minute thereon

The Board are concerned that it is not in their power to comply with the wishes of Colonel Capper for additional Military Rank being expressly prohibited by the Honorable Company's Orders exceeding the prescribed Establishment — Agreed however to recommend Colonel Capper's request to the favorable attention of the Honorable Court of Directors and to express the hope of this Government

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Government that in the eventual promotion of
Colonels in this Service to the rank of General Officers,
the Honorable Company will keep in remembrance
the merit and long Services of Colonel Capper.

Examined—

Alex. Campbell

Alex. Davidson

Jn. H. Casamayor

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The President sends in Circulation the following Note to him from the Amer, with Copy of a Letter addressed to His Highness the Nabob by Eitabar Cawn, which is entered in the MB. N. 23.—

From the amer, requesting that a Force may be sent to awe the Polligars who have withheld their Peshcash from the Circar—

His Highness the Nabob ameer ul Omrah Bahauder presents his Compliments to Sir Archibald Campbell— Eitabar Cawn having repeatedly written that the Pollegars depending upon Tennevelly have not yet paid their just Peshcash, by which the Circar will Sustain a Loss for Lack of Pagodas in the Revenues— His Highness the Nabob Wallajah Bahauder again requests the Governor will be so good, to order one or two Battalions of Sepoys to be sent under a proper Officer merely to be stationed between the Boundaries of the Circar and the Pollagars by which they will be induced to make good their just Payments to the Circar— His Highness does not intend there Should be any Blood shed upon the occasion and he is confident that on the appearance of these Troops the Poligars will immediately pay their Peshcash which they have now withheld for these seven months past— His Highness some time ago enclosed Sir Archibald Campbell an Extract of

Triplicate
House
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11 12 of a Letter from Eitabar Cawn on this Subject,

12 The President proposes by a Note in Circulation that the following answer be sent to the Amer

Sir Archibald Campbell presents his Compliments to His Highness the Nabob and desires he will, Amer ul Amrah Behauder, and desires he will, in the Governor's Name request His Highness the Nabob Walaujah, Behauder to address the Governor officially for the Assistance of the Company's Troops to awe the Polligars to the Southward; in the mean time Orders will be dispatched to Brigadier General Horne for Assembling a Force necessary for the purpose abovementioned,

To the amer in Reply,

Government House 17th Feby 1787

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In Consequence of the foregoing a Letter was Dispatched to Brigadier General Horne, as entered in Mr B. No. 24, directing him to send a sufficient Force to awe the Poligars, & to place it under the Command of Major Macleod, with Orders to act in Conjunction with Eitabar Cawn,

To General Horne in Consequence

Received the following Letters and Enclosures from Tanjore,

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To John Shannier Esqr

From the Secretary to the Committee of Inspection with their Minutes on the Question proposed by the Resident of taking off the Troops, stationed in the Palace, the Guards over the Treasury excepted

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3d February 1787
11 P.M.

Secretary &c &c &c

Fort St George

Sir,

I have the Honor to transmit the Minutes of the Committee of Inspection held this Evening

I am &c.
(Signed) P. C. Hippisley Secy

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At a Committee of Inspection

Present

Mr. Hurdleston
Colonel Stuart
Revd Mr. Swartz
Mr. Hippisley

Mr. Macleod presents Secret Instructions under the Signatures of the Honorable Governor and Members of Council addressed to himself as Resident, and Colonel Stuart as Commandant, indorsed "not to be opened, except "in the Event of the Rajah's Death"

Mr. Macleod, finding that Mr Hurdleston had not left Tanjore, delivered over his Instructions

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Instructions to Mr. Hudleston as virtually addressed to him in the Character of Resident.

The Instructions being read in Com:
:mittee, it appears they have all been complied with,
as far as it were possible, in consequence of the Secret
Instructions of the Honorable Governor produced
by Colonel Stuart to the Members of Committee
on the Evening of the Rajah's Death, addressed to
himself.

Mr. Hudleston proposes to Colonel
Stuart the Question of the Expediency of taking
off the Troops stationed in the Palace / the Guard
over the Treasury excepted / as every thing appeared
to be in a State of Tranquility.

Colonel Stuart is of Opinion that
the Troops might as well remain in their present
Situation till the Honorable Governor replies to
his Address of the 1st Instant, which reply may be
expected in two or three days.

Mr. Swartz suggests that the Sentiments of the Palace Managers be taken on
this Subject, whether they have any objection to the
Troops remaining.

Colonel Stuart, Mr. Hudleston,
and Mr. Hippisley, conan, with Mr. Swartz,

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Shivarow and Lala, two of the princi:
:apal Managers are desired to attend the Com:
:mittee, and on the question being put to them,
they reply,—

"As all animosities have perfectly sub:
"sided, it is unnecessary to keep the Europeans
"before the Palace, but the Sepoys — Serjeant, and
"2 Officers, who are put over the Treasury may remain".—

The Managers are then informed, that
the Persons now in Office are to continue their
Functions till the further Orders of Government
arrive,—

Colonel Stuart requests that the
Managers may be interrogated with respect
to the Conduct of the Troops on Duty at the Palace,

The Question being put the Mana:
:gers reply — "That the Troops have behaved
"with all possible Civility without deviating
"from the Rules of Modesty and therefore have
"perfectly obeyed the Colonels Orders,"—

The Managers are then informed that
Colonel Stuart will withdraw the Troops from the
Palace Yard only in the Morning.

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[Signed] { P: Nuddleston
J Stuart
Ts Swartz
J C Kippesley

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To the Honble Major General Sir Archd Campbell K.B.

Governor in Council

Fort St George

From the Committee of Inspection, with their minutes on examining the Treasury, enclosing a Statement of Cash and Jewels found therein,

Honorable Sir,

We have the Honor to inform you that we this Day proceeded to carry into Execution the Orders of Government under date 3d Instant, and beg to refer to the accompanying Minutes of our Committee,

We presumed on your Honors approbation of our deviating, in one instance, from the precise letter of our Instructions, in having acceded to the earnest Intreaties of the Managers to permit some small Articles of Jewellery and Brefs to remain in their Possession, they being personally accountable for the same, This request was urged on the plea of those Ornaments being in frequent use in Ceremonials within the Palace,

The accompanying Statement is the particular of every Valuable Article of which we could obtain any information, except the Jewells in pledge, the account of which we shall duly transmit as soon as we can obtain it from the Managers

No Argument was Spared to

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convince the Managers of the Danger of so Concealment: their assurances were solemn and repeated, that there had been none; but your Honor may rely on the most vigilent attention of the Committee to every possible information that can be procured.

We have the Satisfaction to observe to your Honor that the most perfect Tranquility obtains, as far as we can learn, in every part of the Country, nor have we any reason to appre: hend an interruption of it, after the Measures that have been adopted in consequence of the Decease of the late Rajah.

We have the Honor to be &c &c

Alex: Macleod
J: Stuart
J. H. Hippisley
C. Swartz

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At a Committee of Inspection

Present

Mr. Hudleston — Mr. Macleod
Colonel Stuart
Mr. Hippisley
Revd Mr. Swartz

Mr. Hudleston acquaints the

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12th the Committee that he has requested their attendance in order to deliver over charge of his Station in the Committee to Mr. Macleod, who has been appointed by the Honorable Board to succeed him — Mr. Hudleston accordingly gives up his seat in the Committee to Mr. Macleod, and delivers to him the Honorable Company's Seal.

Mr. Hudleston cannot take leave of the Gentlemen of the Committee without recording on their Minutes the extreme satisfaction he feels in reflecting on the perfect, and cordial unanimity of sentiment which has marked their deliberations as well at their official meetings as upon every occasion where they have consulted with each other without that form regarding the measures proper to be pursued on the late Rajah's decease, and the critical situation of affairs induced by that Event — He observes with sincere pleasure the approbation which the correct and judicious conduct of Colonel Stuart on that interesting occasion has received from the Honorable President, and if the testimony of an humble Individual who was an Eye witness of that conduct can add to Colonel Stuart's satisfaction Mr. Hudleston begs the Colonel to be assured that he will most chearfully seize every

opportunity

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of opportunity of doing justice to the high sense he entertains of it.

Mr. Hudleston in giving up his Station feels his regret lessened by his persuasion of the abilities and upright intentions of his Succ: cessor of whom and of the other Gentlemen of the Committee Mr. Hudleston now takes leave with the warmest wishes for their Success, and happiness.

Mr. Hudleston retires from the Committee, the oath of Secrecy is administered to Mr. Macleod, who takes his Seat in the Committee.

The Instructions of Government to the Committee dated 3d Instant, read,—

Mr. Macleod delivers a Minute

"The Orders of the Honorable Board for "an accurate Examination and Statement of "Monies &c. at present in the Tanjore Treasury "appear to me to be founded on the wisest prin: "ciples of Police and Justice—They constitute an "effectual Security pledged by the Honorable "Company that the person whom they may subs: "stitute as Successor to the late Rajah shall enjoy "the Rights and Property transmitted by his "Predecessor, without Diminution;

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12th "The Honorable Board enjoin us
"to take a Minute account immediately of the
"Treasure. I am of Opinion that We should
"execute this Injunction in its fullest Extent."

"At the same time I beg leave to
"request the Sentiments of the Committee, particularly
"of Mr. Swartz whose Judgements stands so
"high from his long Residence and Complete
"knowledge of the people respecting the most con-
"ciliating Mode of carrying the Orders of Govern-
"ment into immediate Execution.

"We are directed to send for the late
"Rajah's Brother with four of the principal
"Managers, to proceed with them to the Palace,

"a Message of this Nature to
"Ameer Sing would I fear have a bad effect, at this
"Period; I therefore propose, that We immediately
require the Presence of the four Managers, and
explain to them the Nature of our Orders and the
necessity of executing them without Delay; that
they should endeavour to persuade Ameer
Sing to be present while the accounts are taken;
But should he excuse himself from attending us,
that We proceed with the four Managers, as
directed.

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"Every particulars should be throughly
"explained to the Managers before We proceed to
"the Palace, this being the Case, no apprehension
"will be excited among the late Rajah's numerous
"Dependents, and Officers within the palace,

"I think it will also be proper to order
"two reputable Shroffs to attend us, exclusive of the
"usual Servants of the Treasury."

Signed Alex. Macleod

The Committee agree with Mr. Macleod
and a Message is sent to the Principal Mas:
:nagers, who reply that their indispensible Cere:
:monies would detain them a Considerable time
before they could come out of the Palace, they therefore
desire the Patience of the Committee.

The Committee request Mr. Swartz
to go before them to the Palace and Explain
privately to the late Rajah's Brother, the nature
and object of the Instructions.

The Committee then proceed to the Palace
where they find Amer Sing / Rama Swamy / ac:
:companied by the Child adopted by the late Rajah.

Mr. Macleod is introduced as appointed
to the Residency and delivers to Amer Sing the Letter
of Condolence of the Honorable Governor on the Death
of his Brother.

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12th The Instructions of Government are then read and explained by the Reverend Mr. Swartz in the presence of Annen Sing who expresses the highest Respect for & Abidience to the will of Government, declaring that the Committee shall have access to every part of the Palace and secure every valuable effect of the late Rajah, but earnestly requests that the Persons employed by the Committee in taking the account may be enjoined the Strictest Secrecy. the Shroffs are then called in the Presence of Ramah Sawmy, and he professes his Satisfaction at the Solemn Assurances made by them — He declines attending the examination of the late Rajahs Effects, but orders the four Principal Managers to attend the Committee;

The Committee then proceed with the Managers to the Public Treasury and other apartments which had been Sealed up immediately on the Rajahs Death and had remained in that State till the present time

An account of the Money and Jewells accompanies the Minutes, — with the Balance now remaining under the Seals of the Honorable Company and of the Circar;

The Committee having Compleated their Investigation, again wait on Annen Sing, with the Managers, where they received the most Solemn Assurances that they had viewed the whole of the Effects of the late Rajah, some trifles in the possession of his Women excepted, and such Jewells as were pledged to certain Soucars for Sums of Money the account particulars of which the Committee should receive;

Alex.r Macleod
/Sign'd/ J Stuart
J Coxe Hippisley
C F Swartz

amount

Account of Money, Jewells &c belonging to the late Rajah of Tanjour on an Examination by the Committee of Inspection agreably to the Orders of Government — 7th February 1787

	Star Pags	P. N.s	Rupees	Larin	Chuck	Madavelu
8 Bags at 500 Chucknams Tanjore					4000	
1 Do					200	
4 Do					300	
1 Do				1000		
3 Do						930
1 Do				250	1409	8
135 Do — a 500 Chucknums					67500	
1 Do					193	
26 Do — a 500 Do			13000			
2 Do			485			
8 Do — each 500 Chucknums Tanjore					4000	
1 Do					430-8	
1 Do				118		
1 Do						105-9
4 Do				257	655	
			13485	625	1000	81387 8 1035 9
Delivered to Sheirow on account of the Rist of the present Month					40000	
Balance in the Treasury			13485	625	1000	41387 8 1035 9

This Parcell left in the Possession of Sheirow, for Current Expence he having given a written acknowledgement

Jewells &c

1 Parcell containing a Childs Cap, Brest &c richly Set with Pearls
1 Box State Jewells of the Rajah in 15 Pieces
1 Do Womens Jewells in 10 Pieces
1 Do Childrens Do in 2 Parcels

NB. The three last articles left unsealed at the urgent Request of the Ministers they being answerable —

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Alex.r Macleod
J Stuart
Hoxa Mappiesley
C Swartz

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Received the following Letter from
Mr Huddleston late Resident at Tanjore,

To John Chamier Esq.
Military Secretary

From Mr Huddleston
delivers over Charge
of the Residency to
Mr. Macleod—

Sir

I have had the Honor to receive
your Letter of the 29th Ultimo, and I request you
will be so good as to inform the Honorable Board
that agreably to their Orders I have delivered over
the charge of this Residency to Mr. Macleod

I have the Honor to be &c.

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[Signed] J Huddleston

Received the following Letter from
Mr. Macleod,
To the Honorable Sir Archibald Campbell, K B
&c &c &c

Dear Sir

From Mr. Macleod
enclosing his ultimate
in the Committee of
Inspection proposing
to have it declared
that annee Sing,
Brother to the late
Rajah, in Conjunction
with the four
managers do con-
stitute the temporary
Government of
Tanjore—

You have I hope received my
Letter of yesterday Evening the proceedings of yes-
terdays Committee are now transmitted,

Upon Strict Enquiry, I found
that affairs were in danger of future Disorder by
the want of announcing publickly the efficient
Government of this Country; for tho' the Committee
had

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had informed Sheveroy &c. that they were the administration yet they had not informed the Country of it. Many Instances have already occurred of mischievous Delays resulting from the want of knowing that Sheveroy &c were the real Government.

Tho' Annur Sing was not ordered to be included as a manager in the Temporary Government yet I trust the purport of the enclosed Minute will meet your approbation. It has already received that of the Committee which met this Evening and Tomorrow will be carried into Execution. Mr. Swartz will make a most faithful Translate of the notice to be issued. The good effect of this Measure will I hope be soon apparent.

At this Moment the Crop is within 6 Days of reaping great Demands are made for Grain from the Inhabitants of the Carnatick this is a Temptation to fraud & Embezzlement among the Rajah's people; and when the mischief is done, the punishment of offenders is but a small Recompence for the ruin of a Country.

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

Signed Alex. Macleod

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12th I have been at great pains to enquire into the real state of affairs, at present, in Tanjore, and to ascertain in what manner the business of the Circar, in every Department, is now conducted throughout the Country.

I find there is one serious obstacle to the good Government of the Country, which must operate to render the Collection of the Revenue a matter of the most precarious nature — while this obstacle exists, the present Managers cannot well promise, nor can we exact even a due performance of engagements with the Company, much less can we be assured of the good Government, and prosperity of the whole Country.

The obstacle which I at present allude to is this — No person employed in the Collections, from the Soubahdar, and Amildar down to the Manager, or inferior Officer of the Circar, knows, or feels the authority under which he is to act: The Existence of the present Government, if it may be called a Government, never having been publicly announced.

The consequences of this, need hardly be pointed out — either the Cultivators of the Land, not knowing that the present Administration have authority to punish Offenders, will defraud the Circar, or which is most probable,

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be affixed, and which shall be signed by the Resident, be put up in several conspicuous places declaring that amen Sing in conjunction with the four Managers appointed by the late Rajah do constitute the Government of the whole Tanjore Country, being invested, collectively, with all the Powers of the late Rajah until a full determination about the Succession, shall arrive,—

Every transaction of their administration will be known to us, and if the step now recommended meets the approbation of the Committee, and is carried into execution, I pledge myself to fulfill every object which could result from the best Regulation,—

Tanjore
8th February 1787

Signed Alexr Macleod

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Ordered that the following answer be returned.—

To Alexander MacLeod Esqr.
Resident at Tanjore.—

Thos Wm. Macleod in answer to the foregoing Letter

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 8th Instant addressed to the President and

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and to inform you that the Board approve the
Proclamation proposed by you declaring that
Amer Sing in conjunction with the four Mana:
gers appointed by the late Rajah constitute the
Government of the Tanjore Country until the right
of Succession be established and announced.

Sam & Co &c

(Signed) John Shamier Secy

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

To the Honble Major Gen Sir Arch: Campbell KB
President & Governor &c Council
Fort St George

From the Committee for investigating the Nabobs Debts — With certain Claims acknowledged by the Nabob — Their opinion on the Claims of Major Burrowes — Major Davidson & Captain Todd — Requesting Permission for certain Persons to visit the Durbar

Honble Sir & Sirs

In obedience to your Comm:
mands of the 13th ultimo, we shall not investigate
the Claims of Natives and with your permission
will return those which we have received.

The following claims having been
laid before the Nabob are acknowledged by him.

a Bond to Lieutenant John Lourdan
dated 31st December 1786 with Interest
at 6 per Cent per annum — — — 1072 — —

Carried over ——— 1072 — —

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Brought Over - - -	1072.— —
a Bond to Major Thomas Burrowes with Interest at 12 ℔ Cent per Annum from 1st August 1780 - - - - - -	5704.22.40.
a Bd to Captain Benjamine Gourd with Interest at 6 per Cent per annum from 2d May 1782 - - - - -	1021.15.60.
a Bd to Lieutenant James Graham administrator to the Estate of the late Captain Graham Campbell dated 1st January 1786, with Interest at 12 per Cent per annum - - - - - - - -	14322.— —
a Bd - Bd - - Bd - Dd - -	10,000.— —
a Bd - Bd - - Bd - Dd - -	3000.— —
a Bd to Captain Peter Helmeyer dated 2d May 1782 with Interest at 6 per Cent per annum - - - - - - -	4065.27.—
a Bd to Ensign John Paris dated 1st September 1783, with Interest at 6 per Cent per annum - - - - - -	1,002.18.—
a Bd to Major Peter Davidson dated 1st June 1782 with Interest at 6 ℔ Cent ℔ annum -	4,000.— —
a Bd to W.m Alex.r Brodie dated 20th February 1782 with Interest at 6 per Cent per annum	4,000.— —
Pagodas	84,187.41.20

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We must observe that the above mentioned Bonds of Major Burrowes, and Major Davidson were granted for Arrears of Cavalry Pay and Contract, and stand in our opinion in the same point of view as those of Colonel Sir Henry Cosby, and the others which were lately put in course of Payment,

In our report to your Honorable Board on the 23d November last, we mentioned that a Bond to Captain Tod for Pagodas 5,520 had been cancelled, We now find however by a letter since received from the Nabob's Agents that two Bonds of the same tenor and date were granted to that Gentleman, one of which not bearing Interest still remains undischarged,

A number of Claims have been referred to the Nabob's Agents to be laid before his Highness — when they are returned to us we shall loose no time in reporting on them to your Honorable Board,

The Agents of his Highness the Nabob have represented that it will be necessary for Captain Bowles, Lieutenant Wilson Lieutenant Peter Gardiner, Mr. Henry Price, & Lieutenant Fenwicke or their attornies to attend at the Durbar for the adjustment of their several accounts, in order

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that Bonds may be granted to them, as by the late orders neither these Gentlemen nor their Attornies can proceed thither without the permission of Government, we beg leave to mention the circumstance to your Honorable Board, in the hope that you will be pleased to give them your Sanction to attend at the Durbar, until their accounts are finally adjusted.

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

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Edw: Darrow
[Signd] Wm Webb
J Landon

Sent the undermentioned Letters / entered in No B. Nos 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31.

To the Hospital Board, enclosing Letter for Mr George Anderson granting him Permission to remain in the District of Angole, in Consideration of his Exertions in encouraging the Manufactures.

To the Hospital Board

To Mr Surgeon George Anderson

To Captain Flint - acquainting him that the Paymaster General has been directed to send immediately 1000 Pagodas to Tiagar, and that in future the Troops in that Garrison are to be paid by Mr. Andrews Paymaster at Cuddalore.

To Captain Flint Commanding at Tiagar -

To Mr. Scottney, the Balance of Pagodas

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25 Pa. 25.49 for which there is a deficiency of Vouchers will be Admitted upon his taking an Oath that the Stores debited the Company were delivered for their Use.

To Mr. Scottney late Military Storekeeper —

To Colonel Capper The Board regret being unable to comply with his wishes for additional Military Rank.

To Colonel Capper

To Mr. Cockburn Enclosing Copy of a Petition delivered to the Board of Revenue with Extract from their Minutes by which he is to settle the Account of the Cart Contractors.

To Mr. Cockburn agent

To Captain Godfrey with Permission to proceed to Bombay for Six Months.

To Captain Godfrey

At a Consultation Present

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

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

Wednesday the 14th Feby 1787

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The President lays before the Board a Paper delivered to him by the Nabob at a Conference which he had with His Highness the day before Yesterday

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Paper delivered by the Nabob to the President, on the Subject of the Treaty for the General Defence of the Carnatic

I have perused with the greatest attention the Persian Translation of the Treaty drawn up by my Friend; also his replies to the Draught I sent him.

Having frequently experienced many inconveniences and embarassments and much injury to my affairs, it has long been my wish that such a Treaty should be entered into between me and the Company as would secure my Rights ensure the Prosperity of the Public affairs and put a final stop to all cause of Complaint in future on either Side — and I was very happy, in the consideration that this was to be done through my Friend who is so firmly attached to the mutual Interests of the Company and my own — as I am always ready to concur as much as possible with my Friend, in what is in my Power to contribute toward the expences of the Troops &c — I have now Set down in the 2d & 3d articles of my amended Draught which will be sent to my Friend, in a public Letter,

If my Friend is not Sufficiently authorised to conclude a Treaty upon such principles — I hope he will join with me in referring the whole business to my Friends the Company;

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The President informs the Board that, after a long Conference Yesterday with the Nabob's Second Son in which Ameer Ul Omrah Stated on the part of his Father that the Sum of ten Lacks and a half of Pagodas would be more than the Nabob could pay for his quota of the Expences of the Military Peace Establishment without much inconvenience and distress; this Highness the Ameer further declared that if the Honorable Company would only settle that the annual Contribution of his Highness should be fixed at nine Lacks of Pagodas; the Nabobs' circumstances would be — made easy and comfortable, and his Family throughly satisfied and happy; — On this Solemn declaration the President agreed to accept of nine Lacks of Pagodas accordingly; — This being communicated to the Nabob by his Son after the Conference, the following Letter was written by the latter to the President.

The President informs the Board, that he has consented to accept the Proposal of His Highness, for the Payment of nine Lacks of Pagodas, as his annual Quota of the Expences of the Military Peace Establishment

To His Highness the Nabob Ameer ul Omrah Bahauder presents his Compliments to Sir Archibald Campbell and having informed his Highness the Nabob Wallajah Bahauder that Sir Archibald Campbell had agreed to his proposal — "That

Card from the Ameer to the President, in Consequence of the latter's acceptance of the Nabob's Proposal for the annual Payment of nine Lacks of Pagodas

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"That the sum of Nine Lacks of Pagodas shall
"be the standing unalterable annual proportion
"of his Highness the Nabob towards the Military
"Peace Establishment for the Defence of the Carnatic"
his Highness requests Sir Archibald to accept his
sincere thanks— His Highness is impressed with
the fullest Sense of Sir Archibalds friendship and
of his just and honorable intentions towards him
and his Family.

His Highness the Nabob Ameer ul
Omrah will inform Sir Archibald Campbell
when he has the pleasure of meeting him tomorrow
Morning agreeable to appointment, of the mode
in which this Sum of Nine Lacks will be paid
and at the same time will submit the other articles
which the Nabob wishes should be inserted in the
Treaty.

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The Board perfectly approve the conduct
of the President, and trust that all the articles of
the Treaty will be quickly and finally settled with
the Nabob, since the deduction of the Nabobs
quota has been admitted agreably to His Highs:
ness's wishes.

The Board approve the Conduct of the President

The President lays before the Board the
following Letter from Colonel Mackenzie.

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

&c &c &c

From Colonel Mackenzie requesting that the Gratuity due the 71st Regiment may be paid up previous to the Marching of the Regiment from the Presidency

Sir

The very heavy expences unavoidably incurred by Officers quartered at this Presidency and which is not experienced in any other quarter in the Carnatic, induces me to request of you to represent the same to the Honorable Board in the hopes that they will be pleased to order the Gratuity due to His Majestys 71st Regiment to be paid up previous to their marching to Cantonments.

I have the Honor to be &c &c

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/Signd/ Geo: Mackenzie Colonel

agreed to

As Colonel Mackenzies Regiment is under marching orders to Walajabad it is agreed that the Advance requested be made.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from the Paymasters to the Kings Regiments,

To Major General Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor of Fort St George, Commander in Chief of His Majestys & of the Honble Companys forces on the Coast of Choromandel &c &c &c

From the Paymasters of His majestys Regiments requesting an Encrease of Pay

Sir

We the undersigned, the Paymasters of

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of His Majesty's Regiments serving under your orders, take the liberty of submitting to your consi: deration, how far, as we conceive, the labour and res: ponsibility annexed to our employments, exceeds the value of our emoluments; not doubting that you will see cause to procure for us, such an increase of pay, as will be found reasonable and adequate

The allowances in Great Britain, Ireland, &c. to Pay-masters of Regiments of Cavalry & Infantry are as follows;— To the Pay-master of a Regiment of Dragoons, for each troop of the establishment of 40 men or upwards, ₰ annum £10.—

To the Pay-masters of a marching Regiment of foot, when the Companys of such Regiment are of the establishment of 50 men or upwards, for the Regi: ment ₰ annum £120.—

The Pay-masters of His Majesty's Regi: ments serving in India, receive no more than as above; although the Infantry Regiments here, consist of eleven Companys, while those stationed in Great Britain, Ireland &c. consist of eight Companys only; and while it has been judged necessary, for obvious and acknowledged reasons, to grant to every other description of Officers & Soldiers of His Majesty's Regiments serving in India,

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a Gratuity, amounting in several instances, to a
sum equal to their Subsistence;

The ordinary subsistence to the King's Troops
in India, is issued as at home, by Musters of two
Months: but for the attainment of greater regularity,
it has been found necessary to distribute the Hon:
:orable Company's Gratuity, as well as to the
Commissioned Officers, as to the Non Commissioned
Officers and privates, by the hands of the Regi:
:mental Paymasters;

The Gratuity is issued in the manner of
the Subsistence, by Monthly abstracts; whereby
the same labour, expence, and responsibility,
which is incurred by the Paymaster every two
Months in distributing the ordinary subsis:
:tence, is repeated every Month in the distri:
:bution of the Gratuity, and for which he receives
no recompence whatever;

In confidence that what is stated
will be found just, we take the liberty to request,
that you will be pleased to cause such an
allowance under the head of Gratuity, or other:
:wise, to be paid to us, as to your judgement
may seem a sufficient compensation, for the
additional labour, risk and expence, unavoidably
incurred

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incurred by us in the discharge of our duty.

We have the Honor to remain
with the utmost respect, &c. &c.

W.G. Child Payr 19th Regt.
[Signed] And.w Wight Payr 36th foot
M.r Hunter Payr 52d
Jn.o Hamilton Payr 71st
Chas. Glendonning Payr 73d

As the Paymasters to the King's
Regiments have an extraordinary deal of
trouble and no advantage in making the
payments of the Gratuity, it is agreed that they
be permitted to draw an extra Monthly
allowance of 10 Pagodas and that this Resolu-
tion be Communicated to the Kings Paymasters
General, and to the Commissary General The
allowance to Commence from the 1st Instant.

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pr month
extra Pay

The President lays before the
Board the following Paper containing
Mr. Scottney's Oath relative to the Vouchers
which were deficient in the Accounts of his
late Employ as Military Storekeeper

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Oath taken by Mr Scottney in Respect to his accounts

J Bryan Scottney late Military Storekeeper in the Honorable East India Company's Service do Swear, that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the Sum of Two Thousand five hundred and twenty eight Pagodas twenty five Fanams and forty Nine Cash, for which there is a deficiency of Vouchers, is for Stores actually delivered by proper authority for use of the Company.

/Signed/ B. Scottney

Sworn before me in Fort St George this 13th Day of February 1787 /Signed/ Arch.d Campbell

Mr Scottneys Letter entered in Consultation the 1st August 1786 taken into Consideration on the Loss which arose in making Gun Carriages.

The Secretary at the desire of Mr. Scottney, reminds the Board of a Letter addressed by Mr. Scottney to Government in July last /entered in Consultation 1st August 1786/ wherein he States the loss which arose in making Gun Carriages during the War, and quotes the Letter from the Board dated 7th August 1784 wherein they promise to take into Consideration such Extra allowance as it might be proper to make when the Accounts of the Employ shall be adjusted.

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Signed B. Scottney

Sworn before me in Fort St George this 13 Day of February 1787 Signed Arch Campbell

Mr Scottneys Letter entered in Consultation the 1st August 1786 taken into Consideration on the Loss which arose in making Gun Carriages.

The Secretary at the desire of Mr. Scottney, reminds the Board of a Letter addressed by Mr Scottney to Government in July last entered in Consultation 1st August 1786 wherein he States the Loss which arose in making Gun Carriages during the War, and quotes the Letter from the Board dated 7th August 1784 wherein they promise to take into Consideration such Extra allowance as it might be proper to make when the Accounts of the Employ shall be adjusted.

The Secretary lays before the Board a

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a Paper delivered to him by Mr. Scottney, stating the particulars of his loss in making up the Gun Carriages and mentions Mr. Scottney's hope that the Board will now take the Subject into Consideration, as he is on the eve of embarking for Europe on the Talbot and as his accounts are adjusted & past.

Account of loss sustained by making Gun Carriages from 1st July 1783 to the 31st May 1786.

Mr Scottney's account of Loss sustained by making Gun Carriages –

	Pags	P. C.	Fs.	L.	C.
Paid to Mr Gourdan		1355	"	"	
Major Gourdan		1199	"	"	
Cashera		924	"	"	
Yard rent due Mr Dupuy		96	"	"	
Interest on D°		99	"	"	
Interest to Cashera for Money advanced the Artificers &c		540	"	"	
Arrears due to be paid		718	"	"	
		3766	"	"	
Received from the Company &c					
Company for Gun Carriages		3168	9	"	
of Mr Petrie for Unfinished Carriages &c		309	2	"	
Cashera for Materials & Tools		476	"	"	
		3525	7	"	
	Pagodas	2409	"	"	
Loss on the Sale of Coppers received in payment for the Gun Carriage account		2056	25	54	
	Pagodas	4465	25	54	

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Mr Scottney's Loss incurred by the Sale of Copper, cannot be made Good by the Company—

The Board observe that in the foregoing paper Mr. Scottney states a Loss of Pag.s 2056,25,54, incurred by the Sale of Copper which he received in payment of the Gun Carriage Account, This Loss they cannot consent to make good for as the Copper was received at the Market price, it became an article of Speculation if Mr Scottney kept in his hands, and he must of course suffer the Loss, as he would have received the Profit, had the article risen in its Value.

The Remainder of the Sum stated in the foregoing Paper to be admitted

With respect to the remainder of the Sum stated in the foregoing Paper, being Pagodas 2409, The Board are of opinion that the amount should be reimbursed to Mr Scottney, since the faith of Government was pledged to him when they desired him to make the Gun Carriages altho' they informed him they could not advance Money for the purpose—an additional reason which weighs with the Board, is, that the Gun Carriages were exceedingly good, and well constructed that they were deemed so Serviceable at the end of the War.

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A Bond to be granted Mr Scottney for Pagodas 2409

Agreed for the foregoing Reasons, that a Bond for Pagodas 2409 be given to Mr. Scottney as an Indemnification for the Loss

occasioned

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occurred as above Stated

Read the following Letter from Mr.

Digby

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

Governor &c. President in Council

Hble Sir

From Mr Digby requests Permission to go to Europe without Prejudice to his Rank

Business both of a Public and private nature immediately urging me to embrace this favorable opportunity of proceeding to Europe, independent of other motives no less forcible resulting from a fourteen years residence under this climate, as well as a long remission of any public occupation or the probability that my Services can soon be particularly required, will I flatter myself, be deemed amply sufficient to o obtain your permission to retire under the Clause respecting the temporary return of the Civil and Military Servants of the Company without for: : feiture of the Service, as signified by the Court of Directors in their General letter dated the 12th April 1786 and further that you will favor me with the necessary instructions for embarking on board the Talbot now under Dispatch.

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My, ostensible and indeed principal reason for leaving the establishment at this juncture, is to obtain Essential and undeniable authority for the Disbursement of certain Military charges that have been rejected from my Army Accounts and refunded by me in consequence to the Company, and as this matter has been regularly and minutely before your Board, I must rest my strongest hopes of redress therein upon your representations upon my peculiar predicament, Nor am I, Honble Sir, less anxious, or insensible, to the testimony you may please to bear to my general conduct, that I can safely, and solemnly aver, has ever been actuated as far as my powers, and abilities went, by a warm, and steady attachment for a Service I shall ever remember with gratitude, nor leave it, but with sincere regret, and an active interest in it's future prosperity.

I have the Honor to be
with Respect
Honorable Sir
Your very obedient
humble Servant
Signed Kenelm Digby

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Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr Digby be permitted to proceed to Europe, and that he be recommended to

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to the Court of Directors in order to enable him to return without prejudice to his Rank when his affairs shall be settled.

Read the following Letters entered in the Miscellany Book No. 32. 33.—

From Mr. Burlton, Paymaster at Pennacoil, requesting leave to resign his appoint: ment, and to proceed to Europe for the recovery of his Health, & enclosing the Certificate of the principal Surgeon at Pondicherry in proof of the necessity of his leaving this Country.

From Mr. Burlton

Agreed that Mr. Burlton's Requests be complied with, and that Mr. Taner the Paymasters at Chingleput be directed to pay the Garrison at Pennacoil as formerly practised.

Minute thereon

From Mr Digby, stating that a considerable Expence was incurred by him in keeping up a Set of Office Servants / after the disbanding of the Southern Army and the consequent abolition of his appointment, / for the purpose of settling the accounts, inclosing a Statement of what he has received on the above Head and offering to prove that the Servants were kept and that there was an absolute necessity for his entertaining

From Mr. Digby

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entertaining them — for which reasons he hopes that the Board will reimburse him and that his request will not be deemed unreasonable.

As the accounts of the Southern Army were complicated and voluminous and could not be finally settled and audited until long after the disbanding of the Army and the abolition of Mr. Digby's appointment as Paymaster, It is agreed that his request be complied with, and that a Bond be given to him for Pagodas 1737 being the Balance stated by him on account of pay to the Office Servants of his Employ.

Minute thereon

The President informs the Board that the Nabob has intimated his wish to him that Mr. Ruddiman Surgeon of the 4th Battalion of Infantry may be stationed at the Presidency — His Highness made his declaration from his desire of availing himself of Mr. Ruddiman's professional abilities and on this account the Nabob further requested that Mr. Ruddiman might be allowed to attend His Highness's Person and Family.

The President states to the Board the wish of the Nabob that Mr. Surgeon Ruddiman should be stationed at the Presidency

Agreed that Mr. Ruddiman be permitted to attend His Highness the Nabob, and that intimation of this resolution be given to

agreed to

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to the Hospital Board in order to enable them
to make an Arrangement by which Mr Reid;
if it can may be stationed at the Presidency.

Examined?

Archd Campbell

Alex. Davidson

Jas. Wm Casamajor

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Diary

The President sends in Circulation the following Paper.

Fort St George Friday 16th February 1787

At a meeting of the President with His Highness the Nabob Walajah and his Son Ameer ul Omrah Bahader for the purpose of an ultimate decision upon the Treaty the following agreement took Place —

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That His Highness the Nabob's Contribution to the Military peace Establishment should be 9.00.000

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6.80.000

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At a Consultation, Present

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

Alexander Davidson Esqr.

James Henry Casamajor Esqr.

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Wednesday the 21st Feby 1787

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The President lays before the Board the

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the Draft of the proposed Treaty with the Nabob, and has the honor to report to them His Highness's Consent to the different Articles which he trusts will also be approved by them.

Treaty with His Highness the Nabob for the General Defence of the Carnatic

Treaty of perpetual Friendship & Alliance and Security concluded between the Honorable Major General Sir Archibald Campbell Knight of the Bath, President & Governor of Fort St George & the Council thereof, on the Part of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, and His Highness the Nabob Walajaw Omdit ul Mulk, Umneer ul Hind, Asoph Dowla, Amer: ver deen, Cawn Behauder Zupher Jung, Sippa Salar, Saubadar of the Carnatic, on behalf of himself His Heirs & Successors;

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 Choromandel and the Carnatic, and considering the present hour best

Suited

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suited for settling and Arranging by a just and equitable Treaty, a Plan for the future Defence & protection of the Carnatic, and the Northern Circars, on a solid and lasting Foundation; have communicated these their Sentiments to His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic: who being fully impressed with the Propriety and wisdom of such an Arrangement, has for himself his heirs and Successors, adjusted and concluded a solid and permanent Treaty with the President and Council of Fort St George, upon the Principles and Conditions hereinafter mentioned; In consequence whereof it is Stipulated and agreed, that due Provision shall be made for the Military peace Establishment, and also that for discharging the Expence of War, in the Event of a War breaking out in the Carnatic, or on the Coast of Choromandel, certain Contributions or Proportions of the Revenues of the Contracting parties shall be united into one common Stock, to be applied for their mutual Security and Defence, and it is necessary that the application of the said Contributions both for Peace and War, shall be reposed in the United Company or their Representatives, together with the direction of the War, the Command of the army, & Magazines of Stores and Provisions, / the Granaries

and

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and present Magazines of His Highness the Nabob excepted, / with full Power to occupy, or dis: :mantle such Forts, as by them shall be deemed necessary for the General Security; The said contra: :cting 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 & Enemies of both,

2d His Highness the Nabob of the Carna: :tic will contribute towards the Military Peace Establishment, and shall pay into the Treasury of the said United Company, the annual Sum of Nine Lacks of Pagodas, to commence in the Fuzley 1197, Corresponding to the 12th July 1787, as his fixed proportion decided into Xists, payable at the following Periods, That is to say:

30th November —	3,00,000–
31st March — —	6,00,000–
S Pagodas	9,00,000.

3d That the Honorable East India Company will in like manner contribute, and with the aid of

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of Tanjore, shall pay and make good such further Sums as may be necessary to discharge the Expence of the Military Peace Establishment beyond the said Annual Contribution of His Highness, already mentioned.

4th That for the Satisfaction of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, His Heirs & 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, and particularly the Troops and Garrisons maintained by the Nine Lacks of Pagodas annually contributed by His Highness to the General Defence.

5th In case of failure in the punctual payment of the Nine Lacks of Pagodas already mentioned to the amount of one Lack of Pagodas in any List, for the period of one Month, after the same shall become due, His Highness the Nabob agrees, that certain Districts specified in the Schedule No 1 hereunto annexed, shall be made answerable for such failure; and that the Company shall have power to appoint Superintendants or Receivers to collect and receive from the Nabobs

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Amuldars; all the Rents, Revenues Duties, & Customs, and Peshcash of the said Districts: & these Superintendants or Receivers shall exercise all & necessary authority for collecting such Rents, Re: venues &c. giving regular Receipts for all the Monies which may be raised by the said Superintendants, who shall have full Power to inspect and examine all Cutcherry Receipts, and Accounts of the Lands and Districts aforesaid, as well as to ascertain the State of all other Revenues, which shall be collected annually from Customs, or from the Zemindars or Poligars, Tributaries to His Highness, within the said Districts, and when the full Amount for which such Districts stood answerable, shall have been paid to the Company, the Superintendant or Receiver shall be immediately recalled.

6th At the appointment of the Super: intendant or Receiver, the Nabob will furnish the Company with the Obligations, the Amuldars of each District shall have given to the Circar; and if they do not pay the Money punctually to the Superintendant, or Receiver, agreeable thereto, the Nabob at the request of the Governor in Council, will immediate: ly dismiss the said Amuldars, and appoint by Sanad such others in their Stead, as the President in Council

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of Fort St George shall recommend, after taking from them the usual Obligations, which shall be delivered to the Company by His Highness—

7th That the exercise of Power over the said Districts and Farms, by Virtue of the Conditions mentioned in the 5th and 6th Articles, incase 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 Choromandel, the said United Company shall charge themselves with the direction, order, and Conduct thereof, and during the continuance of such War, shall apply four fifths of their whole Revenues in the Carnatic and the Northern Circars, annually to the Military Expences of the War— To remove every doubt on the part of His Highness of any Secretion or diversion of the said Revenues from the purpose aforesaid— His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, in behalf of

of himself, his heirs and Successors, shall have
full Power and Authority during such War,
to appoint one or more Inspectors or Accomptants
to inspect and examine the Cutcherry Receipts of
all the Districts of the Company in the Carna:
:tic and the Northern Circars, as well as the State
of all the other Revenues collected from the Cus:
:toms, from the Zemindars, and Poligars, tribu:
:tary to the Company.

9 That in the like event, His Highness
the Nabob of the Carnatic, after deducting from
the whole amount of his Revenues 2,13,425 Pago:
:das annually, for Jaghires to the Family of His
Highness, and 2136 Pagodas annually, for
Charities, shall and will pay into the Treasury,
of the said United Company, four fifths of his
Revenue to the General Expence of such War, to be
applied in such manner as the said united Com:
:pany or their Representatives shall find ne:
:cessary for their common safety and Interests,
as also for the Interest of their allies in the Carnatic,
and on the Coast of Choromandel; and it is
moreover agreed that His Highness's proportion
of the Debt of the War, will henceforth be settled
at Twenty five, fifty one parts.

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10th For the more effectual Security of the Payment of four fifths of the Revenues of His Highness Annually to the Military Expences of the War, and to remove every doubt on the part of the Company of any Secretion or diversion of the said Revenues from the purpose aforesaid—The President and Circuit of Fort St George in behalf of the Company, shall have full Power and authority during such War, to appoint one or more Inspectors or accomptants to inspect and examine the Cutcherry Receipts of all the Countries and Districts of the Nabob, as well as the State of all other Revenues, collected from the Customs, and from the Zemindars and Poligars, Tributaries to His Highness; and incase the said four fifths of the Revenues, 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 appoint Superintendants and Receivers over the said Countries and Districts of the Nabob, in the manner specified in the 5th Article of this Treaty, respecting the Districts mentioned in Shedule No 1. with the same authority and under the like Restrictions and Conditions expressed; incase of failure,

11th That the said annual four fifths payable from the Revenues of His Highness the Nabob

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nabob of the Carnatic, shall after the termination of the War, continue to be applied to the discharge of all Debts and Expences that may be incurred, or arise during the course of the War, until his proportion of Twenty five fifty one parts, is paid off and discharged.

12th It is expressly understood and declared that so soon as the Expences incurred by the War, are paid off and discharged, the Superintendants and Reciever shall be immediately recalled; and it is further expressly declared that the 11th Article shall not have any Retrospect to the Expences of any War, antecedent to the Date of this Treaty.

13th That after the termination of such War, and during the application of the said Gross Reve: nues to the Debts and Expences thereof; the 2d 3d 4th 5th & 6th 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 and Discharged.

14th In Case His Highness shall at any time have occasion for any numbers of Troops, for the Security and Collection of his Revenue, the Sup: port of his authority, or the good Order & Government of his Dominions; the said United Company shall

shall and will furnish a sufficient number of
Troops for that purpose, on Publick representation
being made by His Highness to the President in Council
of Fort St George of the necessity of employing such a
force, and the objects to be obtained thereby; Incase
of the March of such Troops, the additional Batta
and Expences attending their movements, will be
annually discharged by His Highness at the end
of each year.

15th Whenever 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 Proceedings to His Highness
the Nabob of the Carnatic, as the firmaby of the
Company; and also 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; and the name of His Highness
shall be inserted in all Treaties regarding the
Carnatic

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Carnatic, and His Highness will not enter into any Political Negociations or Controversies with any State or Power, without the Consent or approbation of the President in Council of Fort St George.

16th Nothing in this Treaty contained shall be understood to injure the Claim of His Highness the Nabob, to the Tanjore Country.

17th Should there be any essential failure in the Crops in time of Peace owing to the want of Rain, or any other unforseen Calamity; a deduction shall be made in the Nabob's Rists to the extent of the Injury which the Revenues may sustain, as shall be estimated and fixed on by the Governor in Council, to whom His Highness grants full power and authority to appoint one or more Superintendants and Accomptants, to inspect & examine the Cutchery Receipts of all the Countries and Districts of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of such deduction, which is to be carried as a Charge to the Account Current of His Highness.

18th It is hereby Stipulated that the conditions mentioned in the Articles of agreement between the President and Council of Fort St George, and His Highness the Nabob dated 28th June 1785

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for payment of four Lacks of Pagodas annually to the Honorable Company shall be null and void, the same being comprehended and Included in the Conditions of the present Treaty.

19th It is further Stipulated, that the said articles of agreement dated 28th June 1785, as far as relate to the Discharge of the Debts of His Highness the Nabob, shall be and continue in full force and Virtue,

In Confirmation of all the articles in the preceding Treaty the President and Council of Fort St George, invested with full Powers on Behalf of the India Company have Subscribed and Sealed two Instruments of the same Tenor and Date at Fort St George on the Day of February in the year of the Christian Era, one Thousand Seven hundred, and Eighty Seven; and His Highness the Nabob Waulajah, for Himself, His Heirs and Successors, hath also Subscribed and Sealed the Same Instruments at Chepauk House the Day of the Moon Sunnady, in the year of the Hegyra, twelve Hundred and One,

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Schedule N.1 in the annexed Treaty referred to

1 The District of Trivatoor, with the Villages

Tummanoor,

2 The District of Elengad &c consisting of 12

Mahaans.

3 The District of Uspoor with the Villages of

Coorummad,

4 The Purganah of Tinderanam

5 The Purganah of the Cusbah of Verdanoor, includ-

ing 9 Mahals, and Trevadee and Veedoor, and

Necrammunee, and the Talooka of Choabwalle,

13 The Villages of Pennatoor,

14 The Talooka of Cunnanoor

15 The Purganah of the Havalee of Tennamel,

including the Villages of Collespauk,

16 The Villages of Adoormungal

17 The Purganah Taloor &c

18 The Purganah of Chungum

19 The Purganah Telgoody &c

20 The Purganah of Dammerpauk

21 The Villages of Villapauk

22 The Villages of Mundeal

23 The Talooka of Timmeree

24 The Villages of Chuckrampoor

25 The Purganah of Cholingavaram with the Looki-

lum,

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26 The Villages of Chuckramuller with Nauteary

27 The Talooka Awaloor

28 The Talooka of Mealcharry

29 The Talooka of Vaulapundel

30 The Purganah of Poondee &c.

31 The Talooka of Weapoor

32 The Villages of Coondapoor & Pauvery paut

33 The Purganah of Amboor.

34 Tulleput & Agraham

35 Tallooka Allianore

36 Worriorepollam

37 Wallicundapoor, excepting the Jaghire of Rayingudda

38 The District of Sellembar, 1 Mahal

39 The District of Cartmanaurgood exclusive of the Jaghire — 1 Mahal

40 The District of Bhoovangerry 1 Mahal

41 The District of Verdachel &c — 5 Mahal

42 The District of Vanetanpeat & Feartanaggerry — — } 2 Mahals

43 The District of Pudwear and Moolcaud — — — } 2 Mahals

44 The District of Moosulgud otherwise Called Gingee — } 1 Mahal

45 The District of Yeamputtoo & Pullygoondaput — — } 1 Mahal

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The Provinces of Trichinopoly
Madura
Ongole &
Palnaud.

It is Stipulated and Agreed at the time of executing this Treaty, that the Countries & Districts in the above Schedule mentioned, shall be answerable for any failure in the Payment of the Nine Lacks of Pagodas, mentioned in the said Treaty; and in case they should not be adequate to the discharge of any failure, when such may happen, It is Stipulated that His Highness the Nabob shall name other Districts to make good the deficiency, but if they exceed the amount of such failure, that His Highness shall keep back Districts to the amount of the same.

Approved by the Board

The Board are happy to give their fullest approbation to the Articles of the Treaty, and to Congratulate the President upon his having paid all due attention to the Nabobs Situation without any material departure from the Line prescribed by the Court of Directors & Secret Committee.

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The President desires that the Board will accompany him to the Durbar for the purpose of executing the Treaty, as soon as it shall be copied fair.

Read the following Letter from Mr Hudleston

To The Honble Sir Arch: Campbell K.B.
President and Governor in Council
Fort St George

From Mr Hudleston, requesting to go to Europe on the Talbot; to be recommended to the Court of Directors; and to be included in the Commission to be received upon the Revenues by the Chiefs of Subordinates,

Honble Sir

Since my arrival here I have been honored with the receipt of the Secretary's Letter of the 6th Instant conveying to me a testimony of your approbation which I shall ever account invaluable,

I have now the Honor to lay before you the Certificates of Doctors Whyte and Stuart relative to my impaired Health agreeably to which I beg to solicit your permission to proceed to Europe on the Honble Company's Ship Talbot now under dispatch,

My Cash Accounts to the end of December were forwarded to the Presidency before I left Tanjore – they have been compleated to the day I gave over the Charge to Mr Macleod, & delivered with the

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the balance to that Gentleman, The account Current between the Honorable Company & his Excellency the Rajah brought up to the end of November has been transmitted to the Accountant, — Your Honorable Board &c. will have perceived by it that the Balance is reduced from about 6 Lacks [illegible] its amount in Jan.y 1785 to Pagodas 185000 the payment of which you have considerately intended to the 30th. September next, extended

I have reserved myself to this occasion to return your Honor &c. my best thanks for the allowance you were some time since pleased to grant me for my Table Expences — The circumstances in which I find myself both as to health, and fortune, after serving the Company more than 20 years without having once visited England during that period, or been absent three Months from my Station, are such as will not allow me to suppress a wish that your Honor &c. had thought me entitled to be included in the arrangement establishd for the benefit of the other Revenue Servants: but while I venture to mention this wish I am at the same time conscious that my own Interest, and future Comfort, are too much involved in it to admit of my thinking impartially on the Subject — your Honorable Board

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are the proper Judges, and it is my duty to submit with chearfulness to your determination.

It remains for me only to express the hope with a conscious recollection of my endeavors in the public Service, and your kind acceptance of them, enable me to indulge, that you will be pleased to make such mention of me to my Honorable Employers as may induce them to permit me to return to India without prejudice to my Rank, in case my health should ever be restored,

I have the Honor to be with the utmost respect, and the most fervent wishes for the prosperity of the Company's affairs,

&c &c

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Signed P Hudleston

Agreed that Mr. Hudleston be particularly recommended to the Honorable Court of Directors, and that they be requested to permit him to return to his Station so soon as his Health shall be restablished,

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The Board having already in the Publick Department made an Arrangement for the Commission to be received upon the Revenues by

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by the Chiefs of Subordinates & transmitted it to the Court of Directors, are unable to make any alteration in it at this present Time, — Agreed therefore, That Mr. Huddleston's Letter be sent home as a Number in the Packet, and that the Court of Directors be desired to consider his Claim in a favorable point of View. —

Examined.

Arch: Campbell

Alex. Davidson

Sa. Ww. Lushington

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At a Consultation Present

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

Thursday
the 22d Febuary
1787

Minutes of last Consultation
read & approved.

The President informs the Board that he has requested their attendance for the purpose of laying before them a Letter which he has just received from the Nabob.

His Highness the Nabob Wallajah Behauder
of Arcot & the Carnatic &c &c &c &c &c
To Major General Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
President and Governor & Commander in Chief
Fort St George

From the Nabob on the Treaty to be entered into between the Company and His Highness for the General Defence and Security of the Carnatic,

My Friend

I have perused with great attention your minute of Council of the 16th of January 1787 respecting the Treaty for the general defence and Security of the Carnatic, your rough draught of

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of that Treaty, and the Persian Translation of your Replies to the Several Articles Sent for your Consideration previous to an ultimate decision on that important Subject.

Some time ago, I furnished my Friend, with an account of my Revenues for last year, the Gross amount of which was Pagodas 22,20,700.- exclusive of the Saghires - the Expence of Collection, and Charges attending remitting money to Madras being deducted Pagodas 2,94,700. leaves the neat Receipts Pagodas 19,26,000 of which Sixteen Lacks of Pagodas was paid into the Comp: pany's Treasury according to my agreement, and the Balance remaining was only Pagodas 3,26,000 - and I have been under the necessity to distress myself, my Family, and Servants so much, that most of my Servants are Seven or eight Months in Arrears - The above is a just statement in a very favorable year, which the last was, - the present is quite the reverse - However as I am willing to meet my Friend's wishes as far as in my Power, I have agreed to pay 9 Lacks of Pagodas yearly for my fixed proportion of the Military Peace Establishment of the Carnatic, to commence with the year 1197 Fusle, corresponding to

to the 10th July 1787 in the following manner Viz.t
2,20,000 Pagodas which my Friend has taken
upon him to procure me annually from Tanjore
on account of Arrears and Current Peishcash, and
6,80,000 Pagodas from the Revenues of the Carnatic—
but at the same time that I see the propriety of
punctually fulfilling this Engagement, I trust
my Friend, and the Company will think it reaso-
nable that the annual appropriations, which
I shall henceforth make to my Public & Private
Creditors shall be limited to Ten Lacks of Pagodas,
until the whole of my Debts Public, and Private
are Discharged,—

It has long been my most ardent wish
that a Treaty should take place between me
and the Company, and I was made very happy
when I understood that what I had so long wished
for was to be accomplished through a Person of so
high a Character, and so strongly attached to our
Mutual Interests,—

I conceive that the Several Articles of the
Treaty, which I sent to my Friend are drawn out
upon such principles as are necessary for the future
prosperity of the Public affairs, and to secure all
my Sovereign Rights, as they were exercised by the
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former Soubahdars of the Carnatic, and by myself when the Troops for its defence were under their, and my own Authority, and as his Majesty the King of Great Britain has repeatedly given me his Royal Word, that all Engagements entered into between me, and the Company should be strictly performed; and as the Company have constantly assured me that all my rights shall be fully preserved, I deem it proper that these matters should be perpetually provided for by Treaty rather than by Letters or Minutes entered upon the Company's Records, which I have often experienced to have been disapproved, and annulled at the pleasure of every Succeeding Governor,

However as you have assured me that the Company had confined the President and Council of Fort St George to the formation of a Treaty for a general System of Defence only for the Carnatic, and Coast of Choromandel in peace and War I have agreed in the meantime to enter into a Treaty confined solely to that object trusting that my Friend will make such representations to the Company as will convince them of the Justice, and propriety of ordering such a final Treaty to be concluded, with me as well embrace all those

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essential points upon which I am convinced my future welfare and happiness, and that of my Family and Subjects depend; and which will ensure the continuance of our mutual & Friendship, and attachment uninterruptedly to the end of time.

May your days be long & happy.
What can I say more.

Chepauk House
3 Gonaudelowill 1207
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The President begs leave to observe to the Board, that during the negociation with the Nabob on the Subject of the Treaty, he did promise to recover annually on his Highness's account the Sum of Pagodas 2,20,000 for Arrears, and Current Peshcash from the Tanjore Country, which Sum, as the Nabob States, in the foregoing Letter, is to be deducted from the 9 Lacks of Pagodas to be received from His Highness for his Quota of the Expences of the Military Peace Establishment.

The President informs the Board that he promised to receive for his Highness from Tanjore the annual Sum of 2,20,000 Pagodas.

The following Reply to the foregoing Letter is proposed by the President.

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To His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic

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May it Please your Highness,

To the Nabob, in reply to the foregoing Letter –

I have just been honored with the receipt of your Highness's Letter of this day's date, and observe with much Satisfaction that it is your ardent wish to execute a treaty for the general Defence and Security of the Carnatic; in the rough Draft sent to your Highness I included every article, which appeared to me necessary, and which was recommended to me by my Employers, if some points, which your Highness wished, were not inserted, it was because, I did not consider myself authorized to include them,

I shall however most chearfully forward and recommend to the Court of Directors any letter you may address to me Containing your wishes upon points not relating to the Treaty, and which may be for the Interest of your Family, and have not a doubt but that the utmost attention will be paid to them by the Honorable Company

As I am most Sincerely inclined to give every possible aid to Your Highness in praying the

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nine Lacks of Pagodas Annually to the General
Defence - I readily consent to take upon myself
the annual receipt of 2,20,000 Pagodas on account
of arrears, and Current Peishcash from the
Tanjore Country, but it is with concern I must
inform your Highness, that it is utterly out of my
power to give my assent to any Deduction from
the Sum Stipulated for the Annual Payments
to your public and Private Creditors, — I must
here beg leave to remind your Highness that the
Arrangement of an annual Payment of 12 Lacks
to your Creditors, originated from yourself, —
that it was afterwards accepted by the Honorable
Company, and that a formal Engagement now
exists for this annual Payment on the part of
your Highness, which Engagement has been
confirmed and approved by the Court of Direc-
tors — This being the Case, your Highness will
be sensible that any alteration in it must be
made by my Superiors only, to whom I will,
if you please, refer Your Letter now before me,
or any other you may chuse to address me on
the Subject - and if they do not comply with
your Highness's request for an abatement of 2
Lacks of Pagodas annually from the Sum so
paid

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paid your Creditors to Commence from Phuzzly 1197, and that the Revenues of the Carnatic are not found to be adequate to the discharge of the Same: I shall agree to carry the said two Lacks to your Highness's Account Current with the Company.—

If your Highness chuses to make any part of the Articles, to which I replied, the Subject of another Treaty with the Company, and will Communicate your wishes to me by a Letter officially, I shall have the honor of sending them with my replies to the Company by any future conveyance.—

After the dispatch of the Company's Ships Earl Talbot, and Berrington, I shall have also great pleasure in adjusting an Arrangement agreeable to all the Articles approved of in my replies, and particularly for regulating the Conduct of the Company's Servants, and those of the Circars in such a manner in peace and War, as cannot fail to preserve Regularity, Good Order, & harmony between them; when these Points are examined and approved of by Your Highness a Public Letter shall be addressed to you on that Subject.—

I have only to repeat the assurances of my Sincere wish to serve your Highness

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Highness every assistance and Satisfaction in my power.

I have the Honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ Arch Campbell

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The Board approve the above Draft, which is accordingly ordered to be translated & dispatched to His Highness the Nabob.

The President informs the Board, that he has received a letter from the Right Honorable the Governor General with Orders to send it, and a Dress from this Presidency to the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun, which he proposes forwarding immediately, together with a Letter from Mr Macpherson, announcing his speedy Depar: ture to the Cape of Good Hope.

The President's Information to the Board, in Respect to a Letter & Dress from the Right Honorable the Governor General to Tippoo Sattaun.

Arch: Campbell

Examined

Alex. Davidson
Sec. to Government.

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Substance of a Letter from the Nabob

Received a Letter from His Highness the Nabob entered in Country Correspondence N.o 12/ stating his indisputable Right to the Province of Tanjore; & enclosing sundry Papers in Confirmation thereof:—

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This Treaty with His Highness the Nabob Signed—

This morning the Governor and Council attended by Sir John Macpherson Baronet, and Mr. Stables proceeded by appointment to the Durbar for the purpose of executing the Treaty entered on the Minutes of Consultation 21st February/ Previous to the signing His Highness the Nabob addressed the Company present in a Persian Speech, of which he delivered the following Translation to the Governor:—

Speech of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic on the Execution of the Treaty between His Highness and the Company for the Defence of the Carnatic and Coast of Choromandel — 24th February 1787

His Highness the Nabobs Speech upon executing the Treaty with the Company.—

Relying with great confidence upon the Friendship, and Support of General Sir Archibald Campbell, and on the assurances which he has given me of the future prosperity of my affairs, and the happiness of myself and Family, I have taken a very heavy burden upon myself in

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in agreeing to pay Nine Lacks of Pagodas yearly
towards the Military Peace Establishment and
in the fullest assurance that my ancient Friends
the East India Company will approve of the other
Articles for a final Treaty which I have drawn up
and will be recommended to them by Sir Archibald
Campbell, and send out orders for the execution of
such a Treaty: and in the hope that my Protector,
the King of Great Britain, who in his Justice
and Consideration, has been pleased repeatedly
to assure me, that my Sovereign Rights shall be
maintained, and all engagements entered into
between me and the Company, be fulfilled, will
be graciously pleased to become Guarantee to that
Treaty: I have now Signed, and Sealed the present
Treaty in my Palace of Chepauk in the presence of
Major General Sir Archibald Campbell, Sir John
Macpherson, Mr. Stables & Mr Davidson, and
Mr. Casamajor,

Agreed that Copy of the above
be transmitted to England a Number in the
Packets by the Ships now under Dispatch,

Copy to England

Two Copies of the Treaty were then
Signed and Sealed — One Copy was delivered to
His Highness the Nabob & the other ordered to be lodged
in the Cash Chest,

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a Packet from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors arrived 7th Gen.

This Day arrived a Packet from the Honorable the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors dated the 22d September 1786, forwarded from Bombay —

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Genral Letters to Talbot and Berr: ington signed.

Signed General Letters to the Court of Directors of this date from the Military and Secret Depart: ment to be conveyed by the Earl Talbot — signed also Duplicates of the above to be forwarded by the Berrington, —

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Letters from the Nabob & from the Committee for inv: investigating the Nabobs Debts, under Date the 27th February to be sent to England by the present Dispatch.

a Letter from the Nabob entered in Country Corrs: spondence N° 13 being yesterday received, together with the following Letter from the Committee for investiga: ting the Nabobs Debts, the Secretary was directed to send Copies of them to the Secretary at the India House for the information of the Honorable Court of Directors, —

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

President and Governor &c. Council

Fort St George

From the Committee for investigating the Nabobs Debts, with a List of unadjusted Claims & recommending particularly those of Colonel Smarting & Major Peter Davidson

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to lay before you the following unconsolidated Claims, which have been investigated, and the Justness of them acknowledged by the Nabob, a

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a Bond to Major Peter Davidson
dated 1st June 1782 with Interest at
6 per Cent per Annum ---- 10,000..--
a Do to Do Do Do ---- 2000..--
a Do to Do Do Do ---- 8000..--
a Do to Do Do Do ---- 6000..--
a Do to Do Do Do ---- 3000..--
a Do to Do Do Do ---- 2282..27/.65
a Do to Lieutenant Joseph Nevil
dated 31st December 1786 with Interest
at 6 per Cent per Annum ---- 3226..--
a Do to the Estate of Lieutenant John
Mills with Interest at 6 p Cent p Ann:- 1206..--
a Do to James Stockwell Do Do - 2425..--
a Do to Captain John Moss Do Do - 5277--
a Do to Lieutenant Thomas Davidson
dated 31st December 1786 with
Interest at Do ---- Do ---- 2502..--
a Do to Captain William Dewar Do - 3450--
a Do to Lieut.t Charles Spyers Do - 2212..--
a Do to the Estate of Mr John Redhead
with Interest at 6 per Cent p Annum
from 12th October 1781 ---- 20,000..--

Carried Over —

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Brought Over —

a Bond to Colonel Martinz dated
1st January 1786 with Interest at
12 ℔ Cent ℔ annum — — — — 10,000..—..—

a Dº to Dº — Dº — Dº — — — — 10,000..—..—

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a Dº to Sebastian Caldeira dated 15th
December 1786 with Interest at 6 per
Cent per annum — — — — — 1231..—..—

a Dº to Messrs. William Petrie & Alexander
Brodie dated 16th December 1786 with
Interest at 12 ℔ Cent ℔ annum from
26th November 1786 — — — — — 13825..35..66

a Dº to Lieutenant Colonel James
Eidington dated 31st December 1786.
with Interest at 12 ℔ Cent per annum 15350..—..—

a Dº to Captain John Peter dated
1st June 1781 with Interest at 6 per
Cent ℔ annum — — — — — 952..—..—

a Dº to Major John Galway dated 1st
October 1783 with Interest at 6 ℔ Cent
per annum — — — — — 14972..—..—

a Dº to Doctor Grant dated 20th Pagodas 160 11..25..51
February 1781 bearing no Interest
for arcot Rupees — — 16800..—

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Among the preceding claims, two appear entitled to the particular attention of your Honorable Board, and we beg leave to recommend them accordingly— The Bonds granted to the late Major Davidson were for Arrears of Cavalry Pay and Contract, and we think should be considered on a similar footing with those of Colonel Sir Henry Corby, and the others on which payments were lately made; The Claim of Colonel Martinz is the other to which we wish to draw your favorable attention; This Gentlemen has been twenty three years in the Service of His Highness the Nabob with approved Fidelity — the amount of his claim, as acknowledged by the Nabob, is not barely for the long arrears of Pay due to him, but also includes several Sums of money, which Colonel Martinz has at different times raised upon his private Credit, and advanced to appease the Clamours of the Troops under his Command for want of Pay, during a period of the utmost public Emergency, and from this cause, his present Situation we understand to be a distressed One,

We have the Honor to be &c.

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/Signed/ Edward Darrow
Wm Webb
J Sandon &c.

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To Thomas Morton Esqr.

Secretary to the Honorable Court of Directors

Sir,

To the Secretary at the India House enclosing the foregoing Papers—

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to enclose to you for the information of the Honorable the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors Copy of a Letter received from His Highness the Nabob, after closing the Dispatches by the Berrington,

I also enclose a Report from the Committee for investigating the Nabobs Debts, and have it in command from the Board, to recommend in the strongest manner to the Court of Directors the Claim of Colonel Martin, whose conduct amply justifies every thing, that has been said in his favor,

I am further directed to acknowledge the receipt of the Packet from the Secret Committee dated the 22d September last & forwarded via Bussorah,

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

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Signed John Shamier Secy

Ordered that the following Letter from Captain Ley, Commanding The Honorable Company's Ship Berrington with the Reply, be entered hereunder

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

Governor in Council Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

From Captain Ley of the Berrington, stating the Number of Passengers on board, and the Impracticability of taking more,

I beg leave to represent to your Honorable Board the real Situation of the Benings: tow, with respect to the accommodation of the Passengers from Bengal, that were ordered on her by the Governor General &c. in Council,

Mr. Macpherson has half the Round House, Messrs. Griffiths the remaining part, Colonel Macpherson, his Wife, and Children half the Great Cabin, Colonel Murray and Major Henderson the other half of the great Cabin, Major Rawstorne and two Children the Chief Officers Cabin, Major Clode the Second Officers, Captain Walch the Third Officer's Cabin, Mr. Anderson the Fourth Officers Cabin, Messrs Gordon, and MacDonald the Pursers Cabin, Dr Ivory the Surgeon's Cabin, Mr. Alston & Mr. Jackson in the Steerage — a Cabin for the Children before the Surgeon's Cabin, The Chief Officers a Cabin before the Pursers, the Second Officer a Cabin before the Chiefs — The Junior Officers a Birth in the Steerage, the 3 4th 5th 6th & Surgeons

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and Surgeon's Mate in the Steerage — The Cabins extend as far forward, as the Main Mast on each side, The Boatswain, Gunner, and Carpenter, and all the Petty Officers, on the Gun Deck, together with all my Ships Company: In this situation permit me to observe to your Honorable Board the dis: agreeable situation, Those Gentlemen, must be re: duced to, that are ordered by your Board, on board the Berrington, — and the impossibility of my being able, to accommodate them in any manner — My Cuddy is as full as the room will admit of with the Passengers that are already on board, It is impossible to place one Chair more than is already occupied — We are strictly forbid by our Orders from home to take more than 12 Passengers to our Table or in our Ships, —

My Officers are all Sick except the Second Officer, they require more room & more attention on that account; I have no appartment for my own use — I mean not to put any difficulty in the way of your Orders, I wish only to represent real facts to your Judgment to determine on, —

If a Proper Person was sent off to examine the State of the Berrington, and can point out that it is possible for me to accommodate a

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a great Number of Passengers, than I brought from Bengal - I shall have great Satisfaction in doing it, It is not in my Power to alter or to Contract the Apartments of those Gentlemen, that are ordered on board by the Bengal Government, nor to take from my Officers and People the accommodation necessary for their being enabled to do the Duty of the Ship;

If those Gentlemen, that are ordered on the Bevington will go off, and see what room there is for them, I have great reason to think that they will not persist in their pursuit of going home on her, and it will be the means shewing to your Honorable Board, that I am not putting Difficulties in the execution of your Orders;

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

February 15th 1787 -- [Signed] Tho. Sey

To Captain Sey

Commanding the Honorable Company's Ship

Bevington

To, in answer

Sir

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 16th Instant, and to acquaint you, that the situation of many of the King's and Company's

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Company's Officers requiring their immediate return to Europe, it is necessary, that as many, as possible, should be accommodated with Passages on the Bevington, and Talbot — as Captain Taylor of the Talbot, who has 16 Passengers and 15 Children on board, has agreed to receive six Officers, and a Quarter Master of the 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons from this Presidency it is reasonable, that the Bevington which is a large Ship, and has only 15 Passengers and 13 Children, should furnish a similar accommodation,

You will be pleased Therefore to prepare your Ship for the reception of 7 Officers, who will be Ordered on board, a List of them will be sent to you, and an Order given to the Pay:= =master General, to pay to you the Sums fixed by the Honorable Company for the Ranks of each Officer,

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
/Signd/ John Shannier Sec.y

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To The Honorable Sir Archibald Campbell &c.

Governor &c &c

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From the President at Poona States the Sentiments of Lord Cornwallis as to transacting the affairs of His Highness the Nabob at that Court Declines having any further communication with Bajiny Row States his Opinion now upon the most eligible mode for the Establishment of Post Cofrds.- Rago Punt loses about 92 upon the Bills transmitted him- Tippoo retakes the Fort Bhadar Bunda and makes Proposals for peace

Honorable Sir

On the 12th Instant I had the honor to receive Duplicate of your Favor of 11th December acknowledging Receipt of my Letters of the 28th Nov: and enclosing two Bills of Exchange one for 400 Rupees on account of my advance to Rago Pundit, the other for R.s 624: in payment of his allowances to the 31st December last, which I will get sent to Him as well as I can, tho' I am as yet totally in the Dark where He is.

With my address of the 27th ultimo you will have received Copy of the Governor Generals Sentiments as announced to me on the Subject of my Proposal of corresponding with, and taking charge of the Interests of the Nabob Wallajah at this Court, his Lordships Reasons are perfectly just and I have dropt all further thoughts of the affair, yet as I am flattered by the parity of Reasoning on which I first made, and you thought proper to encourage the Proposal as explained in your last Favor; I shall take the liberty to transcribe what I have had the Honor to write the Right Honorable the Governor General & Council on the Subject Viz

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"When I proposed to the late Governor General
"and Sir Archibald Campbell to take Charge of the
"Interests of the Nabob Wallajah at this Court, it was
"in the persuasion that they were absolutely inseperable
"from those of the Honorable Company, and my Object
"was by centering all his Intercourse with this Govern:
":ment, in the person of the Company's Ministers to
"render his Negociations as unseperable as his Interests:-
"Those Negotiations I naturally concluded would
"be conducted thro' the Government of Madras, While,
"by the Means I profess I flattered myself with being
"able to gratify the Nabob's Curiosity by a Commu:
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"But as it is your wish (our Principles perfectly just
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":ding) that I should drop my Proposal, I have
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"of 30th October to Sir Archibald Campbell to
"prevent his taking any further steps with the
"Nabob for gaining his Asent to the measure."

Pursuing the Subject of the Nabob's
Agency, you observe, that His Highness had sent
you letters for his Vakeel at this Court directing him
to communicate, and act in Concert with me
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which Letter I have not yet received,
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a very dangerous intriguing Man, and as He has
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Governor General and Council regarding Him.

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which place they may arrive in 3 days more, i.e. 26 from Madras — this I believe is an improvement on the speed of our usual Conveyances, and reducing it to a point of Certainty will undoubtedly render it an Object of general, and publick utility —. But as Since my Letter to you of 3d November complaining of the tardy Conveyance of my Letters, I have paid close attention to this important Object, the Result both of my Enquiries, and Experiments leads me to conclude that your Conveyance is capable of Improvement,

In your Favor abovementioned now before me you observe, that my last Letters had not reached you unless than 25 Days, as those Letters were dispatched under Cover to Mr. Floyer at Masulipatam for the Convenience of forwarding my Packets to Calcutta, and as I look upon the difference of Space between Masulipatam & Angola in the Journey to Madras to amount to two days; The time answers exactly to that in which your Favor in question reached me — But I am surprized that my late Letters have been so long on their way to you as by the enclosed List of Dispatches from hence, and Receipt at Masulipatam you will perceive they have arrived there in 12½, 13, 14, & 18 Days, and as Mr. Floyer writes

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writes me that the Conveyance by Post from thence to Madras is only 5 days. It follows that the Letters sent by those Dispatches should have reached you in 17 1/2, 18, 19 or 29 days — In which the difference of a Day in the Date, and Dispatch might cause an apparent addition of one Day — When the great additional Distance of Masulipatam is considered — This is a very great advantage in point of Speed, and amounts to a Demonstration, that the Journey from Ongole hither can be performed much quicker than by the Post Coffids that arrived the 12th. Who I conclude have been 20 Days on the Road allowing the additional three days to be from Madras to Ongole. So that the Slowest of my Coffids have an advantage of two, and the quickest of 17 1/2 Days in the performance of a longer Journey.

From an attentive Consideration of this Subject, and your Desire of being furnished with what occurs to me on it — I am led to submit to your notice whether the Speed of the Communication might not be much improved by dividing the great distance of the Journey into at least two Stages, and tho' Hydrabad is not the most eligible as Equidistant, yet as it furnishes other advantages to facilitate the Correspondence

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It might probably be the most proper Station to post a Relay — The Journey hence to that City may be easily effected in 8 Days, and thence to Masulipatam and of Course Angole in Six, But as the former is a place of great Commerce, and as it is more conveniently situated for the Correspondence of the Western Side of India with Calcutta these Circumstances may probably give it the Preference to Angole, —

Well knowing, as I observed in my address to you of 3d November last, the Importance of a safe and Speedy Communication between all the Members of a Body Politick, particularly under such Circumstances as the Company's Possessions in India, I addressed the Right Honorable the Governor General and Council at the same time on the same Subject in the following Words Vizt

"The Tardiness of my Conveyances will
"appear the more extraordinary when I acquaint
"you, that I have very good Reason to think that I
"could so arrange a Dawk to Masulipatam
"as to perform the Journey from hence in 7 Days;
"From thence I am informed Dawks are regularly
"laid to Calcutta, and Madras the former I presume
"cannot exceed 12 Days, the latter must of course be
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"much less from hence to Bombay; the same Dawk
"may be continued in one Day, I know not the State
"of the Bombay Communication with the other Presi-
"dencies but have reason to think it cannot be
"quicker than mine of 32 days, Which you will
"observe is the most expeditious of those I have tryed
"with any degree of Certainty — But from what
"I have here had the honor to State, it should follow
"that by a Dawk from this place the Three Presidencies
"may be united in a regular, Safe, and quick
"Correspondence, by which the Conveyance even from
"Bombay to Calcutta will be effected in 20 Days, con-
"sequently in much less to Madras — When it is
"considered that even by Sea at the proper Season, the
"passage is seldom effected quicker, and when the great
"Expence to which the Company is now Subjected by the
"Correspondence thro' long and uncertain Channels
"between Bombay and the other Presidencies is adverted
"to, I am led to think my Idea will be deemed
"worthy the attention of Government, and in this
"persuasion have thought proper to submit it to
"your Consideration, I have mentioned it to Nanna
"as a matter I wished to effect, merely, for the
"purpose of expediting my Communication on
"the Business of my Negotiations here He assures
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"me He had no Objection, and has since in-
"formed me He has written Nizam al Dowla
"on the Subject: but I shall take no further Steps
"till honored with your Commands."

From the Date of this Letter you will perceive that an answer may be hourly expected, & I wish it had occurred to me to desire the Right Honorable the Governor General to accompany the Answer to me with Letters to Nizam ul Dowla and this Government on the Subject, if approved by him, — at all Events I shall make you acquainted with the Determination of the Right Honorable Board.

In negotiating your Bills I find the Shroff at Madras has made them payable in current Rupees, which are 6 ℘ Cent inferior to Sicca: He has also ordered them payable with an additional Deduction of 3 ℘ Cent — Causing a Loss of 9 Rupees on your two Bills — I have thought it necessary to mention this Circumstance as I imputo it to Chance on the part of the Drawer, and highly Worthy Notice, and Correction, as the Loss must fall very heavy on Rago Punt — since writing thus far, I am informed, the Shroff has agreed to pay Sicca Rupees but persevers in his

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On the 1st Instant the Maratta Army advanced 3 Cos, and encamped between Copul and Gyundergh hur about 5 Cos from each, and remaining there till the 8th moved on that Day one Cos near Copul supposed to be in Support of a Correspondence with Tippoo's Governor of that place for its Surrender — In the mean time Tippoo, notwithstanding the Residence of his Vakeel Biddet at Zunnan Khan in the Maratta Camp, opened his Batteries on the 3 against the Strong Fort of Bhadeer Bunda, the treacherous Surrender of which to Hurry Punt at the opening of the Season you have been made acquainted with — Between the 3 and 8th Instant Three ineffectual attempts were made to Storm this Fortress — On that Day Tippoo's Vackeel returned from the Maratta Camp having been dismissed by Hurry Punt with Expressions of great Dissatisfaction at his Master's Conduct — On the 10th Two Camel Couriers were dispatched to Hurry Punt by Tippoo the Subject of whose Message it may be concluded was not deemed agreable, as Tippoo resumed the attack of Bhadeer Bunda the 12th and took it by Storm the 13th Instant.

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The Reduction of this very strong Place so immediately under the Eyes of the whole allied Army without a single Fort to succour the Garrison which render every Disadvantage made a gallant Defence, Strongly implys a Superiority on the Part of Tippoo, which Seems to be placed in a Stronger point of View by an extraordenary movement of Murry Punt toward Tippoo's Camp the Day after the Lofs of that Fortress, when after sustaining a Cannonade for some time he returned without effecting or attempting any thing — The fall of Bhader Bunda has Stopt the Progress of Murry Punts Intrigue with the Killedar of Copaul —

Notwithstanding Tippoo's apparent Superiority I am informed he had made Proposals to Cede to the Marattas all the Country N. of the Tumbudra, and discharge his Arrears of Kundnee or Tribute on Condition of their withdrawing themselves from their alliance with Nizam ally Khan, but the Truth of this I cannot vouch — The Skirmishes between the Forages and Parties of the two Armies are constant, and about the 10th Instant some of Meers Pindarries made a considerable Capture of Tattoes, Bullocks &c —

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28th I am informed that a Body of Tippoo's Troops that had been attached to Surprize a Party of Mahabut Lungi in the Neighbourhood of Adoni has been cut off Mahabut Lungi having Intelligence of their Intention quitted his Camp and placed his Party in ambush Till Tippoo's Troops buryed in plunder became a sure & easy Prey

It is reported here that Mushcrat Mulk the Nizams Minister has taken the Field and that He is to join the allyd Army at the Head of 25000 Men; New Levies are making here and some Detachments have been sent to reinforce the Army, which has lately Suffered much by a pestilential Disorder,

I have at length heard from Rago Punt and on the 24th Instant forwarded Him a Bill for the Amount of his Wages to the End of December last, as remitted me by you,

I commenced this Letter immediately on Receipt of your favor of 11th ultimo in the hope of dispatching it by an early Cofsid from Bombay, but none having yet arrived and having occasion to Dispatch to the Governor General and Council I have embraced the Opportunity to forward this

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this by the way of Masulipatam and to assure you that

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27th January 1787

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

(Signed) Wm Malet

P. S.

Enclosed is Duplicate of my last address of 10th Instant
The Original of your Letter of 11th December is not yet arrived

To John Shannon Esqr
Secretary Secret Department
Fort St George

Sir

From Colonel Stuart with acknowledgements for the distinguished and honorable testimony of Government upon his Conduct

I have been duly honored with the receipt of your letter of the 6th Instant,

I must ever afford me the highest Gratification to reflect that in acquitting an act of duty as a Soldier I should have been fortunate enough to obtain so distinguished and honorable a Testimony of the approbation of Government; I must therefore intreat Sir, that you will do me the favor to convey to the honorable Board my most Respectfull and Grateful Sense of their Condescention

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Condescention on this Occasion — Such flatter:
:ing Records should be the Soldiers highest
ambition, and must ever animate him with
the warmest Sentiments of Emulation and
attachment.

I must further intreat Sir, that you will
dequaint the Honorable Board, that agreeably
to their Injunctions it will be my Study to
preserve the publick Tranquility, & to use every
Vigilance during the present indeterminate Suc:
:cession,

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

Tanjore
12th February 1787

/Signed/ I Stuart

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

Honible Sir

I did myself the honor of ad:
:dressing you on the 17th Ultimo, relative to
my Compliance with the Phoudari Request
for Sepoys to protect the Circar &c: &c: — Since
the arrival of the two Companies at their present
Stations I have not heard of any disturbance,
but the Officer Commanding them writes me
that a Detachment of Ten Companies of the
Nabobs Sepoys, with a 3 pounder Field
Piece

From Colonel Bridges
Ten Companies of the
Nabobs Sepoys with
a 3 pr Field piece are
arrived to act against
the Poligar of Cho:
:cumpettah, who
has collected his
People and erected
a Fort: the Pisaw:
:nurn Pop is likely
to be lost for want
of Rain —

piece, had arrived there, and that the Manager of that place had informed him they were to wait the final order of the Phousdar to go against the Poligar of Chocumpettah,

I took an opportunity this morning of talking on the Subject with the Phousdar, he said, that he some time ago wrote his Opinions to Madras, and that he now only acts in compliance with former Custom; That the Chocumpettah man will not fulfill his Engagements, but has collected his people, and built a Fort, which he is now furnishing with Stores, and provisions, on a Hill, and that if he is not checked it may be a dangerous example to the other Poligars: He has therefore thought it absolutely necessary to take some immediate Step, and has ordered a Body of Nabob's Sepoys consisting of about 300 men with a 2 pounder Field piece to Tankanjie, near the Frontiers of Chocumpettah's Country, and that he has Summoned the Pongall & Curchee, the Seoyguny, and two inferior Poligars to assemble their Troops, and assist him— He adds, that he has ordered the Chocumpettah Poligar not to take away the Grain of his

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the Poligars Country, as it lipens, and is cut, till he fulfills his engagements, and that to enfore their Order he has assembled His Highness's Sepoys, and directed the Poligars to be ready; & means to advance them closer to the Chocompettah Country for the above purpose — what may be the events he cannot say, but he conceives he is only doing his Duty & that Should the Chocum: ;petlah refuse assemble his people, and advance to force away the Grain, that His Highness's Sepoys, & the other Poligars must certainly endea: ;vor to prevent them,

I observed that I conceived it highly impolitic to commit hostilities, or to act in such a manner as to bring on a serious dispute in the Country without an ample investiga: ;tion, and soon after that particular directi: ;ons from the Presidency — That all I could now say was to recommend very great caution to him, and at all events to forbear coming to such extremities as might hereafter require the interference of Government to extricate him from difficulties, which it appeared to me, not improbable, he might find himself involved in — That I did not attempt in what I said to

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to interfere in the manner or Mode of collecting the Revenues in the Country, that I could assist him as far as was proper and necessary to facilitate Such collections in the Circar, and to protect it from being insulted or plundered; But that in Matters of this Nature, where any serious consequences might ensue, too much caution, and deliberation could not be shewn, and that tho' he might now imagine he could carry his points by intimidating the Poligar without the approbation or Assistance of Government, yet should he find himself mistaken, and any Mischance happen supposing him doing what he had only a right to do, but which I was by no means Competent to subscribe to, he would find himself in a most disagreable predicament,—

This being the present situation of Matters I thought it my Duty to make you fully acquainted therewith,—

I am Sorry to say that the Pesannum Crop does not just now wear a favorable appearance, Rain Should have fallen some days ago to have preserved the whole, but if we have it not in a few days more, the Dhoudar tells me much of the

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Grain will be lost; this after the loss of the greatest part of the Corn Crop, will doubtless raise the price of Rice; it is at present about 90 Star Pagodas ₰ Madras Para,

I have the Honor to be, with the

Palamcottah greatest Respect &c &c

11th February 1787 (Signed) Tho.s Bridges

John Shannier Esq.r

Military Secretary

Sir

From General Horne Has ordered the 7th Battalion to assemble immediately at Coilpettah, and has requested Colonel Bridges to reinforce them with as many men as he can spare from Palamcottah — or Major Macleod to Command the Party —

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 13th and 14th Instant, and am to acquaint you for the information of the Governor in Council that I have directed the 7th Battalion at Shanderacoil with their Guns to assemble immediately at Coilpettah; and requested Lieutenant Colonel Bridges to reinforce them with as many Men of the 19th Battalion, as he can spare from the Garrison of Palamcottah. I have also directed the 13th Battalion with a reinforcement of artillery Lascars &c to march from this Station on Tuesday morning

By a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Bridges

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Bridges I am given to understand that incon:
: sequence of an application from Edabar Khaun,
he has ordered two Companies of the 19th Battalion
to Tuntachie, but with pointed orders to the officer
commanding not to commit any Hostilities or
Depredations on Chocumpetty / Poligar / without
further Instructions; he also informs me that
Edabar Caun is assembling a body of the Nabob's
Troops with a Gun and some inferior Poligars
at Tuntachie, in order to oblige Chocumpetty
to fulfill his Engagements with the Circar,

I have this day appointed Major
Macleod to the command of the Detachment,
and shall furnish that officer for his gui:
: dance with the Instructions I have received from
the Governor in Council,

I am,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
/Signed/ Mat.w Horne

Head Quarters
of the Southern Forces
Trichinopoly the
28th of February 1787

Received the following Report from the
Military Board, upon the Claims referred
to them,

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

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been honored with Mr. Secretary Charriers letters of the 16.th 23.d and 31.st Ultimo, with their several enclosures.—

From the Military Board, Reporting on the claim of Lieutenant Gillon for arrears; recommending that Captain Dawes be paid the Sum of 25 Pagodas for alterations in accoutrements, and proposing that in future all accoutrements be issued in the exact form & as judged fit for actual Service;— Ensigns Shawe & Godfrey's claims for Pay & off Reckonings deemed inadmissible, Enclosing certain Orders proposed by Genl Capper.

Having requested the attendance of Mr. Mitford executor to Lieutenant Gillon, who has produced the original vouchers, copies only of which had been transmitted to your Honorable Board; Though we find that they have all the regular official signatures necessary to authenticate them; We cannot at the same time help observing an exhorbitance in the charges, which seems to exclude every claim to interest— With regard to the 500 Pagodas advanced, there does not appear any stipulation for interest, although it was the practice of the southern Paymasters to allow it in similar cases:— This part of the claim will therefore depend on the pleasure of the Governor in Council, as the claimant does not seem entitled to it by law, or the usage of the service,—

The alterations and repairs made by Captain Dawes in the accoutrements of his Battalion, having been

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been seen, and approved by the Commander in Chief.— While we take the liberty to recommend in the present instance, that Captain Dawes be reimbursed in the sum of 25 Pagodas, which he has expended, We by no means wish, that this recommendation should be understood, as establishing a precedent in favor of future claims of a similar nature; which We apprehend would be productive of much inconvenience and expence; We Therefore beg leave to suggest the expediency of making it known to the service at large, that in future all accoutrements for the army shall be issued in the exact form, and state which is judged fit for actual service, and whenever any may be received that are not conformable to the established pattern: Commanding officers shall make a report thereof to the Commander in Chief, and the Storekeeper be obliged to make good the deficiency at his own expence.

As it appears that Ensign Shaw was not regularly established in the service, at the time of his capture, and as no Officers are authorized by the custom of the service, to draw pay or any other allowances previous to their arrival at Presidencies to which they respectively belong. His claim being moreover by no means similar to

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to that of Captain Banks and Bonnevaux, who were charged with public dispatches: or to that of the other officers, who at the time of their capture, were employed on actual Service in the field:— We deem it altogether inadmissible,—

Colonel Brathwaites' order of the 5th April 1781 specifies that the Battalion commanded by Ensign Godfrey was established for a temporary service only,—and as no vouchers appear to prove that it ever had the regular sanction of Govern: :ment, or that stoppages had been made for its cloathing, although subsisted by the Company; We perceive no grounds for a favorable recommen: :dation of his claim to off Reckonings.—With regard to his claim for cloathing the Tanjore Cavalry, it would seem to have been already liquidated by the bond for Pagodas 457 mentioned in his account; for we see no reason why a bond should not have been given him, for the whole of his demand, had there not been at that period, some well founded objection to the remaining part of his bill,—

We have the honor to send herewith for the perusal and approbation of your Honorable Board, some orders proposed by Colonel Cappes, and approved by our Board for the new edition of the Book of Regulations Vizt.— Regulations

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Regulations respecting the payment of the Kings Troops

D° — of the Companys

D° — respecting Batta and other allowances

D° Commissary General Department

D° respecting musters

D° Respecting Provisions & Agent Victualler

D° for Pay-masters of Out Garrisons —

We have been induced to submit thus early this division of our labours to your inspection, that in the prosecution of the work, We may adapt the remaining parts to such alterations as you may Judge necessary to be made, in the departments successively submitted to your consideration.

We have the Honor to be with perfect Respect.

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February 3, 1787

/Signed/ G.r Capper
R.t Kelly
Henry Malcolm
Sa.l Campbell
Wm Sydenham
I. Moorhouse

The foregoing Opinions having been

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been confirmed by Government it is ordered, that the necessary Letters be written in Consequence,

Received the undermentioned Letters

(Entered in Miscellany Book Nos 34 & 35.)

From the Agent for Victualling the Troops

From Mr. Cockburn stating, that 6 Bullocks were stolen in the Night, while resting at the Village of Punguruntkum, in the Tripassore District;- and requesting an order may be obtained from the Nabob to compel the Maraw: ;ders to restore them,

From Mr. D. Mackenzie — with a bill of Lading and Invoice of 3039. bags of Oryo Rice, shipped on Board the Snow Triton, Captain William Arthur, and Consigned to the Honorable the Governor and Council on account of Lieut.t John Anderson, late Deputy Paymaster to the late Madras Detachment; — trusting to the season, and the quick sailing of the Triton, has dispensed with Insuring the above Cargo, which he hopes will be approved.

From Mr D Mackenzie

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters (as Entered in Mr. B. Nos 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50.)

To Mr. L. P. Burdon — with a permission to proceed to Europe for the recovery of his health

To the Paymaster & Commissariat

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To the Paymaster of Chingleput

To Mr. L. I. Tarver to take charge of the Employ of Paymaster at Permacoil, from Mr. Burlton.

The Mr. Digby

To Mr. Kenelm Digby Permitted to proceed to Europe for the adjustment of his private affairs— a bond granted for payment of his Offic Expences, from the period of the disbanding the Southern army's

To the Kings Paymaster General

To William Burke Esq.r To pay to the 75th Regiment the Gratuity due, previous to their Marching for the Cantonment of Walajaubad;

To the Hospital Board; with Copy of the

To the Hospital Board

Minutes of Consultation 14th Instant; and desiring they will make an arrangement by which Mr. Ruddiman may be stationed at the Presidency

To Mr. Burke enclosing a List of

To Mr Burke

Kings Officers, who are to embark on the Ships Talbot, and Bevington for Europe, and directing him to pay the Commanders of the above Vessels the several Sums fixed as passage money for Europe for each Officer according to his rank:— and also to pay the Sum of £15. 15. to Quarter Master Davis of the 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons for the expences of his passage to Europe

To the Military Paymaster General

To John Turing Esq.r with a List of Company's Officers who are to embark on the Ships Talbot & Berrington for Europe, upon the same terms as those of His Majesty's Service

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To Captain Ley & Taylor Commanders of the Honorable Company's Ships Burrington & Talbot

To Captains Ley & Taylor. To receive the
King's and Company's Officers ordered as passengers
on their Ships for Europe.

To the Committee of Stores The Board
admit Mr Scottney's Oath in support of the Vouchers
which were deficient on the auditing of his accounts
and directing them to write off the balance in his Ac-
: counts of Military Storekeeper accordingly.

To the Secretary at Fort Marlbro with
a Return of Men embarked on the Snow Carolina
for that Settlement; and desiring him to pay to
Captain Brown on their Landing, the Sum of
6 Fanams ⅌ Diem for each Man in full of all
demands.

To Lieutenant Guthrie with per-
: mission to proceed to Europe on half Pay.

To Captain Taylor of the Ship Talbot,
permitted to receive on board his Ship, the follow-
: ing Gentlemen as passengers for Europe

Mr. John Huddleston } Senior Merchants
Mr E. Digby }
Mr. Scottney, late Military Storekeeper

To the Deputy accountant, informing
him that Mr. Scottney is to have billion Panjam
for the balance of his accounts when properly
certified.

To the Secretary at Fort Marlbro

To Lieut.t Guthrie of Corps of Engineers

To Captain Taylor of the Ship Talbot

To the Deputy accountant

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To Mr. Hudleston with permission to proceed to Europe for the recovery of his health — the wish expressed by him, to be considered as a Revenue Servant, cannot be complied with without the Sanction of the Company; the arrangement relative to this Subject, having been submitted to the Court of Directors, —

To Mr. Hudleston

To Captain Ley to receive on board his Ship 6 Men, in lieu of 6 Invalids, ordered to be discharged, in consequence of being unable to undertake the Voyage, —

To Captain Ley of the Ship Berrington

March 1st Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. for the month of March Nos 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7 /

From Mr. Chaplain, states his Claim to Arrears of Off Reckonings due to Captain Georg Mackay Deceased —

From Mr Chaplain

The above Claim having been referred to the Attorney General — he gave it as his Opinion, that Mr. Chaplain could not draw the Arrears of Off Reckonings, without the Sanction of the Executrix, —

From the Attorney Jeneral

From the Garrison Storekeeper — Has received no Information in Respect to the Amount of Stoppages made by Messrs. Anderson &

From the Garrison Storekeeper

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and Tyler from the Bengal Detachment, and cannot therefore debit them for the Sums they have received — Purposes giving them Credit for the Amount of their Consignments of Rice — Encloses an Explanatory Journal Entry of Rice consigned by Lieutenant Anderson on the Triton and Venus; and requests Permission to write off the usual Port allowance on those Ships, and to debit Lieutenant Anderson for the Deficiency in the Cargoes of those Vessels,

From the King's Deputy Paymaster General

From the King's Deputy Paymasters General, requests to know if the extra Monthly allowance made to the Paymasters of His Majesty's Regiments should not be published in General Orders.

From Lieutenant Macpherson

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From Mr. Mackenzie at Calcutta

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From the Deputy accountant

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the Subject.

4th Recived the following Letter

To The Honble Sir Arch: Campbell KB.
President in Council at
Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From Bengal directing that certain accounts of His Majesty's 100th Regiment and Royal Artillery be made out & transmitted in Triplicate to Bombay.

Certain accounts of His Majesty's 100th Regiment of Royal Artillery still remain unadjusted which We have been obliged, once more to refer for a final Settlement of them to the Honorable the President in Council at Bombay.

It appears, that certain Payments were made at your Presidency, to Sundry Officers or men both of the Royal Artillery, and 100th Regiment, who after their Release from Prison, were marched into the Carnatic, and as an accurate Knowledge of these Payments is material to the final adjustment of the accounts now referred back to the President in Council at Bombay: We direct, that the proper Officers of your Government do as soon as possible after the Receipt of this Letter, transmit to Bombay in Triplicate a particular account of all Payments made to the 100th Regiment of

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or Royal Artillery on account of the Honorable Company's allowances; specifying particularly the several Heads whether Pay, Batta, Gratuity, Tent, Carriage, and in short every article, except King's Subsistence.

We have the Honor to be
&c &c

Fort William
Secret & milit Dept
the 19th Jany 1787

/Signed/ Cornwallis
Chas Stuart

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Military Paymaster General do make out the accounts specified in the foregoing Letter, & they be transmitted in Triplicate to Bombay.

To His Excellency Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
President and Governor &c &c &c

From General Horne with an account of the Detachment sent to Coilpettah, to awe the Poligars of Chocumpetty

Sir

I have the Honor to acquaint your Excellency that in conformity to the orders of Government, a Detachment has been ordered to Coilpettah consisting of the 1st and 13th Battalions with a detachment of Artillery — The 13th Battalion and Artillery arrived

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arrived at Madura on the 26th Instant, and proceeded to Coilpettah this morning, where the 2d Battalion from Shandenacoil with the exception of two Comp:s parties, left by desire of Ettabar Khaun at Tankachie on the borders of the Choakumpetty Country, will join them on their arrival.

I have received a Letter from Lieute: nant Colonel Bridges dated the 25th Instant, in: forming me that Ettibaur Kaun had sent him Intelligence, that the Poligar Choakumpetty had fled from his Country, in Consequence of an attack made by the Circar Troops, who after having fired four or five Guns against his Fort, got pos: session of it without a shot being returned by the Garrison, who immediately withdrew themselves; to which account he added that all was then quiet in that District.

As Ettabaur Kaun has thus already proceeded to Extremities without waiting the Junction of the Honorable Company's Troops [of whose march I had apprised him] your Excel: lency may perhaps judge it expedient to send further Instructions; as those which Major Macleod Commanding that Detachment has received, strictly forbid his acting offensively — Should it become ne: cessary to draw more Troops together for this Service

please

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some Cavalry and European Infantry can be sent from hence, but as Tanjore is the only Station, from which Sepoys can be drawn I request your Instructions on that head,

I am with the highest Respect

S. & S.

Head Quarters of the Southern Forces Trichinopoly the 28th of February 1787

/Signd/ Mat.w Horne

The President sends in Circulation the following proposed Draft, which being approved, is ordered to be copied fair & immediately Dispatched

To Brigadier General Horne

Sir,

I am favored with your Letter of the 28th Februarry; acquainting me of the movements of the Troops for the purpose of awing the Polygars into a discharge of their Engagements to the Nabob, of all which I approve: But I observe with regret that the Nabobs Troops had proceeded to Extremities, which I consider highly improper; the intention of the movement of the Troops being intended, as already mentioned, solely to awe, and not to attack, plunder, or destroy the Polygars, whose friendship upon every principal of good policy ought

To Brigadier General Horne disapproving of the Nabobs Troops having proceded to Extremities—

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to be preserved,

There is no occasion for detaching any more Troops; and the Stationing of those already marched, ought to be left to the Manager of the Circar, who must be the best Judge how they can be Stationed, or any fresh Situation occupied to the greatest advantage,

The Officer Commanding these Troops ought to observe it as a general Rule, not to Scatter his Men out upon Detachment but as little as possible, That nothing less than a Company ought to be detached, and that no Company be detached without an European Officer to head them, who is to be responsible for the Conduct of the men under his Care,

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obt

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Signed Arch: Campbell

The following Letter to the Resident of Tanjore was dispatched by the President, in Reply to several received from him

To Alexander Macleod Esqr.

Resident at Tanjore

Sir

To the Resident at Tanjore, approving his Conduct since his arrival at Tanjore - Recommending Unanimity among the Commrs, To whom a Letter of Instructions will be sent by Government

I have received your Several Letters written since the time of your taking Charge of

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of the Residency of Tanjore, which I have been prevented answering, by the Press of Important Business that required constant application for some time past,

Your Vigilance and constant attention to the different objects recommended to your Notice merit my warm approbation, and I am perfectly satisfied that much good has been already attained, and much more may still be procured from a continuation of the same cautious and circumspect line of Conduct,

I am happy to observe, that by the assistance, which Genral Horne afforded Mr Havington, the late Complaints about the Banks of the Annicut have been adjusted, and I hope Arrangements may soon be made which will prevent Complaints of the same nature in future,

I am very much pleased with your endeavours to ascertain the quantity of Grain in the Tanjore Country, after the present Crop is gathered in, and I will likewise be glad to know the probable demand, which may be necessary for the consumption of the Country, and for the purposes of Seed — whatever quantity can be relied on beyond these necessary Provisions, I will be happy to hear has been sold on terms the most advantageous for

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for the Ryots The greater their gain this Season, the greater will be their readiness to pursue the objects of Cultivation, which is the surest and the surest way to Enrich the Circar; and so long as a Sale is found for the Surplus grain of the Country, I do not see any objection to the Ryots taking the best price that can be had, care being taken however that they do not over reach themselves, by asking too much, and thereby driving away the Foreign Purchasers.

I am glad to observe that you expect to get the February List settled in proper time — I dislike Army Arrears, and tho' we want money at Madras, I wish that you should enable the Pay master to discharge such Military Arrears as may appear outstanding in the Garrison.

I have attended to what you write concerning the Committee of Inspection, from whose Institution great Benefit and advantage has been obtained, and I am by no means disposed to hazard the Loss of their assistance, particularly in the present Inter-regnum, which requires the aid of such an Inspection, more than at any former period. — In the Instructions of the 31st January, addressed to you by Colonel Stuart

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Stuart, it is expressly stipulated in the 4th article, that the Resolutions of the Committee of Inspection should be considered by you as sufficient authority for giving Instructions to the Managers of the Country; In forming that Resolution, the Intention of Government undoubtedly was, that the Committee should deliberate upon, and digest the Subjects which required attention, and that you, and Colonel Stuart, in your respective Stations, should execute the Measures, which might be agreed upon,—

The Executive Political Detail must always rest with the President, but the desire of Government is, that in all matters of doubt or difficulty the Committee should be consulted and that they should be informed of all important Arrangements, relating to the Affairs of the Country.—

For this purpose I am desirous that the Committee should meet frequently, once a week at the least, that all accounts and Reports of the State of the Country received from the Managers, should be laid before them and entered upon their Proceedings, that they ought to unite heart and hand in procuring the most accurate Information of the State of the Country, its Inhabitants and Produce, for the present is the moment when

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this can be most compleatly obtained without any serious objection being made — and there is nothing Government wish for more anxiously, than an accurate compleat account of the State of the Country, in procuring which my expectation is, that you as Resident will use your utmost endeavours to collect every kind of Information with precision, in which pursuit, I am persuaded every Member of the Committee will Co-operate with you, to the utmost of their abilities — I am very sensible of the truth of what you say, that you can get more accurate and more immediate Information Individually, as Resident, than the Committee can collectively, but still there can be no Impropriety in your laying that Information before the Committee, they will the better be able to advise in the other measures proper to be pursued —

I hope there will never be any difference of Opinion in the Committee, because I am convinced you have but one object — The General Good of the Company, and the Country — But to guard against accidents, and to give Efficacy to the Resolutions of the Committee, I intend to propose as an addition to their Instructions that

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4 4½ the Majority of Voices shall determine all Questions, and that in case of an equality, The Resident shall have a Casting Vote in all points relating to Internal or Political arrangements; and in all Cases where Troops are to act either for the Security of the Country from a Foreign Enemy, or in preventing or quelling Internal Commotion, The Commandant to have the Casting Voice.

It being understood however that the Power formerly enjoyed by the Civil Representative, of requiring the aid of Troops, to enforce the Civil authority in matters of Revenue is not to be changed, by the present Regulation.

By such an Arrangement as this, the Committee will be placed exactly where Government meant they should stand, as Trustees, Responsible for the good management of the Country until a Successor to the Rajah is appointed, when such new Regulations as may be necessary can be adopted.

Sam[l] with great Regard

&c[a] &c[a]

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Sign'd Arch[d] Campbell

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In consequence of the Presidents Inform:
:ation to Mr. Macleod, that a Letter would be
written to the Committee of Inspection, the Secretary
was directed to draft a Letter, of which the following
is a Copy.

To Alexander Macleod Esqr.
Colonel Stuart
Mr. J. C. Hippisley
The Reverend Mr. Swartz
Committee of Inspection
at Tanjore

To the Committee of Inspection with Rules for their Guidance in the Event of a Difference of Opinion among them.—

Gentlemen

In addition to the Instructions already given to you I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to inform you, that the Board have resolved, in case a difference of Opinion should arise among the Members of your Com:
:mittee that the Majority of Voices shall determine all Questions, and in the event of an Equality the Resident shall have a Casting Vote in all points relating to internal or political Arrangements; in all Cases, where Troops are to act either for the Se:
:curity of the Country from a Foreign Enemy, or in preventing

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preventing or quelling internal Commotion, the Commandant is to have the Casting Voice;

It is however to be understood that the Power formerly enjoyed by the Civil Representative of requiring the aid of Troops to enforce the Civil authority in matters of Revenue is not to be changed by the present Regulation;

By the above arrangement the Committee will be placed exactly where Government mean they should stand as Trustees, Responsible for the good Management of the Country until a Successor to the Rajah is appointed, when such further Regulations as may be necessary will be adopted;

I have the Honor to be &c &c

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/Signed/ John Shannier Esqr

Sent the following Letter to Bengal

To The Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis
Governor General in Council
at
Fort William

To Bengal enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Deputy Accountant General requesting to be furnished with the accounts of the Bengal Detachment lately serving in the Carnatic

My Lord

We beg leave to enclose Copy of a Letter addressed to us by the Deputy Accountant General at this Presidency, and to request You will be pleased to give the necessary Directions for our being furnished with the accounts

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accounts required for the Completion of the General Statement of the extraordinary Expences of the Bengal Troops incurred during the late War in the Carnatick

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We have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
[Sgnd] Arch: Campbell
&c. Council

Sent the undermentioned Letters, entered in M B. Nos 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. /

To Lieutenant Godfrey

To Lieutenant Godfrey,—enclosing the Report of the Military Board on his Claim

To Mr. Chaplain

To Mr. Chaplain,—enclosing the attorney Generals Opinion upon his claim,—

To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam,—enclosing the Report of the Military Board on Ensign Shaw's Claim,—

Shaw's

To the Secretary at Bombay

To the Secretary at Bombay, Enclosing in Triplicate a Packet for the Military Paymasters General,—

To Wm Burke Esqr

To William Burke Esq. To pay Lieutenant Macpherson of his Majesty's 72d Regiment the usual passage Money for Offices of his rank returning to Europe,—

To the Paymaster at Tanjore

To the Paymaster at Tanjore—To discharge Lieutenant Macpherson's arrears of Temporary allowance from the 1st January 1786

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To Mr. Welch

4th To Mr. Welch, To pay Captain Dawes 25 Pagodas for the Repairs of the accoutrements of his Battalion,

To Mr. John Mitford

5th To Mr. John Mitford a Bengal Bond, without Interest, will be granted for the Arrears due to the late Lieutenant Dillon,

At a Consultation Present

The Honble Major Gen.l Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.
President
Alexander Davidson Esq.r
& James Henry Casamajor Esq.r

Monday 5th March 1787

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved,

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Inspection at Tanjore, accompanying their Proceedings,

To The Honble Major Gen.l Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council, Fort St George

From the Committee of Inspection enclosing their Procedings—Copy of Instructions for the Managers—A List of Jewels pledged by the late Rajah—& Copies of letters to the President from Brigadier General Horne, in Respect to a Complaint preferred by the Nabob's Subjects against some of the Inhabitants of Tanjore,

Honble Sir,

We have the Honor to transmit the Procedings of our Committee of the 27th Instant and remain with due Respect &c.a &c.a

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
J.o Stuart.
J.C Hippisley
C.J Swartz. At

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At a Committee of Inspection

Present

Mr. Macleod
Colonel Stuart
Mr. Hippisley
Revd. Mr. Swartz

Mr. Macleod delivers a Minute giving his Opinion of the State of the Country.

"I beg leave to acquaint the Committee
"that since the last meeting, I have made it my
"continual Study to inform myself fully, not only
"of the general State of Affairs in the Tanjore Country,
"but likewise, of the Detail of all the modes of Busi:
"ness transacted in the different Towns and Villages,
"that I may be the better qualified to become the
"means of correcting Abuses or of holding out En:
"couragement to Industry."

"It is with great Satisfaction I con:
"gratulate the Committee on the present prospect
"of things in Tanjore, especially from the probability,
"that the Cultivators of the Ground will reap a good
"profit by selling the produce of their Labours at an
"advanced price, to people, who are actually arrived
"from all quarters with ready Money for the
"purchase

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"purchase of Grain. This, exclusive of the unusual
"Benefit accruing to the Labourers, and which was
"highly requisite to repair the ill effects of Baba's Conduct
"toward them, will operate most beneficially by
"bringing a large Supply of Specie into the Country.

"The Circar has very properly ordered that
"no Paddy shall be sold under Three Fanams ₰
"Collum; at which rate Exporters will be very happy
"to take it; This is not to be the Customary or stan-
"dard Price; nor is it to operate in any dealings
"between the Circar and Ryotts; The Law or General
"usage fixed by authority formerly and still in force,
"is, that the Circar shall take it's Share of the Crop in
"Grain; but a contrary practice has, in many Instan-
"ces obtained and the Circar has taken it's Share in
"Money often, at an oppressive valuation of the
"Collum of Paddy; This, I trust, will be gradually
"remedied, if it cannot be done at once."

"I am happy to inform the Committee that
"the practice of anticipating part of the Revenue by
"exacting Money from the Ryotts before their Grain
"becomes productive, has been laid aside and much
"more than half of the February List of 90,000 Pagodas,
"lately paid has been drawn from other Sources."

"Besides this, the injurious Custom of the
"Valuation of Grain before it is cut, by the People of
the

"the Circar and other abuses incident to it, will be
"suppressed; and as far as may be possible, all the
"Grain will be measured the same day on which it
"is cut down; This was the old practice, a practice that
"effectually Secured to the Inhabitants their full Share
"of the Crop."

"I am happy to tell the Committee, that
"by the Suggestion and advice of Ameer Sing, some
"Thousands of people both at Elingara, and at a place
"near Nigapatam have received ample justice.
"He, as well as the other managers, have shewn the
"utmost readiness in adopting some Propositions
"relative to a Dispute between the Nabob's people,
"and the Tanjoreans at the Bank of Akunda Cavery
"about which they Complained to me. To avoid the
"Misrepresentations of both parties, I sent Mr
"Harrington, my assistant over to Trichinopoly to
"examine the matter with the assistance of General Horne,

"This has been attended with the best effect;
"When Mr Harrington's Statement of the Transac-
"tion arrived, I informed the Managers that the
"accounts from their own people were erroneous, and I
"proposed certain points requisite for the final adjust-
"ment of the Disputes; these they immediately ac-
"quiesced in, and gave Orders in Consequence, offering,
"at the same time, to furnish by Dismission, their

"three Managers Stationed at the Bank; who had
"by various encroachments assumed to himself a property
"on the Ground; The accompanying Copy and Extract
"of letters from General Horne will shew, that had not
"some proper person been deputed to the Spot, the affair
"might not have been so soon settled; the Objection
"alluded to, in the last lines of the Extract from General
"Horne's letter, did not exist because the Managers
"as I have already said I consented to the propositions
"which General Horne thought would have been
"rejected, as favoring the Nabob too much."

"I have set on foot an Enquiry, to inform
"myself accurately of the annual Consumption of Rice
"throughout the Tanjore Country; The more Paddy can
"be exported (within certain Limitations) the better
"for the Country; If the Exportation likely to ensue is
"not checked at a proper point, the price of Paddy may,
"some time hence, become enormous; Having ob-
"tained a knowledge of the annual Consumption, and
"of what may further be requisite for Store &c and
"having compared it with the annual Produce,
"I shall recommend (should the exportation carry
"away a certain quantity) that a Strict Embargo
"be laid and enforced every where; By this measure
"sufficient Paddy must be preserved in the Country,
"to

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"to allow of a very reasonable price all the Year
"through; and proper means must be taken, in
"that Event, to prevent any artificial Scarcity."

Signed Alex.r Macleod
President

Mr. Hippisley proposes that the Committee should appoint a Day and Hour for their weekly Meeting during the present Interregnum, of which the Managers should be informed, and that they be required to deliver to the Committee a written Statement of the Amount of the Receipts in Money and Grain from the Day of the Rajah's Death to the present time, and a further Statement, weekly, of the Receipts, to be delivered by one of the Managers in Person, to the Committee, on the Stated Days of their assembly.

With respect to the Disbursements, Mr. Hippisley does not conceive it necessary, at present that the Committee should interfere, unless they should be informed of any gross or improvident Expenditure; and the Receipts being ascertained, will, of Course, hereafter throw the responsibility of the Disbursements on the Managers.

Mr. Hippisley conceives it to be the Duty of the Committee to have the Arcar Receipts

thus

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this far ascertained, and to use every precaution against
Deception at this Crisis, when it is probable that before the
Orders relative to a Successor may arrive, three fourths
of the collections, of the whole Current year may be made,
and it would seem a very inefficient measure to keep a
Guard on a trifling Balance of Cash in the Treasury,
while Six or Seven Lacks of Pagodas may, in the In:
:terim, pass thro' the Managers Hands unaccounted
for;

By the Orders of Government of the 3d Instant
the Committee of Inspection are invested with the
Superintendance of the Tanjore Country, until a
Successor be appointed; a Trust is created by the same
Orders for the Benefit of that Successor, and the Com:
:mittee are clearly responsible for the due administra:
:tion of that Trust;

Some late Proclamation have been made
relative to the uncultivated Lands, offering Cowls or
Leases for Terms of years to the Cultivators: it is very
possible that such Cowls may be for the mutual
benefit of Prince and people, but on measures, so
important, the Managers should certainly have
Consulted the Committee who are Trustees for the
Successor whom these Cowls must bind

Mr. Hepplestey is uninfluenced by any
motives

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Motives of Supererogation, but wishes to stand acquitted in the Share he bears of public Responsibility as a Member of the Committee of this important Crisis,

[Signed] P. C. Hippesley

Mr Macleod — Approve much of Mr Hippisley's Proposition respecting a regular Weekly Account of Transactions being given into the Committee

I have myself had a regular written account of all Receipts and Expenditures &c. by the Circar, and I have established what I hope will prove complete Checks upon any Ill management, which may take place; whenever I have reason to think that the account I get is more to be depended upon than that given into the Committee I shall communicate it,

The Proclamation alluded to by Mr Hippisley, was made to declare that the Circar would allow those people to hold the Land for which they should be at the trouble of cutting down the Jungle,

[Signed] Alex. Macleod,

Agreed unanimously, that the Committee should meet every Monday; and the

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the Reverend Mr Swartz is requested to translate the Requisitions contained in Mr Hippisley's Minute, and to communicate them to the Managers.

Received a Statement of the Jewells pledged by the late Rajah; translate of which accompanies.

Mr Hippisley suggests the following Heads of Observation for future investigation.

"The Cowle given by the late Rajah at the Instance "of the Committee, was, that the Inhabitants should pay "their Circar Share of Paddy in Hand, and not be obliged "to account in money, at an arbitrary Assessment. It "should seem necessary that the Committee should "have the most satisfactory proof that this Cowle is "observed by the Managers in the present Collections."

"The Managers having lately fixed a Price "on the whole produce of the Country, ordering the Inhabitants under Certain Penalties, not to sell at a "lower price, It may be proper to enquire whether the "Effects of this order be beneficial to the Inhabitants. If "the Inhabitants cannot sell at that price, and such "is the present Report, they are injured, for the Interest "of money accumulating in the interim, will eat up "more than the difference of price between what they "could now sell at, and that fixed at which they might "hereafter sell at. It is known to be a general practice with

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"with the Inhabitants to pay at the rate of 2 and 3
"p Cent per Measure, for the principal Stock of
"Cultivation."—

"This consideration seems deserving the serious
"attention of the Committee, and as Ramiah has the
"Superintendence of the Cultivation, he might, with others,
"to be examined
"to these points.— It does not appear that it was the
"practice of former Governments to prohibit the Inha-
"bitants from selling their own Share at their own price.
"The Inhabitants would probably think themselves
"fortunate in obtaining a quick Sale at a Medium
"of 2 1/4 Fanam for Fanams the Allum — and this should
"seem a fair Circar price at the Outset — nor should
"the Company be charged at an higher rate for Grain
"delivered to them in the Country for Store, — by the
"present System the Company will probably be
"charged 30 or 40 p Cent above that rate,

"Mr. Hippisley conceives that the managers
should prepare for the Committee, Copies of Procla-
tions or Orders given out respecting the uncultivated
Lands, the Prices of Grain &c. and that for the future
the Managers should be restricted from publishing
any Orders differing from the late Rajah's Cowle,
without having first obtained the approbation of
the Committee, — Signd / J. C. Hippisley
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Mr. Macleod begs leave to say a word on the Observations for future Enquiry given in by Mr. Hippisley.—

"The Circar has ordered that no Grain be sold at less than three Tanjore Fanams ℔ Collum; which, supposing a large Exportation to take place, must be very beneficial, but if, as Mr. Hippisley thinks, that Exportation will not take place, the price should be properly lowered immediately and in that case no Inconvenience can happen to the Company in purchasing Rice for Store &c.—

Signed / Alex: Macleod

Colonel Stuart Begs to observe that as there has in the Course of the last Six Months, an Arrear Accumulated to about 13,000 Pagodas for Batta and other Extra Expences in the Garrison: He submits it to the Committee, whether it is not Expedient to detain from the present List as much as will discharge it along with the Current Months Expences. He further observes that this Arrear must be always Encreasing from the Field Batta being coming due to the Troops out in the Country on Collection, which Batta at present is due to them for five Months past. It would therefore appear that the sooner it is paid off the better, as the Troops now begin anxiously to look for the discharge of that Batta,—

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The Committee agree with Colonel Stuart—
the Instructions which accompany, drawn
up under the Signatures of the Committee and sent
with a Maratta translate, to the Managers.—

Committee adjourned to Monday
next 5th March

Alex.r Macleod
[Sign.d] D.l Stuart
Coxe Hippisley
& Swartz

Instructions of the Tanjore Committee for the Managers of the Circar Dated 2.d February 1787

The Committee are to meet every Monday
morning at 11 o'clock, at the Company's House,
in the Great Fort, when one of the Palace Managers
is to attend, and to deliver to the Committee a weekly
account of all the Circar Receipts in Money and
Grain, specifying the Sorts of Grain.—

at the next Committee, the Managers
must deliver a Statement also of the whole Receipts
in Money and Grain from the day of the late Raja's
death to Monday 5th March, and also
Copies of such Proclamations, or Orders they have
given

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given out respecting the uncultivated Lands; the Prices of Grain &c.— and for the future, the Managers must publish no new Orders differing from the Cowle given by the late Rajah, without having first obtained the authority of the Committee, who are appointed by the Honorable Governor in Council, to Superintend the Government of the Tanjore Country.

Ramiah, who manages the Circar Business in the Country, must attend the Committee at their next meeting on Monday next.

The Committee hereby authorize the Managers to pay 13,000 Star Pagodas, in addition to the 10,000 Monthly paid in to the Resident, to be deducted from the new List.

Alexander Macleod
J. Stuart
J. C. Kiffpisley
C. F. Swartz

N. Maratta Translate
Subjoined to the Original

True Copy
Signed H. Kiffpisley

List

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/Translate/

List of Jewells pawned by the late Rajah, in the year Sahoor Sam Saba Samanyn my alep in the month Rabi a live 8th

20,000 Pagodas, Ponnis Nacayenes Pullij Viz

10,000 Pagodas upon a Bond, the 26th Sama Disani in the year Shit Samanyn, Parabava Savatsev — the Month april 12 Pieces valued at 7000 Pagodas a breast Plate, valued 3000 Pagodas - 10,000 at 18 ℔ Cent ℔ annum,

10,000 - on a Bond - in the Month Sama: disani - in the year Shit Samanin or in the year Parabava Savatsev april - 13 Jewells with Diamonds 109 Pieces of mere Gold 39 Pieces all 148 Pieces which were valued at the rate of 11,800 P. N. Pagodas upon all was taken 10,000 at 18 ℔ Cent ℔ annum,

10,000 Star Pagodas
10000 P. N Pagodas } repetition

5000 Star Pagodas borrowed from Budersa Dave 58 Jewells 18 ℔ Cent ℔ annum,

In all amounting to Star P. N. Pagodas 25000,

/Signd/ C. F. Swartz

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Extract of a Letter from Brigadier General Horne to A. Macleod Esqr

My Dear Sir

I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of your Letter Vr. of the 13th Instant I should have done myself the pleasure of writing you sooner but for the Reasons assigned in my accompanying letter; — The Continual misrepresentation of the Rajah's people about the Banks and the course of the Rivers has ben a Constant source of litigation and trouble — I am happy that you adopted the measure you have done of Ordering Mr. Harrington to inspect the Banks &c. and that he Should be accompanyd by a person of some Consequence belonging to the Tanjore Government also I have + + + my doubts of their acquiescing in the measures Mr. Harrington may recommend, —

A true Extract

/Signd/ Alex.r Macleod.

Copy of Letter from Brigadier General Horne,

To Alexander Macleod Esq.r

Resident at

Tanjore

Sir

I have ben honored with your Letter of the 13th Instant by Mr. Harrington with the translations

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translations of Sundry Papers sent by the Rajah of Tanjore's people stationed at the Vkenda Cavey, to inspect the Banks &c. which I have deferred replying to, in order that you might first receive Mr. Harrington's representation of the matter grounded on the information he might receive on the Spot from the Tanjoreans, in presence of the Nabob's people complained off and with such Remarks as he should be able to collect by an Inspection of the Banks and Rivers.

For this purpose, I accompanied Mr. Harrington to the Vkend Cavey, and applied to Mahommed Yaffier Caun, the Nabob's Fouzdar to meet us there; which he most readily did, altho' much displeased with the late Rajah's Conduct by refusing to depute some person of Consequence to meet him before, in order to adjust the several Contests complained against the Rajah's people for having made Encroachments, raising Plantations &c. were they had no right, for the particulars of which I beg leave to refer to my Official Letter addressed to Mr. Hudleston the 4th of april 1786.

As Mr. Harrington has been so Explicit and Candid in his Representation to you, it is not necessary, for me to say much on the Subject, altho' I cannot refrain from remarking, that the Encroachments made

made in the Bed of the Cavery by the Rajah's people will prove a measure if not destroyed, that must operate to the detriment of the Tanjore Country as the contracting the Bed of the Cavery so near the point that devides it from the Coleroon must obstruct the free Passage of the River and of Course be the means of increasing the stream of the Coleroon, The preservation of the Nabob's Country depends on his securing the South Bank of the Cavery from being washed away or broke, Consequently the River will be narrowed and if the Tanjorians are permitted to continue their Encroachments it will necessitate the Nabob to do the same for the preservation of his Bank, and to prevent it's being too forcibly pressed on when the Rivers rise - so that the Consequence must be, that the Cavery will be choked up; the Bed of the Coleroon enlarged, and the Tanjore Country deprived of the necessary supply of Water required for its Cultivation and Fertility.

The assertion of these Encroachments being of any benefit towards preserving the Bank, that divides it from the Coleroon, and forms the west part of the Island is vague and ill founded; for under the pretence of Strengthening this Bank, the Bed of the River has been Contracted, since I can remember, at least forty yards; and if any thing was

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was required for its further Security, the only plan would be to raise the Ground that has been by degrees formed, to nearly the same height of the original Bank and Strengthen it by planting Trees, the Roots of which would be highly beneficial. This would be much more for the Nabob's Interest than the Rajah's for wherever the River should overflow the Banks, the whole Island of Seringham must be deluged and the Pagodas greatly injured; whereas, the Tanjore Country instead of Suffering, would be eased of a superfluous quantity of Water, more than the Anicut could possibly convey off, and prevent that Country from being totally overflowed.

The Nabob's Instructions to his Fouzdar at, and since the restoration of the Assignment has been to observe strictly the ancient usage, to admit no Encroachments on his Rights nor in any respect to prevent the necessary repairs of the Banks of the River provided no deviation is made. This line Mahommed Yassin Cawn has shewn every inclination to observe, But on the part of the Rajah's People a different System has been Constantly pursued; and they appear desirous of bringing forward Disputes and litigations; but for what end I cannot imagine unless the parties wish

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wish to make themselves of Consequence with the Rajah's Ministers, or that they are Encouraged to do so, in order to afford some Plea to prefer Com:; plaints to the Government of Madras against the Nabob for on every Occasion, where a Reference has been made to me, I have been pointed in shewing the Rajah's people as much Deference as the Nabob's and have endeavored to prevent every occasion for dispute — But the Tanjore Agents though apparently satisfied with my Decisions have always transmitted opposite Representations to the Rajah.

I have the Honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ Matw Horne

Head Quarters of the
Southern Forces
Trichinopoly
February the 22d 1787

a true Extract

/Signed/ Alex: Macleod

The Board approve the proceedings of the Committee, and it is accordingly Agreed that the Secretary do Communicate this to them, and that they be at the same time desired to procure a Valuation of the Jewells found in the Rajah's Treasury as Reported by them in their Letter of the 8th Ultimo,

Minute thereon

Read the following Reports from the Com: mittee of Stores with the Orders of the Board thereon,

&c

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To The Honble Major Genl Sir Archr Campbell Kts
President & Governor &c in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Committee of Stores, recommending that no more Tents be sent from Bengal, & that 400 Barrels of Powder first be delivered to the Military Storekeeper at the usual Price; a List of Articles received into Store;

We have the Honor to inform you, that at our last Meeting the Commissary General of Stores laid before us a Return of Camp Equipage said to be embarked on board the Bevington, but brought from Bengal on the Talbot for this Presidency; We beg leave to observe that the Fly of a Field officers Tent weighs 252 lb, that of a Captain or Subaltern 169 lb. and even the Private Tents weigh 216 lb — which is nearly double the load of one Carriage Bullock, so that it will be almost impossible to take any of them into the Field unless a

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a sufficient number of Elephants could be procured for that purpose, the Carriage Bullocks on this Coast are not expected, neither are they able, to carry more than 120 lbs, and the private Tents as well as different Parts of Officers Tents are made up here accordingly.

As your Honble Board were pleased lately to resolve that Tents only for two Brigades should be made up, and the number of Tents for that purpose being now nearly completed, without reckoning those arrived from Bengal, we beg leave to represent the propriety of a Stop being put to any more Tents being sent here from that Presidency, as those already received can only be kept for the purpose of being used for small

Do to be mentioned in a Letter to Bengal

Guns

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Guards &c in the Neighbourhood of Fort St George.

The Commissary General of Stores reports to us that there are about 400 Barrels of Powder Dust arising from sifting and cleaning the Powder now lying at the Powder Mills, which we are of Opinion should be weighed and delivered by the Commissary General of Stores to the Military Storekeeper at the usual Price of 20 Fa: Pagodas for Europe, and 13 Pagodas Per Candy for Country Powder Dust.

approved

The Commissary Gen: neral of Stores laid before us a List/ Copy of which comes enclosed/ of Stores received from the Military Storekeeper last Month, musters were produced which we examined & approved. We

approved

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We received at the same time from the Contractors yard, twenty new Turnbrils, which we carefully examined and finding them made of the best materials and well finished, we ordered them to be received on the Company's Books.

We have the Honorable &c. &c.

/Signd/ I Capper
Wm Petrie
I Moorhouse

approved

List of Military Stores received from the Military Storekeeper for the Month of January 1787

Powder Barrels Empty		1000
Gunny Sand bags small		1300
Gunny Powder Bags		67
Private Tents Complete		40
Fifes		42
Drum Sticks	Pairs	66
Cords		28

Heads

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Drum Heads			1300
Snares			1700
Braces			2200
Slings			131
Batter Hoops			230
Lining Hoops			170
Flesh hoops			56
Cartridge Pouches new Pattern			2000
Shoulder Belts			3100
Leather Slings for Muskets			2200
Bayonet Scabbards			300
Sword Scabbards			9
Pick Axes			180
Hilves			200
Hammers			600
Pickers			600
Screw Worms			600
Leather Buckets			70
Wooden Bottoms	12 Pound^r		175
	6 D^o		150
	3 D^o		150
Wooden Spindles	6 D^o		125
Wax Candles	1088	Maund^s	10 21 3/4
Cocoanut Oil		Measure	213
Redlead		Maunds	1 .. 3 1/2
Whitelead		D^o	6 .. 1 ..

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Red

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Red Oaker	℔	2
Blue Paint	℔	100
Yellow Paint	℔	6
Wood Oil	Measr	2½
Broom	Bundles	68
Europe Twine Sk.s 25½	℔	12¾
Copperas	℔	14
Bees Wax	Maunds	1.3¾
Europe Rope 3½ Inch Fathoms 40	℔	132½
1½ Inch D.o 20	℔	14½
Hoop Iron	℔	25
Cotton thread fine	℔	9
		100
Matts	Pieces	29
Long Cloth	D.o	10
Blue Cloth		54
Potts and Pans	℔	2
Borax	℔	6
Tin	℔	7
Rosin	℔	37½
Emmery	Viss	19¼
Cotten Ropes Sk.s 26	℔	9¼
Bengal Twine Sk.s 6		110
Brass Grenades for Pouches		110
Brass Plates for Belts	Gallns	9
Vinegar		1
Knive for Mooche		

Emery

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Sewing Needles		6
Sail Needles		12
Palms		6
Red Cotton	℔	½
Coir Rope 1½ Inch Coil 1	Maund	1
Charcoal	Soops	265
Country Hydes		2
Log Line	Skn	25
Hambroline	Do.	10
Linseed Oil	Galls	20
Target Frames Large		3
Targets 12 Feet Square		3
Teak Joists 5½ Inch 16 feet long		12
5 Inch feet		100
Bamboos		20
Curtain for Grape		3
Mallets large		6
Flag Staff		1
Saw Pickets		100
Silk Thread	Skn	6
Puppens for packing		3
Cask for Do		1

Civil Stores

Chalk	℔	14
Muscovy lights		2
Horn Lanthorns		1
Seizing Line	Skn	2
Iron Bar 1	℔	59
Stub Bars 2	℔	26
Nail 10d 300	℔	6

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Sgnd C Chase
Clerk to the Comr. of Stores

Sgnd J Moorhouse
Commissary G of Stores

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To The Honble Major General Campbell KB
President & Governor &c in Council
Fort St George

Honble Sir and Sirs

From the Committee of Stores on the Subject of Cavalry accoutrements — with a List of Ordnance arrived from Bengal on the Talbot and Berrington Indiamen.

In our Letter to your Honorable Board of the 14th Instant, we had the Honor to inform you that Major Gourdan addressed a letter to us / Copy of which we now enclose / on the Subject of the Cavalry Accoutrements,

It appears by a Minute of Council 14th August 1784 on a Letter from Major Campbell of the 28th July 1784, that Government resolved that half a Pagoda each Horse per Month be allowed for supplying Saddles & keeping them in Repair to commence from the 1st of May 1784.

This Minute of Consulta-tion is decisive with respect to any further allowances being at

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at present made to the Cavalry for the purchase of Saddles &c. But we beg leave to sub: mit to the Governor in Council the further Consideration of that part of Major Gourdans letter respecting the Saddles Bits, Bridles &c. being sent out for the native Cavalry of the same kind as those lately brought out for the 19th Regt: ment of Dragoons we have not been able to ascertain with any Degree of Certainty whether Government at home make any allowance to the Colonels of the Regiments of Cavalry for the Purchase of Saddles &c. But it will not be difficult to obtain this Inf: formation before they are sent out. Should your Honble Board think proper to adopt Major Gourdans proposal Respecting the Swords applied for in Major Gourdans

Deferred for future Consideration

Letter

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letter, we beg leave to observe that Swords the same as those used by the 19th Regiment of Dragoons have been indented for, for these last two years, & that One Thousand are already received,

approved

We have had the honor to receive Mr. Secretary Chamiers letters dated the 1st and the 19th Instant the former with Encls: : sures from General Horne and Captain Stephenson with an Indent for 250 Hussar Swords which we have agreed to comply with the latter on the Subject of

approved

Mr Scottneys Balances in his accounts as Military Storekeeper

We have carefully exa: : mined the Interest accounts of the late Military Store: : keeper after deducting all the transfers from the different departments & comparing Mr. Scottneys account Current with the Cash Books, & beg leave

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leave to inform your Honble Board, that the Balance as specified in his Account Curr: rent appears perfectly Correct,

approved

We have sent a letter to the Commissary of Stores at Arcot, desiring him to furnish the Agent with the 24 Double Carts now in his Charge at that Cantonment as they will be much wanted at this time when the Troops are moving from thence,

approved

By the Talbot, Fowles & Bevington Indiamen we have received from Bengal the following pieces of Ordnance—

Brass Guns English	12 Pr	4
Do Do Bengal Cast	12 Pr	3
Do Do English	6 Pr	17
Do Do Bengal Cast	6 Pr	19

We do not know at whose requisition those Guns were sent, but if the Governor in Council are desirous that they should be

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dimensions than the English
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of Stores reported to us at our
last meeting that 2 field
Officers dining 2 field Officers
sleeping, 56 Officers common,
85 Privates 14 Necessary and
24 Bell Tents which arrived
on the Talbot from Bengal
are deficient of Pins & Poles,
We have the Honorable
&c &c

Signed P Cappper
Wm Petrie
P Moorhouse

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approved

leave to inform your Honble Board, that the Balance as specified in his Account Current appears perfectly Correct,

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By the Talbot, Fowles & Bevington Indiamen we have received from Bengal the following pieces of Ordnance—

Brass Guns English	12 Pr	4
Do Do Bengal Cart	12 Pr	2
Do Do English	6 Pr	17
Do Do Bengal Cart	6 Pr	19

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To Colonel James Capper
& the members of the Committee of Stores

Gentlemen

The Saddles Bits Bridles and other accoutrements apperlaining thereto which are made up in this Country are so very indifferent, that in the course of a Year or two they are rendered unservicable I therefore think it a duty encumbent upon me to make this representation & hope the Gentlemen of the Committee will see the necessity of recommending to the Board to write to the Honorable Court of Directors to send out a set of Saddles compleat with their accoutrements for the whole of the Cavalry agreable to the Saddles Bits Bridles &c brought out for the 19th Regiment of Dragoons Each Regiment will require 518 Saddles of which 15 are for the European Commissions Officers The Establishment of Cavalry is to consist of one European & five Regiments of natives Before I conclude I will take the liberty to observe that the Swords with which the Native Cavalry have are not fit for the Service being of a very inferior Sort but if Swords of the same kind as those brought out for the Regiment of Light Dragoons can be had it will make the Native Cavalry much more formidable — I have the Honor &c

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29th January 1787

a true Copy
E Chase
Clerk to the Com: of Stores

& Signed Edward Gurdan
Major of Cavalry & Rud