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Read the following Letter from Masulipatam, with enclosures entered in Vol. B. No. 16—171

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

President & Governor &c Council of

Fort St George

Honble Sirs & Sirs

We have duly received your

Secretary's Letters of the 29th Ultimo and 15th Instant,

and have the honor of acquainting you that the

Military embarked for this place on the Snow Fanne

& Ketch Alert, arrived safe, and were immediately

ordered to join their respective Corps.

We have also received your Deputy

Secretary's Letter of the 23d Ultimo, and have comm:

:municated your Orders to our Committee of Stores

Colonel Brathwaite lately applied to us

for Tents for the use of himself, his Brigade Major,

and Quarter Master; whom he finds it necessary

to carry with him when he has occasion to visit the

different Garrisons in the District, for the purpose of

reviewing the Troops or Military Stores and as there

were no suitable Tents in Store here, he has written to

us again on the Subject, informing us that he can

undertake to supply such as are suitable & necessary

for

From Masulipatam on an application from Colonel Brathwaite for Tents for himself and Staff: and Requisition from Captain H Montgomery to be reimbursed the Sums laid out by him on the Public Service during the late War— The Engineer at Ellore applies for an allowance for Lavantage & the Paymaster at that Cantonment requests Permission to visit the Presidency

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for the Sum of 300 M.r Pagodas which he would take care to have marked for the use of the Comman: :ding Officer of the Troops in the District & his Staff.

We cannot but see the necessity of the Com: :manding Officer of the Troops in the District and his Staff being furnished with Tents suitable to his Station, it being a part of his Duty of course fre: :quently to visit the different Military Posts; and are of opinion that he cannot be allowed less than the following, to which we have annexed the prices usually paid by the Company Viz.t

1 Field Officers Tent	C.r P.	110.—
1 Marker for a Sleeping Tent		60.—
2 D.o for the Brigade Major & 2.d Master		120.—
2 Baggage Tents		45.—
1 Guard Tent		15.—
C.r Pag.s		350.—

As the making up of the above Tents at the prices usually charged to the Company exceeds that at which Colonel Brathwaite has proposed furnishing them and as your late Orders forbid any Military Stores to be made up without your previous knowledge and sanction, we beg leave to suggest to your Honor & C.o the propriety of permitting Colonel Brathwaite, on this occasion, to supply the

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the Tents he has applied for, as we conceive, that an indulgence of this kind, to an Officer of his Rank and Station, may be admitted without being considered as a Precedent hereafter.

Mr. Dobbs in our Military Storekeeper having objected to Colonel Brathwaite being allowed to furnish himself with Tents, and having requested that a Copy of what he has delivered in on this occasion, may be transmitted to your Honour & it is accordingly enclosed for your information.

Captain Hugh Montgomery, who at present Commands the Troops in this Garrison, on having addressed us a Letter, enclosing Bills for Money, which he informs us, was Disbursed by him for the purpose of procuring intelligence, & for repairing one Battery and building another intended to prevent the Enemies Ships from entering the Rivers of Coringa, where he Commanded during the late War, from June 1781 to May 1782; we have the honor of enclosing a Copy of his said Letter, with an Abstract of the different Bills. The Port of Coringa was considered of great importance during the War, as many Vessels employed in carrying Grain to Fort St George, used to load there, or take shelter therein during the Southerly Monsoon

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1 Field Officers Tent	C.s P.	110 —
1 Do for a Sleping Tent		60 —
2 Do for the Brigade Major & 2.d Master		120 —
2 Baggage Tents		45 —
1 Guard Tent		15 —
C.s Pag.s		350 —

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when they could not make their passage to Madras, It also happened, that some Vessels were, in a very early period of the War, captured in the Roads, and others burnt in the River of Coringa These Circumstances, as well as that an Enemy might with ease have landed and established a Port at Coringa, first occasioned a Military force to be Stationed there; and it appears by our Records, that Captain Montgomery was directed by this Board to keep a watchful Eye over the Dutch Prisoners of War at Jaggernaickporram, as also to inform them of whatever might occur, He has likewise enclosed to us a Letter from the then Chief, Mr. Daniell, desiring him to send whatever intelligence he might receive of the Enemy's Fleet, both Northward and Southward, as far as Bengal & Madras, From all these Circumstances, we are led to conclude, that Captain Montgomery must have been at an expence in procuring Intelligence; but we have, at the same time, nothing upon our Records, by which it appears what this expence might have amounted to, Mr. Westcott, to whom he refers in his Letter, as having been at that time Pay master in the Circars, informs us, that Captain Montgomery did present Bills to him for Intelligence, tho' he cannot

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cannot now recollect the particular Amount, and that he declined praying them, both because he had no orders for it, and because Major Lysaght, who at that time Commanded the Troops in this District, desired they might not be paid, as he intended to present one Bill for Intelligence for the whole District Major Lysaght being since dead, puts it out of our power to throw any further light on this Subject.

We conceive, as already observed, that Captain Montgomery must have incurred some expence in procuring Intelligence while in the Command of Coringa; and it does not appear, that any Charge has ever been made to the Company, on this Account either by him or by Major Lysaght, but as we have not been able to procure from our Records, or otherwise, any further information on this Subject, than we have already mentioned, we think it necessary to submit it to your Honor &c. to determine what compensation he shall receive for such Extra Service.

Major Banks Engineer to the Cantonment of Ellore, lately applied to us for an allowance for Servants, for that Department, and as we had no Regulation to guide us, we thought it necessary that the Accounts of this Settlement should be referred to, that we might know what had usually been paid to Officers of Engineers, in Major Banks

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situation We have accordingly found, that the following allowances for Servants have usually been drawn for and paid on such occasions Viz.t

1 Drafts man	7. 6. —
1 Interpreter	5 — —
1 Coricoply	3. 18. —
1 Peon	1 12. —
Total Pagodas	17. — —

As we conceive it to be conformable to the Custom of the Service, and also necessary, that Major Banks should be allowed Servants suitable to his Station, we have consented to his employing the above mentioned Servants till your pleasure shall be known.

We, Theodore Corbett Paymaster in the Circars, being in a very bad State of Health, has requested of us to make an application to your Honor &c. for permission for his visiting the Presidency — We conceive it necessary, in consequence of the late Regulations respecting Committees of Works and Stores at out Garrisons, that there should at this time, be a Company's Civil Servant on the Spot at Ellore more particularly on account of the Buildings and Repairs which have been ordered at that Cantonment, and which should

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if possible be completed before the land Winds, or at least before the following Rains; and as none of our Assistants can be spared to take charge of Mr. Corbetts Employ during his absence, in case your Honor &c. should grant him leave to proceed to the Presidency, We request your permission to apply to Mr. Graham, who is at present unemployed at Ellore, for the above purpose, and as that Gentleman has already acted as Pay-master in the Circars, and was for several years Pay master at Samulcotah it may be concluded that he is better acquainted with the Duties thereof than any other person that could be appointed to act for Mr. Corbett in his absence.

We have the Honor to be

Very Respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

[Signd] Charles Floyer

Geo: Westcott

W Dobbyn

agreed

Masulipatam

the 24th February 1787

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Minute on Colonel Brathwaite's application

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam be informed that the Board consent to the provision of Tents for the Commanding Officer of the Troops in the District and his Staff and desire that the Tents be supplied at the usual Prices by Mr. Dobbyn, the Storekeeper, who is the proper Officer to provide them.

Minute on Captain Montgomery's Requisition.

The Board are of Opinion that the Charges made by Captain Montgomery for Secret Service &c.a are exorbitant and cannot therefore consent to admit them in their full Extent but as they are sensible that some expence must have been incurred in forwarding the Services stated in his Letter, it is Agreed that a Company's Bond for Pagodas 500 be given to him in full for the Charge of erecting Batteries, building Boats &c.a

The Engineers to be allowed the Servants and Mr. Corbett permitted to visit the Presidency

Agreed that the Servants proposed for the Engineer at Ellore be allowed, and that Mr. Corbett be permitted to visit the Presidency agreeably to his Request.

Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board.

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Hospital Board

February 17th 1787

Read a Letter from Mr Drummond Surgeon, stating that as His Majesty's 52d Regiment is to move in a short time from arcot, he wishes to know if there is any allowance from the Honble Company for carrying the Regimental Medicines,

The Hospital Board direct their Secretary to desire Mr. Drummond to transmit to Mr. Bulman without delay an account of what number of Coolies will be necessary for transporting these Stores, that he may lay the same before this Board for their approval

Read a Letter from Mr. Horseman Surgeon to His Majesty's 73d Regiment, complaining that

Report of the Hospital Board, as to an allowance for carrying Regimental Medicines to the 73d Regiment with 150 Coolies, Assistant Surgeon Ferguson applies to be reimbursed for building a Quarter at arcot— Messrs. Boswell & Bannantine recommended for Assistant Surgeons— & Mr Alexander Mein Brevet Surgeon for the Appointment of Surgeon, in Consequence of Mr. Ruddiman's attendance on the Nabob—

approved

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that his receipt for the Medicines, as well as his Original Indent is detained by the apothecary, when perhaps not half complied with; also whether the apothecary ought not to comply with the Indents as approved of by the Hospitals Board.—

Ordered the Secretary to write Mr. Horseman, that the apothecary will be directed to affix to the different articles, the quantity he can supply, or what he has not in Store, before he transmits to them any Indent for their Signature, by which all future Complaints of this kind will be obviated.—

Received an Indent for 150 Cotts for His Majesty's 71st Regiment under marching Orders to Walajahbaad.—

approved

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As the Sick of this Regiment are at present in the General Hospital Here, & making use of those Stores, which will be required on the arrival of the Ships from Europe, the Board have ordered Mr Farrow to supply them without delay

Read a Letter from Mr Fergusson Assistant Surgeon who was lately removed from the 2d Regiment of Cavalry at Arcot to the 1st Regiment of Europeans, requesting to know, if he will be allowed the sum of Pagodas 50, as is granted to the Cavalry Officers, for a Quarter he had built there,

To have the allowance granted to Subalterns provided the Quarter is given up to the Barrack Master & is deemed Sufficient

The Hospital Board are of Opinion Mr Fergusson should be allowed that Sum provided the Quarters are sufficient,

Read a Letter from Mr Chas Grimes under date the 11th Inst. & forwarded the Letter, which was therein enclosed to Mr George Anderson

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Anderson at Cangole agreable
to the Orders of Government.

The Hospital Board beg
leave to recommend to
Government Mr Alexander
Boswell and Mr John Barr
mantine as Assistant Surgeons
on this Establishment; and
hope the Honble Governor &
Council will be pleased to
grant them that appointment

Read a Letter from Mr
Channier enclosing an Extract
from the Minutes of
Consultation relative to his
Highness the Nabob having
solicited Government to
allow Mr Ruddiman
Surgeon of the 4th Regiment
to remain at the Presidency
to attend His Highness &
Family;

approved

The Hospital Board recom-
mend therefore that Mr Alex-
ander Main Brevet Surgeon
be promoted to the rank of
Surgeon
as there are Supernumerary
Surgeons on this Establishment
no appointment of full Surgeon
can at present take place.

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Surgeon, and appointed to do
Duty with that Regiment,
and that Mr Lepper Hospital
Mate be detached to relieve Mr
Meir at the Cantonment of
Walajahbaad.

Signd/ A. Wm Berry.
Secretary Hospital Board

Read the following Letters entered in the
Miscellany Book No. 18. 19.

From Captain Byres dated 25th December, stating
that Mr. Digby has demanded of him to refund
S. Pagodas 1414 being the half of an account paid in
Consequence of the Signature of Colonel Fullarton,
which Sum was rejected by Mr. Commissioner Jackson—
Captain Byres hopes the Board will remit his refunding,
but at all events he trusts they will admit his claim for
Surveyor's Allowances, as it appears he was employed by Colonel
Fullarton as a Surveyor from the 1st October 1783 to 31st
August 1784.

From Captain Byres

Agreed to inform Captain Byres that no alteration
can at present be made in the audit of the Accounts of
the Southern Army, but that the Board admit his Claim
to Surveyor's Allowances for the Period he has mentioned,
& agree to grant him a Certificate on Bengal for the
Amount.

Minute thereon

From

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From Mr. Cockburn -

From Mr. Cockburn the Agent, dated 12th Ultimo enclosing a Bill of two Bullock Maistries for Pagodas 333. 45. 48. with the Certificates of Mr. Digby & Mr. Hippisley stating that the Bullocks charged were employed, and have not been paid for by them.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Cockburn be directed to liquidate the above Claim by a Certification on Bengal provided he shall be assured that it has not been already liquidated.

Examined

Sir H. Campbell

Alex. Davidson

Ja. Stuart

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5th Recd the following Letter from the Chief Engineer

To The Honble Major Genl Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Commander in Chief President and Governor & Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Chief Engineer with his Opinion on the Repairs wanted at Ganjam—Palam: cotah—Vizagapatam. Chicacole and Trichinopoly

Ganjam

I have now the Honor to lay before you a Plan of the Hospital at Ganjam with the proposed Godowns and a Wall to inclose the whole of the Buildings belonging thereto; for which I had the honor to inform you in my address of the 2 Nov: 1786 I had applied to Captain Gent—These Buildings I understand from him are situated about 250 yards North west of the Fort—He never saw the original Design for the Hospital, but makes no doubt the other Godowns he has designed were originally intended, the present one being too small even for the Medecines, and the others much wanted, particularly one for the reception of Patients labouring under infectious Disorders, another as a Store Room, and a Third, for the residence of the Surgeons under Assistant, or for performing Operations from the Eye of the General Ward.

From the present State of this Hospital there can be no doubt of the necessity there is for a thorough Repair, and as far as I am able to judge at this distance the proposed Offices and Wall seem to be

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be in a great measure necessary and will certainly add much to its convenience. Should the Honble Board be averse to so great an expence at present, the surrounding Wall may be executed at a future Period.

Palamcotah

I have the Honor likewise to lay before you, for approbation, a Plan and Elevation of the Pay masters House at Palamcotah, which Lieutenant Ogg informs me, "that although it is impossible to compute exactly what the expence will amount to," he imagines, that with Oeconomy the Thousand Pagodas already granted by the Honble Board will go a great way towards finishing, if not entirely to compleat it. There being great plenty of good Materials in the parts of the house he proposes taking down, sufficient in his opinion "to Build two New Rooms;" he therefore wishes to be favored with your Directions respecting it as soon as convenient. His Estimate for Offices wanting to the Officers Quarters at Palamcotah I think reasonable.

Vizagapatam

The accompanying Plan of Captain Wickens for a Powder Magazine at Vizagapatam is much preferable to the one formerly submitted to your consideration, by having a Shifting Room added, I therefore beg leave to recommend it, together with

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with the surrounding Wall he proposes to secure it on the South and West Sides.

Chicacole Would the State of the Treasury admit, it would certainly be more oeconomical at once to erect permanent Barracks at Chicacole than to repair the temporary ones injured by the late Storm, as to preserve them habitable will require a constant annual expence— Should this meet with the approbation of the Honorable Board, I would prefer the Plan of those built at Masulipatam with a Veranda alround.

Trichinopoly The Medicine Room and Dispensary recommended from Trichinopoly are well designed for the purpose— The price offered by the Contractor appears reasonable, but as the particulars of Charge for Materials do not appear in the proceedings of the Committee I cannot speak to it with precision—

Of the Estimates that have been submitted to my Consideration there are not any two of them alike in form, and all of them in some degree incomplete in point of information to People at a distance, I have therefore taken the liberty to annex a Form which I hope you will be pleased to direct may be observed in future. Several of these Estimates having neither particulars of

Expence

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Expunce nor Dimensions inserted, I shall be glad of your permission to return them with such Observations as have occurred to me; that all may hereafter come before you in one distinct form, at the same time it is proper I should observe on them that I do not imagine the Charges made can materially exceed the real Cost of such Buildings.

I have the Honor to be &c.

Fort St George
24th January 1787

Signed Patrick Ross
Lieutenant Colonel & Chief Engineer

P. S.

On referring to the Returns it appears that some part of the Timber lodged in Vellore for the defence of the Place has been issued for the ordinary purposes of Repair, as these Articles cannot be supplied at all time and as the want of them in case of Seize may be attended with the most serious bad consequences; I beg leave to suggest the propriety of an Order to the Out Garrisons, directing that no part of such Stores as have been sent from the Presidency for that purpose be issued but in case of Emergency, and that whatever materials are wanted for common Use be provided as there may be occasion for them, and likewise that such Stores as have

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already been applied to Use be particularized in the next Returns, that their Deficiency may be made good.

Received the following Letter from Bengal

To The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B

President in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir

From Bengal an advance made to Lieutenant Griffin of the Madras Establishment, of 16700 Sicca Rupees

We have lately been induced by a Consideration of the very peculiar Circumstances of the Situation of Lieutenant D. Griffins of the Fort St George Establishment to indulge him with an advance of Sixteen Thousand, seven hundred Sicca Rupees, part of which Sum is to be repaid from the arrears of Pay, Batta & allowances which are now owing to Lieut.t Griffin at Fort St George

As Mr. George Tyler has agreed to give his Security Bond to repay to the Company in the space of Six Months such part of the advance to Lieut.t Griffin as may not be admitted to be now due to him on account of Pay Batta & allowances we request that you will be pleased to inform us what this amount may be,

We are, &c. &c.

Signed

Cornwallis
Chas. Stuart
J. Shore

Fort William
Secret & Mily Dept.
31st January 1787

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Sent the following Letters

To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis &c

Governor General &c Council

at Fort William

My Lord & Gentlemen

To Bengal, enclosing Copy of the Treaty with the Nabob of the Carnatick and of the Presidents' Minute on the Subject.

We have the Honor to report to you the execution of the Treaty directed by the Honble Court of Directors in their Letter of the 9th December 1784 to be entered into between His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatick of this Government — We should at an earlier period have entered into a Negociation with the Nabob, had We not received directions from the Secret Committee to wait the arrival of Sir Archibald Campbell, who was prevented by divers causes from bringing forward the Subject until January last When he entered upon the business which was finally Concluded on the 24th Ult.o

We shall beg leave to refer your Lordships &c to our Records, which will shortly be sent to you, for the particulars of our proceedings in the Course of the Negociation with his Highness the Nabob

We have transmitted by the Talbot the whole to the Honorable Court of Directors with Copies of the Treaty and of our Presidents Minute on the Subject

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Subject — of these Papers We now forward Copies
to your Lordship &c. & have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

Fort St George
4th March 1787

/Signd/ Arch: Campbell
&c. Council

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To William Burke Esq:

Pay master General to His Majesty's Troops in
India

Sir,

The Right Honorable the Governor &
General in Council having resolved that the advances
of Cash, for the payment of such part of His Majesty's
Troops as are stationed on the Coast, shall in future be
made from the Treasury at this Settlement — it is
no longer necessary that the accounts of your Dis:
:bursements which are to be brought into the General
Books at this Presidency should be transmitted to
Bengal,

I am in consequence directed by the
Honorable President in Council to desire you will
in future transmit to the Company's Military
Pay master General every two months regularly
an Indent for the amount of Cash that will be
necessary, for the Disbursements of your Office for
the

To Mr. Burke
all advances for
Pay &c. to his
Majesty's Troops
will be made to
him in future
by the Company's
Pay master General —
Instructions in
Consequence —

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the two Succeeding months, specifying therein the Sum that will be required for the subsistance of each Regiment according to muster under a separate head, and what will be required for the payment of Gratuity and other Company's allowances, separately.

All advances of money will hereafter be made to you through the Company's Paymasters General, upon your receipts to him, for which you will be debited under the Head of Kings Paymaster General in his Books, & will have Credit for the amount of your Disbursements, accounts of which you are to send in together with the Vouchers regularly to him, who will inform you upon application to him of the mode of drawing out the same, which must be conformable to that formerly observed by the Company's Paymasters.

The Board further desire you will send in as abovementioned your accounts from the 1st Instant including the Disbursements from the 24th Ultimo those prior thereto will of course be transmitted to Bengal from whence the Supplies were received.

I have the Honor to be &c.

Signed John Cranier Secy

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To John Turing Esq:

Military Paymaster General

Sir

I am directed by the Honorable President in Council, to inform you that all adv: vances on account of Pay &c: to his Majesty's Troops are in future to be made to His Majesty's Paymaster through you, as you will see by the Copy of a letter to him enclosed;—

To Mr. Turing on the same Subject

I am also directed to desire that you will open an Head in your Books of Kings Paymaster General for His Accounts—also separate Heads for Subsistence to each Regiment, which you will write off every year to one General Head of Kings Troops, as was done previous to the Supplies for the Kings Troops being sent from Bengal—

The Gratuity paid to them to be carried to the Head of Gratuity to His Majesty's Troops,—

You will give Mr. Burke every inform: ation he may require, & receive his Accounts from the 1st Instant.—

I am &c &c

Sign'd John Cranier Sec'y

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

My Lord

To Bengal
with an account
of Pay &c. due
Lieutenant Griffin
of this Establishment

We have been honored with the receipt of your Lordships Letters dated the 19th and 31st January and now beg leave to enclose an Account delivered to us by our Deputy Military Paymaster General stating the Sum due to Lieutenant Griffin of this Establishment;

We have transmitted to Bombay in Triplicate the accounts mentioned in your Lordship's Letter of the 19th January;

We beg leave to enclose an Extract from the Minutes of our Committee of Stores relative to the Tents lately received from Bengal, and We request for the reasons given by them, that your Lordship will be pleased to direct that no further Supply be Sent to this Presidency;

We have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
/Signed/ Archd. Campbell
&c. Council
Lieutt.

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Lieutenant D. F. Griffin drew his allowances at this Presidency as under up to those periods, Subsistance and Sepoy allowance to 1st October 1784

Gratuity to 1st September 1784

House Rent to 1st —— D.

Lieutenant D. F. Griffin had leave of absence for three Years given him by the Board on the 13 October 1785, since which period he has half pay due to him, not having drawn the same — This is the only allowance made to Officers on the half Pay list of this Establishment,

He has due to him at this time sub:
sistence from 1st October 1784 to the 13th October 1785 .. 378 dy at 5/ —— } 236 .. 10 .. 40

Gratuity from 1st September 84 to 13th October 1785 408 dy at 2/ —— } 102 —— ——

Subsistance from 13th October 85 to 1st March 1787 being half pay for 503 days at 13 .. 10 ℔ day — } 157 .. 7 .. 70

Pay £ 495 .. 18 .. 30

Lieutenant Griffins receipt for the above Amount should be transmitted to the Paymaster Genral at Fort St George that he may give the Bengal Presidency credit for the same

Joseph Darrow
Dpy Mg Pay

Pay Office Madras
5th March 1787

Pay Rec'd

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Received the undermentioned Letter / Entered in Miscellany Book No. 20 /

From Mr. Cockburn stating the provisions of the Cart Contractors to Cart hire, as well as to the original value of the Carts — the latter of which charge, he deems inadmissible, —

From the agent for victualling the Troops —

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters / Entered in Miscellany Book Nos. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39

To Mr. George Tyler with extract of a Letter from the Garrison Storekeeper, and desiring he will immediately transmit the accounts required by him for the adjustment of his Books, —

To Mr. G. Tyler

To Mr. John Mackenzie Junior — transmitting Copy of a Letter and account delivered into the Government by the Garrison Storekeeper, to which he is to conform, — to lay before this Government the account of Stoppages made by Lieutenant Anderson, that the Garrison Storekeeper may be enabled to adjust his Books, —

To Mr. John Mackenzie Junior agent for Lieut. John anderson.

To Mr. Williams Petrie — In future all accountaments furnished by him for the army are to be compleated agreeably to a form which will be sent him by the Commander in Chief —

To Mr. Wm. Petrie —

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To the Military Board Their last Report approved, and the necessary Orders issued in consequence; to examine into and report upon the claims preferred by Colonel Macleod of the 73d Regiment.

To the Military Board

To John Turing Esqr. Government approves his writing off the amount of the usual Port allowance of the Cargoes of the Venus and Triton, and of debiting Lieutenant Anderson for the Deficiency in the Cargoes of the abovementioned Vessels.

To the Garrison Storekeeper

To the Paymasters at Cuddalore — In Conse-quence of his appointment to pay the Troops at Tiagar, the Board permit him to draw Captains Bay and Batta.

To Mr. Robert Andrews Paymaster at Cuddalore

To Masulipatam — The Board consent to the provision of Tents for the Commanding Officer of the Troops in their District and his Staff. — The charges exhibited by Captain Montgomery for Secret Services appearing to the Board exorbetant, cannot be admitted in their full extent — a Conv: -pany's bond for Pagodas 500. granted him in full for the Charges of erecting batteries, building boats &c. The Servants stated as necessary to the Engineer of the Cantonment at Ellore, are to be allowed. Major Banks' Circular Letters to where there are Engineers, with a form to be strictly observed in future by the Engineers,

To Masulipatam

Circular Letter

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in drawing out Estimates to be sent to the Presidency

To the Committee of Inspection — The Board approve the several Resolutions contained in their Minutes — desiring them to procure a Valuation of the Jewells found in the Rajah's Treasury, as reported by their Committee.

To the Committee of Inspection

To Colonel Capper — Mr. Webbe the Deputy Commissary General to draw Captains Batta monthly, in addition to the Captain's pay hither to received by him.

To the Commissary General

To Captain Byres — The Board decline making any alteration in the Decisions already given on the accounts of the Southern Army — But having been employed as Surveyor, The Board consent to give him a Certificate upon the Bengal Government for the amount of 5 Surveyor's allowances from the 1st October 1783 to 31st August 1784.

To Captain John Byres

To Ganjam — the Sally Port thro' the West Curtain, and the palisadoes round the Covert way, together with the repairs to the Hospital, are immediately to be executed by Public Contract: The execution of the other works proposed by the Engineer at Ganjam, to be postponed.

To Ganjam

To

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To Mr. Thomas Cockburn Government coincide in opinion with him respecting the claim of the Cart Contractors, to which he is desired to conform. The Claims of Reingiah & Mootiah are to be liquidated by a Certificate upon Bengal, provided their demands have not already been discharged;

To Mr. Thomas Cockburn

To Colonel Nixon, desiring that the estimates for Repairs, which are now returned to him, may be made out agreeably to the forms prescribed;

To Colonel Nixon Commanding at Vellore

To Vizagapatam, to deliver in an estimate of the expence to be incurred in erecting a new barrack for the reception of 4 Companies of Native Infantry at Chicacole, according to the plan sent them;

To Vizagapatam

To General Horne, returning Captain Byrne's estimate, which must be made out agreeably to the form prescribed by Government;

To General Horne

To the Offic[er] Commanding at Walajanbad. to comply with such requisitions for Sepoys as may be made to him occasionally by Mr. Dighton Resident in the Jaghire;

To the Offic[er] Commanding at Walajanbad

To Colonel Bridges to order the Engineer to draw out an estimate agreeably to the New forms, specifying the expence in completing Quarters in his Garrison

To Colonel Bridges Commanding at Balamcotah

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from the 1st of December last payable in thirty days Sight when each Claimant will receive his Proportion without any Deduction.

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

Fort William
Surt & Mustr Dept
7th February 1787

/Signed/ Cornwallis
Chas Stuart
J Shore

Minute thereon

Agreed to give publick notification that the Amount of Claims for Batta to the Officers & Men who were Prisoners in the Mysore Country will be discharged in Cash, at the Paymaster's Office on the 31st August — agreed also that a Letter be written to Bengal desiring to know whether they include Field Officers and Captains in the above Arrangement.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Elphinston,

To The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
&c Council at
Fort St George

From Colonel Elphinston in favor of the Claims of Lieuts Samson & Munson to a Participation of the allowance granted by the Supreme Government to the Prisoners late in Mysore

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

As President of the Committee for ascertaining the claims for Batta to the Officers who were

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were prisoners in the Mysore Country — I beg leave to address your Honorable Board at the request of Colonel Brathwaite Executor to the late Lieutenant Samson of the Tanjore Troop of Cavalry who was made prisoner on the 18th February 1782, and died in the Mysor Country in August 1783 — His Batta during his Confinement Amounts to Pagodas 597. 11. Fan. which I request you will be pleased to permit being entered with the other Claims of the same kind — The reason of Colonel Brathwaites' delay in giving me this Claim was the uncertainty of the time of Lieutenant Samson's death which has only been lately ascertained —

I have also to request, that you will be pleased to allow the Claim of Lieutenant Munson of the 100th Regiment to be admitted. he was made Prisoner the 1st May 1783 and returned from Confinement the 30 April 1784 the Amount of his Batta is Pagodas 389. 4 Fan. — The reason of Lieutenant Munsons' Claim appearing so late is on account of his having been at Bombay when the Orders were issued on this Coast for the Officers to give in their Claims for Batta, which I hope will satisfy your Honorable Board for the delay —

I must also beg your attention to the Claim

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Claim of Mr. William Gardiner administrator to the Estate of the late Lieutenant Munroe of the 10th Regiment who was taken the 28th april 1783 and returned from Imprisonment the 6th May 1784 His Batta during his Confinement, amounts to Pagodas 400. The reason of this Claim being given in so late, was on account of the obstacles Mr. Gardiner met with in procuring letters of administration to Lieutenant Munroe's Estate,

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I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
John Elphinston
Colonel

The above Claim to be admitted

Agreed that Copy of the foregoing be Sent to the Military Paymaster General & that he be directed to add the Names mentioned therein to the List of Officers who were Prisoners in the Mysore Country.

The President lays before the Board the following Draft of a Treaty which he would propose to be entered into with the Rajah of Tanjore so soon as the Succession shall be Settled.

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Proposed Draft of a Treaty to be entered into with the Rajah of Tanjore for the General Defence of the Carnatic.

The Court of Directors of the 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 Chorromandel in the Carnatic and the Country of Tanjore, and considering the present hour best suited for settling and Arranging by a just and equitable Treaty, a Plan for the future Defence and Protection of the Carnatic, the Tanjore Country and the Northern Circars, on a Solid & lasting Foundation, have communicated these their Sentiments to his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore, who being fully impressed with the Propriety & wisdom of such an Arrangement, has for himself his Heirs & Successors adjusted

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adjusted and concluded a solid and Permanent Treaty with the Honorable East India Company upon the Principles and Conditions hereinafter mentioned; In consequence whereof it is stipu: :lated 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 War breaking out in the Tanjore Country or in the Carnatic or any part of the Coast of Choromandel, certain Contributions or Propor: :tions of the Revenues of the Contracting Parties, shall be united into one Common Stock to be applied for their Mutual Security & Defence, and as it is necessary that the application of the said Contributions, both for Peace & War, should be reposed in the United Company, or their Representatives, together with the Direc: :tion of the War, the Command of the Army, & Magazines of Stores & Provisions, with full Power to occupy or dismantle such Forts as by them shall be deemed necessary for the General Security, The Said Contracting Parties do hereby solemnly engage and agree for themselves & their Successors to and with each other, in manner following, that is to say,

This

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1st His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore will Contribute towards the Military Peace Establishment and shall pay into the Treasury of the said United Company the annual Sum of Four Lacks of Star Pagodas, to commence 12th July in the Year of Christ 1787 Corresponding to the 30th Annee of the Malabar Month of Palavunga Year and to the Fusly 1197 divided into Kists payable at the following Periods,

November	20,000.-
December	50,000.-
January	50,000.-
February	90,000.-
March	90,000
April	100,000.-
Star Pagodas	400,000.-

2d The annual Contribution of four Lacks of Pagodas to be paid by His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore towards the Army Peace Establishment is proportioned to the Gross Revenues of his Country, estimated at 10 Lacks of Pagodas, and it is hereby stipulated and agreed that whenever the annual Gross Revenue of the Country, shall rise above Ten Lacks of Pagodas, the annual Contribution of his Excellency in time of Peace shall likewise be

be encreased according to the same Scale or Standard,

3d In case of failure in the punctual payment of the four Lacks of Pagodas already mentioned, to the extent of fifty Thousand Pagodas, for the period of one Month after the same shall become due, His Excellency the Rajah agrees that certain Districts specified in the Schedule hereunto Annexed, shall be made answerable for such failure, and that the Company shall have power to appoint Superintendants or Recivers to collect & Receive from the Rajah's Renters and Managers and Amuldars all the Rents, Revenues, Duties and Customs of the said Districts, & these Superintendants or Recivers shall exercise all necessary authority for collecting such Rents, Revenues &c giving Regular Receipts for all the Monies which may be received 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 within the said Districts, and when the full Amount for which such Districts stood answerable shall have been paid to the Company

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Company the Superintendant or Receiver shall be immediately recalled.

4th At the appointment of the Super: intendant or Receiver his Excellency the Rajah will furnish the Company with the Obligations of the Annuldars Renters or Farmers of each Dis: trict, and if they do not pay the Money punctually to the Superintendants or Receivers, agreeable thereto, His Excellency the Rajah at the request of the Governor in Council of Fort St George, shall and will immediately dismiss the said annul: dars, Renters, or Farmers and appoint such others in their stead, as the President in Council of Fort St George, shall recommend, after taking from them the usual obligations which shall be delivered to the Company by his Excellency.

5th That the exercise of Power over the said Districts and Farms, by virtue of the Conditions mentioned in the 3d and 4th Articles, in case of failure in the payment of any of the Kists, shall not extend or be construed to extend to deprive his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore or his Successors of the Civil Government thereof, or the honor and Dignity of his Family, but the same shall be preserved to him and them inviolate saving

and

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and excepting the Powers, in the Articles N.o 9 & N.o 4 expressed and mentioned,

6th That in the event of any War breaking out in the Carnatic, in Tanjore, or on the Coast of Cho: romandel 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,

7th That in the like event his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore shall pay into the Treasury of the said United Company four fifths of his Revenues to the General Expences of such War, to be applied in such manner as the said United Com: pany or their Representatives shall find necessary for their common Safety and Interests, as also for the Interest of their allies in the Carnatic, and on the Coast of Choromandel; — and it is moreover agreed that his Excellency's Proportion of the Debt and Expences incurred by War, shall henceforth be settled at one fifth part of the whole amount thereof,

8th For the more effectual Security of the payment of four fifths of the Revenue of his

Excellency

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Excellency 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 in Council of Fort St George in behalf of the Company shall have full Power and au: : thority during such War, to appoint one or more Inspectors or accountants to inspect and examine all Country and Cutcherry Accounts and Receipts of all the Countries and Districts of his Excellency as well as all other Revenues, Duties or Customs, collected by, or for the use of his Excellency, and incase the said four fifths of the Revenues or any part thereof are diverted from the discharge of the Current Ex: : pences of the War, or the Debts or Expences incurred thereby, the said United Company shall have full power to appoint Superintendants and & Recivers over the said Countries and Districts of the Rajah, in the manner Specified in the 3d article of this Treaty, respecting the Districts men: : tioned in the Schedule hereunto annexed, with the same authority and under the like Restrictions and Conditions therein expressed incase of failure,

9th That the said Annual four fifths payable from the Revenues of his Excellency

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The Rajah of Tanjore, 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 Pro: portion of one fifth part of the whole Expences is paid off and discharged;

10th It is expressly understood and declared that so soon as the expences incurred by the War are paid off and discharged the Superintendants & Receivers shall be immediately recalled;

11th That during the application of the said Proportion of fourfifths of the said Gross Revenues to the Discharge of the Debts and Expences incurred in time of War, The 1st. 2d. 3d & 4th 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;

12th In case his Excellency shall at any time have occasion for any number of Troops for the Security and Collection of his Revenues, the support of his authority or the good Order and Government of his Country, the said united Company shall

shall and will furnish a sufficient number of Troops for that purpose, on a Public Representation being made by his Excellency to the President in Council of Fort St George of the necessity of employing such Force, and the objects to be obtained thereby — Incase of the March of such Troops the additional Batta and Expences attending their Movements shall be annually discharged by his Excellency at the end of each Year.

13th The late Rajah of Tanjore, being at the time of his death indebted to His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic on account of the arrears of Peshcash, to the amount of Lacks of Pagodas; and to British Subjects for Monies lent to his Excellency to the amount of Pagodas — It is hereby stipulated and agreed that for the liquidation of the said Arrears of Peshcash his Excellency shall appropriate annually the Sum of 102,715. — To his annual Peshcash to the Nabob the Sum of 1,14,285 — and to his Excellency's Private Creditors the annual Sum of — — — } 80,000. —

Inall Three Lack of Pags. 300,000. —

Payable in Kists as follows, —

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In November	10,000
December	10,000
January	10,000
February	10,000
March	10,000
May	60,000
June	60,000
July	50,000
August	40,000
September	40,000
Pagodas	300,000

The Private Debts of his Excellency not being as yet accurately ascertained, It is hereby agreed that the Debts due to British Subjects shall be forthwith examined, adjusted and settled, for which purpose the Creditors shall be called upon to deliver their demands to the President in Council of Madras Stated with simple Interest to the 12th day of July 1787 which accounts will be examined by Agents to be appointed on the Part of the Rajah and by the Governor in Council on behalf of the Creditors after which they will be laid before his Excellency, and on receiving his final approbation, they shall be classed amongst the list of his Private Creditors and become entitled to

to a Share or ratiable Proportion of the said Sum of Eighty thousand Pagodas agreable to such equitable Arrangement as may be formed by the Governor in Council for the benefit of the Rajah and the Creditors - and it is agreed that so soon as the Debts and Interest due from the Rajah to British Subjects are paid off and discharged, the Payment of 80,000 Pagodas Annually Agreed to be made by the Rajah for the benefit of the Creditors, shall from thenceforth cease & determine;

And whereas His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic has by a Solemn deed assigned over the United East India Company the arrears of Peshcash already due and the annual Peshcash which shall henceforth become due to His Highness on part payment of his Debt to the Company, his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore willing to manifest his regard to the Company and upright intentions towards the Nabob of the Carnatic does hereby cheerfully agree to pay into the hands of the India Company for the account of the Nabob of the Carnatic the whole of the Annual appropriations to His Highness specified in the last Article, upon the President and Council of Fort St George &

indemnifying

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indemnifying his Excellency for the amount of all such monies as they shall receive on that account,

In like manner the Company shall be accountable to his Excellency on account of the Money received in behalf of the Creditors,

Approved—

The Board approve the several Articles Contained in the Presidents Draft of the Treaty for Sanjore

Read the following Letters entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 40. 41.

From Mr Joseph Baker

From Mr Joseph Baker dated 8th Instant claiming the allowance of Double Batta while serving with the Detachment at Tellicherry, as granted to the Officers who went to the relief of the above Place,

Agreed that the Military Paymaster General be directed to give Mr Baker a Certificate upon Bengal for the Amount of his Claim above mentioned,

Directs thereon

From Colonel Capper

From Colonel Capper dated 9th Instant stating that of the 5000 Pagodas ordered to be paid to him by the Company he has only received a part, and desiring that the Remainder be paid to the attornies of Sir Robert Barker upon their application,

Agreed

Minute thereon.

Ordered accordingly

Substance of a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun

The President lays before the Board a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun, stating that a Peace has been concluded between him and the Mahrattas and that some of his Dependants have committed irregularities and fled for shelter into the Carnatic where he desires they may not find protection,

Substance of a Letter to Tippoo Sultaun

The President proposes that a Letter be drafted in answer to the above to the following purport,—

To Congratulate him on the restoration of Peace with wishes for its long continuance, to observe that the conduct of Timmanaick formerly of the Congoondy Country, in forcibly carrying off a Number of Cattle towards Vellore belonging to his Circar was reprobated and that orders were immediately issued to expell him from the Frontiers of the Carnatic and to restore the Cattle to their Lawful owners—to express an hope that on a similar occurrence taking place among any of our Poligars, the same Conduct will be observed / Vide Country Correspondence No. 15.17. /

Substance of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob

Read letter from his Highness the Nabob—to the President entered in Country Correspondence No 18 Requesting to be furnished with an account of the expences incurred in the late War, that his

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his proportion thereof may be ascertained, and desiring to know in what manner it will be fixed, — The President proposes, that the above mentioned Account be sent to His Highness as soon as drawn out — and that the Nabob be informed, that the most equitable mode appears to be that prescribed for future occasions by the late Treaty which specifies the proportion of His Highness to be 25, fifty one parts, —

Proposed Reply

Examined

Arch.d Campbell

Alex.r Davidson

Ja.s W.t Casamayor

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Diary

The President sends in Circulation, Copy of a Letter which he wrote some time ago to the Governor of Columbo at the desire of his Highness the Nabob together with the Governor's Reply.

To His Excellency M. Vande Graaf

Governor of Colombo

To the Governor of Columbo offering to become the Mediator in the Dispute between His Highness the Nabob & him respecting the Pearl Fishery

Sir

My friendship for the Nabob of the Carnatic and the sincere respect and good will I bear to your Nation, has induced me to offer my best and friendly mediation at this Juncture for the purpose of terminating the disputes which have for many years subsisted between His Highness and the Dutch Company respecting the Pearl Fishery, and which have long deprived him and them of the Essential Benefits arising from that Lucrative Trade — as the matters now in dispute are of too extensive a Nature to furnish a Prospect of their being Settled before the Season for this years Fishery would elapse, and consequently that another Years profits would again be lost, I have used the freedom to Recommend to His

Highness

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Highness, as I now do to you, that both Should proceed with the Agreement for this year upon the footing already settled by Mr. Bolt for the Pearl Fishery of Tuticorin and Manar; which I understand is one half to each party of the Tuticorin Fishery, and in the Manar Fishery thirty Boats in one hundred and Eighty, or one Boat in every Six, to be the Property of the Nabob, and that His Highness should appoint persons to attend on his part, as well when the Banks are examined as during the Season in which they are fished.

The Concern of the Chank Fishery, I would recommend should lay over until a final & permanent Agreement is concluded, which I hope may be happily accomplished before another Season commences which I shall have great Satisfaction in promoting such an Agreement as will be lasting and beneficial to both.

It will afford me infinite Satisfaction to know if you have had any late Accounts of the Welfare of your Worthy Brother Governor Vander Graaf of the Cape, and it will oblige me much if you will have the Goodness to offer him & his

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amiable Family my very best Respects & wishes.

I have the Honor to be with the

most perfect Esteem and Consideration,

D.r Sir &c.

Fort St George

27th January 1787

/Signed/ Arch.d Campbell

A Letter from the Nabob Walaujah to the Governor of Colombo, forwarded with the above 7th February 1787.

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

Major General in the Armies of his Brittannic Majesty & Governor of Madras

Sir

From the Governor of Colombo, in reply: & enclosing Copy of a Letter from him to His Highness the Nabob on the same Subject

Last night I received the very gracious letter that you did me the honor to write me the 27th January last: previous to replying to it, I beg your permission to make an Observation upon the Nabob's Letter which you had the goodness to send me: The Nabob pretends that Mr. Dott has exceeded the Authority with which he intrusted him, but it is only necessary to see the papers I have signed with Mr Dott, which I suppose the Nabob has communicated to you Sir, to convince you how little is meant by that Observation the Letter the Nabob wrote me when he sent Mr. Dott here, evidently

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evidently announces that the power with which he entrusted him, is not only confined to the Pearl fishing: but supposing it was so, in what manner could Mr. Dott have exceded his power — In the Treaty which I signed with him it is strictly speaking, nothing more than establishing the Nabobs Share in the produce of the Pearl fishery at Tutocorin upon a footing much more advantageous than it was before and in this Treaty there is nothing more required than what relates to the pearl fishery at Manner, — for the remainder each side have declard in the aforesaid Treaty that every thing should remain in its former State, as I have observed in my Letter to the Nabob, Copy of which I now send you with an English Translation,

What has been said in the aforesaid Treaty regarding the Parawas, the exclusive right of the Company in the Trade of Cloths, and what shall be observed among the Merchants of the Company, their Employers and Agents, and the Free Trade in general, as well as what has been said concerning the Chank fishery, is only a Consequence of that general Declaration and has only been added to distinguish more clearly what constitutes between each the

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the Rights and Priviledges of the Company,

The Nabob has declared & still declares that he has no other desire than that which they reciprocally observed, of adhering to his ancient Rights and customs, and that every thing continues on the same footing — Our Company ask for nothing else, she does not pretend to innovations it rests there to be proved if the Rights & Priviledges of our Company, specified in the Treaty, as also those which belong to them, altho' not pointed out in the said Treaty, belong to him, — There is no one who knows our possession on the Coast of Madura, who can entertain a Doubt; — nevertheless the Nabob being under some doubts, I shall reply openly to the Observations which he would make me, after these Observations, Sir, upon the Nabobs Letter which I have thought necessary, I confess sincerely to you that nothing can be more agreeable to me than the gracious offer, you have made me in so obliging a manner of employing your influence with the Nabob, for the purpose that our Concerns with him may be established on a footing which for the future will prevent the dis: ; agreements originating from the continual Broils made by his Representatives in the Countries

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while it belonged to him as Lord of Madura and
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In the Pearl fishery at Mannar which has been held for these 20 years with 180 Donies, it was agreed that the Nabob should have 30 Donies for his Share which with the Company's Donies make 210, consequently the Nabob's 30 Donies form one Seventh part — In the Treaty which I have signed with Mr. Bott it was spe: :cified that, that proposition should serve to regulate all the fisheries hereafter thus you see there is nothing but what is conformable to ancient Cus: :tom, only that it was left to the option of the Nabob to accept one sixth part in money of the neat produce of the pearl fishery, if he preferred it to

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sending a Number of Bonies which form the Seventh part of all the Bonies which are employed in the Fishery including his,—

In Consequence and conformable to the proposal you have had the Goodness to make me I have no Objections Sir, that the Pearl fishery at Tutocorin which may actually take place, be managed this time in the manner pointed out in the Contract which I have signed with your Dott, without it shall be drawn up in any other form until the final ratification of the aforesaid Contract, at the fishing at Manaar the Bonies attended last year with all possible exactness without finding any thing which could give them the smallest hope that a repetition this year would prove of the least Utility, therefore they have not been,—

I cannot be too much sensible Sir, in the gracious manner you had the goodness to recollect my Brother he will assuredly be much flattered when he knows,— you continue to interest yourself about him,— the last accounts I received from him which were in the month of August, say he continued very well

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well with his family.

I have the Honor to be with

the most perfect Esteem

&c. &c. &c.

Colombo

23d February 1787

/Signed/ W. Vande Graaff

a true Translation

/Signed/ Thomas Chase

French Translator

Translation

To his Royal Highness the Most Honorable

Nabob Wallajah Omen ul and Undat ul

Molok Siehaul Daula Ander Dinclan

weg Auder Mun Son Jong Sepa Salaat

Soeba of the Carnatic & Unaccountable Lands.

Most Honble Nabob.

Yesterday Evening I had the Honor

to receive the Letter which your Highness has been

pleased to favor me with the 6th Instant, and by which

I see with the most Sincere pleasure that thro' Gods

Goodness you are Recovered of the Severe Sickness

you have laboured Under.

By the Treaty that I conclude with Mr.

Dotts there was only Strictly speaking the settling

fully the Article of the Tutocorin Pearl Fishery - and by

the friendly Agreement that Concerning the

Manaar

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Manaar Pearl fishery besides in the abovemente: oned Treaty nothing Else is done than a mutual declaration that Every thing should remain on the same foot as formerly without any alteration this last is conformable with what your Highness by several occasions declared to be your Ultimate desire the same as your Highness by your above: mentioned most honorable Letter does once more in the most friendly manner the Honble Dutch India Company requires nothing more or any thing else – Therefore I cannot see, where in Mr. Dott can have Surpassed the powers which he was honored with by your Highness, – I shall nevertheless most willingly expect the reasons which your Highness by your said honored Letter says to Intend to give me hereafter,

I have also without the least hesitation accepted and by this present accept the friendly Offers conformable to your Highness Letter which the Honorable Sir Archibald Campbell Governor of Madras General Major and Commandant in Chief of his Britanic Majesty's Troops and those of the Honorable Company has been pleased to make me, a Gentleman for whose Excellent qualities & distinguished merits I have the highest respect

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And as it is agreable to your Highness that the Pearl Fishery still should take place in the beginning of this year, I have Conformable to the proposition made me by the said Mr. Campbell, sent the necessary Orders to the Chief of Tutocorin Mr. Mekenn for the same and Dequest that your Highness to prevent every thing that might hinder it, would write as soon as possible what is necessary to your Land Regent Mr. Edward Chan - the time being so far advanced that if the fishery is held this Season, every thing that can possibly advance it ought to be done.

For the Valuable presents which your Highness is so kind to send me I return you my most grateful Thanks. They have a double Value with me coming from your Highness who in several occasions has shewn so many marks of friendship to the Honorable Dutch East India Company. There is nothing I wish more than that this friendly footing may continue without alloy and Continually Encrease. Every thing which can contribute towards it shall augment greatly my personal happiness.

I hope that your Highness's Government will be a Continued Series of happiness & prosperity, desiring that your Highness will be so good, to write me

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me whether there is any thing on Ceylon which
you desire, I shall immediately try to fulfill
it having the highest value for your Highness

Every thing which lays in my heart is
here set down.

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

Signd V De Graaff

Colombo
22d February 1787

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To The Honble Sir Arch: Campbell K.B.
Governor &c. &c. at
Fort St George

From the Resident at Poona, Tippoo again attempts to Surprize the Maratta Camp, but without effect. a Frenchman at Masulipatam spreads a report of a War between England & France, & of a Rebellion in Ireland. The Nabob's agent makes advances on the Subject of aid, incompatible with his Masters Con: nection with the Company.

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose a Duplicate of my address of the 27th ultimo.

On the 29th ultimo I was honored with yours of 24th of December & Cosids acknowledging Receipt of mine of 26 November on the 16th December and enclosing a Letter to the Pishwa which with the former One to Nanna Furnavese have been presented in the manner you desired. These Cosids you will observe were 35 Days on their Journey and are now returned with this address.

I beg you to accept my Thanks for the Information of the present Force of the French at

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at Pondicherry; your continuing to favor me with Intelligence of that nature including their Force on this Side the Cape will be of Service to me at this Court.

On the same day by two P.s of returning Cofrids from Masulipatam I learnt from Mr. Floyer that my Despatches for you and the Governor General of 28th December reached him on the 10th January in 12 Days and as He advises that they were dispatched the same Night, I conclude my address to you must have reached you in 11 Days.

On the same Day also your Post Cofrids past this place in 22 Days from Angola, their Packet was indorsed "Dispatched from Madras 3d January" so that they had been 25½ Days from that Place.

On the 2d Instant I had the pleasure to receive your long expected Favor of 11th December in 52 Days the Duplicate of which as already advised reached me by the first Despatch of your Post Cofrids on the 12th Ultimo.

I have taken the liberty to be this minute in the Arrival & dispatch of Packets to assist your Arrangements in your very useful Establishment

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of a Post to this Side of India one Post Coasts have yet passed this from Bombay

By Letters from Rago Punt I find he has been well received by Hurry Punditt and is now perfectly settled with the Army, of those Operations you will of course receive the earliest Intelligence from Him

My last Letter contained an account of the Motions of both Parties to the 14th Ultimo on the 16th Tippoo returned the Marattas Visit of 14th and again attempted to beat up their Quarters but without Effect, as apprehensive or aware of his Design they marched off in the Evening & encamped the next Day near Connagere where they were the 21st ultimo when my last Mircarras left Camp Tippoo was about 6 Cos from thence

In a Paper of Intelligence lately received I have the following Article "M. Maragin Merchant at Masulipatam has wrote to the French Officers at Hydrabad that War is declared between England and France and that Ireland has rebelled" Tho' my advices from Europe to the 22d September enable me to contradict this News I have thought proper to make you acquainted with it, as you may probably think it expedient to keep the

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the Communication of such Information

In addition to what I have already had the honor to write you about the Nabob's agent I have now to acquaint you that I have certain & authentic Information of his having made advances on the Subject of aid incompatible with his Master's situation and Connection with the Company diametrically opposite to the Declarations previously made by me by Order of the Right Honorable the Governor General & Council— There is some talk of his proceeding to the Army but in my Opinion it will not take place,

I have the Honor to be with

Poona
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perfect Respect. &c &c

[Signed] W Malet

P.S. The Pestilence still prevails in the Maratta Army

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The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
President &c Council
of Fort St George

From Bengal, recommending two Gentlemen for the appointment of Assistant Surgeons.

Gentlemen

The Tryal and Intelligence Packets, having been paid off, on their arival at this place, Mr. John Duncan and Mr. Cameron, Surgeons of those Vessels

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Vessels be became out of employ, and as you have made an application to us for Gentlemen of their Profession we beg leave to recommend it to your consideration, to appoint them Assistant Surgeons upon your establishment.—

We have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

Cornwallis
Chas. Stuart
J Shore

Fort William
the 21st February 1787

(Signed)

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in W. B. Nos. 42. 43.—

From Mr. Mackenzie at Calcutta, dated the 12th February—stating that he has shipped on board the Ketch Phœnix 2350 Bags of Rice on account of Lieutenant Anderson, The Phœnix being a good copper Vessel, has deemed it unnecessary to ensure the Cargo.

From Mr. Mackenzie

From Mr. Oakes, Paymaster at Salam: :cotah, recommending that the Old Grain in Store be immediately sold, and that new Grain be bought in,

From the Bay: :master at Balasore tah

Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in W. B. Nos. 44. 45. 46.—

To the Military Board, to report upon the claims of Captain Blacker, and Mr. John Butler. The application of Captain Blacker said to have been made

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made thro' General Horne, related to different Claims, and an answer was given accordingly;

To the Military Paymaster General, to give

To the Military Paymaster General

Mr. I. Baker a Certificate on Bengal for the amount of his double Batta, while Paymaster to a Detachment at Tellicherry—To include those Officers mentioned in the enclosed Letter from Colonel Elphinston, in the list of Officers who have a Claim to Batta, during their Imprisonment in the Mysore Country;

To Doctor James Anderson to reply to the obser-

To the Physician General

vations made by the Commissary General on his Payments, after which the Board will pass a final decision on the Subject;

13th Sent the following Letters

To C. W. Malet Esq.

Resident at Poona

Sir

To the Resident at Poona, advises of a Peace between Tippoo & the Marattas—The Frenchman's Report at Masulipatam without Foundation—The Nabob's agent at Poona has been dismissed

I have been favored with your several Letters and Duplicates including that of the 3d Ultimo which I should have answered in Course but was obliged to attend to the Dispatch of the Company's Ships of the Season, and some political Arrangements with the Nabob of the Carnatic which are adjusted much to my Satisfaction

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On the 6th Instant I received a Letter from Tippoo dated the 8th February announcing that Peace had taken place between him and the Mahrattas and in the Manner he wished In consequence of which he says the Mahrattas had returned to their own Country and that he proposed to return to his Capital in about a Week from thence: You are no Doubt acquainted with the Circumstances that operated to produce this Negotiation in which Tippoo does not mention the Nizam, I shall be happy to receive from you a circumstantial account of this Business and the Articles of the Peace which I conclude you have sent me and that it is now on the Road to Madras.

I am obliged by your Information respecting the Post Cofrids as it will assist greatly in determining on a continuation of the present plan, or the adoption of some other that may appear better calculated to answer the purposes of a regular Correspondence with Bombay Presidency: shortest in point of time, and the least liable to interruption on the Roads.

With respect to the Reports propogated by Mr. Moragan they are too absurd and too false to merit a Comment— I can only tell you that

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that as late as the Month of October I have Intelligence from England and from the first authority that says plumph the contrary; that Ireland is in Peace and harmony with us; that the French Treaty of Commerce with England is almost concluded, and will happily prevent future Broils and War, that every thing in England is prosperous; Money plenty; Stocks rising, and every appearance of peace in Europe; except with the Dutch who are likely to have a Civil War among themselves.

The improper and very unaccountable Behaviour of Burjuna Ponjee the Nabob's Vakeel has finally determined his Highness to dismiss him and he has sent me the enclosed Letter to be forwarded to you for that purpose which you will be so good as deliver to him — His Highness has appointed a Man of Family and Character to succeed Ponjee who shall have Instructions to act in strict Concert with you, and to enter into no separate Communication without previously advising you, there being no safety in suffering the political Business of a Native Prince connected with us, as the Nabob of Arcot is, to be transacted through any

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any Medium but our own;

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Sam &c. &c.

Signed Archd. Campbell

To His Excellency M. de Cossigny

Brigadier General of His most Christian
Majesty's Forces, Governor of Pondicherry

&c. &c. &c.

To the Governor of Pondicherry: will request the Nabob to suspend his Pretensions to the Duncan in Pondicherry, until Instructions respecting it are received from Europe —

Sir,

I have been honored with your Excellency's Letter under date the 14th December last, and beg of you to accept my excuses for having so long deferred replying to it — The Delay has been solely occasioned by the great pressure of publick business on the departure of two of the English East India Company's Ships for Europe.

I shall have real pleasure in using the utmost of my influence with His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatick to engage him to suspend his pretensions to a Duncan in Pondicherry until the Orders of the Courts of London and Versailles are received on the different points referred to them. I have communicated to the Nabob those parts of your Excellency's Letter

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which relate to him, and hope shortly to trans-
mit to you Satisfactory answers.

I have the Honor to be with the
most perfect Esteem &c &c

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[Signed] Archd Campbell

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

To Bengal —
desiring to know
whether Bills
are to be drawn
for the whole
amount of the
Batta due the
Officers late in
Mysore, or only
for the Lieutenants
and Brevets

My Lord

We have been honored with
the Letter from the Governor General & Council
under date the 7th Ultimo respecting the full
Batta to be paid to the Officers and Men who
were Prisoners in the Mysore Country & request
you will be pleased to inform us whether it is
the intention of your Government that We
should draw upon you for the whole Amount
due agreeably to your Letter which specifies —
Officers generally; or, whether that proportion
which is due to the Field Officers and Captains
shall be liquidated by Certificates for Bengal
Bonds,

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We have the Honor to enclose a State: ment Specifying separately the amount of what is due to the Field officers and Captains and to the Subalterns & Men, and beg to be favored with your determination as soon as possible

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

At a Consultation Present

The Honble Major Genl. Sir Arch: Campbell Kt.
President

Tuesday
the 13th March
1787

Alexander Davidson Esqr.
James Henry Casamajor Esqr.

Minutes of last Consultation
read & approved

The President begs leave to enter the following minute—

President's minute stating his intention of visiting the western and Southern Garrisons; of settling the arrangement of the Tanjore Succession; and of concluding a Treaty with the Successor.—

President's Minute
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The late Instructions from England uniting the offices of Governor and Commander in Chief have necessarily imposed a very Serious Degree

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Degree of Fatigue and Responsibility upon the person entrusted with the Duties of these Important Stations.

The General Details for the Civil and Military Departments being now happily arranged, and I trust in such a manner as to promise every Improvement and Success, which the most Sanguine wishes of the Honorable Company could look for— a knowledge of the interior Country, and of the real State of the Garrisons & Military Stations along the Frontiers of the Carnatic become the next essential Objects of my attention.

To accomplish these Services immediately, is what I have most essentially at heart: but the approaching Heats and the multiplicity of Public Business, which indispensibly occurs, must at this Juncture inevitably confine me to a cursory Inspection only, I propose therefore, if it meets with the approbation of the Board, to proceed to morrow to the Westward, by the way of Chingleput, Cutrimaloor, Wandivash, Chittapett Paloor, Calispaukum, Chinganna Trinomaly, Ravet-tellon, Tiagar &c. and will keep you constantly advised of my motions.

Should the heat of the Weather prevent my

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my Intention is to go as far as Trichinopoly to proceed from thence to Tanjore, and to return by the Line of the Coast to Madras,

The Instructions of the Governor General in Council, respecting the Succession of Tanjore, will most likely reach me before my arrival at the Capital of that Kingdom; in which Case, I shall have it in my power to Settle the only two important matters of Consideration to the South: ward; Namely, a Successor to the late Rajah of Tanjore, and a Treaty with that Successor for the General Defence and Security of the Carnatic, agreeably to the Draught of articles which I had the Honor to lay before the Board the 9th Instant,

With Respect to the Tanjore Succession, the Supreme Council will either finally decide upon it, or leave the decision to this Government — If the former, I shall only have to pay implicit Obedience to their Orders; If the latter, it may be proper now to receive your Opinions on the following Question,

Whether the adopted Child, or the Brother Rama Swamy ought to Succeed to the Rajahship of Tanjore,

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The adopted Child claims his Pretensions from the recited acts of the Rajah on his Death Bed; and the Brother claims it as next Heir from Consanguinity - The abilities and Legetimacy of Rama Swamy have been doubted; but as far as I can learn he does not want for abilities; and what is much to his Credit, he bears the Reputation of a Virtuous honest man - as to his legitimacy, the late Rajah never once, to my knowledge, announced it; on the contrary he considered him publickly as a Brother for whom he had entertained a considerable Respect; for the Rajah assigned to him apartments of the best Quality in the Palace, and deputed him to meet Lord Pigot on his entering the Territories of Tanjore, at the very time his Lordship was sent to restore the Rajah to his Kingdom.

Whether, under all these Circumstances, the late Rajah had a legal Right to adopt a very distant Relation to the Prejudice of his Brother Rama Swamy, or whether the adoption was in itself just and regular, is a matter which merits Enquiry, and may be very accurately ascertained, I think it however my Duty, As

to State it as my Opinion to the Board, that an unqualified admission of the doctrine of adoption, appeared to me to be attended with the most Serious Consequences to the peace of that Country, and to the Honorable Company's Interests in India; for the Same right, which would now give the Sovereignty of Tanjore to an innocent Boy of that District, might convey the Kingdom of Tanjore to the Mahratta Empire, in Case Some future Rajah Should adopt the offs: :pring of one of their principal Chiefs as his Son.

It is submitted therefore whether the present Case does not resolve itself greatly in a Question of political Expediency; and as Such whether, if the adoption has been irregular or displeasing to the first people of that Country, it would not be most advisable to confirm the Brother in the Succession, or if it has been perfectly re: :gular and Satisfactory to the people whether to remove all doubts concerning the Justice of our Government, we ought not agreeable to

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to the late Rajah's wishes, to confirm the Brother in the Regency, and keep the adoption in a State of Suspence, by withholding a positive Sanction of our part, further than what it may virtually acquire by our Protection and Support of the Boy.

The Regency under these Circumstances would grow into a perfect Government, and the Brother thus Substantially provided for, would soon reconcile himself to his Situation, and in the real possession of Power forget the Injury he had Sustained by a nominal Exclusion.

The Existence of the adoption, which we could always have in our power, to confirm at pleasure, would operate as a perpetual check upon the Regent, and prove the Surest pledge in our Hands for his future good Behaviour. By the latter proposition, the Claim of the Nabob to the Sovereignty would also be kept open should it ever be admitted on a further Discussion of the Subject at home.

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Having thus stated every matter concerning the Succession of Tanjore which appears to me to merit Consideration I have to request your Opinions concerning it: and that you would grant me the Authority of the Board, to bring this important Arrangement, as well as the Treaty, to a final Conclusion, if practicable: Having no object but the honor of the State, in rendering strict Justice to the princes of the Country, and combining therewith the Security of the Honble Company's Possessions and Interests in India, I trust, that whatever authority you are pleased to invest me with, will be exercised with Discretion and Fidelity.

Previous to my Departure, I think it my Duty to acquaint you, that Arrangements are made for discharging the Civil Arrears to the 31st of December last, and for paying off the temporary allowances to the 30th of April which have been running very long in Arrear

I have

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His Majesty's Troops are paid up to the 24th of April, and the Honorable Company's to the first of the same month, so that there will not be any material Call till my Return, except the Monthly Indent, from the Civil and Military Paymaster General for the month of April; a payment of 5000 Pagodas to the Export Warehousekeeper, a Payment of the same Sum to the Military Storekeeper and a Bill upon Masulipatam to the amount of 5000 Pagodas to Mr. Edward Garrow, to enable him to carry on the new Barracks at Pondamalee and the Current Repairs of this Garrison, all which, I hope, the Board will be pleased to order Payment of.

Whatever relates to the Current Business of Government, which already has been decided upon by the Board, I beg leave to propose, that you should give such Instructions as to you shall appear proper, which I am confident will meet my hearty approbation — If any new important Business should unexpectedly occur, I shall be happy to

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to hear of it before any Decision takes place, but I am in hopes nothing of this Description can present itself, until I can again have the honor of meeting you in Council,

The Balance of Cash this Day in the Treasury is — Pagodas — 41,982 .. 18 .. 2½

Accepted Bills due this Month and next —	45,500 .. — .. —	
His Highness the Nabob will pay in the Course of this Month — — —	2,95,145 .. — .. —	
Total Balance at the End of this Month	3,82,627 .. 18 .. 2½	

Minute on the Tanjore Succession

The Board entirely approve the Presidents ideas respecting the Succession at Tanjore, and agree that they be adopted & carried into execution by him, in case the Governor General & Council should leave the decision of the Subject to this Government.

The Presidents proposed Excursion approved

The Board also approve the Presidents proposed excursion to the Westward & Southward for the purposes specified in his minute. Read

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Read the following Letter and pro:
:ceedings of the Committee of Inspection.

To the Honble Major Genl Sir Arch: Campbell &c.
Governor in Council
Fort St George

From the Committee of Inspection, with their Minutes, on the Price of the Year Crop — senti:
:ments of the respective Members as to a Decision on a Question in Committee where there is an Equality of Votes. An Enquiry into the Cause of many of the Ryots having left the Tanjore Country a Remedy proposed by the Resident to prevent it in future, which is adopted by the Committee

Honble Sir

We have the Honor to transmit the Minutes of our late Committee

We have the Honor to be with great Respect &c: &c:

Tanjore 28th February 1787

Signed
P. Stuart
J. Cox Nippisley
C. F. Swartz

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In Circulation to the Committee

Mr. Macleod.

"The Extensive Benefits likely to arise
"from the late Proclamation by the Circar, res:
:tricting the Ryotts from disposing of their Grain
"at less than 3 Fanams pr Allum, has been ac:
:companied by an Inconvenience, and hardship
"to the lower Class of People who have not a property

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"request the decision of the Committee on this Subject
"as soon as Convenient,—

/Signed/ Alex.r Macleod

Colonel Stuart — "I am of Opinion that every
"hardship on the Lower set of people ought to be
"forthwith Removed"

/Signed/ J. Stuart
C. F. Swartz

M.r Hippisley — "The earliest measures
"should certainly be adopted to relieve the Inha-
"bitants, but as an Order of Reduction from 4½ to
"3¼ Fanams pr Allum, is of great consideration,
"I think we should meet tomorrow Morning, &
"that we should assemble some of the principal
"Merchants of Tanjore, we might then give a
"written Order, in Committee, for the selling price
"to be such as seemed most Equitable,—

/Signed/ G. C. Hippisley

M.r Macleod — "M.r Hippisley proposes
"that we should give a written order in Committee
"for the selling price to be such as seems most
"equitable,—

"No written Order should be given
"by the Committee, unless the Circar refuse to follow
"their Resolutions communicated to the Circar, thro'
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"the Resident,

"Mr. Hippisley wishes that the Committee
"should meet, call different Merchants &c.
"before them, and examine them vivâ voce; and
"from these accounts take an equitable Price, to
"which the Car Crop should be reduced.

"I am of opinion that the measure
"of calling people before the Committee will be
"wrong, for this reason the subject of our Delibera-
"tion will be known, and the Credit which we
"ought to give to the Circar by letting the Notice
"for lowering the Price, appear to the Country as
"their own voluntary Act, will counteract any
"Odium which may have fallen upon them
"for raising the price before."

"I therefore think that each member
"of the Committee should inform himself what
"is necessary relating to the price of the Circar Crop
"&c. and state what he thinks should be the
"reduced Price of the Buzar Grain; from a Me-
"dium of these Collected prices the proper price
"should be taken.— I have already made most
"deligent Enquiries, and I think the price
"should be what I before recommended; should
"any further Intelligence induce me to change

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my Opinion I shall signify it immediately,

"I recommend also that the each of
"Gentlemen of the Committee procure the Informa-
"tion on which his Opinion is formed, in writing,
"and under the Signatures of the persons who give it,"

"The sooner we meet, the sooner will the
"poor people be relieved from their Inconvenience,"

Tanjore /Signd/ Alexr Macleod
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Colonel Stuart — "provided the Price is reduced
and the poorer sort of people relieved, the mode of
doing it, appears to me of little Consequence; —
it is my Opinion that the Committee should meet,
without delay, in order to accomplish so desirable an
End."

/Signd/ James Stuart.

Mr. Hippisley — I agree entirely with Colonel
Stuart, and by no means wish to detract from
any Reputation the Managers might acquire
in lowering the selling price of Grain. — Mr.
Macleod misapprehends the object of the written
Order I suggested which was to the Managers
only, not to be published to the Inhabitants, but
tho' the Managers — but I am still of Opinion
that, during the Interregnum, every Order should
go to the Managers under the Signatures of the
Committee

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Committee, for until a Successor to the late Rajah be appointed, the Representative functions of the President are evidently suspended by the operation of the last orders of Government dated 3d Ultimo.

/Signed/ J. C. Hippisley

I am of a different opinion as to the latter part of the Minute /Signed/ Alex.r Macleod

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In Committee

Present

W.m Macleod

Col: Stuart

W.m Hippisley

Rev.d W.m Swartz

W.m Macleod — "All the Information "I can procure shews that the price of the Car Crop, "twelve or fifteen days ago was at 8 or 8½ Measures "for 1 Fanam: yesterday it was at 6 Measures for Fanam"

"I therefore propose that an Order be "issued by the Circar immediately, lowering the "present price of the Paddy of the Car Crop, in "Tanjore, from 6 Measures for Fanam to 7 Mea.s "sures for Fanam, & in all parts of the Country where "the Sale is proportion.

By

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"By this, the same profit will remain
"to the Merchant or purchaser in the Country,
"and the price of the Paddy sold in the Bazar be
"considerably reduced to the Labourer, or lower order
"of people in Tanjore.

/Signd/ Alex.r Macleod

The several Members of the Committee having, from a variety of Information, satisfied themselves of the propriety of lowering the selling price of the Carr Paddy, agree in issuing the following Directions to the Circar Managers.

To the Managers of the Circar

The Committee having taken into consideration the late extraordinary increase of Price on the Carr Paddy within the Fort, / where the Inhabitants labour under greater difficulties than in the Country / have thought it adviseable to direct the Managers of the Circar to issue an Order for selling, within the Fort, at the rate of 7 Measures of Gold Fanam, and a proportionable reduction to be made in the different Districts.

/Signd/ Alex.r Macleod
J Stuart
D.C. Uppisley
C.S. Swartz

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Mr. Macleod — "Upon reconsideration of
"the first Paragraph of the Instructions to the
"Circar by which one of the Managers is directed
"to attend regularly every Week with an account,
"I propose that instead of the attendance of one of the
"Managers, the account be delivered to the Sessions,
"and by him laid before the Committee.

"If it is requisite to require the Pre-
"sence of a Manager he may be sent for."

"I make this amendment to what
"was resolved in the last Committee, because I
"know it to be disagreable to the Circar, to be obliged
"to order the fixed attendance of one of their Body
"in the Committee.

"When any question arises where the
"presence of a Manager is necessary, let it be
"required."

/Signed/ Alex.r Macleod

Colonel Stuart — "I adhere to my appro-
"bation of the Minutes in Committee of the 27th
"February as I cannot suppose that any Member
"of the Committee would wantonly give any of
"the Managers trouble by sending for them, if
"they had not some particular Questions to
"ask them."

/Signed/ Jas.r Stuart

Mr

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Mr. Swartz — "is of Opinion, that in Case
"of necessity, one of the Managers should appear,
"but thinks at the same time, that, as the constant
"attendance on the Committee might lower them
"too much in the Eyes of the country people, they
"might be excused from attending always."

Signed C. F. Swartz

Mr. Hippisley — "Mr. Macleod's Minute of
"reconsideration observes that no written Order
"should be given by the Committee unless the Circar
"refuse to follow their Resolutions communicated
"to the Circar thro' the Resident."

"In speaking to the same subject
"in Committee Mr. Macleod declared his
"Opinion to be "That the Resident solely has a right
"to communicate with the Palace, to the exclusion
"of every other Member of the Committee."

"To this Mr. Hippisley has replied
"in his Minute that He was of Opinion that
"during the Interregnum every Order should go
"to the Managers under the Signatures of the
"Committee, for until a Successor to the late Rajah
"shall be appointed, the Representative functions
"of the Resident are evidently suspended by the opera-
"tion of the last Orders of Government 3d ultimo,

Mr

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"Mr. Macleod probably supports his opinion,
1st "From the Instructions of Lord Macartneys
Government to Mr. Sullivan which inform him
that he is to be the sole Channel of Communication
with the Rajah &c.
2dly "From the Secret Instructions of 31st Jany
"last, which say, "that whatever the Committee
"shall recommend will be an authority to the
"Resident for giving such Instructions to the
"Rajah's Ministers &c.

"To this it may be replied that the
"original Minute 25th July of the present Govr.
"not unequivocally draws the line of Duty with
"respect to the Resident & Committee when a
"Rajah is in being, and was there no other authority
"than the Secret Instructions to the Resident and
"Commandant, Mr. Macleods opinion would be
"uncontrovertable, as far as applies to the Vehicle of
"Instruction."

"But as soon as Government understand
"authoritatively that the Rajah was dead, and that
"the Objects of the first Secret Instructions to the Resi-
"dent & Commandant, had been complied with
"which required an energy and expedition which these
"Instructions were well Calculated to produce, &

"Government

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Government then addressed further Instructions to the whole Committee, delegating to them in the aggregate the Executive authority, as clearly as it had been before delegated to an Individual;

As the Measures of the Committee can now Command more deliberation than at the embarrassed Moment of the Rajah's Decease, it should seem that no good Reason can be adduced why the Resolutions unanimously agreed to in the last Committee should be rescinded: they are calculated to avoid Misconception, by being addressed, in English and Mahratta, to the Managers under the Signatures of the Committee: they therefore are always of record, throwing a Responsibility on those who order, and those who execute.

The Moment is Critical, and requires every Vigilance for Reasons too obvious to be detailed — the false delicacy of the Managers should not be yielded to. — The Government is clearly a Trust during the Interregnum, in the Committee, they are all equally responsible at this Crisis, and should have the same means of Information open to them: If Mr. Macleod's Idea is correct they have not, and it should seem irreconcilable that the Majority of a Committee whom Government has

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thought worthy of so great a trust, should be implicated in restrictions calculated to guard the Rajah only, from impertinent intrusions;

When a Successor be appointed the Functions of the Resident will revive, and the Committee then stand on the foot of its' original Institution

It is painful to Mr. Hippisley to differs from Mr Macleod on this Subject — but their Opinion being now on record will probably lead to an authoritative determination;

With respect to the Proposition unanimously adopted as the Act of the last Committee, Mr. H. still adheres to it because he is persuaded there will be at every weekly Meeting, at this Crises, necessary ground for the personal attendance of one, at least, of the Managers /Anneer Sing excepted/ nor does he see any reason why the Circar Servants should consider themselves in the least degraded by the personal attendance on those who are invested with the sole Controll of the Circar, /Signed/ J. C. Hippisley

Alex.r Macleod
J. Stuart
J. C. Hippisley
C. F. Swartz

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"as if they had been written down formally."

/Signd/ Alex.r Macleod

Mr. Hippisley — "I am of opinion that
"one of the Managers, at least for the reasons
"on record, ought to have attended, and admitting
"the opinions of the last Committee to be equally
"devided, the Operation of the antecedent orders, under
"the signatures of all the Members, were still in
"force, and the Managers were in possession of
"those Orders."

"I know of no Order of Government in
"being that gives the President a Casting Voice."

"I request to know from Mr. Swartz
"whether He does not deem the declaration of a
"Member of Committee that he has Questions to
"put to the Managers, a Sufficient Reason for
"their attendance; more officially of Mr. Macleods
"Argument is admitted, "that no Member of the
"Committee has a right to resort to the Palace, Even
"during the interregnum but himself."

/Signd/ J.C. Hippisley

Mr. Swartz — "I think that the Member
"has a right to demand the presence of one of the
"Managers on such Occasion."

/Signd/ C.F. Swartz
Colonel

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Colonel Stuart — "Having already
"expressed my opinion on the Subject of the attend-
"dance of the Managers, or one of them on the
"Committee, on the day of their weekly meeting
"I have now very little further to add, only it appears
"to me that their attending of their own accord,
"without being sent for, when the manner of deli-
"vering the Message in presence of many, possibly
"may depend on the discretion of the person who carrys
"it, / would be better than to have them Suddenly
"Sent for, the attendance of the Managers might
"then appear his own act, and would Show that a
"mutual Confidence Subsisted betwixt the Committee
"and the Managers — I join perfectly with Mr.
"Hippisley "that I know of no orders in being that
"gives the President a Casting Voice in the Committee"

[Signed] Jam.s Stuart

Mr. Macleod — proposes the following
question to Mr. Swartz — whether Mr. Swartz
does not conceive that what he wrote after Mr.
Macleods Minute which stated it would be
adviseable to dispence with the Constant attendance
of the Managers, to signify that one of the Ma-
nagers was not to attend the Committee with
accounts &c. at their next Meeting, unless required

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"so to do by any Member of the Committee of 5th
"March."

/Signed/ Alex.r Macleod

Mr. Swartz — "I think it sufficient if the
"accounts is given into the Committee by the Resident,
"but if any Member has a mind to put Questions
"relative to the Management of the Country I then
"think that one, of course, must attend, I did not
"think they were now to attend."

/Signed/ C. F. Swartz

Mr. Hippisley — "I beg only to remind the
Committee that a positive Requisition from the
Committee in Mahratta and English, under
all their Signatures, went to the Managers
"requiring the attendance of one of them: which
has not been Complied with, nor has any Copies
"of the Proclamations also required been delivered
"to the Committee."

/Signed/ J. L. Hippisley

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"That may be the case; but was it ever
"known or heard of, that a Casting Voice was not
"given to one of four who were to govern a Country.

"Supposing that no Casting Voice exists

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"business to be carried on if we are a Committee
"appointed for the express purpose of acting par-
"ticularly in great Emergencies; the Country would
"be rather in a bad way if dangerous Emergencies
"portended ruin to it, while the four Members of
"the Committee sat round their Table inactive."

"I presume that the question and re-
"solution about a Casting Voice did not occur to
"the Honorable Board in their instructions of the
"25th July 1786, because the Committee consisted
"only of 3 Members who could vote."

"But I apprehend, that when Mr.
"Swartz came to have a Vote at the Committee,
"thereby encreasing the number to four, that a
"Casting voice to some one Member was implied,
"because the Existence of a Council or Committee
"without such additional privilege to one Con-
"stitutes the greatest possible absurdity."

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"have the Casting Voice both on account of the im-
"portance of his Station, because the Honorable
"Board appear to Consider him as the first Officer of
"the Committee by placing his name and Function
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"Secret Instructions given by the Honorable
"Board the address of those Instructions is "To
"Alexander Macleod Esq.r Resident, and Colonel
"James Stuart Commandant"

"These are my Sentiments: before I make
"any remote References however I beg leave to
"request that the Opinions of Colonel Stuart and
"Mr. Swartz "whether or not they consider the
"Resident as having a Casting Vote" may be entered
"on Record – Mr. Hippisley when the Com:
"mittee consisted of three was placed as youngest
"Member of the then Committee."

"Should there be occasion, I beg the
"question may be referred to the Honorable Board
"of Madras."

"I am not astonished at Extraordinary
"Opinions formed by Mr. Hippisley after his
"assertion of an Opinion which is the Subject of
"the following Minute."

Signed/ Alex.r Macleod.

Mr. Macleod – "I beg leave to advert to a
"Conversation held at the last Meeting of the
"Committee in which one of the Members expressed
"an Opinion respecting the Functions of the Resident.

"It differs so materially from my own
I beg

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"Ideas on that Subject and tends so evidently
"to the possibility of inducing future Discussions,
"that it is incumbent on me to offer a few Remarks,
"Lest Steps should be taken in Consequence of that
"Member holding an opinion which I think He
"misconceives to be a just one."

"I agree with Mr. Hippisley in thinking
"that many of the Residents Functions are at
"present suspended, but when he says, as he did,
"at the last Committee, that he thinks the palace
"Gates as open to him as to any other member of
"the Committee, I do not agree with him into
"opinion; I trust the accompanying Extracts
"will prove that the Resident must be the Chan-
"nel of Communication to Execute the Resolu-
"tions of the Committee at the palace."

"By the Instructions of the Honorable
"Board of the 3d Ultimo the Committee are ordered
"to take an Account of the Contents of the Treasury
"Jewel Office &c &c and in the Concluding Pa-
"ragraph of those Instructions to maintain
"the Government as it was before the Death of the
"late Rajah."

"I proposed that Amer Sing should
"be included in the Proclamation establishing
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"a Government in Tanjore, and that the several
"Persons to proclaimed should have, collectively
"all the power of the Rajah"

"The Honble Board's approbation of
"my Conduct for this Measure was Conveyed to
"me in their Secretary's Letter of the 13th February"

"As therefore the Board consider the
"present Managers to have the power of the late
"Rajah, while he remained subject to the late
"Rajah, while he remained subject to the Controul
"of the Committee, how shall the Committee be
"warranted in departing from the Spirit of their
"original Instructions."

"The first part of the Orders of the 3rd Inst.
"requires the Execution of a particular Duty; the
"latter part directs that the Government shall
"be maintained as before the Rajahs Death;
"how does that give any additional powers to the
"Committee or alter the mode of Communication
"with the palace, such an Idea is not only not
"even implied, but expressly contradicted for there
"is to be no alteration;

"And tho' the Committee were specifically
"ordered to visit the palace for a temporary
"Duty in what right does that imply for an Individual
"to go there"

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"The Intentions of the Honorable Board
"appear in express Terms, in the Secret Instructions
"directed to Colonel Stuart and the Resident, that
"even after the Rajahs Death, the Resident should
"continue to be the exclusive Channel for conveying
"the Resolutions of the Committee to the palace the
"late Orders which I mentioned before confirm these
"Intentions."

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod

W.m Hippisley — "Tho' W.m Macleods
"last Minute involves much matter, I conceive
"there is no material part of it but what is Sufficiently answered by my concluding Minute
"at our last Committee, — with respect to the
"Casting Voice being virtually, tho' not expressly
"given to the Resident, when the Committee was
"encreased to Four Members I conceive no Member is entitled to that Assumption."

I remember many Orders of Government, of great political expediency, in the most difficult times, addressed jointly to Colonel Lang and Mr. Sulivan, and to Colonel Fullarton & Mr. Sulivan, and they must of course have stood in the same predicament, as a Committee of 4 Persons, in case of a difference of Opinion (Signed) H. Hippisley

W.m

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Mr. Macleod — "when Colonel Lang was placed
"before Mr. Sullivan, it was war Time."

/Signd/ A. M.

Mr. Macleod begs to take the Sense of the
Committee whether in Matters, where the opinions
are equally divided, he has not the Casting Vote.

/Signd/ Alex.r Macleod.

Mr. Swartz — "I think somebody should
"have the Casting Voice — but I wish Government to
"decide." — /Signd/ C. F. Swartz

Colonel Stuart — "Certainly not: — Had
"Government intended any Member of the Committe
"should have had a Casting Voice they would
"have signified it at the Time when they added
"Mr. Swartz to the Committee."

/Signd/ James Stuart

Mr. Hippisley — "I have given my opinion
"already in the negative."

/Signed/ J. C. Hippisley

Ramiah / the Country Manager under the
Palace Managers / attends the Committee. Mr.
Hippisley puts the following questions to him by
the interpretation of Mr. Swartz. Viz.t

Mr. Hippisley — "as the Return of the
"Inhabetants after the great Emigration in July last

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"last, was founded on a Cowle given by the late
"Rajah at the Instance of the Committee, it is
"necessary we should know at this Season par-
"ticularly whether the Engagements of that Cowle
"be strictly adhered to by the Managers."

Ramiah — "They are — the several Articles of
"that Cowle are accomplished."

Mr Hippisley — "One of the Principal Heads
"was that the Cultivators of Paddy ground should
"pay the Circar Share in kind, not be obliged to
"account in Money" — Is this adhered to.

Ramiah — "whoever is willing to take the
"Circar Paddy we take the Money whoever refuses
"we take in kind."

Mr. Hippisley — "Is not the late Order restrict-
ing the Inhabitants from selling lower than a
"certain Price an Innovation on the ancient Custom
"when the Inhabitants were free to dispose of their
"own Grain at their own Price"

Ramiah — "It is not Customary — neither
"could it be, as the Circar share was always forced
"on the Inhabitants and they were desired to pay
"the price put on them — but at present the Circar
"intended to befriend the Inhabitants and of
"course not force their / Circar / Share on them

they

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"they thought proper to refrain from the Collection of
"Money these two Months, but the Circars is sensible
"they must have money for the Kists — they think
"they may observe how the People sell at in the Country,
"and accordingly fix the Price, as hitherto no great
"Sale has been made."

Mr. Hippisley — "Has no Collection yet been
'made at a Portaage in Money on the Inhabitants
'on account of the Circars Share?

Signed / J. C. Hippisley

Ramiah — "we have begun to take 5 Chuck:
"rums on 100 Collums to be paid at 7 different Periods —
"We have collected three and then stopped."

Mr. Hippisley — "Is not this an infraction
"of the Cowle which assured the Inhabitants that no
"Money should be assed on them?

Signed / J. C. Hippisley

Ramiah — "nothing has been Collected
"from the Poor, only from those that were able to afford it."

Mr. Hippisley — "Under what Signatures is
"the Statement now delivered into Committee?

Signed / J. C. Hippisley

Ramiah — "under mine"

Mr. Hippisley — "Does Ramiah know any
"thing of the Contents?"

Mr.

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Mr. Swartz — on shewing it again to Ramiah
Replies, "that the Statement is in Mahrattas — Ramiah
"cannot read it as he takes the accounts in Codjans."

Mr. Hippisley — "no Manager attends with the
"Statement, and I think it unnecessary to make any
"inference from the foregoing Replies."

/Signed/ P. C. Hippisley

Colonel Stuart — "I beg to observe to the
"Committee, as it is the intention of Government that
"a large Magazeen of Grain should be layd up
"at Tanjore and there is at present a very plentifull Crop
"in the Country, and of that kind of Paddy which
"will admit of being kept in Store for a Considerable
"time without any Risque of being damaged; I am
"of opinion that the present Stock now in the Garrison
"Stores Viz.t 234,636 Cullums Should be Completed,
"to Six Lacks, and that the Managers should
"receive directions accordingly This may perhaps ap-
"pear a very large quantity of Grain, But when
"it is Considered that the Tanjore Coluun is much
"smaller than any other in the Carnatick being only
"Madras Marakalls 2 8 15/16 it will not be found
"so large a Quantity nor not more than is intended
"by Government to be kept in Store at this place"

J. H.

NB.
"6 Lacks Tanjore
"Cullums will
"not make
"1-2 Lack of
"Madras
"Cullums

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"It may be urged that laying in so
"large a quantity of Grain at one time, may Con-
"siderably raise the price to the poorer Sort of the
"Inhabitants in September and October, when Paddy
"becomes Scarce, and Consequently dear — to remove
"this, and in Order to keep the quantity of Six Lacks
"constantly in Store, without allowing it to be dam-
"naged or Spoilt, or any Extra Expence to be
"Incurred by Government, I would propose that
"one third of the quantity layd up shall be sold
"off annually in the Month of September or
"October when Paddy bears the highest price &
"beginning with that which was first layd in —
"and that Quantity again replaced from the Crop,
"Cut in March when the Paddy is Cheap, and of
"that quality which is fitt to be layd up, and can
"be kept in Store for two years, in a State of perfect
"preservation — By this means the Grain in Store
"will always be fresh & Good."

"The difference Betwixt the high price
"the paddy will bring in September or October, & the
"low price it bears in March, will be sufficient to indem-
"nify the Honble Company for any damage, wastage
"& that may be incurred during the time it has been kept
"in Store." /Signd/ James Stuart

W.

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Mr. Hippisley — "I am clearly of opinion
"with Colonel Stuart." — /Signed/ J. G. Hippisley

Mr. Macleod — "I think Colonel Stuarts pro-
"position relative to the Stone Grain must be of the
"most beneficial effect, and assent to it accordingly"

"I now lay before the Board an offer
"made to me on Sunday the 4th March by Annee
"Sing, and the other managers to give any Paddy
"the Company might want for Store, at the low
"rate of 2½ fanams ₰ Candy."

"If required, I think they would give
"it at less, and I wrote last night to the Honorable
"Governor to know whether if there should be occasion
"to secure the Store at present, Paddy might not be
"taken according to the Proposition of Annee Sing
"&c. and I further stated for the Governors opinion
"whether part of the next or a subsequent List
"might not be received in Grain for Store."

"By this the Country would be relieved
"as no advance would be required from the Ryotts."

/Signed/ Alex.r Macleod.

"In addition I beg leave to propose
"that as money is pressingly wanted for the pay-
"ment of the Garrison as formerly Stated by Colonel
"Stuart, and the Committee having agreed that P. 3000.

Pagodas

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"Pagodas Should be detained to pay off the Arrears
"&c - and as it appears by the Mahratta Account
"given in today that 9454 Chuckrums remains as
"a balance that the Managers be requested to pay
"that amount in advance immediately and the
"balance as it seems." /Signd/ Alex.r Macleod

/Signd/ D.r Stuart
J. C. Hippisley
C. F. Swartz

Reverend Mr. Swartz
Translate of the
Statement delivered
by Mr. A. Macleod
5th March

Memorandum
51499 Chuckrums 2½ f.
received to the 27th of Rhabi:
ul - of
January
61,379 Chuckr.s 5 f. Received
to the 18 of Feby
1,12,878 Chuckr.s 7 3/4 f.

Having spent of this
Sum there remains in the
Chest 9454 Chuckr.s 4½ f.

The Paddy account
cannot yet been as the Crop
is not yet fully cut.

A.t

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At a Committee of Inspection

Present

M.r Macleod
Colonel Stuart
M.r Hippisley
Rev.d M.r Swartz

M.r Macleod — The Day before yesterday
"having received notice that many of the Ryotts
"had fled from different Villages in the District of
"Combaconum, I immediately proceeded thither to
"enquire into the particulars of what I heard: being
"of opinion that Information taken by myself on
"the Spot would prove the best authority for issuing
"any Orders to the Palace Managers in case the
"Flight of the Ryotts reported to have happened
"should have been caused by any improper treat:
:ment from the Circar"

"I arrived at the Town of Combaconum
"at Day Light yesterday Morning and imme:
:diately sent for the Soubaydar, he being absent on
"business in the Country, The Manegar named
"Souriahnarayenah, attended me. The accompanying
"Copy N.o 1. of what he deposed will shew that many
"Ryotts had absconded, and the reason of their abs:
:conding which was the fear of having the present

"Soubaydar

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"Sobaydar Shamion displaad to make room for
"one Vencatrow who had offered the Circar a Settle-
"ment on pilly which the Country was not able to bear
"but which being a great increase on Shamions
"pilly they thought the Circar would of Course adopt"—

"I asked the Nonagar if the people would
"return provided an Assurance was given them
"that they should not be oppressed He said that
"Assurances from himself the Soubaydar or the
"Palace would be attended with no sort of effect
"but that if my name was added they would
"come back instantly"—

"Considering therefore the present crit-
"ical state of the Crop that much of it might be
"lost from it's not being reaped directly, I thought
"it adviseable without delay to join my name to
"the following Notice; which was immediately
"sent out to those Inhabitants who had fled: &
"I have little doubt of it's producing the desired effect"

"N°2 I had accounts also that the Ryotts had
"run away from a place called Adambah; and
"likewise that Inhabitants to the amount of
"one Thousand, of different Occupations, had
"quitted Villages in Paupahmaseum; that many
"of these had been forced away by one Mootiamoopah

the

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"the former Kounlghar who now remains in the
"Nabob's Country sending in his people frequently
"of whom he has with him three hundred armed
"with Matchlocks and 400 with Pikes Swords &c."

To Examine the Truth of these Accounts
"I went to Tanjohnoshum and I find they are
"too well founded The following are the names of
"of Ten Villages from whence the beforementioned
"number of Inhabitants are gone part willingly
"and part forcably taken by Mootiannoopahs people."

"Mootiahmoopah remains in the
"Nabob's Country and they say is beginning to
"build a Village there, He will not, nor the people
"with him come back upon the Circars promises
"of justice, a few nights ago a Man, sent by the
"Palace to Tanjonaghum, to enquire and adjust
"Matters on the flight of the Inhabitants, was plundered
"of every thing by Mootiamoopah's people."

"Mootiahmoopah having been a friend
"of Baba's fled when Baba was confined, and has
"remained absent ever since."

"He however and the people with him
"it is believed, would immediately return if Justice
"was guarranted to him under the signa-
"ture of Mr. Swartz."

"I beg leave to state, to the Committee
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"that I fear those Inhabitants, not forced away by
"Mootiahmoopah have been so by the increase of Pilly,
"in short from the same Cause which obliged the
"Combaconum people to fly."

"Even the Soubahdar himself (who lately
"got his office by the increase of pilly) confessed to me,
"in direct Terms, that the present pilly was too high,
"when I asked him how he came to accept of his Post
"on such Terms he told me fairly that the Terms
"were not proposed by him but that the Circar
"having fixed them they sent him to execute them."

"With respect to Adunnbah to which
"I had not an opportunity of going personally
"I suspect the same cause (an increase of pilly) operates,

"It must however be observed, that the
"Inhabitants sometimes abscond at a time when
"the Crop should be cut and endeavor to frighten
"the Circar into a Compliance with unreasonable
"Demands: but, seven times out of Ten we may
"conclude for certain that the Flight of Inhab:
": tants is occasioned by Oppressions by the Circar

"I had Charged the Managers to
"adhere to what they had promised and what
"the late Rajah agreed to; but not choosing to de-
"pend entirely on their fair Assurances of doing so,
"I took every means to inform myself of the Truth

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"Truth; and have now actually proved that they
"have not fully performed their promises."

"One of the points agreed to by the late
"Rajah was that the Grain should be cut and
"measured, and the Tilly abolished.

"I have heard many objections urged
"against this practice and the impossibility of effect-
"-ing it; The result however of my Examinations
"on this head proves that the due execution of the
"Measure would be the greatest blessing to the In-
"habitants, and the present appearances shew the
"necessity of enforcing it without delay; both to recall
"the Inhabitants who are actually run away, and
"to prevent others from doing so."

"I therefore propose that Mr. Swartz
"be requested to make out written notice in the
"Malabar language in the names of the Managers
"abolishing the Tilly and substituting in its stead
"the rule of cutting and Measuring as agreed to
"by the late Rajah and that this is also to be consi-
"dered as the fixed Law for Ever.

"That five Papers to this Effect be put
"in the five principal Towns signed by the Managers
"and countersigned by the Committee as guarantees
"for the Performance."

"Upon other points which ought to take
place

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"place as promised by the late Rajah I shall
"propose something about next meeting the
"present may be executed separately on account
"of the necessity which presses.

"All the Managers excepting Annew
"Sing will object no doubt to this measure and
"urge a number of reasons against it to the ob-
"jection no attention should be paid; for how
"can they remonstrate against the Plan while
"they were continually endeavouring to deceive
"us into a Conviction that it was at present in
"full force by their own directions.

"Tis true that by this plan the great
"share accruing to the Circars on the Valuation
"must be somewhat lessened; so much the
"better; for the true Riches of a Country consist
"alone in the happiness and Security of its
"Inhabitants."

"The Balance of 4000 Chuckrums
"mentioned in the Mahratta account given
"in at the last Committee was exclusive of the
"4000 Chuckrums which the Committee saw in
"the Box at the Treasury door; Having therefore
"received the aforesaid Balance and 4000 Chuckrums
"in addition I deliver the amount of both to the
"Paymaster.

I

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"I beg leave to inform the Committee
"that I have just now received a Letter from the
"Soubahdar of Combaconum acquainting me
"that the Ryotts of that place have returned in
"Consequence of the notice I issued."

Signed Alex.r Macleod

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Notice Sent from Combaconum through
the Monigar of that place to the Inhabitants
who had fled.

"Having heard that the Ryotts of Com;
"baconum were run away I came from Tanjore
"hither and found it true that the cause of their
"going I understand to be, an offer from Venkatrow
"to the Circar fixing the Pilly at 2,00,000 Cull.s and
"being afraid from his being called to Tanjore, that
"the Circar would accept this offer which must be
"ruinous to them, if you come back justice shall
"be done you."

Signed Alex.r Macleod.

Mr. Swartz — As Ramiah has not declared
"the plain truth to the last Committee, I accede from
"hence, heartily, to the Colonels opinion, that all the
"Managers should appear, and of course Retract my
"former Opinion."

Mr.

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Mr Hippisley — "Mr Macleods Statement
"proves what indeed I was well convinced had
"long since taken place Viz! — that the Cowle
"given by the late Rajah to the Inhabitants has
"been violated. —

"I could wish to see all the Managers
/Amer Sing excepted/ at our next weekly Meeting,
"when they might be informed in the most pointed
"manner of their misconduct and feel the unanimi-
"mous Sense of the Committee thereupon — at
"our succeeding weekly meetings, I think the
"presence of Sheverow only will be sufficient to attend
"with the accounts &c as originally required by our
"Instructions to the Managers of the 27th ultimo."

Mr Swartz and Colonel Stuart agree.

Mr Macleod — "I am clearly of the same
"opinion: I wished before that as much authority
"as possible should be thrown into the hands of the
"Managers: but as it appears by what I have said
"/in which the Committee agree/ that they are un-
"worthy of being trusted at least the majority of
"them, I think that their power should be considered
"as restricted altogether, except in the detail & that
"all important regulations should be declared by the
"Committee." — /Signed/ A. Macleod

agreed

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agreed unanimously, to the form of a Proclamation proposed by Mr. Macleod to be signed by the Managers and countersigned by the Committee.

Agreed unanimously, that Mr. Swartz shall send a Circle to Mootiarnoppen and his adherents in the name of the Committee offering them Security in the Event of their return to the Country.

Committee adjourned to monday 19th Instant

Alexr. Macleod
Jas. Stuart
P. C. Hippisley
C. F. Swartz

question — are several of the Ryotts run away

A. — They are — 5 Principal Ryotts & inferior ones to the amount of 150, they are gone from the Villages round Combaconum.

Ques: — wheres

A — They are gone in a body, begonda Village Sholeporum about 5 Miles off

Q — Why did the people runaway?

A — Vencatrow was the former Soubahdar but lately in prison here, when the present Soubahdar Shamier made the Valuation or pelly for this

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"with the accounts &c; as originally required by our
"Instructions to the Managers of the 27th ultimo." —

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"/in which the Committee agree/ that they are un-
"worthy of being trusted at least the majority of
"them, I think that their power should be considered
"as restricted altogether, except in the detail, & that
"all important regulations should be dictated by the
"Committee." — /Signed/ A. Macleod

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Committee adjourned to monday 12th Instant

Alexr. Macleod
Jas. Stuart
P. C. Hippisley
C. F. Swartz

question — are several of the Ryotts runaway

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year at 1,15,000 Colum first,

The Sempretty at 1,50,000

Vencatrow while confined proposed at 2,00,000

The Circar said the pilly must be 1,70,000 which

Saruan arced,

Then the Circar Sent for Vencatrow to Tanjore

Six days ago

Upon his going to Tanjore, the Ryotts thinking his proposition would be accepted to their utter ruin, fled — There families remain,

Q has an Account been Sent to the Circar that the Ryotts have run away

A Shamiah sent intelligence of it the day they and the Ryotts also wrote saying that if Venkatow was appointed they would leave the Tanjore Country but would be contented if the assessment was no more than was agreed to by the Circar Viz 1,70,000 Cm Vencatrow is detested by all Orders of them,

Q did any run away in Babas time

A. None Boal Naigue/ the Kownlgar/ the Bazar/ has also run away to Arnalore

Q why did he fly

A. He was formerly the Kownlgar here and rented Grounds to the amount 650 ℔ Annum the name of his place was Valleapetty,

In Hyders was his place was destroyed by Babas

Baba after the war insisted he should pay as much as before the war then he being unable to do, Baba put him in prison.

Vencatrow was then Soubadar here and held him confined. He however made his Escape & went to Mooteanoopah the Kovulgar of Sopanasum who skreened him afterwards by Mooteanoopahs Intamahe got the Superintendance of small dis: ; trict Enaquarrel he killed one of the Ryotts & took refuge with Mooteanoopah He afterwards when Gunapettah Soubiah & Baba's Deputy was confined was ordered to be confined also but having intelli: ; gence made his escape — Now this man Boal Naigue with others comes to plunder frequently.

Mooteanoopahs Custom was to oppress the people by double Valuation.

Boal Naigue & Mooteanoopah remain in Arrealore or Warcapollam with 400 matchlock men and continually plunder the Village people &c in the Tanjore Country.

Mooteanoopah had of Districts in the Combecomum country; he wrote to his people to withhold the Circars Share of Grain threatening them that if they reaped it he would come in the night and put them to death Anwhich Several of the Ryotts are much alarmed — it is feared the

greatest

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greatest part will runaway

Q will the people who have fled, return if Govt make an offer to procure them Justice,

A Certainly they have not much Confidence in the Circar they have in you and if you write or I write adding your name they will all come back directly.

Q How much of the Paddy has been cut

A none

Q By cutting and Measuring the Paddy does he not mean cutting in the Morning, beating it out and measuring in the same day

A. Yes I do.

Q Does he think that as there are so few people now in the Country that there might be a want of hands to cut & measure

A— No— for as the people have diminished the Crop has diminished in proportion therefore it may be cut, beat out and measured in one day that he will become answerable if required to see it done.

Q If you give assurance that the Tilly shall be abolished and cutting & measuring instituted, the Ryotts will return— the Circar may tell them this, but the Ryotts will not pay attention to the Circars assurances having been

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been so often deceived by them.

A true Copy

Signed Alex.r Macleod

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Committee of Inspection be informed that the Board approve the Plan which appears to have been adopted in their Minutes of the 8th Instant, and lament that measures were not earlier pursued to prevent the Evils which by Mr. Macleod's minute appear to have taken place from the Circumstance of placing too much Confidence in the Managers.

Read the following Report from the Military Board.

To the Honble Major Genl. Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.

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

From the Military Board on the Claims of Colonels Stuart & Macleod

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Charnier's Letters of the 4th and 5th Instant, with their several enclosures from Colonels Stuart, and Macleod.

On examining into the Claim of the Sonnes, for arrears of Prize money, for the Captains of the 72d Regiment, we referred to the

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Old Book of Regulations and find the following Order in article 1st "In the Garrison of Fort St George all Captains shall have an allowance of 2 Pagodas, and 1 Fanam, P Month, for Tib and Peon money and all Subalterns are allowed 15 Fanams P M., for Tib money, and in all other places, they shall be allowed Peon money only" — In the Table of the same Book Page-9. that extra allowance appears expressly confined to the Presidency; agreeable to which, the officers of the 71st Regiment have been paid their arrears of Peon Money, for the time they have been doing duty in this Garrison only. — For it has ever been considered as the established usage of the Company's Service, that the above allowance should not be continued to any officers after their removal from Fort St George, or while in the receipt of Field allowances.

With respect to the Claim of Colonel Macleod, we observe that according to the Military Regulations of this Presidency established in 1778 — and approved by the Court of Directors, no Kings nor Company's Officers are entitled to any allowances from the Company, until their arrival at some of their Settlements in India

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India, when His Majesty's Officers are put on the allowances of the Presidency, under which they immediately serve; We are therefore of opinion that Colonel Macleod's Claim is inadmissible; — and that the Gratuity of the Detachment of the late 42d now 73d Regiment applied for by him, could only commence from the day of their disembarkation at Fort St George.

We have the Honor to be,
with perfect respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants.

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[Signed] Clapper
Patrick Ross
Henry Malcolm
Jas Campbell
Wm Sydenham
J Moorhouse
Rich Tolson

Agreed that the Opinions of the Military Board upon the two applications referred to them, be confirmed, and that this Resolution be communicated to Colonels Stuart & MacLeod.

Approved

Read the following Letter from Colonel Floyd,

Majr

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Major General Sir Arch.: Campbell K.B.

Commander in Chief &c: &c: &c:

Sir

From Colonel Floyd, requesting to be supplied from time to time with such Sums as will enable him to purchase 250 Horses—

I have frequently had the Honor of reporting to you the progress of the Disorder which has carried off so many of the Horses of H. M. 19th Light Drag.s — It appears to have entirely ceased,—

My Quarter Master at Hydrabad has procured 143 Horses of proper size and age — that was the number originally wanted, & ordered

At this time 218 Horses, in addition to those abovementioned, are wanting to compleat — you have been pleased to order me to collect 250 Horses, meaning to distribute those which are Supernumerary among the native Cavalry, and you have directed me to provide them on the cheapest terms possible, and to deliver in my account to you upon Honor, this I will most certainly perform.

From the Information I now have, there is reason to estimate their prime Cost at about one hundred Star Pagodas each — so that 250 Horses may be supposed to cost about 25,000 Pagodas,

I beg leave to state this, merely by way of

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of forming an opinion, and to shew what I suppose to be the utmost of the expence — The true one shall be stated,

I therefore request you will supply me with such sums from time to time, as you may think proper — In the mean time, I have ordered the Quarter Master at Hydrabad to proceed in purchasing Horses,

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) J. Floyd
Colonel

as the Bengal Government provided Funds for compleating the 19th Regiment in Horses which would at this time have been effected, had it not been for the Disorderly men-: tioned in Colonel Floyd's Letter, it is hoped they will give permission for Drafts upon them, for the further Sum which is now necessary —

Minute thereon — Agreed that a Letter be written to them, desiring their leave to draw upon them accordingly, and that in the mean time a Bill be given on Masulipatam in favor of Colonel Floyd for Pagodas 10,000 in advance for the purchase of the Horses,

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Comm:
issary of Stores

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Committee of Stores, desiring to know how the Guns and Stores at Arcot are to be disposed of &c

We have this Instant while setting in Committee, received from Captain Skipper, Comm: issary of Stores at Arcot, a Letter, desiring we will inform him in what manner the Guns & Stores are to be disposed of now under his Charge, whether they are to be sent to Wallahyabad or kept at Arcot; As it appears a Business that does not admit of delay, we take this early Opportunity of submitting it to your Consideration,

We have the Honor to be &c &c

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Sign'd J Skipper
W. Petrie
J Moorhouse

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Committee of Stores be desired to order the Guns and Stores at Arcot to be continued there excepting those necessary for Completing the Brigade at Walaujaubad,

The President lays before the Board a Card from the Nabob, entered in C. C. No. 24 dissent

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Substance of a Letter from the Nabob

desiring that 2 Six Pounders with their Carriages &c. Compleat, may be sent to him for the use of His Highness's Body Guard;

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Military Storekeeper be directed to deliver the Six Pounders requested by the Nabob to His Highness's Order

Substance of and this Letter from the Nabob

The President lays before the Board a Letter from the Nabob entered in Country Correspondence N° 25 notifying his Highness's Consent that his proportion of the Expences of the late War be 25 fifty one parts agreably to what has been settled in the Treaty lately executed in the event of future wars — at the same time desiring that Credit be given him for the different articles of money, Stores, Provisions, Cattle &c. furnished by His Highness;

From Mr. Keppisly

Read a Letter from Mr. Keppisly entered in Mr. C. B. N° 40 requesting that he may be allowed an Assistant in the Business of the Committee of Inspection;

Minute thereon.

Agreed that Mr. John Wrangham be appointed an Assistant under the President at Tanjore and as it appears from the foregoing Letter that an Assistant is wanted by the Committee of

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of Inspection at that place, it is likewise resolved that Mr. Wrangham do officiate in that capacity and be allowed as a compensation Pagodas 25 ℔ Mensem.

Examined

Wm. Campbell

Alex. Davidson

Jn. H. Casamajor

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Diary

Sent the following Letter

To Alexander Macleod Esqr.
Colonel James Stuart
John Coxe Hippisley Esqr.
& the Revd Mr. Swartz
} Committee of Inspection

at Tanjore

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Proceedings of the 28th Ultimo & 8th Instant, and to inform you that they approve the plan which you have adopted as appears by your Minutes of the 8th Instant,

To the Committee of Inspection, the Board lament that earlier Measures were not pursued to prevent the Evils stated in the Resident's minute

The Board lament that measures were not earlier pursued to prevent the evils which by Mr. Macleod's minute appear to have taken place from the Circumstance of placing too much Confidence in the Managers.

I am,
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
/Signed/ John Shore Secy

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To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.
Governor Genral in Council
at Fort William

My Lord

To Bengal with Copy of a Letter from Colonel Floyd, in respect to recruiting his Regiment with Horses.

We have the Honor to send your Lordships Copy of a Letter addressed to our President by Colonel Floyd, and to express our wish that the Regiment under his Command may be completed.

As the Government of Bengal were pleased to provide Funds for compleating the 19th Regiment in Horses, which would now have been effected / had not a disorder carried off a great number / We hope to have the permission of your Government to draw upon you for the Sum which may now be necessary for the above purpose.

We have the Honor to be,
My Lord
Your Lordships most Obedient
humble Servants
[Signed] Alexander Davidson
James Henry Casamaijor &c

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To Mr. Thomas Oakes

Paymaster and Storekeeper

at Palamcotah

To the Paymaster at Palamcotah, Madura, and Trichinopoly, with Copy of a Letter from the Nabob to Eitabar Cawn, on the Subject of disposing of the old Grain in Store in those Garrisons

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to enclose you Copy of a Letter sent by the Nabob to his Phoudars, and to desire you will deliver one third of the Grain in Store — after this shall be replaced, you will deliver another third, &c. &c. — always keeping two thirds under your Charge,

I am,

&c. &c.

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The same to Mr. Johnston
at Madura
& to Mr. Falk
at Trichinopoly

(Signed) John Shannier Secy

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob Walajaw Bahauder to Eitabar Cawn — dated 19th Rubbesaury 1201 Hegira, answering to the 8th February 1787.

The Governor having requested that the Paddy placed in the Store at Palamcotah in the last year should be exchanged in the present, you are hereby directed to receive the Paddy now in Store by the Same Toom as it was measured when it was delivered and give your Receipt for it to the

Paymaster

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Paymaster at the price Current of the day on which you shall receive that Paddy, that the Value of such Grain may be stated to the Credit of the Company, When the Sumbha has Paddy comes in or as soon after as possible you are to deliver into Store a Quantity of the new Grain of the very best Quality equal to what the Value of the Old Grain will purchase, and then close and settle the account with the pay-master — In Case it should take up some Days to gather in the Paddy and the price of Paddy in Tinnivelly should become dear (which God forbid) you will issue out of the same Paddy which you will now receive from the Store as much as is sufficient for the Consumption of the Company's Troops at the same rate as you receive it, because the Governor, even in Case of the price being high, gives Paddy to his people at the present price and you will sustain no Loss by giving to the Troops Paddy at the same price as you receive it, when you shall have delivered Paddy into the Store you will have no occasion to Supply Grain to the said People,

15th Received the following Letter from the Commandant at Madura,

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

Governor &c &c &c

Honble Sir,

From the Commandant at Madura, with his opinion of the most eligible Situation for a Cantonment in the Province of Tinnevelly — states the Scarcity of Rice

I have been Honored with your letters of the 28th Ultimo and of the 6th Instant,

I consulted with Ettabar Kaan the Nabobs Choudar on the Subject of forming a cantonment in this province and he considers Shivelapatour the most proper Station for a cantonment — He has been here two days, and is gone back to Tinnevelly this evening, — He informed me that he has directed all the Polygars to order their Vakeels to meet him at this Place / Coilpettah / — that he is to adjust matters with the Dutch about the Pearl fishery, — and will return here in eight days to settle with the Deputies from the Polygar Chiefs, —

The small mud Forts, occasionally erected by the folly of the Polygars, are posts of little Strength and Size, without houses; I am given to understand that Pandalamkurchie is the only Polygar fort in this country deserving of notice — but that it is not a proper Station for a Cantonment,

I consider either of the considerable Villages

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villages Shanganacoil and Shevelapatour as proper Stations of a cantonment — their Situation is healthy — the water good and the adjacent country is the most fertile part of the province; — I cannot however pretend to say at what rate, or with what certainty the Troops would be supplied with provision in any part of the country: The Manager for the Circar will ever make provision as dear as possible — at this moment in Tinnevelly and Palamcotah rice is very dear that the Sepoys exist but very miserably on their pay.

I have not yet sufficient knowledge of this country to determine with certainty on the most proper place for the proposed cantonment but I think Shevelapatour is the best Station for, though it is not, with respect to the Tinnevelly province, so centrical as Shandanacoil, it is much more so, with respect to that country and the district of Madura — it is only two Marches from the town of Madura — and I presume, if a permanent cantonment is in view, the defence of all the country to the South of the Trichinopolly Polygars ought to be admitted into the consideration — at Shevelapatour is a

Small

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Small mud fort, at present commanded by one of the Nabobs European officers — a body of Troops Stationed at this place would be at hand to check any incursion from the Dindigul & Coimbatore countries,

As there is nothing for me at present to do I shall traverse the country — and will do myself the honor of acquainting you with any observations that I shall Suppose worth the communicating to you,

I have the Honor to be most respectfully

&c &c

Camp at Dilpettah
12th March 1787

/Signd/ Donl Macleod

Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in Mr B. Nos 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55.

To Lieutenant Colonel Bridges

To the Commandant at Palamcotah — with Copy of a Letter addressed to the President by the Rajah of Travancore, and desiring he will comply with the Rajahs request, by sending Vellapa Moodely to him.

To Colonel James Stuart of the 72d Regiment

To Colonel James Stuart

His Letter of the 23d Ultimo, referred to the Military Board, whose report thereon Government have approved.

To Colonel Macleod of the 73d Regiment

To Colonel Macleod

written to the above purport.

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To the Committee of Stores — The Guns & Stores under charge of Captain Slippes, to remain at Arcot, excepting those necessary for completing the Brigade at Walaujaubad,

To the Committee of Stores

Do. — Do. — The Board approve their recommendation of Indenting to Europe for Sadd: :dles, Bits, Bridles &c.

Do

16th To Mr. John Wranghaw — appointed an Assistant under the Resident at Tanjore; and to be employed by the Secretary to the Committee of Ins: :pection, with an extra allowance of 25 Pagodas ₰ Mensem,

To Mr. John Wranghaw

To the Resident at Tanjore

To Mr. Macleod — informed of the above,

19th To Mr. Oakes — In consequence of the price of Rice having considerably encreased, the Board desire he will not deliver to the Nabob's Thousds any part of the Grain directed to be Issued under date 14th Instant,

To the Paymaster at Palamcotah

Received the undermentioned Letters / Entered in N. B. W. 56..57..58..

From the Committee of Stores, as to the Re: :pairs necessary for the Garrison Carriages at Vellore,

From the Committee of Stores

From Captain C. Maffey — advising of Captain Thomas Douglas of the Invalids, having been taken up in attempting to make his way through the Curnucklumpaddy Pass towards Slippes's Country

From Captain C. Maffey

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Country, and of his intention to send him to the Presidency the first opportunity

From Mr. Surgeon Davis

From Mr. Surgeon Davis Stating the repairs necessary to be executed at the General Hospital,

At a Consultation, Present

Alexander Davidson Esqr.

acting President

James Henry Casamajor Esqr.

The Governor absent on Service,

Minutes of last Consultation read &

Tuesday the 20th March 1787

approved,

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Inspection,

To The Honble Major Genl. Sir Archd. Campbell K.B.

Governor in Council

Fort St George

From the Committee of Inspection at Tanjore, requesting the Sentiments of Government in Respect to the Disposal of the Circar Share of the Crop, enclosing their Minutes in which the Subject is discussed.

Honble Sir,

We transmit the Proceedings of our Committee of this Date, submitting to your Honor, how far we may be justified in authorizing the Managers to deviate, in some Instances, from that part of the late Rajahs Cowle which respects the application of the Circar Share,

Your

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Tuesday the 20th March 1787

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acting President,

James Henry Casamajor Esqr.

The Governor absent on Service,

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved,

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Governor in Council

Fort St George

From the Committee of Inspection at Tanjore, requesting the Sentiments of Government in Respect to the Disposal of the Circar Shave of the Crop, enclosing their Minutes in which the Subject is discussed.

Honble Sir,

We transmit the Proceedings of our Committee of this Date, submitting to your Honor, how far we may be justified in authorizing the Managers to deviate, in some Instances, from that part of the late Rajahs Cowle which respects the application of the Circar Shave. Your

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Your Honor will perceive the Question to be whether the Circar shall be obliged to take the Charge and disposal of it's own Share, or whether such of the Inhabitants, as are of confessed responsi: bility, shall be charged with the Circar Share at a fair Valuation, after it has been duly measured.

From what we can learn, the Practice in ancient time, was, that the Circar should dispose of it's own share, but that practice has been long discontinued, and tho' one of the Heads of the late Rajahs Cowle assures it's restablishment, we are apprehensive that it could not fully take place, at this Crisis, without great eventual loss to the Circar by Embezzlements and Confederacy between the Circar Servants and the Inhabitants

We are also of Opinion that if the other concessions of the late Rajahs Cowle are adhered to, the Inhabitants will in general, derive so many advantages beyond what they have experienced for many years, as to be well enabled to assist the Circar in the point now referred to your Honors determination, nevertheless we rather wish to be guided by your Honors Directions on a measure which involves some deviation from an Agreement which we had informed the Managers

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Managers was to be the rule of their adminis-
tration,

We have the Honor to be, with Respect &c, &c

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J. Stuart
J. C. Hippisley
C. F. Swartz

Tanjore 12th March 1787

In Committee

Colonel Stuart
Mr. Hippisley
Revd. Mr. Swartz

Received a Message from Mr.
Macleod that Indisposition would prevent
him attending this Day in Committee;

Read the Orders of Government of the 3d
Instant, determining the mode of decision in the
Committee when there may be an Equality of Voices,

Read the Orders of Government of the
6th Instant, approving the Proceedings of the
Committee of the 27th Ultimo and also directing a
valuation of the Jewells found in the Rajahs Treasury,

Agreed to assemble on thursday next,
at the Palace, to carry the last mentioned Orders
into effect: In the Interim to procure persons Competent
to the valuation,

Colonel

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Colonel Stuart and Mr. Swartz observe that they have received Accounts that "Mootiannoopew, with his adherents, is returned "in Consequence of the Cowle proposed at the last "Committee, and that he has been ordered into the "Country by the Managers to recall, and quiet "the Minds of the Inhabitants,"

The Committee being assembled upwards of an Hour and none of the Managers appearing, they are sent for,

The Managers (Amer Ling excepted) attend the Committee and deliver the accompanying Account of Receipts since the last weekly Committee

They are informed that the Honorable the Governor in Council had been pleased to approve the Proceedings of the 2d Ultimo which comprehended the Instructions to the Managers,

The Resolution of the last Committee read to them by which they are unanimously censured for having violated the Cowle of the late Rajah — they reply, "The Circar Share, in order to preserve it, "must be under the Care of the Inhabitants, other- "wise great peculation will ensue," — the Circar "cannot well sell its own Share to pay of the Rents "of the Company regularly — therefore they wish

"that

"that the Inhabitants, / that is those that are
"able / may take and sell the Circar Shaw as they
"like — however the Circar does not demand from
"them the whole Amount of what they take, but is
"well pleased if they pay it in small Sums." — The
"Circar will not charge the Inhabitants, as it was
"done in former times, with more than the known
"market price at the time it is delivered to them, —
"we have lately / they observe / published, that a
"Collum should be sold at 3 fanams which we
"thought would be beneficial to the Inhabitants, as
"well as the Circar, but finding a deficiency of buyers,
"the Inhabitants sell it — at the rate of 2 3/4 fanams
"& Collum, in some places 2 1/2, as the Grain has
"not yet been collected we cannot at present fix any
"price."

Mr. Hephinstey — Desires that the Managers be asked whether they have attentively read, and understand the Instructions of the Committee of 27th February sent to them by Mr. Swartz in Mahrattas and English, under the Signatures of the Committee, and Since approved by Government.

The Managers reply — They have read them, but they are not in possession of them.

Colonel

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Colonel Stuart "as the Managers says
"they are not in possession of the orders of the Committee
"of the 27th Ultimo which was sent to them — Sam of
"opinion that a duplicate of those Instructions
"should be made out, and that Mr. Swartz
"should be requested to translate it into Mahrattas,
"and it should be again sent to them".

Mr. Hippisley & Mr. Swartz agree with
Colonel Stuart.

The Managers desire to repeat "That as they are
"to pay the Rists at stated periods, they are under
"an absolute necessity of collecting money from the
"Country, not by force, but in as mild a way as
"possible: but they declare that they cannot keep
"the Circar Share without its being plundered
"by the Inhabitants and Servants of the Circar;
"they therefore wish they may be allowed to deliver
"the Circar Share to the Inhabitants, and to require
"payment gradually; without forcing it on
"those that are unable to manage it".

The Committee wish to avoid, as far as
possible, any deviation from the late Rajahs' Cowle
but as there appears to be much reason in what is
alledged by the Managers with respect to this last
point, they submit it to Government concerning

That

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that the greater part of the Inhabitants may very well receive the Circar Share to their own advantage as well as that of the Circar, thereby facilitating the Collections.

The managers retire, after receiving the Proclamations countersigned by the Committee as agreed at the last meeting, and being strongly exhorted by the Committee to render Justice to the Inhabitants and the Circar, as they shall be answerable for any maladministration of their authority

Committee adjourned to Thursday 15th Instant

P. Stuart
J. H. Hippisley
C. F. Swartz

Translate of Report from the Managers delivered in Committee 12th March 1787

Chuckrums 9454 . 4½ fanams balance to the 13th of the month called Jamadiaval—

32764 .. 2 Ds — from the 14th month Jamadiaval to the 20th of the same month in the little Chest

4208 .. — 7 Ds — —

46427. 3½ fans.—

The necessary expences being deducted there remains

8504 Chuckrums 3¾ fans.

Dunn

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During the administration of Baba the Inhabitants were obliged to bring oil, butter & Coconut oil to the Palace by which the Inhabi: tants sustained great loss; we have therefor sent Orders to the 4 Subahs or Districts, acquainting the Inhabitants, that they are freed from that burden of sending those Articles to the palace,

We have satisfied the Inhabitants of the Papanas district and decided every thing to their Contentment, we have sent the proper Cowle in writing to them by the Cavelgar or trooper, the Inhabitants will soon come back,

Original Signed by 4 Managers —

True Copy of Reverend Mr Swartz's Translate

/Signed/ J. C. Kippisley

Translate of the Proclamation published by the Managers in the Tanjore District

We managers do hereby publickly make known that the Pully Valuation called, Kabulate respecting the Inhabitants is abolished, and of course that Valuation /called. Kabulate/ which is made for this Year is abolished, and from hence forever abolished, the grain is to be cut

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cut and measured The Circar Share is to be mea:
:sured out to the Circar, and the Inhabitants Share
to the Inhabitants, according to Justice, whoever
transgresseth in this, shall be severly punished
likewise those, who steal from the Circars Share;
we will keep the Cowle given by the late Tulja
Maha Rajah entirely.

Signed by the Managers

A Macleod
J Stuart
J. C Hippisley
C. F. Swartz

To the Managers Pranamies

True Copy of Reverend Mr. Swartz Translate

/Signed/ J. C Hippisley
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To the Honble Major Genl. Sir Archr. Campbell Knt.
&c &c &c Governor in Council
Fort St George

From the Committee of Inspection at Tanjore recommending Mr. Blackburne as an Assistant to their Secretary — on answering & adopting the Phrase and Signature of the late Rajah — Enclosing a Valuation of Mr. Jewells &c

Honble Sir,

We have the Honor to transmit our Proceedings of this Date, and remain with the greatest Respect &c &c

Alexr. Macleod
J Stuart
J. C Hippisley
C. F. Swartz

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Tanjore 15th March 1787

In Committee

Mr. Macleod
Colonel Stuart
Mr. Hippisley
Rev.d Mr Swartz

} Present

The Objects of the Committees attention having been greatly encreased, and the Compilation of the Records requiring much Time and accuracy, Mr. Hippisley states to the Committee that he finds himself incapable of acquitting his official Duty both as a Member and Secretary, without some aid. — The Committee therefore concur with Mr. Hippisley in thinking that Mr. Blackburne is well qualified to aid Mr. Hippisley in his Department of Secretary, and as the State of Mr. Blackburns Health has long exempted him from Military Duty, and his Selection being agreable both to his immediate Commanding Officer, and to Colonel Stuart, the Committee hope it may not be disapproved by Government.

As Mr. Blackburne has acquired a considerable Proficiency in the Maratta Language, the Committee conceive he may also be of great Service in the eventual absence of Mr Swartz, Mr.

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Mr Hippisley "I cannot avoid observing
"that in a Letter of Amer Sing to the Resident, He
"has adopted the Phrase and precise Signature
"/Sree Rain Pretaub/ of the late Rajah, adverts
"to the Respect and Dignity which is due to him"
"and speaks of addressing *the Governor in the same
"Terms. — This appears to me as an Assumption very
"opposite to the Intentions of Government expressed
"to us in their Orders of the 3d ultimo and by no means
"warranted by the Committees Assent to his being
"named one of the acting Managers of the Country
"still less is it warranted by the late Rajahs Designation"⊕

"I think it my Duty therefore to ex-
"press my Opinion, that Amer Sing should be
"made acquainted, in the most delicate Manner,
"of the Impropriety of this Assumption, as well as of
"the general Tenor of his Letter, as far as it respects himself.
"He has evidently been misled, and I conceive, as our
"Duty calls us this Morning to the Palace, Mr
"Swartz may there take an Opportunity to disabuse
"him without any pointed Declaration of the Senti-
"ments of the Committee in the Face of his attendants —
"The Discontinuance of such a Stile may then appear
"to be wholly his own Act."

[Signd] J. C. Hippisley
Colonel

* Answering Speaks of addressing the Governor with the same Titles of the Resident which the late Rajah of Tanjore invariably & constantly used to the Governor of Fort St George

⊕ It was also added by the late Rajah "My Brother is to Govern till the Child is of Age"

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[Signd] Alex. Macleod.

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Colonel Stuart — "I am entirely of Mr. "Hippisley's Opinion."

/Signed/ James Stuart

Mr. Macleod — "Certainly: I agree with "Mr. Hippisley and Colonel Stuart. When I re- "ceived the Letter in question I did not answer it — "but laid it before the Committee — Mr. Swartz will "I trust, aver, that in all my Conferences at the Palace, "I have always endeavoured to impress Annee Sing "with the true wishes of the Honble Board, as to the "Situation in which they consider him at present"

/Signed/ Alex. Macleod.

Mr. Swartz — "Annee Sing has been told "by Mr. Macleod more than once, that he is "not to look upon himself as Raja, but as one "acting in Conjunction with the four Managers, "and, according to the wish of the Committee, I "will acquaint him with their Sentiments in as "delicate a manner as I can."

/Signed/ C. F. Swartz

The Committee proceed to the Palace to carry into Execution the Orders of Government of the 6th Instant Annee Sing and the other Managers readily consent to the Valuation, and having agreed to the admission of the Shroffs and Merchants who had been selected by

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by the Committee, the Jewels &c were produced Corresponding with the Statement forwarded to the Honorable Governor in Council on the 7th Ultimo and the accompanying Valuation was taken, in the Presence of the Committee and two of the Managers.

Mr. Swartz having communicated privately to Amer Sing the Substance of the Resolution of the Committee this morning respecting him self: The Committee adjourn to the 19th Instant.

Alex.r Macleod
J.n Stuart
Jh.o Hippisley
C.F. Swartz

A Valuation of the Jewels &c included in the Committees Statement of the 7th Ultimo.

	Portonovo Pagodas
A breast Jewel	980
Do	691
Do	1,325
a Turband Jewel	1,080
a Pair of Hair Jewels	537
Do Do	100
a Turband Jewel	1226
a Pair of Bracelets	1,300
a Ring for the Arm	400
Two Feathers for a Turband	80
Two Chains for the neck	625
a Set of womens Jewels	598
Do	251
a Pearl Dress	300
Por.to Novo Pag.s	9493.

[Pyrus] { Alex.r Macleod
J. Stuart
C.F. Swartz } mr

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Mr. Casamajor enters the following Minute.

Mr. Casamajor's Minute on the Disposal of the Circar's Share of the Crop.—

The Committee of Inspection at Tanjore, submit to the Opinion of Government Whether the Circar share of Grain shall be sold by the Circar, or whether it shall be delivered out to the Inhabitants for to dispose of charged at a fair valuation — The Committee observe that altho' it was an ancient Usage of the Circar to sell its own Grain, yet it had not of late years been the practice, they give us to understand also, that it is an article specified in the late existing Cowle, that the Antient usage shall be reestablished; this plainly shews that to adhere to the Terms of the Cowle alluded to, would at present appear like adopting an Experiment — the Managers, as also the Committee of Inspection, think that the Grain ought to be sold by the Inhabitants charged of a fair Valuation, they observe that it would prevent Embezzlement and enable the Managers to pay the Rists regularly; other Considerations also appear on the face of the Records to enforce these Opinions: but the whole matter is referred to the Governor & Council for a final decision.

J. Thus

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Thus Circumstanced, and the sale of the Grain being an important object, so much so, as on it to depend the payment of the Lists, it were better to avoid all measures which have a tendency to Experiment in a Government so Situated as that of Tanjore at this time and I presume the Board ought without delay, to adopt the measures which correspond with the opinions of the Committee of Inspection and Managers, of giving the Grain to the Inhabitants at a fair Valuation which has been the usage followed of late Years.

Mr Davidson enters the following Minute

Mr Davidson's Minute thereon

Mr Davidson has such a reliance on the abilities and local knowledge of the Committee of Inspection at Tanjore that he is of opinion the Government ought to rely on their prudence and discretion in adopting an Arrangement for the Valuation and Disposal of the Tanjore Grain.

Mr
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To be transmitted to Sir Archibald Campbell

Agreed that Copies of the foregoing be sent to Sir Archibald Campbell who will be in a few days at Tanjore and enabled to arrange on

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the Spot the Business referred by the Committee of Inspection, in the most advantageous manner,

Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue,

To The Honble Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council
Fort St George

From the Board of Revenue, with Extract of a Letter from the Superintendant of the Baghire, complaining of Trees being cut down by the People belonging to the Cantonment at Walaujahbaad to the great Injury of the Country; and recommending that a Gratuity be granted to the Rentab General,

Honble Sir,

We beg leave to lay before you Extract of a Letter from the Superintendant of the Baghire, representing the Injury which the Commerce and Revenue of the Company are likely to sustain in the Vicinity of Walaujabad, from the Followers & others belonging to that Cantonment cutting down and destroying Trees without any proper Authority.

The Mode suggested by Mr Brighton of sending an Indent to the District with a Peon to ascertain how far it can be complied with, whenever Government have occasion to cut down Trees

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Trees for the publick Buildings, appears to us well calculated to prevent such Irregularities in future and we are therefore induced to re: : commend it to your Attention.

In consequence of Mr. Dighton's Report on the Loss which the Renter of Cavan: : tandelum has suffered by the cutting of Trees on his Farm, we have been under the necessity of allowing him what is deemed an equitable Remission of Rent amounting to Pagodas 10"13.—, as this Expence is incurred for the pur: : poses of the Cantonment, We submit to you the Propriety of directing the Military Pay: : masters to pay the amount of it into the Revenue Treasury, on account of the Rents, and carry it to the Charges of the Cantonment.

We have the Honor to lay before you Copy of a Letter addressed to us by the Rental General together with a List and Abstract of the Valuation made by him on the Houses and Ground in the black Town which at the present Rate of assessment would produce Pagodas 16150.8.7 annum.

The Difficulties which occur in: collecting that Tax and the Resistance which

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is experienced from the Inhabitants so as to render it almost totally unproductive have already been represented, and wait your Determination.

In respect to Mr. Lind's Applic: cation for a suitable Gratuity, we think that the Deligence and Industry he has shewn on this Occasion entitle him to a Reward & we therefore beg leave to recom: mend his Claim to your favorable attention.

We have the Honor to be

&c &c

Alex.r Davidson
Cha.s Oakeley
David Haliburton
Geo.. Moubray

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/Signed/

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Richard Dighton to the Secretary to the Honble Board of Revenue.

Many Palmyra Trees have been cut down since my last Report and the followers and others of the Camp still continue to make great depredations in those parts to the annoyance of the Weavers who cannot work

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work without Shade, I therefore hope some Mode will be taken to prevent it in future as it is not only injurious to the Compays Revenue, but it will prevent the weavers from Returning to these Villages if the Trees are distroyd in their Neighbourhood as they consides the Shade as one of their greatest Blessings.

As I perceived when on the Spot examining and taking an account of the Trees that several Sepoys, Lascars and Pioners were cutting down Trees, and when I called upon them for their authority, they produced a small Certificate wrote in English which the Country People do not understand, I therefore think if it was ordered that when the Company have occasion to cut down Trees for the Publick Buildings an Indent Should be Sent to the District and a Country Peon sent to know how far it could be complied with, and it would serve as a Vouchers for the Loss sustained by the Renter and prevent any irregularity being committed.

A true Copy

William Balfour

Secy

agreed

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agreed that the latter part with the Papers thereunto belonging be extracted & Sent to the Secretary to the Publick & Revenue Department.

Minute thereon

With Respect to the first part, it is agreed, that the Secretary do write to the Commanding officer at Walajanabad enclosing Copy of Mr. Dighton's Letter & directing him to give such positive orders as may effectually prevent the irregularities of which Mr. Dighton Complains. The mode Suggested by Mr. Dighton is to be adopted when any Timber may be wanted for the Publick Buildings.

Read the following Letters entered in the Miscellany Book No. 59.60.

From Masulipatam

From Masulipatam dated 9th March, advising of a Bill drawn in favor of the Military Paymaster General on account of off Reckonings, and Stating a Claim of Lieutenant Horne for M.P. 122..16..5½.. for Repairs of the Bungalow at Rajahmundry, which they recommend may be discharged.

Minute thereon

agreed that Lieut.t Horne's Claim be admitted in Consideration of the Circumstance stated in his Favor by the Chief and Council at Masulipatam.

From

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From Captain Montgomery

From Captain Montgomery dated the 16th Instant at Angole reporting the Return of a Subadar, and Havildar and a Sepoy whom he had Sent into the Mahratta Camp, and recommending that they be paid — as follows, a Months pay to the Subadar, ten Pagodas to the Havildar, and five to the Sepoy, in reward for their Trouble.

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Paymaster at Angole be directed to pay the above Sums agreiably to the recommendation of Captain Montgomery.

Examined

Wm. Campbell

Sa. Whasamayor

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Diary

Sent the following Letters

To the Honble Major Genl Sir Arch: Campbell &c.

President and Governor of

Fort St George

Sir,

To Sir A. Campbell referring to his Decision the Question from the Tanjore Committee as to the Disposal of the Circar Share of the Crop.

I am directed by the Board to enclose Copy of a Letter and Enclosures from the Committee of Inspection at Tanjore, together with the Minutes of Mr. Davidson and Mr. Casamajor on the Subject, which were delivered in Council yesterday.

As you will, it is Conceived, be at Tanjore in a few days after the receipt of this Letter, the Board are desirous of leaving to you the Arrangement of the Business referred by the Committee of Inspection which they are assured will by these means be Settled in the most advantageous manner.

I have the Honor to be,

with great Respect,

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

John Shaniers Sy

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

Gentlemen

To the Committee of Inspection, advising of the Reference to Sir Archibald Campbell

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters and Proceedings of the 12th & 15th Instant,

As the Honorable the President will be at Tanjore Shortly after the receipt of this Letter the Board have desired him to give on the Spot the necessary directions on the Subject of your address, dated the 12th, and have furnished him with their Opinions accordingly.

I am, Gentlemen
Your most Obed.t Servant
John Cranmer Sy

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23 In Consequence of the Resolution of the Board in Council the 13th Instant, the following Letter was addressed to Sir Archibald Campbell,

To

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

Governor of Fort St George &c &c &c

Sir,

To Sir Archibald Campbell, delegating to him the authority of the Board, for the arrangement of the Tanjore Succession

I have the Honor to enclose, by Order of the Board an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 13th Instant, and I have it in command to inform you, that they delegate their authority to you, for the Arrangement of the Tanjore Succession, agreably to the plan Suggested in your Minute, in case the Bengal Government should decline giving Orders on the Subject;

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

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Signed John Shaw Secy

Sent the following Letter to the Secretary at Bengal, in Reply to a Requisition from him to know what Passage money has been granted by this Government to Company's Officers returning to Europe on half Pay

To Edward Hay Esqr,

Secretary to the Right Honble the Governor General in Council at Fort William

To Mr. Secretary Hay Stating the Sums paid to Company's Officers for their Passage Money returning to Europe on half Pay

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 1st Instant, I have the honor to inform you, that the Passage

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Passage money has been lately allowed to the Company's Officers proceding to Europe on Half pay in consequence of this Government having been assured, that similar allowances had been given by the Bengal Presidency to Officers of that Estabishment.

The Board fixed the same allowances for the Company's Officers which had been settled by the Court of Directors, for those of His Majesty's Service they are as follows.

Field Officers	£85
Captains	80
Subalterns &c.	65

I enclose for your Information, an Extract of the General Letter from this Presidency to the Court of Directors on the above Subject.

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

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the 23 March 1787

/Signed/ John Shaniew Esq

Sent the undermentioned Letters
/entered in Mr B. Nos 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66.
67. 68. 69. 70. 71.

To Lieutenant Colonel Ross — to order the necessary repairs to be made to the Wards of the General Hospital.

To this Chief Engineer

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To Colonel Mackenzie

To Colonel Mackenzie Commanding the Troops at Walayanbad

To Colonel Mackenzie — To issue such orders as may effectually prevent the irregularities complained of by Mr. Dighton, in respect to cutting down Timber.

To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam — Lieutenant Horne to be reimbursed M.P. 122. 16. 54, for building a Bungalow in consideration of the circumstances stated by Him.

To Captain Montgomery Commanding at Angole

To Captain Montgomery — The Board consent to reward the Subidar, Havildar, & Sepoy employed by him in procuring Intelligence.

To the Paymaster at Angole

To Mr. Samuel Young — to pay the above people agreably to the following rate,

- A months Pay to the Subidar
- Ten Pagodas to the Havildar
- 5 Pagodas to the Sepoy

To the Committee for investigating the Nabobs Debts

To Messrs. Garrow, Webb, & Landon — to report upon the claim preferred by Mr. Henry Crawford, in favor of Mrs. Grant, Widow of the late Lieutenant Grant of this Establishment.

To Lieutenant Colonel Bridges commanding at Balaramcotah

To Lieutenant Colonel Bridges — with a Letter for the Rajah of Travancore, which he is desired to forward immediately.

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Edward Hay Esqr. — with a Letter from His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic to Earl Cornwallis, which he is desired to deliver.

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To Ensign C. Mackenzie at Nellore

To Ensign C. Mackenzie to send out a few Sepoys to apprehend the persons who maltreated the Tappal Peons.

To the Secretary at Bombay

To the Public Secretary at Bombay for forwarding a letter to the Queen of Canarore from the Governor General.

To the Resident at Negapatam

To Mr. Thomas Lewin with a Bill of Lading of Military Stores, shipped on board the Snow Travancore for Negapatam

Received the following Report from the Hospital Board

Hospital Board
March 9th 1787

Report of the Hospital Board with Recommendation for the Stations of Surgeons. That the Surgeon of the 71st Regiment be reimbursed for the Purchase of some Drugs; & that the Purveyor be directed to send in his Statement of Disbursements of General Return of Cloathing. Mr Bannantine to proceed to Trichinopoly

The Honorable the Governor in Council having been pleased to disapprove the Hospital Board's Recommendation in their last Proceedings, of the eldest Brevet Surgeon to supply Mr. Ruddiman's Vacancy in the 4th Regiment and that upon the Grounds of there being Supernumerary Surgeons,

The Hospital Board by adverting to their Proceedings

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Proceedings under date May 15th 1786, perceive, that Government consider the First Surgeons to General Hospitals as Supernumerary, having been constituted with a view of accommodating them to the Service, and to be in readiness for any Emergency, as there are three Vacancies therefore for Surgeons at present Viz. the fourth Regiment and the Garrisons of Chingleput & Balamcotah,

The Hospital Board recommend the Surgeons to be stationed agreeable to their Seniority, and the order of Succession in the Service, as follows:

Mr. Patrick Pringle to the 2d Regiment of Europeans

Mr George Binny to the 4th

Mr Nicol Mein to the 1st

Mr

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Mr. Terence Gahagan to
the 3d Regiment
Mr. Weston to the 1st Battn.
of artillery
Mr. Fergusson to the 2d D.
Mr. Ferrier to the Garrison of
Madura
Mr. Howel to that of Palamcotah
Mr. Adderton to Chingleput
Mr. Richardson to the
Chiefship of Vizagapatam
Mr. Watson to Ganjam &
Mr. Blackadder to Cuddalore

In the above arrange-
ment the Hospital Board
beg leave to observe, that the
only Surgeons not now
stationed, either by order of
Government or agreeable
to the present System, are,
Mr. Rollo on account of
a bad state of health and
Mr. Simon's Supernu-
merary

Read a Letter from
Mr. Mallet late Surgeon
at

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at Condapilly, which the Hospital Board have thought proper to return to him again, in consequence of the information of Government, under date the 30th January, that he had been dismissed the Service by the Sentence of a General Court Martial & therefore have directed their Secretary to write him, he can have no Claim on the Hospital Board,-

Read a Letter from Mr. Horseman stating a necessity of purchasing some Drugs, which he urges he could not be supplied with from the Store, although the use of them was absolutely necessary, and as this is a Circumstance that operates diametrically opposite to General Orders the

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the Board have directed the
Secretary to acquaint him
therewith.

The Regiment however
being under marching orders,
they have ordered him to be
reimbursed by the apothecary
of which they hope Govern:
:ment will not disapprove.

approved

Agreed to direct the
Secretary to transmit Copies
of Dr. Russells' first Fascicu:
:lous of 50 Plants to the Head
Surgeons of the different Hos:
:pitals for the purpose of
gaining useful information
respecting them, and of as:
:certaining their Physical
properties.

The Hospital Board
having repeatedly called
upon the Surveyor for a
Statement of his disburse:
:ments, as well as a General
Return of Cloathing Stud
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since the Institution of this Board, are sorry to remark, that it has not as yet been in their power to forward the same to Government, although they were highly solicitous it should have accompanied the General Return of Sick, which they had the Honor to transmit to the Honorable Board on the 5th Ultimo.

The Hospital Board recommend that Mr Banantine Assistant Surgeon proceed immediately to Trichinopoly, and there receive Orders from Mr Whyte.

And.w Berry
Secretary Hospital Board

The Surveyor to be written to on the Subject & enjoined a Strict compliance with the request of the Hospital Board

approved

Received the following Letter from the Military Board

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

Governor &c &c &c in Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Military Board on the Claims of Captain Blacker, and Lieutenant Butler.—

We have been honored with Mr. Secretary Chamiers letter of the Instant, enclosing applications from Captain Blacker, and Mr. John Butler,

After a careful examination of Mr. Butlers claim, and a diligent enquiry into his general & public character, we find such respectable corr: :curring testimonies of his Services, and professional merit, as seem very sufficient grounds, for submit: :ting to your consideration, the expediency of reward: :ing him with the fixed rank, of Ensign, or Lieut, on this Establishment; we conceive indeed that he has some additional claim to the latter, from holding the Fort adjutancy of Tanjore, to which the rank of Lieutenant has hitherto been usually annexed.

It appears not a little extraordinary, that the clothing accounts, presented by Captain Blacker, should have remained so long unpaid, but if they can be properly authenticated, we think they should be discharged, in the same

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manner as before recommended for the 9th Battalion, in our proceedings of the 9th September 1786 and agre: able to the G. O. of Government of the 13th of the same month,

With respect to the Drill allowance, it will be necessary to have recourse to the Paymaster General's books, to ascertain that it has not already been discharged: after which, we think it should be paid, in the same manner, as is established for the clothing, by the seperate Bills of each individual entitled thereto, being regularly certified, to ascertain the identity of the person,

In regard of the discharge, for the carriage of Shot & Grain, we think it was incumbent on Captain Blacker, to have obtained from Mr. Digby the Paymaster, an explanation of the cause, of his refusal, to pay the amount; which we cannot help thinking he might have done in the course of three years, Captain Blacker mentions his having before applied, for the payment of this demand; but we have seen no proofs on this subject, that seem a sufficient ground, for recommending the discharge of this part of his Claim,

We have the Honor to be &c &c, J Capper
Wm Sydenham
Jos Moorhouse

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Received the following Letter from the Committee of Stores -

To the Honble Major Genl Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.
President and Governor &c. in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the Honor to lay before you a List of Stores received last Month from the Military Storekeepers, musters of which we have examined & approved, —

at the same time We received from the Contractors Yard, 20 new Tumbrils, which we likewise examined and finding them made of good Materials and well finished, we ordered them to be entered on the Company's Books, —

The Storekeeper at Vizagapatam has addressed a Letter to our Committee, representing

From the Committee of Stores, - 20 new Tumbrills received in Store and 30 Tents at Vizagapatam The Committee of Stores at Ganjam go beyond the Instructions prescribed them by the late Regulations - Jackets & Trowsers to be made up for the Company's Artillery working in the Laboratory

approved

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representing that he had made up 30 Tents, previous to the arrival of the Order for countermanding them, & requesting that they may be received in Store at Vizagapatam; as there are no Tents at that place, we beg leave to recommend that Mr Bakers request be complied with.

approved

We enclose for the perusal of your Honorable Board, a Copy of a Letter we have received from the Committee of Stores at Ganjam, enclosing their proceedings from the 18th December last to the 1st Instant.

As this Committee have in contemplation the making up of new Stores, the Condemnation of old ones, & likewise the Sale of a Brass Gun, we have written them a Letter pointing out

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out the Irregularity of these proceedings & recommending to them a Perusal of the late Regulations by which they cannot fail to be made sensible of their Error.

approved

As it is found by experience that Tubes spoil and become unserviceable, by being kept any considerable time, & as any number may be filled in the Course of a few days, we agreed, that the copper Tubes which have been filled for any Length of time shall be washed out, and that the following numbers only be in future kept filled for any immediate demand,

approved

500 — 8 lbs
1500 — 12 lbs
3000 — 6 lbs

As a Company of artillery is ordered to the Presidency to work in the Laboratory, & it being customary in Europe that the men thus employed

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employed should have
Trowsers and Jackets made
on purpose for them to work
in, to save their Linnen, we
approved beg leave to recommend that
coarse Jackets & Trowsers of
Bungary be made up for
this Occasion.

We examined at our
last meeting the Director of the
Laboratory's Books for last
Month, & also the Conductors
Books containing the accounts
of the Several Departments first
the Ordnance, Ordnance Stores, &
Gun Powder, Second, small arms
Musket ammunition, & Quarter
Masters Stores, third, General
Stores, & Bigneers Tools, all which
we found brought regularly up
to the end of last month.

We have the Honor to be &c &c

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J Capper
Wm Petrie
Wm Sydenham
Jo Moorhouse

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Ordered that Copy of the aforegoing Letter be returned to the Committee of Stores with the approbation of the Board thereon.

27th Received the following Letter & Enclosure from Sir Archibald Campbell.

W. Secretary Chamier

Sir

From Sir Archibald Campbell, with Copy of a Letter from him to the Committee of Inspection on the Reference made by them as to the Disposal of the Circars Share of the Carp.

Your Letter of the 21st Instant with the Enclosures therein referred to, reached me at this place

Enclosed you will receive, Copy of a Letter which I have addressed to the Committee of Inspection It contains my Sentiments on the Reference made by them, and I beg you will lay it before the Board.

A Dispatch from the Tanjore Committee, containing an Account of their Proceedings on the 19th Instant met me here, and is now forwarded.

Sam. & &.

Tiagar 25th March 1787

Signd Arch: Campbell

To Alexander Macleod Esq.
Colonel James Stuart
J. Coxe Hippisley Esq.
The Revd. W. Swartz
} members of the Committee of Inspection

Tanjore

Gentlemen

Your address to Government of the 14th Instant

27th Instant with the Enclosures therein referred to, have been transmitted to me by the Board, who have been pleased to leave the Arrangement of the Matter in Question to me, to be settled on my arrival at Tanjore,

I must always deem it important, to preserve Faith with the Inhabitants, but in the present State of Matters in the Tanjore Country, a rigid adherence to all the terms of the late Rajah's Cowle might injure Government & without benefiting the Ryots, if therefore Care is taken to measure and Value the Grain fairly to the Inhabitants, I do not conceive that they can have cause to Complain,

As a Week or ten days must elapse before I can get to Tanjore I think it proper to authorize you to settle the Business with the Managers, in such manner as you shall think best for the mutual Interest of Govern: ment and the people, they are both materially concerned in the decision, and I am confident you will determine with wisdom & Impartiality,

Your Letter of the 20th Instant with your Proceedings of the 19th met me at this place, & I have transmitted them to the Presidency

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It will be of Consequence to me, on my Arrival at Tanjore, to have accurate answers to the following Questions.

What is the Amount of the necessary Expences of the Rajah of Tanjore, for the Support of his Family & the Dignity of his Durbar?

What is the Expence of Collecting and Managing his Revenues?

What is the present Amount of the Debts and Interest due from the late Rajah to the Nabob of Arcot, and others as they appear in the Books of the Circar?

I also wish to have an accurate and well attested List of all the Grants of Land, whether in Jaghire or Enaam, or other Alienation of the Revenues which have been made Since the accession of the late Rajah, with the Names & Descriptions of the Persons enjoying those Donations, and the Reasons assigned for granting them.

To ascertain the above with Precision, it will be advisable to take the Accounts of some former year, for Instance the year 1760 or 1761, and compare them with the Revenues of the present period.

I am desirous that all these Points Should be ascertained with every attention to the Delicacy

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Delicacy of the Durbar, and I hope you will fall upon the means of obtaining the Information required with Ease, but at the same time with Certainty,

I am, &c. &c.

Tiagar
1st
25 March 1787

(Signed) Arch: Campbell

The following Letter from the Committee of Inspection was received through the Channel of the Governor,

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

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

We have the Honor to transmit our Proceedings of yesterday's Date, and remain with great Respect

Your most Obedient Servants

From the Committee of Inspection with three minutes of the 19th instant—

J. Stuart
Hoxe Hippisley
F. Swartz

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Tanjore 19th March 1787

In Committee

Wm Macleod
Colonel Stuart
Wm Kirkpatrick
The Revd Mr Swartz
} Present

Read a Letter from the Board acknowledging the Receipt of the Proceedings of the 28th Ultimo, 1st, 5th & 8th Instant, expressing their approbation of the Plan adopted by the Committee and regretting that Measures were not earlier pursued to prevent the Evils which have taken place,—

Mr Kirkpatrick — "I hope the proceedings "of our late Committee, will have fully relieved "Government from their Apprehensions — I under- "stand the Proclamations have been duly pub- "lished in the Country: nor have we heard of any "recent Complaints: — those Inhabitants who had "absconded, we are informed, also, are Returned."—

"We stand, unfortunately, under an "implied Censure, in not having preferred Mea- "sures of Prevention, to those of Redress — as an "Individual I am not conscious of any Omission "of public Duty; — my Opinions stand fully on

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"on Record, and where others members have
"differed from me, I am persuaded it has been
"from the best motives, In every Essential act we
"are now happily unanimous. We have more
"decisive Lines to guide us. The Interposition of
"our active authority is approved by our Superiors,
"and we are recognised as a publick Trust com:
"petent to controll the Executive authority of
"the Circar."

"We have acquitted, to the best of our
"ability, every Specific act commanded by
"Government, and have taken every general
"Precaution to secure the Cultivators, by con:
"vincing the managers they are not to oppress
"with Impunity. The Managers being now
"sensible in how Controll is vested, have, in general,
"shewn a ready Obedience to our Injunctions,
"and Annea Sing, in particular, has received
"our Remonstrances, on his own Subject, with
"becoming Temper; Should even his future Lot
"be what he has anticipated, I am persuaded
"he will be benefitted in common with the Country,
"from experiencing the earnestness of our Govern:
"ment / thro' the Committee / to maintain the
"Rights of the Cultivators inviolable. — A Prin:
"ciple which may be inforced with the Natives by

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"by Example, but rarely by Precept."

"In acquitting the last act of our pres:
"scribed Duty, I conceive Government will feel as much
"Surprize as we do at the slender State of the late Rajah's
"Treasury; Nevertheless we cannot reproach ourselves
"with the omission of any act, within our Compass,
"that could have furthered Discovery, if any thing
"has been concealed. — From the long & rapacious
"Career of the late Minister, general Expectations of
"great wealth had been formed: if, by his Examin:
"nation in the Committee, I could have anticipated
"any reasonable Expectation of Discovery, a Sense of
"Duty would have prompted me to propose it. —
"But I thought otherwise, on Principles not hastily
"adopted, and in that persuasion I addressed the
"Governor, not indued officially, but in Course of
"ordinary Communication. —

"In View to any Arrangements of future
"Expediency, my opinions have been already
"committed in the Proceedings of the 26th of august
"of the last year, and every Hours Experience since
"has confirmed me, in the adoption of them. —
"Circumstances were then less favorable than at
"present, yet there was nothing then proposed
"that now requires immediate Execution — and
as we may so soon expect to be honored with the

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"the Presence of the Governor, it is fitting we should
"leave to his Selection every Measure that is not
"of pressing Exigency."

/ Signed / J. C. Hippisley

Colonel Stuart informs the Committee that, from Intelligence that he has received, the Inhabitants are returned, and every thing going on well.

Mr. Swartz's Information is to the same Purport.

Mr. Macleod begs to lay before the Committee Intelligence that he has received,

Gunabady Soubiah, Baba's Gomastah, has a Putacum or Sanad held of the Circar at a fixed Rent / The Circar have taken the whole Produce of it to themselves. Gahroyah a Gomastah of Kamiah went into the Villages — Five Thousand Cocha Seer of other Grain was also taken from the same Place, and all his Cattle."

"A Man had a Lease from the Circar of Land to the Amount of Eighteen Thousand Chuckrums P annum. The Ryotts ran away alledging that they were unable to pay so much. Complaints came to the Circar in Consequence, and the Managers settled the Business to the Satisfaction of

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of the Proprietor and of the Ryotts, by resolving to take no more than it should produce;"

Mr Macleod communicates to the Committee a Letter from the Board of the 16th Instant, intimating Mr Wrangham's appointment.

Colonel Stuart — "The Managers "require a written Order from the Committee for "laying in the Quantity of Paddy proposed in my "Minute of the 5th March last; — I would "therefore propose that a written Order be immediately "sent to them to begin to bring in that, or part of that "Quantity, as it will require a considerable Time to "bring in the whole from the Country;"

Agreed; and an Order in Consequence sent to the Managers to begin to lay in Grain into the Company's Grainaries.

Received the weekly Report of the Managers.

	Chuckrums
Balance on the 12th March — —	8504
Collected from the 12th to the 18th March — —	39356
	47860
Expences being deducted there remains on the 18th March — — —	7699

"The Papanas People, after getting the propos "Cowle by Mootia Mooppen returned to their

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"respective Places, and are now cutting the Crops.

"The five Papers containing the Code
"sent to the Inhabitants, have been published
"in the five Subahs.

Shivarow
/Signed/ Baupanah
Suntapah
Gillynapah

The Committee adjourn to the 26th Instant.

J. Stuart
/Signed/ J. Cox Hippisley
C. F. Swartz

Received the following Letters

To the Honble Sir Arch.d Campbell Kt.

Governor of
Fort St George

From the Resident at Poona - States the Probability of a speedy Conclusion of the War; and requests Information respecting a Mr. Brine who accompanied Captain Kronsonth Hydrabad

Honble Sir,

Nothing extraordinary has happened since my last address of the 3d Instant, except the Return of Tippoo's Ambassador, Budder al Zumman Khan, to the Mahratta Camp on the 23d ultimo; But notwithstanding this apparent Perseverance of Tippoo, in Soliciting

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Peace, I have reaived Assurances from this Court that there is not at present any Prospect of an accommodation, though I must own myself inclined to think the present Contest can not be of long Duration.

By Intelligence from Hydrabad I learn that Nizam ally Khan has Stopt the Purchase of Horses that was making there by Order of your Government.

On the 6th Instant a Person arrived here from Hydrabad, who told me his name was Bruce; that he had accompanied Captain Moinson to Hydrabad, and, on the Departure of that Gentleman, had remained there as Security for the Payment of some Monies, and, from what I can collect, left that City clandestinely - Though his Account of Himself places his Character in a very doubtful Point of View, yet as his external appearance is that of a Gentleman, and he claims Relation to People of Rank and Family in England, I have sent him to Bombay, and taken Means to preserve him from absolute Distress, till I can receive Some Satisfactory account of him from Madras, which if in your Power, I should be much obliged to you to furnish me with.

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I have the Honor to enclose Duplicate of my last addrefs of the 3d Instant, and to be with the highest Respect,

&c &c

Poona
19th February 1787

C W Malet

P S This Proceeds by your Cofrids mentioned in my last, that brought me your Letter of the 11th of December in fifty two days. Since my last addrefs I have heard that the proper name of the Frenchman therein mentioned is Mongineaux,

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To his Excellency Sir A Campbell KB.

Major General of his Britannic Majesty's Forces

& Governor of Madras,

From the Governor of Columbo, on the Subject of the Pearl Fishery

Sir

Since the Departure of my first letter, of which I now send a Copy, I have received a letter from the Chief at Tutocorin Mr Mekern, who observes, that having again informed the Regent of the Nabob / Ettabar Cawn / the day that the farm was to be rented, and having requested that a Deputies of the Nabob might be sent, to be present, the said Regent and Mr Bolt proposed to have an

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an interview with him, and at that meeting Mr. Mekern did every thing in his power to obviate the Difficulties which they have continually started, which has hitherto prevented the Lease taking place, but seeing that they would come to no determination, he at last observed, equally to Mr. Dott and to the Regent, that if they would not change their System, they could only impute it to themselves, that the time which should be employed in fishing passed in unnecessary disputes, the natural Consequence of which would be, that they must be obliged to postpone the fishery till next year. since that passed at Tutocorin, the fresh Orders which I hope the Nabob will have forwarded to his Regent in Consequence of my Letter, which I took the Liberty to send you for him, cannot as yet be arrived — If they are arrived the fishery can be carried on this year, if not, they will be obliged to delay it till the next, if that happens it is true that the Grievance will not be very considerable, as all the people of the Country who have assisted at the examining the Banks / except those who have been sent on the part of the Nabob / have declared, that in their opinion it will be better if they do put off the fishery for one year. — Nevertheless

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Nevertheless these sort of Variances must be very disagreable as they put a stop to a Business for which preparations are already began to be made If after the last advice I have received from Tutocorin, any thing particular should happen you shall know Sir M.r Mekern will take the liberty to inform you and if he finds from the subsequent Orders of the Nabob to his Regent, that matters can yet be accomodated, he will do every thing in his power to have the fishery carried on this Season,

I have in my first Letter said, that the Nabobs Letter was in every respect a proof to me that M.r Lally, had not been sent by him only to treat upon the pearl fishery, but upon other Subjects and as it may some time happen that that Letter, may be of Service to you, I will have the honor to send you a Translation in English,

On reperusing my said Letter I observe I have forgot to reply to what relates to the Examination of the Banks, it has always been customary, that when the Company shall think proper to examine the pearl Banks upon the Coast of Madura, the Chief of Tutocorin informs the Nabobs Regent that he may send a Dony to assist,

This

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This time in Consequence of what has been arranged with Mr. Dott, it is agreed that the Nabob in Consideration that a half of the profit shall belong to him, shall send instead of one, many Donies to examine the Banks together with the Company's Donies, respecting the pearl Banks before Manar the Company for reasons which they have ever adhered to have examined them whenever they have thought necessary, without informing any one and consequently without the participation of the Nabob or any one whatever,

In the last fisheries which took place in 1766. 1767 & 1768. the examination was made only by the Company's Donies, without the interference of the Nabob, the same was done in 1785 in the Second examination which I caused to take place in the Spring, it is true that some of the Nabobs Donies appeared and have pretended they were allowed to examine these Banks, but it is also true, that the arrival of these Donies was occasioned by some Intruders, which the Nabobs people dare some times to permit, and if I had known more at the time I should have immediately have detained them, to send

them

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them to the Nabob, for him to punish them, as they deserve, there is not even any of the Nabob's people who are acquainted with the Banks of the Manar who dare Sir support the Contrary of what I have advanced, if you threaten them with your Displeasure in case they attempt to impose upon you.

I have the Honor to be in the most distinguished pleasure

Colombo
8 March 1787

V.e V.e
Vande Graaff

a True Translation
/Signed/ D. Chase
French Translator

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To The Honble Major General
Sir, Archibald Campbell KB.
Governor in Council
Fort St George

From the Committee of Inspection, advising of their having acceded to the Managers request, to receive money from the Renters, Merchants in Lieu of Grain, for the Circar's Share of the Crop

Honble Sir

We have the Honor to transmit our Proceedings of this Date, and remain

V.o H.ble

J Stuart
J Coxe Hippisley
O F. Swartz

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Tanjore 26th March 1787

In Committee
Colonel Stuart
Mr. Hippisley
Revd. Mr. Swartz
Mr. Macleod absent

} Present

Read a Letter from the Board acknowledging the Receipt of the Proceedings of the 12th & 15th Instant, and referring the Committee to the Honorable the President, who will shortly be at Tanjore, for Directions on the Subject of their address of the 12th Instant.

Read a Letter from the Managers, No. 1. stating the Inconveniences consequent on the Circar taking its Share of the Grain in Kind, and requesting to be allowed to receive Money in Lieu thereof from the richer Inhabitants.

Mr. Hippisley — "Tho' the Subject "of the present application has been referred, in "our Committee of the 12th Instant, to Government, "yet I conceive, under the Circumstances stated, "we are at Liberty to accede to the Requisition of "the Managers,"

"— We have already expressed our unanimous Opinion in favor of the Measure

"tho'

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"tho' it involves a Deviation from a Part of the
"late Rajah's Cowle; it does not appear however
"that this Concession was observed during the
"remaining Period of the Rajah's Government,
"and fully to reestablish the ancient Custom, and
"to effect such a Firmness of Government as to
"check, on either Side, the Connivance and Peculation of the Circar Servants and Cultivators,
"is too much to expect in a Moment, after so
"long a Relaxation of good Order.

"The Crop is now cutting, and the Circar
"should, I think, in the present Conjuncture,
"have every Security that we can offer them,
"consistently with Justice to the Inhabitants.—
"If we refuse our Acquiescence, the Tardiness of
"making up the Lists will be imputed to us,
"and I think we may reasonably anticipate the
"Acquiescence of the Honorable Governor."

"To introduce the Operation of the Cowle
in its fullest Extent, may hereafter, in the Interval
of the Crops, call for all our Deliberation."—

Signed/ J. C. Hippisley

Colonel Stuart — "I agree with Mr.
Hippisley — But if the Richer part of the
Inhabitants are to take the Circar Share of the
Paddy

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"derate Price, rather under than above the pre-
"sent Common Market Price, and even then,
"that it should not be forced on them, but be a
"voluntary act of their own, and the Managers
"also should arrange the Payments at different
"stated Periods, so as the Inhabitants may not
"be oppressed, or distressed in raising the Money
"for the Payment of the Share of the Paddy, be-
"longing to the Circar."

[Signed] J. Stuart

Mr. Swartz — "This Concession was
"granted by Amer Sing and the four Ma-
"nagers, & was the only Difference between the
"Cowle which was approved of by the Committee
"and published, and the other proposed by Amer
"Sing and the four Managers — Therefore agree
"with Mr. Hippisley's proposition provided the
"Circar Paddy be forced upon none."

[Signed] C. T. Swartz

The accompanying Letter written and
582 sent with a Translation to the Managers.

Recd the Weekly Report of the Managers —
583 The Committee adjourn to the 2d April. J. Stuart

[Signed] Roxe Hippisley
C. T. Swartz &c

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To the four Gentlemen of the Committee

in Tanjore

The four Managers of the Circar present

their Salam,

according to the Determination of the Committee that the Inhabitants should have their proper Share of the Paddy, and the Circar its Share we have conducted ourselves- By giving to the Inhabitants the pure Lan: shagam or the stipulated Share by measuring it, we need a Number of Servants — besides our Annildars and the Inhabitants join in Peculation — there is no Doubt of it They give us no certain or true account of that Grain which has been cut and measured, by which the Circar sustereth great Loss - If the Money for the Paddy be collected without Impedi: iment, the Company will get their Money, and the Circar / Money / for their Expence - But if the Business be done in the Manner pres: cribed by the Committee, it will not be possible to collect much Money and there will be arrears, — as it will be very difficult to pay / the Rists / to the Company — If you ask what is be done - we say, that from the Poore Sort of

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of Inhabitants and from them only the Circars Shaw ought to be taken, and no more / they therefore ought to be exempted from taking any of the Circars Paddy / but from the other Inhabitants ought to be collected Money / viz: for the Circars Paddy which they are to take and sell / to the 20th April at certain fixed Periods— If this Method be established we shall collect Money as we wish— you know the Practice of our Country— What have We therefore to write— We shall do as it seems best to the Committee

[Sign'd] Shevarow
Bayanah
Suntapah
Gellerappa

In the year of Isa
that is Jesus / 1787
March 24th

To the Managers of the Circar

The Committee have agreed to the Request of the Managers expressed in their Letter of yesterday's Date, but they expect that no Force whatever will be made use of, in carrying this Measure into Execution.

It will be for the Managers to fix such a reasonable Price on the Circar Paddy as to make it the Interest of the Inhabitants to take it, and to keep them satisfied in this Respect, will be the true

Interest

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Interests of the Circar.

The Periods of payment must also be reasonable, and suited to the Convenience of those who take the Circar Grain.

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26th March 1787

In Committee
J. Stuart
T. E. Hippisley
C. F. Swartz

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Weekly Report of the Managers Memorandum

Tanjore Chuckrums

On the 21st of the Month Jemadelavel — 7699.

Received from the 28th of the Month Jemadelavel to the 4th of the Month Jemadelakes . . . . . 44514.

Tanjore Chuckrums 52213.

Do Portonovo Pagodas 489

Do Star Pagodas 175

Do Madura Chuckrums 871

Do New Pondicherry Rupees . . . 238

The necessary Expenses being deducted there remains — Tanjore Chuckrums - 17816

Portonovo Pagodas — — 489

Star Pagodas — — 175

Madura Chuckrums 871

New Pondicherry Rupees 238

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Signed

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Received the undermentioned Letters

/entered in - M.P. Vol. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16./

From the Secretary at Bengal

From Mr. Secretary Hay, acknow:
: ledging the Procedings of the Military & Secret
Department from the 30th June to the 31st Decem:
: ber 1786.

From the Paymaster at Madura

From Mr. Johnston - requesting he
may receive 5000 Pagodas which the Renter
has orders from the Nabob to pay him, as he
is in want of Cash for the use of the Company -
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"in the Grain.

"The Limitation published by the
"Circar, was meant only to benefit the Proprietors
"of the Paddy likely to be bought for Exportation,
"that is the Shumba & Pechamum Crops. The
"Kar Crop will not keep long, of Course cannot
"answer the purpose of Exportation;"

"But in Consequence of the Proclama-
": tion, the Kar Crop, or daily food of the Inhabitants,
"has risen greatly in price to the Detriment of the
"Consumer."

"Therefore, to remedy this Evil in the
"most effectual manner, without depriving
"the Circar or Ryotts of their expected profits upon
"the Shumba & Pechamum Crop,

"I propose that without loss of time,
"the Circar be desired to issue an immediate
"Proclamation, ordering that the Paddy of the
"Kar Crop shall be brought to market at the
"rate of Three and a Quarter Fanams ℔ Cullum.

"The Kar Crop sells now, at about 4, or
"4½ Fanams ℔ Cullum

"The Reduction of Price I have proposed
"will prove of essential Benefit to the purchaser,
"and leave the proprietor a handsome profit, I

request

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In Committee

Present,

Mr. Macleod,
Colonel Stuart
Mr. Hippisley
Rev.d Mr. Swartz

The Minutes of Circulation under date 28th February and those of Committee 1st March, read & Signed.

"Mr. Macleod delivers certain Accounts "stated to be those required by the Committee "Mr. Macleod, "I have delivered in the "foregoing account from the Circar because I "conceive that part of the Committee Orders of the 27th "Ultimo requiring the attendance of a Manager "with the Accounts, was done away, as Mr. Swartz "agreed in Opinion with me, at the last Committee, "that there was occasion for his attendance; — I "Consider that the President and any one Member "agreeing in Opinion, form a Majority of the "Committee; and tho' in Consequence of Mr. Swartz "Confirmation of my Opinion at the last Committee, "no formal Resolution was entered, I conceive that "our Opinions so standing, are in effect, the same

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