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Diary.

1st Sent the undermentioned Letters
entered in M.B., for Sept.r No.s 1-2-3-4/-

To the Committee for examining the
Accounts of his Majesty's Troops serving in
India, stating, that a Compensation will be
made adequate to the Labour and Importance
of the Business entrusted to them, so soon as it
shall have been executed.

To the Paymaster at Chinglepute—
To pay to the Commandant from the 1st Instant,
ten Shillings p.r Diem for Table Expences.

To the Military Paymaster General—
to add the Claim of Lieutenant M.Knox to the
List of Officers entitled to Persian Batta
as also the Claim of Joseph Hatch.—

To the Chief & Council at Masulipatam
Enclosing Extract from the Records containing
a Resolution of Government to grant Full
Batta to the Officer Commanding the
Troops on the Garrison of Masulipatam

To the Paymaster at Chinglepute.—

To the Military Paymaster General.—

To the Chief & Council at Masulipatam.—

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

John Holland James Henry Casamajor

Tuesday
4. Sept.r 1787.- & Robert Maunsell Esq.rs

Members of last Consultation

read & approved.-

Read the following Letter from the

Military Board.-

To the Honble Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor &.c &.c in Council.-

Honble Sir,

From the Military Board, on the Claims of Lieut.t Loy to Cavalry Rank.-

We have been honored with Mr. Secretary Stanniers letters of the 14.th & 22.d & 23.d Instants with their several enclosures.-

It appears from Lieut.t Loys own statement of his case, that he never was regularly established with the Cavalry, but was only ordered to act with that Corps, in the same manner as Lieut.s Charles, Sampson, Graham &.c

None

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Fort Geo. 4th September 5787.—

none of whose appointments were ever confirmed by Government, in consequence of which all those Officers returned to the Corps, to which they originally belonged. We are therefore of Opinion, that Mr. Loy has no pretensions to Cavalry rank.—

The establishment and monthly expence of native artificers enclosed to us by Mr. Secretary Chamier shall agreeably to your Commands be duly inserted in the new book of regulations.—

We have the honor to be with perfect respect.—

Yr. Obt.

(Signed) J. Caspers
" Patrick Ross
" Jno. Malcolm
" Jas. Campbell
" John Durand
" Wm. Sydenham
" J. Moorhouse

Fort St. George
August 25. 5787.—

Minute thereon

Agree that the Opinion given by the Military Board respecting Lieutenant Loy's pretensions to Cavalry Rank be confirmed.

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Fort St. George 4th September 1787.

At a Consultation Present

The Honble Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

John Holland James Henry Casamajor

Tuesday

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(Signed) J. Casper
" Patrick Ross
" W.J. Malcolm
" Jas Campbell
" John Durand
" Wm Sydenham
" J. Moorhouse

Fort St. George
August 28th 5787.—

Minute thereon

Agree that the Opinion given by the Military Board respecting Lieutenant Loy's pretensions to Cavalry Rank be confirmed.

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Ordered that he be announced in General orders as a Lieutenant of Infantry.-

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

Honble Sir,

We have the Honor to enclose Copy of a letter from the Chief and Council at Masulipatam with Copy of a Correspondence that has passed between them and Colonel Brathwaite on the Subject of a late Requisition made by the Former Fort Company of Sepoys to assist them in performing a Revenue Service.-

From the Board of Revenue, enclosing Copy of a letter & enclosures from the Chief & Council of Masulipatam on the Subject of a Requisition made by them to Col. Brathwaite for military assistance in performing a Revenue Service.-

The Chief and Council by their letter to us seem to apprehend future Inconvenience from the Mode prescribed to them for obtaining Military Assistance but as we do not observe in the Instance to which the above Correspondence relates that there was any delay or difficulty, We think it our duty to lay the Letter before you without adding any other Remark upon

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Upon its Contents.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Signed, John Hollond
" Chas. Oakeley
" David Haliburton
" Geo. Moubray

Fort St. George
28th August 1787.

To the Honble Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

The large Balances still due from the Zemindars on their last Settlement, the first year of which will expire on the 25th or of next month, rendering it highly necessary for us to adopt measures for the recovery thereof, for which purpose coercion may become necessary, we think it our duty to address you particularly on this Subject, conceiving your Board to be eventually concerned in whatever relates to the business of Revenue in order that we may obtain your Assistance in representing such occurrences to

Government

Government, as embarass, our proceedings and for the removal of every impediment to the execution of such means, as may be adopted for the attainment of the important object proposed.-

In a Country like this, where no Regular Civil System has been established and where the Zemindars from whom the Revenue is to be recovered have each of them a number of armed Peons in pay, the only coercion that can be applied, is that of Military Force; but by the Observation of the present Regulations the same Forms are necessary when Military Assistance is required for the recovery of a Debt due to the Company, as if a Fort or Territory were to be attacked, which not only Weakens the effect in the first instance, but also embarrasses us in every future Step of it.

If the Forms prescribed to us in with regard to Military Operations are strictly observed when Military Assistance is required for the sole purpose of recovering the Revenue which appears to be the Opinion of the Commanding Officer of the Troops in this district, no Resolution of this Board can be carried into effect, until

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with it is has been conveyed thro' two or three other Channels for it is necessary for us on the first instance to make a requisition for Military assistance to the Commanding Officer of the Troops in the district to whom we must explain the motives for, and object of what is intended, and as there are a variety of Circumstances constantly arising to which new measures must be applied on our part, further explanations of course become necessary. The Commanding Officer of the District sends his orders in the second place to the Commanding Officer of the Garrison from whence the Troops required are to be detached and the latter again to the Officer Detached to whom the execution is entrusted, - as this last officer is not placed under our immediate direction Gen.l Colonel Braithwaite appears to be of Opinion that he ought to receive all Instructions from a Superior Officer. it follows of course that every new Resolution ought to pass thro' the same number of Channels, & as you are well acquainted with the various practices of avarice usually employed by the Gentoo's, you cannot but be sensible that they will find means to impede almost every intended measure at every

New

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New Channel this to pass thro' for it must always be difficult to conceal from the Inventor what is intended, when so many are to be acquainted with it, and when Confidential native Servants even use every endeavour to discover it, by which means the intention itself may often be frustrated. The operation of the present Regulations is such as we have described, and tends to establish a separate political authority in the District, from that of the Chief and Council, and it has therefore been found impracticable strictly to conform to them in all Cases, but then on the other hand, every deviation of this kind, leads us into a new discussion with the Inspection Military Officer of the District or others which considerably delays, and embarasses all our measures.

In order to afford you an example of the nature of such embarrassments as we allude to, We take the liberty of transmitting Copies of the Correspondence that has passed on a subject so simple, in itself as that of requiring a Company of Sepoys for the purpose of conveying Gopeah the Dewan of Tripetty range of

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of which we have already advised You, a Company of Sepoys would not indeed have been necessary for this Service alone had we not foreseen that it might eventually be necessary to put them of the Zemeendars Representatives under restraint, and in order to make the impression the greater, and its effect more certain as hitherto such Sorts from want of proper regard to Situation have produced little effect, we thought it proper that an european Officer should be charged with the execution of this Duty; and this Circumstance induced us to make our requisition rather for Regular than Revenue Sepoys, to which Corps there are no other european Officers attached, than the one that Commands it, and who cannot therefore, as we conceive, be spared with propriety on any detachment; Having thus foreseen that it might become necessary to adopt similar measures with respect to others, it was also judged proper, that the Officer Commanding the Company of Sepoys applied for, should be put under the immediate direction of the Chief- This having been deemed a duration from Military Rule, has led us into the discussion

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Discussion inquestion, and which we wish to avoid the necessity of in future, as our Letters to Colonel Brathwaite and Capt.t Wahab, of which Copies are inclosed, express our Sentiments, it is unnecessary for us to enter into a recapitulation thereof. & we hope that this reference will be the means of relieving us from the necessity of Swelling our Records, with such Subjects in future.

Whenever coercive Measures may be found necessary for the recovery of Revenue where much often depends upon the promptness of the execution, we think it will always be attended with advantage if the mode of Service is rendered as simple as possible for which reason it should as we conceive be clogged with no other forms than such as may be deemed necessary for the preservation of Military discipline. The executive Power will always be most efficient where it is most Simple, & the fewer Separate concurring Opinions that are necessary for the carrying of what has once been decided into effect, the less hazard there will be of any failure.- We Suggest therefore for your Consideration whether Officers to be detached on Revenue Service

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Service whose use are more political than
operative, as our thoughts are constantly
engaged to preserve, and not destroy the
Natives living under our Dominions, might
not with Propriety from that time receive
their Instructions relative to such Service
in a direct manner, without its being
necessary to transmit the same thro' other
Channels, which in our Opinion cannot
in such cases be attended with any
advantages but may on the Contrary
be the means of frustrating what has
been intended and must always impede
the execution thereof this System was
long practised in this District without
any disadvantage, that we know of, to
Military Discipline, upon which Subject
the Officers attached on Revenue Service
might equally correspond with their
Superior Officers as at present: and We
conceive it would be attended, in many
instances, with to facilitate the recovery
of the Revenue, Should you concur therefore
in our Sentiments we trust that you will
make such a representation thereof
to Government, as may assist us in the
execution of our duty, in what relates
to the business of Revenue: & relieve us,
in some degree at least, from the task of
entering into so Voluminous a Correspondence,

as

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as at present becomes often necessary, upon the most simple occasion when a Military force is required in aid of the Civil Power.

The occasion of this address also gives us an Opportunity to observe that there was formerly a Corps of Sibbendy in this district for the express purpose of assisting in the business of the Revenue which Corps and the Officers commanding it, were placed under the immediate orders of the Chief & Council. The present Revenue Battns are intended as near as conceive to answer the same purposes with the former Sibbendies: but as they are upon the same footing, and under the same Regulations with the Regular Military Battns & the same forms are to be gone thro before the assistance of a Guard of Revenue Sepoys can be procured for any immediate purpose that are necessary when a Detachment of Regulars are to be sent out, upon the most important Military Service under these Circumstances they are not of the same use to the Revenue that the former Sibbendies were, and tho' one of those Revenue Corps is stationed

stationed

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Stationed in this Pettah, a guard cannot be obtained from it, until a regular requisition has been made in writing by the Officer Commanding the Troops in Garrison who issues all orders to the Officer Commanding the Revenue Batt.n Stationed in the Pettah, which in our Opinion might be dispensed with, as the sending of the Requisition from the Company's Gardens to the Fort, & the bringing back of the Commanding Officers order not only occasions trouble but a loss of time the distance backwards & forwards being about Six Miles. -

We have the honor to be very respectfully

Sir

Your

(Signed) " Anthy Sadleir
" James Hodges
" George Westcott

Masulipatam
18th Augt. 1787. -

A true Copy
Wm Chaloner
Actg Secy

Agreed that the Board of Revenue be informed, that Government perfectly concurr in Opinion with them respecting

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Minute thereon

respecting the subjects of the dispatches from Masulipatam &c. The enclosures referred to in the Masulipatam Letter are entered in M.B. No 5.—

Read the following Letter from Bengal.

To the Honble Sir Archd Campbell &c.
Governor in Council
Fort S. George

Honble Sir,

From Bengal Ninety Sepoy Tents made up for the Service of the Coast will be sent by the first Opportunity.

In the month of January last a Contract was entered into by this Government for Tents which were required for the use of the Presidency of Fort S. George the Contract has been completed but as we were informed by your letter of the 8th March that the Tents made up in Bengal were not calculated for the carriage we use on the Coast of Coromandel, such as remain'd of them, and could be converted to any use have been appropriated to the Service of the Troops on this establishment Ninety Sepoy Tents will remain in Store & it is our Intention to send them to Madras by

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by the first Opportunity which may offer as it is not our practice to Supply the Sepoys with Tents & unless they can be rendered serviceable at Madras they will be an entire loss to the Company.

We are &c &c

Fort William
Secret & M.J. Dept
6th Augt 1787.

(Signed) " Chs Stuart
" J Shore

Ordered that Copy of the foregoing be sent to the Committee of Stores for their Information.

Copy to the Committee of Stores.

Read a letter from Major Close entered in M.B. No 6 enclosing Pay notes for Arrears during a part of the Period in which he served with the 20th Battn of Sepoys at Tellicherry, & explaining the Causes which prevented his not bringing forward his Claims sooner

From Major Close.

As Major Close's Claims are Supported by the proper documents it is Agreed that they be admitted & that the Mily Paymaster General be directed to discharge them by a Bill upon Bengal

Minute thereon

Agreeably

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agreeably to the mode practiced in the liquidation of the Claims of a similar Description.—

Read the following Letter from Mr. George Proctor.—

To John Shannier Esqr.
Secretary to the Political and Military Departments.
at Fort St. George

Sir,

From Mr Proctor with a list of Letters addressed by him to Lord Macartney & to the Government which he requests may be compared with the Records.—

I send you herewith a list of Letters written while I was in the Station of Receiver of the Revenues of the Immediate Country from Sept.r 1785 to march 1783, & request you will inform me what Letters from the list have been entered in the Minutes & Proceedings of the Select Committee & Committee of Assigned Revenue at the time, and if the proceedings of the Committee of assigned Revenue have been transmitted the Honble the Court of Directors.— The Letters with their Dates are as follows Viz.—

No. 1	To Lord Macartney & Council	27th Sept. 1785
	Lord Macartney	4th Oct. 1785
	Do.	26th Do.
	Lord Macartney & Council	18 Nov.r 1785
	Do.	7th Dec.r 1785

Do

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Nos		
1	Lord Macartney	17th Dec: 1781
2	Do	27th Do
3	Do	29th Do
1	Do	7 January 1782
2	Do	17 Do
1	Lord Macartney & Select Comm:	25 Do
3	Lord Macartney	15th Febry 1782
4	Do	1 April 1782
5	Do	13 Do
6	Do	24 Do
7	Lord Macartney & Select Comm:	28 May 1782
8	Do	30th June 1782
9	Lord Macartney	8 July 1782
10	Lord Macartney & Select Comm:	19 Do
11	Do	22 Do
12	Do	4 Augt 1782
13	Lord Macartney	12 Do
14	Lord Macartney & Select Comm:	20 Do
15	Do	28 Do
16	Lord Macartney	6 Septr 1782
	Do	9 Do
	Do	25th Do
17	Lord Macartney & Select Comm:	28th 1782
18	Do	28 Do
19	Do	29 Do
20	Do Macartney & Comm:	9th Octr 1782
21	Do	26 Do
	Supplement to duplicate Do	4 Novr 1782
22	Lord Macartney	28 Do
1	Do	7 January 83
2	Do	8 Do
3	Do	15 Do
4	Do	28 Do
5	Do	14 Febry 83
	Lord Macartney & Select Comm:	9th March 1783

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3d Septr 1787.

Sam & Geo
(Signed) George Proctor
Agreed

Fort St. George 4th September 1787.

Agreed.— Agreed that Mr Pondas' List of Letters addressed by him to Lord Macartney & to the Government be compared with the Records agreeably to his request.—

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham.—

To the Honble Major General Sir Arch.d Campbell Knt. Commander in Chief &c &c

Sir,

From Lieut. Colonel Sydenham stating the Repairs immediately necessary for the Artillery Quarters at the Mount.—

I beg leave to inform You that the Soldiers Barracks & Hospital at this Station are in absolute want of some repair to secure them against the next Monsoon the Barracks in particular admitting Rain from every Shower, and the Pillars which support the Roof so much decayed & worn away by Time as to require immediate attention.

The Repairs to the Hospital will be chiefly confined to the Windows above & to the surrounding Wall & Out Houses below, but with respect to the Barracks I think it my duty also to report to you for how inadequate they are to the Accomodation of a Compleat Batt.n of Artillery & the impossibility of providing room for near this Number but for allowing Men of good Character, chiefly those who have Families, to live out of the Barracks in small Thatched Houses which they have built, but upon

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even with this Indulgence the remainder are Crouded and the Barrack being without a Veranda are either entirely exposed to the weather or obliged to shut every door & Window whenever it Rains: I take the Liberty Sir, to mention this Matter for your future Consideration, being sensible that all that can be done before the Monsoon is to give the present Barracks such necessary repairs as will secure the men against the inclemency of that Season.— I have the honor to be with great respect.

Sir &c.

(Signed) Wm Sydenham

Lt Col Art.y

Mount
9th Augt 1787

Agreed that the Chief Engineer be desired to report upon the above, & to direct the Execution of the necessary repairs without Loss of time.—

Minute thereon

Examined

Arch.d Campbell

John Holland

Jas Abercrombie

R. Maunsell

Fort St. George 4.th September 1787.-

Agreed.-

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Sir &c.

(Signed) Wm Sydenham
Lt Col Art.y

Mount
8th Aug.t 1787

I agree that the Chief Engineer be desired to report upon the above, & to direct the Execution of the necessary repairs without Loss of time.—

Minute thereon

examined

Arch.d Campbell
John Holland
Ja.s H. Casamajor
R. Maunsell

Fort St. George September 1797.

Diary

4th Sent the undermentioned Letters entered on M.B. Nos. 4. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18/.-

To Major Donald Macleod with Pr.

To Major Macleod.- Permission to resign the Service on the Est. Dr. His arrears of Off-reckonings will be discharged upon application to the Military Agent there on account of Gratuity will be paid when the order of the Honble Court of Directors on the Subject arrive.-

To the Board of Revenue, Government concur in the Opinion they have given on the Subject of the dispatches from Masulipatam.-

To the Board of Revenue.-

To the Military Paymaster General enclosing Copy of a letter from Major Close with Sundry unliquidated notes which he is to discharge by a Bill upon Bengal.-

To J. Turing Esqr.

To Coll. Kyd.

To the Chief Engineer, the Brd desire he will report upon the state of the Barracks at the mount, and order the necessary repairs to be executed immediately.-

To the Committee of Stores, enclosing for their information Copy of a letter from Bengal respecting Lents.-

To the Committee of Stores.-

To

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To the Military Board, approving the Opinion they have given on Lieutenant Loy's claim to Cavalry Rank and enclosing some Regulations for the Engineers Department which are to be inserted in the new Book of Regulations compiling by that Board.

To the Military Board.-

To Lieutenant Loy, inclosing an extract from the above Letter, relative to his Claim to Cavalry Rank.-

To Lieutenant Loy.

11th To Mr. Geo. Taylor the Board desire he will transmit without delay his Accounts to the Garrison Storekeeper.-

To Mr. Geo: Taylor

To Mr. J. Machenzie Junior.-

The same to Mr. J. Machenzie Junior

To the Paymaster at Tanjore, to discharge the amount of Stoppages made from the Men of the 10th Batt.n on account of Slops.

To Mr. G. Strange

To the Paymaster at Vellore, the Board having accepted Bertram Gui's proposals for executing the Works on the Principal Bastion of the Fort at Vellore he is to indent monthly for the sum of five hundred Pagodas which is to be advanced Bertram Gui' until the Work shall be completed.-

To Mr. Soriano

To Capt.n Lewis of the Woodcote, to receive on Board & accommodate with a Passage to China, D. Maclean of his Majesty's 73d Regiment.-

To Capt.n Lewis

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To Mr Burke.—

I. The Bursar, to pay the usual allowance of Passage money to Lieut Maclean of his Majesty's 76.th Regiment.—

At a Consultation Present

The Honorable Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
President
John Holland James Henry Casamajor
&
Robert Maunsell Esq.r

Tuesday
11.th Sept.r 1787.—

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.

The President in his Character of Commander in Chief proposes to the Board the following Regulations respecting the Invalid & Pension List of Officers upon this Establishment.—

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Generals Orders

Capt.n Rob.t Watts is permitted to return to europe, agreeably to the Certificate

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Certificate of the Physician General.

Regulations for the Invalid & Pensioned List of Officers laid before the Board by the President.

The Honorable President in Council having taken under consideration the several Reports which has been transmitted by officers Commanding and by Surgeons, concerning the Invalid and pensioned Commissioned Officers on this establishment, agreeably to the Government orders of the Twenty-fourth of May last, has been pleased to pass the following Regulations.

Invalid List.

1st That no Officer shall be returned and paid as an Invalid that is not fit for Garrison duty.

2d That the Officers who now stand appointed to the Revenue Battns from the effective List, having been selected either on account of their Sufferings by wounds, or from length of Service, or from having their Constitutions materially injured in the execution of their Duty, shall be transferred to the Invalid List; but that such of them who May decline being so transferred and are found fit for the Duty of marching Regiments at any Period within three years from the date of their appointment to the Revenue Corps, shall on their application, be restored to their Rank & Duty on the effective

Strength

Geo. 4. C. George 4th. September 1824.

Strength of the Establishment.—

2d 3d That the second article of this Regulation shall also apply in all future Appointments of Officers from the effective List, to the Revenue Battalions.—

4th That all Officers of Invalids shall be entitled to Pay and allowances the same as Effectives of the Corps to which they belong'd when on the effective Strength of the Establishment; that is to say, all Invalid Officers of Infantry, to the pay and allowances of European Infantry; and the Invalid Officers of Cavalry, artillery & Engineers, to the Pay and allowances of those Corps respectively except that the Supernumerary Allowance of five Pagodas Monthly to a Lieutenant and of four Pagodas monthly to an Ensign is to be drawn by the Subalterns of Invalids who are appointed to do duty with the Revenue Corps and that four Hundred Pagodas annually, as already Regulated, shall be paid as Gratuities to the Officers of whatever Rank appointed to Command the Revenue Battalions.—

5th Exception also to the first part of Article the Fourth, That Invalid Field Officers are not entitled to Share in the Gratuity Fund, as this allowance does not

not appear either by the orders of the Company or by the subsequent distribution to have been paid to any Field Officers besides those on the effective Strength of the Army.

6th Conformably to the Principle of the fourth article, and to prevent a loss of emoluments to Officers of Infantry who stand appointed to the Command of Revenue Corps, and whose date of Rank at the same time entitles them to a share in the European off reckoning Fund, It is therefore Regulated that every Officer of this description shall draw from the European off-reckoning Fund such Sum in addition to his off-reckonings of Sixty Rupees per Mensem as shall make his Allowance under this Head, equal to what he would receive supposing him to stand appointed to the Command of a Revenue Battalion.—

7th That the Honble the President in Council having thus established the pay and Allowances of all Invalided Officers, it is further resolved for the purpose of placing this Body of Officers on a respectable and desirable footing, that whenever an Officer is put on the Invalid List, the reasons for his removal shall be assigned in orders,

and

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and that he shall be entitled to be restored to his rank and duty on the effective Strength of the establishments if found fit for the duty of a marching Regiment at any period within three years from the Date of his removal to the Invalid List 8th It is to be understood that Officers have been appointed to the Command of the Pensioner Corps, and are to continue to be so, for the Purposes Causes expressed in the 2d Article of the foregoing Regulations, & that their being transferred to the Invalid List is adopted for the purpose of keeping the establishments of the effective Battns as compleat as possible & of preserving the necessary distinction on the Returns of the Army between the effective, Invalid, and Pensioned List of Officers.

Lieut Thomas Price is placed on the Invalid List on account of the wounds he has received on Service.

The following Officers are to be returned and paid as Invalids on this establishment.

Major John Shors
Alexr Mackenzie
Captns Robert Wallis — Permitted to go Home
N. F. P. Abbott
" John North
John Cudmore
Caleb Pigeon
Thomas Smith.

David

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David Campbell
James Turing
Capt. Lt George Holson
Lieut. Duncan Panton
Thomas Price
James Innes Jr.
David Leigh
Ensign & Adjt Saml Pitchett
Quarter Master & Invalids, No 3
Robert Tyron Burn.

Pension List

1st That such Officers as have been, or shall in future be, reported unfit for any duty, shall receive a certain Sum monthly as a Pension from the Honble Company in lieu of all Pay and allowances whatever

2d That the Pension to be paid to Officers who are unfit for any Duty shall be Regulated according as their Services shall be judged to deserve on their Situations render necessary, and that the same shall be drawn for in advance on the first of every month.

3d That Pensioned Officers may reside at the Stations which they shall prefer.

The following Officers are to be Returned as Pensioners on this establishment

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establishment and are to be paid monthly
the Sums placed opposite to their names.-

Lt Col. L. Sr Ward	96
Major Richd. Nelson	60
Captains John Campbell	50
Thomas Douglas	50
Lt Chas Lewman	24
" James Walters	24
George Stringer	15
John Tallmer	15
Henry Keating	15
James Turner	15
Surgn George Gartmer	20
Davis Kirkbridge	15
Wm Lawton	15
Jeremiah Murphy	15
John Jones	15
John Taylor	15
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The Honble the President in Council is pleased to resolve, that such Officers / whether of the effective Lineal or Pension List / as shall be found intitled to the benefits of the Military Fund under the management of the Honble Company commonly called Lord Clive's Bounty

shall

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shall on their application to the Commander in Chief be furnished with the usual Certificate for the same according to the prescribed Form and shall be allowed the passage money of their Rank - But that the Officers who proceed to Europe to benefit by the said Military Fund shall cease to draw Pay & allowances in India from the Day they embark from the Coast. -

The above orders & Regulations are to be considered Standing orders on and from the first day of October next. -

By order of the Honble the President in Council.

The Board Approve the proposed Regulations of the Commander in Chief, & Approved. - It is accordingly Agreed that the same be published in General orders. -

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Letter from Lieutenant Lay. -

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To the Honble Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell KB.
President in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

I have received Mr Secretary Chamiers letter of the 4th Instant informing me that Government had confirmed the Opinion of the Military Board, who had thought proper to state that it appears by my own letter I never was regularly established in the Cavalry.—

From Lieut. Loy. Smith his Claim to Cavalry Rank from the orders of the Company.

My Statement was given to your Honor in Council with a view of showing where my rank in the Cavalry ought to be.—

As to my Claim to belong to that Corps I do not found it entirely on my former duty in that line but on this extract of the General letter of the 16th Febry last, which directs that I be appointed to my proper rank in the Corps of Cavalry.—

The

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The Corps therefore is ascertained but the rank I was to bear in that Corps was left for the determination of your Honor in Council.

The case of the three Gentlemen mentioned in the extract of the letter from the Military Board does not apply. Those Gentlemen having received no appointment whatever from the Honble Court of Directors.

I therefore with the utmost respect intreat your Honor in Council to reconsider my letter of the 18th Ult. and the Paragraph of the General letter above quoted when I have every hope that your Honble Board will be pleased to confirm me in that Station to which I considered myself as appointed previous to my embarking for India I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Robert Loy

Madras
Sept. 9th 1787.

Agreed that the Secretary be directed to inform Lieut. Loy that as he has not

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not brought from under the any Cavalry Commission the Board cannot consider him as belonging to a Corps to which it does not appear that he was ever regularly appointed.-

Read the following Letter from the Comptroller General of Army accounts.-

To

The Honble Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor in Council.

Honble Sir

From the Comptroller General of army accounts stating the accounts he has audited, & his Remarks thereon.-

On the 8.th of March last I had the Honor to report on the Accounts of the Paymasters of Madura, Palamcotah, Permacoil, Trichenopoly, Vellore, and Amboor, Angolo & Chellumbrum with the Superintendant of the Nabob's accounts for the year 1785.- Since which time I have examined their Military Payments as also those of the Paymaster at Sanore, Arcot, Chenglepet, the Mount, and Chellumbrum, and the Sepoy Payments at Madras.-

Mr Oakes the Paymaster at Palamcotah

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Palamcotah, has been called on to Refund Pagodas 10.25. for Lascars Hospitages not brought to account, for which Sum the Company have credit in his Accounts for November Last.

There is an irregular Charge of Pagodas 11.14.40. in the Accounts of the deputy Military Paymaster General in his Disbursements at the Mount for Gunnies and repairs to the artillery Hospitals, not having been authorized by Government; but as the expence appears to have been necessary I beg leave to submit it to your Honor to allow it in Mr. Joseph Garrow's Accounts.

The Sangoie Accounts from the beginning of the year 1785 to the end of April last, have been passed agreeably to your orders of the 25th Ultimo.

The Military Storekeepers Accounts from the commencement of the year 1785 to the Month of June 1786, were closed on the 31st January & reported to your Honor &c. Shawe Skeene since examined those of the same Departments to the 30th of April 1787 In the latter Shawe found the vouchers very correct particularly

Sir

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From the month of January last, from which time Receipts have been taken for every article issued from the arsenal, nor have any Stores been delivered out as formerly upon Indents only.—

The Accounts of the Military Paymaster General, & of the Paymaster at Bonamalee for the above time & the Garrison Storekeeper from 1st Janry 1785 to 30th April 1787 are now under examination & shall be reported to your Hon.rs in the course of a few days as well as those of the several Paymasters accounts with the Superintendant for the year 1786 when the Correspondence with them shall be closed.

The Military Payments at the Garrisons of Madura Palamcotah Permacoil & Trichinopoly, for 1786 have been examined and found to be correct and correspond with the vouchers.

I have the honor to be with great respect.

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7th Septr 1787.

(Signed) &c &c
J. Upjohn
Comptr Genl
Mily Accounts

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Read the following Letter from
Mr Gahagan Surgeon on this Establishment.-

To the Honble Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell KB,
President in Council Fort St. George

Honble Sir

In Obedience to a General
order lately issued requiring all Surgeons
to inform the Medical Board of their admission
into the Service and the dates of their
Appointment as full Surgeons, I informed
the Medical Board.-

"That I was a Surgeons Mate
on this Establishment in July 1767 and that
I was appointed a full Surgeon at the India
House in October 1777 and signed Covenants
which particularly specified me as such.-

As I do not find that the Medical
Board have paid that attention to the above
as well as several prior and subsequent
representations respecting my Rank
which my standing and Services merited,
I am obliged to address your Honor in
Council in the full confidence with the
hope that on a Point of such importance
to my future prospects I shall not be
despised

From Mr Gahagan Surgeon setting forth his Services, and requesting to be appointed to his Proper Rank next above Mr Pringle.-

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deprived of the means of redress altho'
I have not the good fortune to have their
recommendatory Letter to Government on the
occasion.-

I will give a Detail of my standing
and Services in as few Words as possible.-

In July 1767 I was appointed
a Mate in the Service, and ordered to proceed
to Camp with a detachment of Europeans
with whom I joined the Main Army
under General Smith about Fifteen
days preceding the Battle of Trinomalee,
thence to the General Hospital with the
wounded, where I continued till the Hospital
was removed to Vellore, and afterwards
joined the Army at the close of the Monsoons
where I continued till the War was over,
when I was appointed to Paramallee to take
charge of the Sick of Four hundred Recruits
and after they were disciplined and
incorporated into their Corps I was
appointed to Trichinopoly where I remained
till the Siege of Tanjore took place &
soon after joined the army employed
on the Maravar Country under General
Joseph Smith who appointed me acting
Surgeon under Major Braithwaite when
the Service was over I was left there as
acting

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acting Surgeon with the Colonel Bonjour's Detachment in preference to many Seniors who pushed for it, without having had the same Claim by active Service which had visited it to me.

While in the Moravian Country I heard that Mr. Pringle Nephew to Mr. Pasley then the Senior Surgeon in the Service, has been appointed above me on the List of Surgeons assistants, I addressed my Commanding Officer on the occasion who forwarded my letter to the Governor, and I had every assurance of not being superceded; but it was my misfortune to find that when my duty permitted my return to the Presidency the Governor Mr. Dispri had returned to Europe his Successor Mr. Wynch promised his Countenance when a Vacancy happened but required my attendance to my duty in the Interim and as preparations were then making for the Second Siege of Sangore, I joined the Army, and attended the General Hospital during the Siege after which I was stationed at Trichinopoly till the end of 1775 when I came to the Presidency to push for my Rank, and was astonished to find Mr Pringle had some time before been appointed

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appointed a full Surgeon, that he had never been announced in the General Orders sent to the Out Garrisons, Laid before the Council in consequence, and had their Consent to be reinstated in my rank above Mr. Pringle and next below Mr. Wm. Duffin.

After waiting several Weeks in hopes of having my proper rank & established & full & on the course of my Indisposition was advised by some of my Friends to solicit permission to proceed to England as well for the recovery of my health, as to obtain that redress at the India House which by some untoward means seemed likely to be withheld from me here, & accordingly addressed Council who granted me leave to go home with a promise of a Recommendation to the Court of Directors in their next General Letter.

Embarked on the Northumberland in February 1776, and as the Company's Board of Surgeons was dissolved, I underwent a regular examination at Surgeons Hall and was admitted and sworn into the Surgeons Company at London and received the Diploma in Consequence - Thence I went to Doctor Hosack his Majesty's Physical examiner who

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who examined me and gave me a diploma
also. Those original Papers I lodged at the
India House and requested leave to retire
with my Rank which was next
below Mr. Wm. Duffin; When called
before the Committee at the India House
they sent for a List of Surgeons and
Assistants at this Presidency but none
was to be found; I then presented to the
Committee Letters from General Smith
and Mr. Petrie to shew that my Rank
was as I had stated it next to Mr. Wm.
Duffin whereupon they assured me of a
favorable report in due time,

Soon afterwards took out my
Covenants as Sub Surgeon but was
surprized to find on my calling at the
India House to take leave that I was
mentioned in the General Letter to rank
as Sub Surgeon on my arrival at
Madras.

Upon stating this Error which
was occasioned by Mr. Holt in Mr.
Secretary Mitchells absence who had
the Letter from General Smith and Mr.
Petrie about my rank Mr. Mitchell
wrote to General Smith that he would

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get the matter revised next Court day;
but as my passage money had been paid
and my Baggage on Board, I could not
stays and relied on Mr. Mitchells assurances
as well as the favorable reception I had
been Indulgd with from the different
Gentlemen on the direction.

To my misfortune that point was
omitted in the multitude of important
Matters which at that period engaged
their attention, being at the eve of the
French War, nor have I even to this hour
prosed the revisal of a point which was
not heretofore of any material Consequence
Circumstanced however as I now am
with a large Family and without the
means of Provision and Considering the
Serious Consequence of every Step in point
of Rank under the Subsisting regulations,
I could not Suspend my Claims
without injuring my future prospects
in a great degree,

Therefore addressed the Medical
Board in a short & respectful memorial
which they refused to forward to your
Honor in Councils and Seeing Consequence
in part to the necessity of this address
in the first instance every point of
which I am ready to support by the

Sworn

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Having Testimony of many Gentlemen now on Station here in the Civil & Military Line who were witnesses to most of the leading Facts.— I therefore beg leave to request that Your Honor in Council will be pleased to take it into Consideration the Services of one who has been upwards of Twenty Years in your Employ and who has never omitted an hours duty in the field on pretence of Illness or any other Cause whatever & that I may be placed in the Service according to my original standing therein namely next below — Mr. William Duffin.—

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Vellore
Sept. 5th 1787.—

(Signed) J. Gahagan

Minute thereon

Agreed that Copy of the above Memorial be sent to the Hospital Board, & that they be desired to report to Government whether Mr. Gahagan's Representation is correct as to the facts which he has stated & why the memorial was not noticed by them.—

The

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The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Colonel Nixon.—

Sir

The inclosed Letter having been written some time ago, and all along intended to be forwarded about the date it bears.—I find myself a little mortified because the Court of Directors are not only averse to but have positively prohibited my request as comprized therein from being complied with in this Country I request therefore the favour of you to permit me to change the ground & nature of that application so far as to forward it to themselves as a number in your next packets to decide upon.— acquainting them at the same time if it is your pleasure so to do that I am both ready & willing even in the event of their compliance my health permitting, to protract the necessity of my visit to Europe for even two years, provided my services shall be deemed useful or necessary to them, in this Country and that the low state of my Circumstances

From Colonel Nixon, enclosing an application that he intended to have made to Government for leave to go to England on half Pay; and stating that as he is not entitled to that Indulgence from the late orders of the Company, he requests a Copy of his Letter may be submitted to the Court of Directors in Order to obtain their sanction to his drawing half Pay while in England.—

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Circumstances is the occasion why I so strenuously solicit for the indulgence of an allowance of half-Pay, during the time of my absence from duty in India without which I apprehend I shall be able to live but meanly in England.—

I have the honor to be
Sir &c
(Signed) Eccles Nixon

Vellore
2nd Septr. 1787—

To the Honble Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell Kbt.
Governor and Commander in Chief
&c &c Coast of Coromandel.

Sir

Having served this
Majesty and the Honble Company twenty
nine years, and finding myself sometimes
troubled with fits of the Gout and my health
in other respects not so good as formerly
I am under the necessity of requesting the
indulgence of three years leave of absence
to return to Europe on half pay, as well,
for

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For the benefit of my health, as to adjust some private concerns in England which are at present in a State of confusion.

In order to induce you the more readily to comply with my request I beg leave briefly to recapitulate the actions in which I have been concerned since the commencement of my Services

Whilst in his Majesty's Service I was present at the several Descents of the British Army on the coast of France in the year 1758 at the Bay of Cancal at the burning of a French Fleet in the harbour of St Maloe - the taking of Cherburgh the destruction of its Pier and the burning of all the Shipping in the Bason at the Battle of Saint Cas: the Siege and taking of Belleisle in 1761 - and in a little Sea action in returning from thence in 1762

In 1764 I was present in this Country at the Siege and Capture of Madura In 1765 at the reduction of Wurrior Pollam Arialoor Mallavanje - Beem Naig and Verapah Naigs Pollams In 1766 to the northward at the reduction of Podapogur & Jannelottah immediately after which I marched with a Detachment of

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of Grenadiers to join Nyam ally Canons
Army then on the Mysore Country I was
present in 1767, at the Battles of Trino-
malla Langanah Singrapettah
Wanciambady and the Blockade and
Surrender of Hustna Ghurry being
removed to the 9.th Batt.n of Sepoys I marched
with a small Detachment from
Trichinopoly to Erode at which place,
it unfortunately fell in with Hyders
whole army and after a long and
obstinate engagement was cutt off; myself
wounded and carried Prisoner to
Seringapatam - In 1778 I was present at
the Siege and Capture of Pondicherry -

During the last War I was
chiefly employed South of the Coleroon
and generally successful against the
enemy particularly at the Sieges of
Manarcoil, and Mahadapatnam where
I commanded I was also present at the Battle
of Alhangoody where the Companys Troops
were successful; - after that action I marched
the Company's Army to Negapatam when
Sir Hector Munro landing, I took the
command under his order, with a
Detachment composed of Marines Sailors
& Company's Troops. I commanded at the
Storming

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Storming and carrying the Dutch Lines.—
Negapatam being reduced and my Services
no longer required there, I returned to
Trichy where in the month of June following
having collected as many troops as could
be assembled; I once more entered the
Tanjore Country, as I had since an full
possession of Hyder Ally's Forces having
upon the 20th of the same month gained
a small Victory over their Main Body
at Chamcottah — I followed, and expelled
them from that Country.—

The command in the Southern
Districts being conferred on Colonel Lang,
I obtained leave to join our Grand army
serving to the Northward and in 1783
embarked on board his Majesty's Ship
Bristol for Cuddalore where the army
then lay; but was prevented from landing
by the French fleet, which upon the
20th June in the same year engaged
the British under the command of Sir
Edward Hughes Knight of the Bath.

I presume to hope you may
excuse my troubling you with the mention
of so many Circumstances which are
intended only to give a recollection
of what might otherwise have been
forgotten! and which I use as a means
to

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to obtain the required leave of absence.-
To which I join my request that you
will be pleased to make such mention
of me to the Honble Court of Directors as
you may judge my Services to merit
whereby my return to this Country
may be insured and having fortunately
throughout the course of my long Service
acquired the approbation of all my
different Commanding Officers I flatter
myself under your favour to obtain
some mark of the approbation of the
Honorable Court of Directors.—

I am respectfully &c &c.

(Signed) Eccles Nixons

Vellore
2nd Sept. 1787.-

Copy of Colonel Nixon's Letter to be sent to England.-

Agreed that Copy of Colonel Nixon's Letter be sent to the Court of Directors as a number in the Packet by the next Dispatch.-

His Merit & Services to be reported Home

Agreed also to inform Colonel Nixon that the Board will chearfully report his Merit & Services to the Court of Directors which cannot but entitle him to their favor & protection.—

The President recommends that the Hospital at Vellore be repaired.-

The President lays before the Board a Plan & Estimate for Repairs necessary to the Hospital at Vellore, which he

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he recommends may be made without loss of time.

Resolved that this Plan & Estimate be sent to the Chief Engineer with directions for carrying the Repairs into execution conformably to the Sugg-
Agreed.- =lations of the 27th Sept. last.-

Ordered that Colonel Nixon, & Mr Torriano be advised of the above Resolution.

The Commandant & Paymaster to be advised accordingly.

Read the following Letter from Capt. Limerick of the Success Galley.-

Major General Sir Arch. Campbell &c.
President &c &c &c.

Hon'ble Sir

From Capt. Limerick of the Success Galley, requesting the Interposition of the President with his Highness the Nabob for the speedy Settlement of his Accounts.-

On my arrival here from Bengal I received through the Hon'ble Board an application from his Highness the Nabob for his Ships, from the urgency of it I expected a Person would have been instantly appointed to take the Command and that her repairs and outfit at Calcutta would have as Instantly been discharged when Capt. Parlow represented to me the very Unfortunate state of his health and the great Losses he had sustained in freighting the

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The Ship to Mr. Brucce who becoming a bank-
rupt on his fortunes was unable to pay,
he dwelt much on the great anxiety the
Nabob was under to have his Ship at Madras.
thinking to oblige his Highness I had the
Ship regularly surveyed and having the
Money by me got her repaired at last 20 pCent
Cheaper than the same repairs paid for in
the usual manner which by any Committee
of Merchants that have fitted out Ships in
Calcutta will more fully appear I found her
without one Trustworthy Cable, her Rudder
totally decayed. -

Great part of her Low fast broke
off wanting new doubling from the lights
water mark up to the bends the Upper
below, that off in several parts most of her
Masts bad in short in such a condition
as will appear from the Survey / a Copy
of which I transmitted to his Highness / from
Calcutta that she would by this have
much - I attended her repairs daily with
the greatest attention to Oconomy for near
two months - in the time for which I insured
the Money laid out on the Ship is elapsed
and as it is a large Sum for me to risk
without Interest or Profit never having
any

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he recommends may be made without loss of time.

Agreed.- Resolved that the Plan & Estimate be sent to the Chief Engineer with directions for carrying the Repairs into execution conformably to the Regu-=lations of the 27.th Sept.r last.-

The Commandant & Paymaster to be advised accordingly. Ordered that Colonel Nixon, & Mr Morrison be advised of the above Resolution.-

Read the following Letter from Capt.n Limerick of the Success Galley.-

Major General Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B. President &.a &.a &.a

Honble Sir

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Great part of her Low sat bricks of wanting new doubling from the Light water mark up to the bends the Upper below, that off in several parts most of her Masts bad in short in such a condition as will appear from the Survey / a Copy of which I transmitted to his Highness / from Calcutta that she would by this have sunk - I attended her repairs daily with the greatest attention to Oconomy for near two Months - as the time for which I insured the Money Laid out on the Ship is elapsed and as it is a large Sum for me to risk without Interest or Profit never having any

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any Intentions to keep the Command of the Ship both to return to England as soon as I can finish the Cause in the Mayors Court- the Season being so advanced the Ship having already been here near a Month totally Idle and at expences- I humbly hope that you will have the goodness to urge his Highness to come to a determination- my old Account is very small when divested of its Interest and would hardly have been any thing- & if it had not been for the Preparation for going to Europe in 1782 - though his Highness broke through his Agreements with me by lending the Ship to the Company & by keeping me at the most active times Idley waiting in the Roads for dispatches I am embassador to the Governor General, yet I never charged a Rupee sailing Charges or for Repairing &c. and had not the most distant Idea when I was obliged to go to Europe for my health but that he would have instantly have paid so small an Account as mine - when was- the Ship before I got the Command never took the Union less than from

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I am to Twelve Thousand Pagodas a year
I just performed as much Service for them
during the war and did not cost them so
much as one year before— Had his Highness
informed me on my Arrival here that
it was not convenient to settle the accounts
I could have sent the Ship to China on a
certain freight of Twenty Five Thousand
Rupees which would have nearly paid
her repairs— I therefore pray that you will
have the goodness to direct that a Study
examination of my Accounts may take
place in order that should I be permitted
to have my Cause reheard in the Mayor's
Court, a Circumstance opposed with all the
chicanery and art of Mr Bosphan— I may
be able to return in the 1st Ship for
Europe.—

I have the honor to be
Honble Sirs
Your most Faithful
Humble Servant
(Signed) C. Fenwick

Agreed

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Sept. 10th 1787.

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Copy to the Nabob

Agreed that Copy of the Foregoing be sent to the Nabob & that the President be desired to request his Highness's Determination thereon.—

Read the following Letters entered in the M. B., Nos. 19. 20. & 21.

From Mr. George Anderson

From Mr. George Anderson Brevet Surgeon enclosing some Bills for pay &c. due to him while he was on Service in the Northern Circars & stating that he has been prevented by Indisposition from bringing them forward at an earlier Period.—

Minute thereon

Ordered that Copy of Mr. Anderson's Letter with his Bills be sent to the Comissary General, who must be directed to audit them after which they will be discharged by a Bill on Bengal agreeably to the mode practised in the liquidation of Military Arrears.—

From the Paymr. at Arcot.—

From the Paymaster at Arcot enclosing a Bill for Stationary purchased for the use of his Office from the month of July 1784, & transmitting the Govt. Storekeepers Certificate that no stationary has been issued during the Period stated.—

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Ordered that Mr. Welch's Bill be discharged, as it appears that he was not furnished with Stationary for the Period mentioned

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mentioned by Sum.—

From Captain Watts, enclosing the Physician General's Certificate of the necessity of his proceeding to Europe for the recovery of his Health & requesting to be recommended for Lord Clive's Bounty.

From Captain Watts.—

Agreed that Capt.n Watts be permitted to proceed to Europe for the recovery of his Health.—

Minute thereon

Ed.d Geo.e Lud.r Harsten

Arch.d Campbell

John Holland

Jn.o Fl.t Casamajor

R. Maunsell

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Diary

To her Highness the Nabob. — 12th Sent Letter to her Highness the Nabob /as entered in C.C. No. 66/ enclosing Copy of a nother Letter from Captain Lenoveh. —

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28-29./.

To Col. Nixon — To the Commandant at Vellore Informing him that the repairs necessary for the Hospitals there, are to be executed conformably to the Regulations of the 27th Sept. last. —

To Lieut. Col. Ross. — To the Chief Engineer Informing him that the Board approve Lieut. Norris' Plan and estimate for repairs to the Hospital at Vellore; to order the execution thereof.

To the Members of the Hospl. Board. — To the Members of the Hospital Board enclosing Copy of a memorial addressed to Government by Mr. Gahagan, respecting his Rank upon which they are to report; and directing them to send in without Loss of time, the dates of admission of the Surgeons, and Surgeon Mates in the Honorable Company's Service. —

To Mr. Thomas Welch. — To the Paymaster at Arcot, returning his Bill for Stationary, which he is permitted to charge the amount of, in his Disbursements —

To

12th To Colonel Nixon Informing him that a Statement of his Services, on the his request of going to Europe for three years on half Pay, will be forwarded to England, by the first Dispatch; the Board will be glad to receive his Merits to the Court of directors, to entitle him to their favor and protection—

To Col. Nixon.—

To Lieutenant Robert Loy, Informing him, that in Consequence of his not having brought from Europe a Commission the Board do not consider him entitled to hold any Rank in the Corps of Cavalry having never been regularly appointed to it.—

To Lieut. Robert Loy.—

To the Commissary General Desiring him to audit the accompanying Accounts of Mr. George Anderson, Surgeon, which, if found right, are to be discharged by a Bill on Bengal.—

To Col. Capper

14th The following Letter from Bengal, is entered here on the Records of the Public Department.

To the Honble Sir Archd. Campbell K.B. President &c. Council of Fort S. George

Gentlemen We have this day taken into Consideration the State of our resources for the

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14th the Current year between 30th April 1787 and 1st May 1788 and the Supplies which can be appropriated therefrom towards the exigencies to the other Governments the Residency of Bencoolen St. Helena China and Penang. The vote of Supply last year exclusive of the latter place amounted to Or. 97 65000 of that amount, the allotment to your Presidency was Or. 40,00,000 and you were informed that it was the utmost extent of our means; we learn however from a Statement prepared by our Accountant General, that our actual Disbursements for your last year was - - Or. 49.57.426. 6-11.

That the Supplies engaged for & now to be payed are - - 11.42.368. 3-7.

And that Bonds issued in Exchange for Certificates on Account of your Mil.y Arrear are 44.32.274-8-7-

Total - - - - 1052.064. 2-1.

or an Excess of 65.27.064. 2-1 from which a very trifling Deduction may be allowed for the Articles sent to Bengal.

Your Letter of the 24th May leads us to believe that your Exigencies this year would be inconsiderable; Drafts for 185627. Pagodas on account of the Hongs Troops & Certificates to the Amount of 25000 Pagodas for

Form Being at stating the Sum set apart for the Presidency of Fort St. George for the Current year, & endorsing a Statement of Disbursements & Supplies for the last year.

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14th For remounting the 19th Regiment of Dragoons are therein noticed as the whole of your wants, except such articles the produce of Bengal as can occasionally be furnished to advantage — But your estimate of receipts and Disbursements supposes the realization of Pays £405.527 or Cr 17.57876 — we should be happy if the whole of your wants required a Disbursement from us of no more than the latter Amount but on the Accompanying Statement the Disbursements engaged for and expected to be made are therein estimated at 38.779.87-1/4 and so far from entertaining an Idea of Diminution we conceive some further allowance must be made for contingencies — for these reasons we have resolved to fix the positive Supplies to your Presidency between 1st May 1787 and the 30th April 1788 at the Sole Sum of 45,00,000 Lacs of Rupees — including the Debt due to the King of Travancore which with Interest will we imagine be more than five Lacs / Cr. 50,000 ... / This

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14th

This appropriation we are confident will be sufficiently ample, for this year and we sincerely hope that at the great Difficulties under which you have long Labour'd from the weights of your Military Arrears will be entirely removed, the expectation expressed in your Letter of the 24th May will in future be verified and that the gradual Improvement of your Resources will enable you to Appropriate some part of your Revenue to the Provision of an Investment of Cloath Goods, under the Idea that it will be in your Power to furnish at least a Large and a half this Season; in our general Arrangement of the Ships we have ordered the Britannia and Henry Dundas to call at Fort St. George

The Dundas will be dispatched to you on the 25th December, but as Your answer to our Letter of June May

make

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14th make it necessary to send a later Ship than the Britannia, her Destination is at present considered only eventual

We have the Honor to be

&c &c.

(Signed) Chas. Stuart

J. Shore

Fort William
the 17th Decr. 1787.

A true Copy

Robert Clerk
D.J. Secry

Statements

Statement of the Disbursements made on Account of the Fort St George Presidency between 30th April 1786 and 1st May 1787 and of the Supplies Engaged for making a part of the Debts of the Bengal Government at the latter Period.

Fort St George Presidency	Actual Disbursements: Supplies realized before 1st May 1786	Actual Disbursements: Disbursements which afford no Supply	Actual Disbursements: Supplies to be realized in 1786/7	Actual Disbursements: Total of actual Disbursements	Supplies Engaged: Supplies realized before 1st May 1786	Supplies Engaged: Supplies to be realized in 1786/7	Supplies Engaged: Total of Supplies engaged for	Certificates for Military Arrears exchanged for Bengal Bonds
Account of Drafts granted by the President & Council there on this Government	11,805 14. 12. 11.	131628. 1. 8		1312142. 14. 7.	12895. 10. 11.	85115. 11. 3.	98011. 6. 2.	
Amount of orders granted on the general Treasury to the agent and Contractors for the Supply of grain &c for the use of that Presidency	84293. 11. 6.	6793. 8. 9.		91087. 4. 3.		1034773. 2. 10.	1034773. 2. 10.	
Amount of ordinance Camp Equipage &c Pr Berrington & Talbot								
Amt of opium pr Manship & Phœnix			101486. 12. 2.	101486. 12. 2.				
Amt of Drafts & Certificates granted by the President Council there on Acct of their Mily Arrears	18,517 49. 5. 2.	202723. 11. 7.		2054473. 9. 9.	9578. 10. 7.		9578. 10. 7.	4433274. 8. 7.
Amt advanced by ye Mily paymaster Genl for the pay of the Kings Troops &c	64540. 6. 5.	2829. 13. 3.	1183308. 9. 9.	1251678. 13. 5.				
Amt of Grain provided by the Garrison Storehs Shipped on the Walpole			24759. 11. 3.	24749. 11. 3.				
	2181098. 4.	344975. 3. 3.	14,25352. 15. 8.	49,51426. 6. 11.	22474. 5. 6.	11,19,888. 14. 1.	11,42,363. 3. 7.	44,33274. 8. 7.

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A true Copy Robt Clerk DAy Secry

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15.th Received the following Letter from

Ganjam.-

To the Honble Sir Archib.d Campbell KB.

Governor in Council at Fort S.t George

Honble Sir

We have received M.r Secretary

Chamier's Letter of the 7.th Instant.

From Ganjam - Eight Leaguers of Spirituous Liquors received from Bengal for the use of that Garrison requesting to know if they are to take Charge thereof, or M.r Cochrane's Agents.

There has lately been landed at this Factory, by order of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, eight Leaguers containing Five hundred and twenty Five Gallons of Rum and Five hundred and twenty Five Gallons of Arrack which we are informed is one moiety of a Supply, that you have requested for this Garrison; the remainder of which is to be delivered here before the end of next march

On referring to the Contracts entered into by the Honble Basil Cochrane with the Honble the Presidents and Council of Fort S.t George on the 7.th February 1786; We perceive the above Spirits ought to be delivered into the charge of his Agents to be kept by them free of Wastage, provided adequate Stores could be furnished on the part of the Honble Company, which is

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15th Sir Some being in our ability, as we had the honor to inform you in our address from the Department under date the 15.th April 1786, in which, and in our address from the Publick Department of the 16.th June 1786, We took the liberty of representing to you, the great Defalcation of revenue the Contract would occasion in our Carnatic, if suffered to take effect to the extent claimed by the Honble Basil Cochrane's agents, on which account unacquainted you, We should limit its Operation to the Garrison of Ganjam until We might be favored with your Instructions for our Guidance.

Under these Circumstances of restraint, and want of Storeroom Super-added to the insufficiency of orders from their principals, the Agents of the Honble Basil Cochrane have declined receiving the before mentioned Grain into their Custody, which has reduced us to the Dilemma of either forcing it upon them, or keeping it for the Company at every expence of Wastage and Godown hire, the latter of which we shall adopt, in the hopes of—

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15.th of being early honored with your orders on the Subject.—

We have the honor to be with the greatest respect.— &c &c

(Sign.d) Wm. Williams
" D.l D.n Munro
" Geo.e Wynch

Janyan 28.th Aug.t 1787.—

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. N.o 90, 96.—

From Doctor Anderson and Mr. Colley Lucas, the mode of Payment settled by Govern.t for the purchase of the Hospital Stores, accepted by them.—

From Doctor Anderson and Mr. Lucas

From Lieu.t Bowles—requesting to be furnished with a Copy of the Objections which may be made by the Cavalry Officers to the Rank he claims, in order that, if occasion to a final Decision he may have an Opportunity of replying to such Objections.

From Lieu.t Bowles.—

Ordered that a Copy of Lieu.t Bowles's Letter be sent to the Military Board.—

Copy to the Mily Board.—

As

Fort S. George 18th Septem.r 1787.

At a Consultation Present

The Honble Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell Kt B.

President

John Holland - James Hay Casamaijor

&

Robert Maunsell Esq.r -

Tuesday
18th Sept.r 1787.

Minutes of last Consultation
read & approved. -

The President lays before the
Board the following Letter received from
General Conway Commandant General
of the French Establishments in the East
Indies. -

To His Excellency Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell Kt B.
Governor of Madras.

From Genl Conway
announcing his arrival
at Pondicherry &
expressing his desire
of cultivating the
good understanding
subsisting between
their respective
Nations. -

Sir

The King having done
me the honor to entrust me with the
Command of the French Establishments
in India and having appointed Mons.r
Le Chev.r de Crenay the second in Command,
I hasten

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I hasten to inform you of these appointments and have chose Mons.r de la Verpilliere Nephew of Mr. Le Chev.r de Prene to convey this Letter to you & in conformity myself to the just and pacific intentions of his Majesty, I shall be flattered for its meeting your Esteem.

I hope you will not consider it indiscreet the request I venture to make of you to transmit the accompanying Letter to Calcutta.

Permit me to tender you the assurance of the high Consideration with which I have the honor to be &c &c.

(Signed) Conway mal.de Camp.
Com.r in Chief of the French establishments in India

Pondicherry
12.th Sept.r 1787.

P.S. Mons.r de la Verpilliere who will have the honor to put this Letter into your hands brings you a Basket containing some Leaf from the Cape of Good Hope, &c a Commission I with pleasure charged myself with on my Passage from the Cape, which was sent to you by Mons.r Le Colonel Gordon.

Adieu Yours &c
Chase Secret.y

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To the above Letter the President sent the following Reply. -

His Excellency General Conway
Commander in Chief of the Establishment of
His Most Christian Majesty in the East Indies
&c. &c. &c.

Pondicherry

Sir

To Genl. Conway, in Reply. -

I am honoured with your Excellency's Letter of the 12th Instant announcing your arrival at Pondicherry in the distinguished Situation of Commander in Chief of His most Christian Majesty's Establishments in the East Indies, on which I most sincerely congratulate your Excellency and wish you the fullest possession of health to enjoy it. I am highly flattered by your obliging expressions of regard, and by your desire to promote the friendly dispositions of your Sovereign to our Country may rely on finding me constantly disposed to cultivate your friendship & to pursue such measures as shall most perfectly correspond with the Amicable Systems so happily adopted and pursued by our respective

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respective Courts in Europe. Your Excellencies Letter to Lord Cornwallis will be sent to morrow morning by a coast Conveyance to Bengal.

I am greatly indebted to your Excellency for conveying your Dispatch by a Gentleman so acceptable to me as Monsieur Verpilleux who has carefully delivered to me the Baskets of Seeds which you have so obligingly taken care of from the Cape. Permit me to offer your Excellency my best acknowledgements for this mark of your attention and to assure you that I shall at all times be happy in an opportunity to convince you of the high respect and esteem with which I have the Honour to be

&c &c.

(Signed) Arch.d Campbell

Fort St George
18th Septr 1787.

The President proposes that the Committee of Works be directed to notify that they will receive proposals for supplying the Honble Company, by Contract, with Bricks & Chunam - The Advertisement to specify the Dimensions of the Bricks & to declare that no Cases will

The Committee of Works to advertize for supplying the Company by Contract with Bricks & Chunam.

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will be levied upon the Contractors.

Ordered that a letter to the above Purport be written to the Committee of Works.

Read the following Report from the Committee of Stores.

To the Worlle Major General Sir Archibald Campbell K.B. President & Governor &c. in Council Fort St. George

Worlle Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipts of Mr. Secretary Stevenson's Letters of the 28th Ult. and 4th Instant the former acquainting us of your Worlle Board having been pleased to comply with the request made by the Storekeeper at Nagapatam for receiving and Store the Guns which he had made use of on various occasions for the Service of Government having received formal making Application

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To Comm. the Committee of Stores. The Supplements to be received from Bengal with anxiety for occasional Service near the Presidency - Recommending that the unnecessary Guns be sold at Public Outcry - Remonstrating Lists of Stores &c. as immediately necessary for the Garrison of Negapatam & Amboor.

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any more Tents and the latter enclosing Copy of a letter from Bengal, respecting the Sepoy Tents they had made up to be sent to this Presidency, we shall not be able to carry these Tents into the field for the use of our Sepoys but they may be used for occasional Services near the Boundary in time of Peace.

approved

We have the honor to enclose you a Copy of a List of Stores received from the Military Storekeeper, last Month Muster of which, we examined and approved — we have also examined and approved of ten 6 lb field Carriages received from the Contractors yard, which are ordered to be entered on the Company's Books.

approved

The Military Storekeeper and

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and Commissary General of Stores having represented to us, that although perhaps something more might be got for the unserviceable Arms by selling them in small Quantities from the Arsenal as recommended and approved, at a former Committee, than in gross, yet as they have reason to apprehend abuses may arise from this Mode on Account of the Number of Native Servants employed in the Arsenal, we beg leave to recommend the proposal made by the Military Storekr. & Commissary General of Stores for having the unserviceable arms amounting to 15,000 examined by the Committee of Stores, and then sold by advertisements at the Sea Gate on three Different Days.-

approved

The Commissary General of Stores layed before us at our last Meeting a report of Brass & Iron Ordnance proved at

Approved.

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at Fort St George - Copys of which we have the honor to lay before you.

We also beg leave to lay before your Hon'ble Board the Accompanying Lists of Stores & Ammunition necessary for the use of the Garrisons of Teagan and Amboor & that no time may be lost in sending them away before the Monsoon we have desired the Commissary General of Stores to have every thing in readiness as soon as your Pleasure is known

approved

We have the honor to be &c &c.

Fort St. George
18th Septr 1787.

(Signed) J Capper
" Wm Petrie
" J Moorhouse

Read the following Report of the

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the Hospital Board with a Return of admission of the Surgeons and assistant Surgeons into the Service.—

Hospital Board
Septr. 11th 1787.

Read the enclosed letter from Mr Whyte Head Surgeon at Trichinopoly concerning his Prison Batta which the Hospital Board have the Honor to forward to Government. and as it is a Subject they feel themselves incompetent to determine upon, they must decline giving any Opinion

Report of the Hospital Board respecting Mr. Whites Prison Batta - Removal of Mr. Copeland, Mr. Macmahon, & Mr Walker, Assistant Surgeons Mr. Pringle complains of his Assistant having left his Duty & taken Stores out of the Hospital without his knowledge enclosing Return of the Surgeons & Assistant Surgeons admission into the Service.—

Orders will be sent to the Mil.y Pay.r General directing him to place Mr. Whyte upon the same footing with Mr. Raine.—

Mr. Davis Head Surgeon having informed this Board that Mr. Copeland Assistant Surgeon is not immediately wanted at the General Hospital, they beg leave to recommend agreeable to their resolution in the Proceedings of the 9th

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Approved

of the Ultimo that Mr. Copeland be appointed to do duty with the 2d Regiment of European at Ellore under the direction of Mr. Ferguson, vice Mr. Mac Mahon, whom they also recommend to be removed to the 14th Batt.n of Sepoys at Ellore.

The Hospital Board From the recommendation of the Physician General, who has received letters from the Gentlemen at Madepollam complaining of the want of Medical Aid, have the Honr to propose to the Honble the Governor in Council, the removal of Mr. Walker Hospital mate from the Residency of Nargore, whose assistance there

Approved

may be necessary from its vicinity to Negapatam, and his Appointment to Madepollam. They Also recommend that Mr. Ogilvie be directed to do the duty of Naigore & Negapatam.—

Countersigned the apothecarys Bills of disbursements for the month of August amounting

To

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Medicines Rd and Pay 295. 2 45
as his Commission of 15 ℔ Cent
Approved on the above in all Pay 2262
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The Hospital Board
having received the inclosed
Papers from Mr Pringle Surgeon
of the 4th Regiment of Europeans,
beg leave to forward them to
Government, in the hope that the
Honble the Governor in Council
will be pleased to issue orders
to prevent the like in future;
for if an Assistant Surgeon can
be directed by a Commanding
Officer to leave his duty & take
what he may think proper
from an Hospital without
acquainting the Surgeon there
foresee that it will be the
cause of endless confusion, and
they are of Opinion the
Assistant should be entirely
under the Surgeons, & subject
to orders except through his
Medium.

The Ideas of the Hosl. Board are correct, & the interference was of course improper

The Hospital Board
having at length received reports
from

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From the different Surgeons
relative to their standing in the
Service, take this the earliest
opportunity of laying before
Government the accompanying
Return of their admission
into the Service & present
which it has been impossible
to execute sooner on account
of some delay in the promulgation
of the General orders communicated
to this Board in may last.

They think it incumbent
upon them Gally to expose
the grounds, on which they have
acted Viz. That although
several Gentlemen have laid
claims of holding Rank
at the Indian House, yet this
Appointment resting on the
Circumstance of their Services
being required, they have
necessarily come into the
Service as youngest on the
establishment, and therefore
the actual execution of duty
or landing in India has
ever been held the Criterion
of

of Rank amongst the Surgeons,
Approved and forms the Basis of the
Return.

The Hospital Board have
the Honor of forwarding to
Government a General Return
of the Sick on the Coast as
Approved well of His Majesty's as the
Honble Company's forces, for
the Months of April, May, &
June.

Signed) Andw Berry
Secry Hospl Board

List

List of the Medical Establishment on the Coast with the Dates of admission and Promotion in the Service accompanied with the Remarks of the Hospital Board.

	When appointed	Where appd.	Period of doing duty on the Coast	When Promoted	Remarks
Dr. James Anderson					
Colley Lyons Lucas					
Thos. Davis					
Wm. Raine	March 1764	Madras	March 1764	1st Jenry 1765	Date of Rank appd. but having declined coming forwd to the Charge of a Genl. Hospl. he was permitted to do the Black Town duty by Govt. in consequence of his own request.
Willm. Gordon	July 1759	Do.	July 1759	1st June 1766	Not having satisfied this Board with respect to his professional abilities for the charge of a Genl. Hospl. he was permitted by Govt. to remain in the Black Town on his Pay.
James Whyte	Decr. 1765	Do.	June 1765	1st March 1771	Approved . . Head Surgeon
Robt. Turing	Decr. 1764	India House	1st Augs. 1766	1st March 1771	Approved . . Do . . Do
Wm. Duffin	July 1767	Madras	July 1767	1st March 1771	Approved . . Do . . Do
Patrick Pringle	June 1770	Do.	June 1770	1st Septr. 1773	Approved
George Binny	July 1770	Do.	July 170	1st Octr. 1773	Approved
David Simpson					
Nicol Nein	July 1772	Madras	July 1772	19th Jany 1778	Gone to Europe previous to the publication of the Genl. Order
Terence Gahagan	July 1767	Do.	July 1767	1st Octr. 1777	Mr. Gahagan in claimed his right of Succession to be appd. a Surgeon but as he was not at that time judged qualified he obtained permission to go to England, where having pursued his Studies for some time he passd. an examination in consequence of which he returned to India, but did not arrive till after Mr. Nein had been promoted & as it has been the invariable custom for these appointed on the Service to take rank from the period of doing duty in the country he has remained under Mr. Nein though appd. as an assistant Surgeon before him.

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	When appointed	Where appointed	Period of doing duty on the Coast	When Promoted	Remarks
Thomas Weston		India house	as Surgeon to Balambagan	1st June 1776	To rank next below Mr John Simpson whose place on the list was below Mr Gahagan
Finlay Fergusson	May 1773	Madras	20 May 1773	28th May 1779	Approved
Alexr Ferrier	Octr 1773	Do	Octr 1773	28 May	Approved
Thomas Howel					gone to Europe on leave
Wm Roxborough	April 1776	Madras	Apl 1776	28th Novr 1780	
Robert Rollo	12 March 1776	India House		28 Novr 1780	Approved Mr Rollo claims rank of Messrs Howell & Roxborough but it does not appear will founded.
John Briggs					gone to Europe on leave.
Jeremiah Adderton	Septr 1776	Madras	Septr 1776	28th Novr 1780	Approved
Job Bulman		Do	28th Novr 1780	28th Novr 1780	Approved
James Richardson	7th June 1777	Do	7 June 1777	7th July 1781	Approved
Alexr Watson	June 1777	Do	June 1777	7th July 1781	Approved
Joshua Gillispie					gone to Europe on leave.
Alexr Blackadder	1st July 1778	Madras	1st July 1778	7th July 82	Approved
Anthy Simoens	June 1766	Do	June 1766	22d July 1782	Approved Invalided
Wm Ruddiman		Do	30th Apl 1784	30th Apl 1784	Approved

Brevet Surgeons

Alexr Main	1st July 1778	Madras	1st July 1778	31st Augt 1785	Approved because he was doing duty before the Arrival of the two following Gentlemen appd at the India House
George Ogelvie	11 Decr 1777	India House	15th Augt 1778	31st Augt 85	Approved
Alexr Anderson	15 Decr 1777	Do	15 Augt 1778	31st Augt 1785	Approved
George Anderson	Augt 1778	Madras	Augt 1778	31st Augt 1785	Approved

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Assistant Surgeons

	When appointed	Where appointed	Period of doing duty on the Coast	When Promoted	Remarks
Maxwell Thompson	Decr. 1779	Madras	Decr. 1779		Approved
Thomas Lord	June 1780	Do	1st June 1780		Do Mr Lord's Claims of having rank from his mil.y Commission at the India House inadmissible
Edwd Stuart	18th May 1780	India House	1st July 1781		approved
Patrick Bowre	Augt. 1781	Madras	1st Augt. 1781		Approved
Henry Miller	22d May 1780	India House			Approved
Robert Trotter	8th January 1781	Do	17th May 1782		Approved
Charles Ogilvey	11th May 1780	Do	17 May 1782		Approved for although Mr Ogilvie complains of the loss of rank when the so long delay from his appt at the India House to his arrival in India was occasioned by his being captured by the Combined Fleets, yet the uniform custom of the Service of taking rank from the arrival in the Country & which has been found necessary to avoid confusion prevents this Board from making any alteration in Mr Ogilvie's present standing in the List.
John Kincaid	Novr. 1782	Madras	1st Novr. 1782		Approved
John Walker	19 Apl. 1783	Do	19th April 1783		Approved
Henry Harris	4th July 1783	Do	4th July 1783		Approved
George Bill	22d Augt. 1783	Do	22d Augt. 1783		Approved
Alexr. Sewwright	10th January 1784	Do	10th Jany 84		Approved
John Laird	17 March 1784	Do	17 March 84		Approved
Andrew Berry	27 Septr. 1785	Do	27th Septr. 1785		Approved
George Lipper	27 Septr. 1785	Do	27th Septr. 1785		Approved
Michl. Corbet	27th Apl. 1785	Do	7th Novr. 1785		Mr Corbett Claims rank from the 27th April 1785 but not having been judged qualified nor allowed to do duty till after any Examination on the 3d Novr. 1785 the Board have placed his Rank according to the date of that Examination

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	When appointed	Where appointed	Period of doing duty on the Coast	When Promoted	Remarks
Thomas Brae	30th May 1786	Madras	Not arrd from Bengal		
George Baird	30th May 1786	Do	30th May 1786		Approved
John Campbell	30th May 1786	Do	30th May 1786		Approved
Fowke Moore	17th June 1786	Do	17th June 1786		Approved
Bernard McMahon	17th June 1786	Do	17th June 1786		Approved
James Ramsay	22d July 1786	Do	22d July 1786		Approved
James Reid	5th Septr 1786	Do	5th Septr 1786		Approved
George Ferguson	6th Novr 1786	Do	6 Novr 1786		Approved
Chas Fleming	6 Novr 1786	Do	6 Novr 1786		Approved
John English	1st Decr 1786	Do	1st Decr 1786		Approved
Thomas Gifford	21st Decr 1786	Do	1 Decr 1786		Approved
Alexr Boswell	6th March 1787	Do	6 March 1786		Approved
John Bannantine	6th March 1787	Do	6 March 86		Approved
James Cameron	9th June 1787	Do	9th June 1786		Approved
John Duncan	9th June 1787	Do	9th June 1786		Approved
George Baillie	11th July 1787	Do	11th July 1786		Approved
Joseph Copeland	11th July 1787	Do	11th July 1786		Approved

Fort S. George (Signed) James Anderson
11th Septr 1787.

Physician Genl
Colley Lucas
Chr Surgeon
Thomas Davis
Head Surgeon

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The President in his Character of Commander in Chief reports the death of Capt.n William Blacker who commanded the 7.th Batt.n of native Infantry.

The Commander in Chief reports the Death of Captain Blacker.

The following Promotions are recommended by the Commander in Chief

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P.C.

Capt.n Leighton appointed to the Command of the 7.th Batt.n of Native Infantry vice Blacker deceased

Ensign Richard Hall Fraser & Patrick Mayne to be duly as Lieut.s from the 19.th Instant vice Price invalided & Turner pensioned.

Promotions

By order of the Hon.ble Presidents in Council.

Ordered that the above be published in General Orders.

Read the following Letters entered in the Mad.a Con.s 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37.

From the Rev.d Mr. Swartz.

From the Reverend Mr Swartz Resident at Tanjore desiring that the Pagoda may be decided to pay him monthly

The

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the proportion of the annual Sum
fixed by the Nabob Company for the
Support of the three Schools under his
Superintendance. —

Minute thereon

Ordered Accordingly. —

From Major Maule inclosing

From Major Maule.

Estimates of Sundry Repairs necessary
previous to the Setting in of the Monsoon

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Chief Engineer
be directed to carry the above into execution

From Captains Wragg & M.c Neile

From Captains Wragg & Mac Neile.

stating that they consider themselves
responsible to the Families of the Men
who died in Prison intestate under their
respective Commands & requesting that
they may be permitted to receive the
Batta of those to whom they are the
only proper Executors. —

Ordered that Copy of the foregoing
be sent to the Military Board & that
they be desired to report what is the
uniform practice of the Service in
similar Cases. —

Minute thereon

From Mr. Edward Garrow

From Mr.r Edw.d Garrow

stating the Works in hand, & requesting
that

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that he may not be deprived of the Carpenters Yard nor of the artificers who are employed under him, until the Works be — Compleated.—

Minute thereon

Agreed that Copy of Mr Garrow's Letter be sent to the Committee of Works & that they be informed of the Board's Compliance with his Request.—

From Major Close.—

From Major Close transmitting some Claims for Prision Batta, & stating the Reasons which prevented their being brought forward sooner.

Minute thereon

Ordered that Copy of Major Close's Letter with the Enclosures be sent to the Mily Paymr General, & that he be desired to add the Claims to the List in his Office.—

From Colonel Elphinston.—

From Colonel Elphinston, Commanding at Palamcottah enclosing an address from the Subaltern Officers of native Infantry under his Command which states the inconveniencies they have suffered from having been obliged to live many Months in Tents.—

Minute thereon

Resolved that a Gratuity of Pags 20 be paid to each Subaltern Officer in Consideration of the Inconveniences

—to

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to which they have been exposed
from the want of Quarters. —

examined

Arch: Campbell

John Holland

Lt. Col. Commanding

R. Maunsell

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Diary

26th Dispatched the following

Letters.-

To Robert Maunsell Esqr.

President &c. Members of the
Committee of Works.

Gentlemen,

To the Committee of Works to publish proposals for supplying the Honble Company by Contract with Bricks & Chunam.

I am directed by the Board to desire you will publish that you are ready to receive proposals for supplying the Honble Company by Contract with Bricks & Chunam.-

The Board desire you will specify in the advertisement the dimensions of the Bricks, & declare that no Taxes whatever will be levied on the Contractors and as long as they shall conduct themselves with honesty & integrity they will be much with the Sole support of Government.

Inclose Copy of a letter received from Mr. Garrow, I am directed to desire that his request be complied with.

I have the honor to be &c.-

(Signed) John Chamier
Secry

Fort St George
18th Sept. 1787.-

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20th

To Mr Proctor

Sir

I am directed by the Hon.ble the President to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 2d Instant, and to inform you that a reference has been made to the Records in this Department, as well as to the Books of the Committee of Assigned Revenue, & that the following Letters are not to be found therein.

To Mr Proctor with List of Sundry Letters which do not appear on the Company's Records in his Correspondence with Lord Macartney and the Select Committee.

To Lord Macartney . . . . 4th Octr 1785
Ditto . . . . 31st Do
To Lord Macartney & Council . . 18 Novr 1786
Ditto . . . . 4 Decr 1786
To Lord Macartney . . . . 13th Do
To Lord Macartney & Select Comm.n 28th Sept.r 1782
Ditto . . . . 28th Do
Ditto . . . . 9 March 1783.

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20th Sept.r 1787.

I am &c &c

(Signed) John Chamier

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Rec.d

Fort L. Gorge September 1787.-

Rec^d the following Letters entered in M.B. No^s 28-29. 30. 31.-

From Messrs Dighton and Carey

From Messrs Dighton & Carey.-

transmitting the evidence they have taken respecting Ritchie Shitby, from which it appears, that the Claimants cannot give sufficient proof of what part of the property has been retained by him, /Ritchie Shitby/-

Ordered, that the evidence mentioned in the foregoing Letter be lodged in the Office.

Minute thereon

From Captain John Campbell, of His Majesty's 72^d Regiment of Foot-

From Captain L. Campbell.

States that he has obtained permission of the Commander in Chief to return to Europe and requests an order for his Passage Money.-

Ordered Accordingly.

Minute thereon

From the Board of Revenue,

From the Board of Revenue.-

with an Extract of a Petition from Gopal Row, Jaffelder at Arnee, stating that Lieut^t Carey will not furnish him

Fort St. George September 1787.

Y.r Sirs with Sepoys, and requesting that the necessary orders may be given in Consequence.

Sent the following Letters entered on P.B. No.s 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54.

To the Committee of Stores; with Two Statements of Stores conveyed to Negapatam on the adventure, and desiring they will report the Amount of the freights that ought to be paid to Mr. Gallofield the owner of the Vessel.

To the Committee of Stores

To the Military Board, with Copy of a Letter from Captains Wragg and Macneile; and from Lieutenant Bowles, on which they are to report

To the Military Board.

To the Military Paymaster General, with a Dessin for Prison Batta. The Prison Batta to be granted Mr. Whyte, Surgeon, is to be calculated at 5 Pagodas pr. Diem, from the 2.d September 1783 to the 8.th May 1784 in

To Mr. Turing

Fort St. George Septem.r 1784.

28.th in like manner as for Mr. Baine — the Balance due to Dr. Anderson & Lucas for Hospital Clothing to be discharged in Cash. —

To the Resident at Tanjore, to pay to Mr. Swartz the monthly proportion of the Sums allowed for the Support of the three Schools under his Superintendance being £100 Pr. Annum for each School.

To the Chief Engineer — with the Estimate delivered in by Major Maule; the Works recommended are to be executed before the Monsoon.

To the Chief and Council at Ganjam — The General order of the 16.th December last not only announce the dissolution of Mr. Cochrane's Contract, but minutely describe the mode to be adopted in respect to the distribution of Spirituous Liquor.

To the Commandant at Wallajahbad — Twenty Bayonets allowed to Captain Officer of the Native Corps, on account of Quarters. —

To

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To Mr. Welch. To the Paymaster at Wallajahbad to pay the above.

To Mr. Toriano To the Storekeeper at Vellore - with a list of Stores to be sent by him to Amboor.

N.B. Copy to Colonel Nixon.

22d. To Lieut. Carey with copy of a Petition delivered to the Board of Revenue by Gopal Doss; and desiring he will give the Military Aid therein required.

To Lieut. Carey

To the Commandant at Arcot - to order the Commissary General of Stores at Arcot to send to Vellore the four 18 Pounders and eight Galloper 3 Pounders, with their Spare Carriages Tumbrils &c.

To Colonel Kelly

To the Secretary General at Fort William, the Recruits arrived on the Glatton, are now embarked on the Friendship Captain Day - the Captain to receive 6 Fanams pr Day for each Man landed at Calcutta.

To Mr. Hay

Major

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22 Major Close delivered to the Secretary the following Letter addressed to him by Mr. Edward Jones, enclosing an Application made to Colonel Elphinston on Account of Prison Batta due to Mr. Lloyd, Second Mate of the Portlisdo Indiaman.

To Major Close

Sir

Take the liberty of enclosing to you a reply of a letter I had the honor of addressing to Col. Elphinston as President of the Committee appointed to investigate the Claims to Mysore Batta so far back as the 7th August 86, together with his letter to me dated July last.—

Mr. Jones applies for the arrears of Prison Batta due to Mr. Lloyd Second Mate of the Portlisdo India=man.—

Mess.rs Southerns & Williams's claims having been admitted give me room to hope that Mr. Lloyd's will not be rejected, and in order to give you Sir, as little trouble as possible, I have annexed the dates of Mr. Lloyds capture, his release=ment, and the Batta due to him

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22 him at the same rate as was allowed
to the younger Mr. Carthew

Sam Sr Gr

Fort St. George
24th Sept. 1784.

(Signed) Edw. Jones

Name.-Captured... Released Number of days in Prison... Batta due. Paym. Genl Cash

John Lloyd - 24th Lieut. 82 6 May 84 — 834 — 889. 25. 16 —

Minute thereon

Ordered that the above be sent to the Mily Paymaster Genl. on the usual Directions. —

Received the following Letter from four of the Field Officers of Artillery.-

To the Honble Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Commander in Chief &c &c

From four of the Field officers of Artillery enclosing a Memorial to the Court of direction in consequence of the appointment of Lieut. Colonels Gaits to that Corps.-

Sr.

We beg leave to submit to your Consideration, the enclosed memorial addressed

22d. Addressed to the Hon'ble Court of directors in consequence of their appointment of Lieut. Colonel Geils to the Artillery on this Establishment with the Rank which he would have held in this Corps had he not been removed to the Corps of Engineers and as we humbly Conceive that such a removal effectually precluded him from having any just Claim to return to the Artillery and his coming into the Corps at this time is extremely hurtful to our Prospects in the Service We have considered it to be a duty we owe to ourselves and the Officers of the Corps in General to represent our Case respectfully to the Hon'ble Court, confeding in its Justice to afford us the redress which it may appear to deserve. —

We request, Sir, that you will be pleased to lay this Memorial before the Hon'ble Governor in Council and beg that it may be forwarded by the first Despatch, at the same time we venture to hope that it will receive such Countenance & Support from Yourself

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22d yourself and the Hon'ble Board as the Circumstances therein Setforth may be found to Merit, for which Support we shall be ever grateful.

We have the honor to be with great respect. &c &c

(Signed) C. Tanner Lt Col. Arty

" Wm Lydenham Lt Col. Arty.

" J. Moorhouse Majr Arty

" Wm Leybourne Lloyd Majr do

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Ordered that the Memorial be transmitted to the Court of Directors by the first Opportunity.

Minute thereon

Received the following Letter from the Hospital Board with enclosure entered in M. B. No. 55/.

To

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To the Honble. Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell Kt.
Governor in Council Commander
in Chief &c.

Honble Sir

I have had the honor to
receive your Commands under date
the 11.th Instant inclosing an address to
Government from Mr. Gahagan Surgeon
of the 3d Regiment of European Infantry
and return it a duty incumbent upon
us to state at large the relative situa-
-tion of Mr. Gahagan standing in
the Service accompanied with the
Proceedings of this Board from time to
time respecting him.

From the Hospital Board, on the Subject of Mr. Gahagans Memorial claiming Rank over Mr. Pringle.-

Mr. Gahagans Memorial
appears upon our Records under
date April 24.th 1786 a Copy of
which we have the honor to Annex.

As We conceived we were
competent

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22d competent to decide upon the merits of Mr. Gahagan's claims in that letter it will appear by our proceedings under date April 30th 1786, that we transmitted to Government our Resolutions which were Approved when returned by your Secretary on the 10th of May following of this Mr. Gahagan was informed and a Copy enclosed of such part of the proceedings as related to him, to which he replied in a letter dated 14th of May, a Copy of which we have also the Honor to forward.-

Mr. Gahagan's claim of Rank was fully and candidly investigated by this Board with the respective Claims of the other Surgeons and Assistants agreeable to the General orders of the 2d of May 1787, & our Report transmitted to your Honble Board, as soon as the Several Letters could be digested and arranged by which it is evident, that Mr. Gahagan has not in his Address to

Government

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22 Governors under date the 5.th Instant entered into a full and candid discussion of his case, for it appears that some time in the month of December 1775 Doct.r Galagan then an assistant came forward to be examined as to his profess.=ional abilities, and from some circumstances which were fully stated to Government at that period he was not adjudged qualified, in consequence of this he obtained permission to go to Europe and there pursued his studies, and acquired a sufficient knowledge in his Profession and came out as Surgeon to India.-

His rank in the Service we are of opinion is clearly set forth in the Proceedings we had the Honor to transmit to Government on the 12.th Instant. We are with all due Respect.-

&c &c.

Signed " Sam.l Anderson
Phys: Gen.l
" Colley L. Lucas L.t Surg.n
" Thomas Davis
Asst Surgeon

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Sept.r 19.th 1787.

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To the Honble Sir Archd. Campbell Knt.
Governor in Council &c &c.

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Messrs. Harris and Lambert, with Bills of Lading and Invoice of 107 Casks of double distilled Arrack, for the Service of the Coast.

Agreeably to the terms of a Contract entered into with the Right Honble the Governor General &c. for the Supply of your Presidency and its Subordinates with a Quantity of Bengal Rum and Arrack, we have the honour to transmit your Bills of Lading & Invoice of 107 Casks containing 1289 Gallons of double distilled Arrack, Laden on the Snow Indies & commanded by George Stratton which we request you will order to be received by the proper Officer, in part of the abovementioned Contract.

We have the honour to be with much respect &c &c

Calcutta
27th August 1787.

(Signed) Herbt. Harris
" A Lambert

Sent a Letter to Mr Gahagan / Vide Mr Gahagan - M. B. No. 52. / informing him that no alteration can take place in his Rank.

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Major Genl.

Sir Archibald Campbell Kt. B.

President

John Hollond - Janus Henry Casamajor

Robert Haunsell Esqrs.

Tuesday
25.th Septr 1789.

Minutes of last Consultation

read & Approved.

Read the following Letter

from Lieutenant General Lang. -

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell Kt. B.

President & Governor in Council

Fort S.t George

Honble Sir

From Genl Lang
states the Conduct
of Ram Row at
Vellore during a
part of the late
War, & his Reason
for confiscating
his Property.

I have had the honor to receive a letter from your Secretary Mr. Chamier, under date the 7.th Ulto. on the subject of a Second Petition from Ram Row, who was my Aid de camp whilst I was absent upon Service at Vellore, & desiring that I would explain to the Board, the cause that his Property was

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was seized, & the use to which it was applied in consequence thereof, I shall have the honor to lay before you certain circumstances respecting this man, which I make no doubt will sufficiently prove to you, that I was not only justified in ordering the property to be secured for the use of the Garrison then under my Command but that his conduct was such, as would have fully exculpated me in using much harsher measures towards his own person, & that he has no longer any claim either on me, or the Company, I ought to rest satisfied that he was not punished as a Traitor to the Service in which he was employed. When the Garrison in the year 1780 & 1781 was surrounded by the Enemy, & the intercourse with the Presidency in a manner entirely at an end, I was obliged for the preservation & subsistance of the Garrison under me to use every means in my power to obtain supplies of Cash to enable me to maintain the very important Fortress entrusted to my care-

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the natives, as is customary with them, found extremely averse to bring forward their property to the public service, altho' the safety of the place & consequently their own Depended immediately on their coming forward. the Supplies from Madras being cut off, this backwardness, urged me to the necessity of seizing whatever property I could get the smallest intimation of, which I did & the proprietors have this my means received satisfaction from Government to the amount of what was taken from them. In this state of uncertainty & necessity I repeatedly pressed them now to bring forward any property he might have in the Place for the public good, on the certainty of his being repaid when the affairs of the Company should take a more favourable turn, he pleaded poverty on all occasions & as he had been long in my Service & I had not the smallest reason to suspect his fidelity, I imagined he was sincere in his declarations & placed every confidence in

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in him, & conceived I was confidently in a man entirely attached to me & the interests of the Company, but how greatly was I surprized when I found that unknown to me he had sent away his family on the night they were taken not long after their leaving the Fort by a party of Hyder's People, & as I learnt from my Spies, who saw them after their capture, were contrary to usual custom exceedingly well treated, & provided for by Hyder: This circumstance awakened a degree of suspicion in my breast, & knowing that to possess the Family of a Native is the sure mode to secure himself I began to be very much on my guard against consequences which might ensue; nearly at this time I received information by a Special Messenger from a person who was then in Arcot & in whom I had very reliance - to be aware of those who were the nearest my person, that my Friends apparently,

were

Fort S. George 25th September 1784.—

were my greatest enemies, & that my
Dubash Ram Row had twice written
to Hyder; Sat the same time received
information that he had advised the
Soldiers contrary to my Regulations, to
issue the Rice in Store to the Nabobs.
Sepoys to keep them quiet & thereby
decrease the quantity without my
knowledge - I was likewise made acquainted
that he had employed a Sum of money
in buying small quantities of grain
selling it again to the people at a large
profit, in my name by which he had
nearly excited a Spirit of mutiny in the
People & would have caused the worst
of consequences, therefore on these &
various circumstances I hesitated not a
Moment in putting him in confinement
& took every opportunity to
ascertain the Fact of his writing to the
Enemy which Account I had confirmed
by my People who were about Hyder-
Confidentially entrusted as he had
been & borrowing all every particular
of our distressed situation the quantity
of provisions the persons employed by me to
obtain

Fort St. George 25th September 1783.-

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obtain intelligence, this Step became absolutely necessary for our preservation, nor was it possible to say, to what extent the mischief he might have done us would have reached, had he, when he found I had lost my confidence in him escaped to the Enemy, by whom there was no doubt he would have been well received & to whom I had not the least difficulty in thinking he had written.

It is not in my power thus publickly to give the name of the person to whom I was indebted for my information, for even at this Distance of time it might prove fatal to him, to whom I was obliged not only for this, but for many very important services in the way of intelligence during the period I was in Vellore - it is sufficient that the event justified him in the Account, soon after Ram Row's confinement I was informed by one of my Hircars that Jewells &c. the property of Ram Row were hid in a Well in the Pettah I sent a party there & agreeable to the

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the information they found valuable
belonging to this Man who by his own
Account had no property & who of
himself would not bring it forward
altho well acquainted with the pressing
necessity we were under for supplies
of Cash – the property thus obtained
was not taken to my own use, it was
delivered to the Paymaster & the Gold was
coined under the inspection of two officers
daily, whose duty it was to see that no
part of it was embezzled, & the produce
employed for the use of the troops in
Garrison; as Commandant of a station
on which so much depended & which
I was constantly urged by Sir E. Boote
to preserve to the last extremity I should
have been justified in taking any
measures whatever, for the preservation
of so important a Port. – I had immediately
made an example of Ram Row on the
information I had, as a traitor to the
interests of the Company, I cannot but
think I had been justified by every
principle of self preservation & the
rules of War the above acts I know the
cause I had for suspicion & that it
was

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was well founded; that the property was taken by my orders, it remains only in answer to the Board's wishes on this Subject, to say in what manner the money was accounted for & to whom the amount has been paid.

Previous to the late troubles, it was customary with his Highness the Nabob to supply the Garrison with Provisions at certain fixed rates - at eleven was considered as one of his Garrisons he did this to prevent the Officers & Men stationed there from suffering any inconvenience the Officers & Men were supplied with Sheep at the rate of 8 Fanams per Sheep - The Contract with the Batchen who furnished this Supply was made by his Highness at the rate of half a Pagoda a Sheep for the Officers, & three for a Pagoda for the Men - the Difference therefore between the price of the former & what was paid by the Garrison being between 8 & 24 Fanams / or 13 Fanams / & that between the price of the latter being

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being between 8 & 14 Fs. or 6 Fanams a
piece for the Men was constantly paid
& made good to the Butcher monthly
upon his going to the Nabob's Manager
at Arcot. Ram Row contrived in the
Accounts sent to Arcot, to charge a
much larger number of Sheep as
having been killed for the use of
the Garrison in the course of the
month, than was actually the case,
& received the amount of the difference
from the Nabob's Treasury at Arcot
a part of which he declared was
for me, & the remainder was to be
applied to his own use - when he
was convicted, the circumstance was
ascertained by the testimony of the
Butcher who had constantly received
the Amount & paid it to him - this
fraud upon his Highness was
unknown to me at the time it was
committed, & it became necessary
as soon as known, that I should
endeavour to make it good to him - for
which purpose the Amount of the
Property

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Property which was taken by me which belonged to Ram Row, was paid to His Highness in part of the amount of what he had been defrauded of; this is the mode in which the amount was ultimately applied, & should Ram Row conceive he has any claim for this Money it can only be upon his Highness the Nabob with whom I adjusted the Account. I flatter myself the above will be a full & sufficient explanation of the matter respecting Ram Row the circumstances are well known to every Officer in the Garrison under my Command — that the enquiries of the Board will be fully answered, that it will appear to them that he has not any claim on the Company or to the attention of Government — & that I shall in future be freed from any anxiety or trouble on account of a Man, whose ill behaviour has already given me too much uneasi-ness. —

I have the honor to be with

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with the highest respect.

Yr &c

(Signed) Robt Lang.

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25th Sept. 1787.

The Board are of Opinion that General Lang's explanation is perfectly satisfactory, & that Jam Rowe of course has no Claim upon the Company.

Approved. -

Read the following Report from the Committee of Stores.

To the Right Honble Major General Sir Arch.d Campbell KB. President & Governor &c Council Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Report of the Committee of Stores - a Return of Ordnance & Military Stores received from England this season, & of the Deficiencies noted

We have the honor to inform you that at our last Meeting the Military Storekeeper & Commissary General of Stores laid before us

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as a letter accompanied with the Accounts remains of Ordnance Stores &c. and their remarks thereon The Papers being very voluminous & the business of great importance we have agreed to postpone the further Consideration of them to our next Meeting; when we shall have the honor of laying Copies of the whole together with our Sentiments of them before your Noble Board.

Approved

We have likewise the honor to enclose you a Copy of a Return of Ordnance & Military Stores received from England by the Ships of the last Season, together with a report of the deficiencies which are but few.

Approved

At our last Meeting we examined at large the Books

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Books of the direction of the Laboratory, and those of the Londnctors all of which are forwd regularly brought up to the end of last Month

We have the honor to be &c &c

(Signd) J Capper
Wm Petrie
Patrick Ross
Wm Lyndsam
J Moorhouse
Dy Gl Stores

Fort St. George
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approved. -

Ordered that the Report of the Ordnance &c recd from Europe with a Statement of the Deficiencies be sent home as a Number in the — first Packet to England. —

Vide M.B. No 56 for the Return of Ordnance &c

Read the following Letter from Lt Colo Kelly —

Copy of the Return of Ordnance to be sent to England

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

Honble Sir

From the Paymaster at Trichy, requests Permission to resign his Employ.

Having shortly my intention to solicit the Honble Board's permission to visit my native Country, I request that it will now be pleased to accept the resignation of the Employs which I have the honor to hold here - I have the honor to subscribe myself, with much esteem & respect.

Trichinopoly
10th Sept. 1787.

(Signed) Thos. Palk

Pay. M.

The President proposes Mr. Johnston to succeed Mr. Palk & Mr. Latham to be appointed to Madura

Mr. Palk having requested to resign the Paymastership of Trichinopoly the President proposes that Mr. Johnston be removed from Madura to

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to Succeed Mr Robert George
Latham as Succeed Mr Johnston.

Mr Maunsell against the removal
of Mr Johnston but has no objection to an
Appointment being conferred on Mr
Latham; against the Removal Because
Mr Johnston was, almost immediately after
his arrival into the Service appointed
to the Paymastership of Madura, an
Office which on a fair Comparison with
the Situations of the Servants in general,
is superior to any claim he can even
at this time have to it, Mr Maunsell
cannot therefore think it proper to
give him a preference to Mr Latham
whose Pretensions are in his Opinion
more substantial & who in Consideration
of his Sufferings during the late War
has in a particular manner been
recommended to this Government
by the Honble Court of Directors.

Mr Maunsells Opinion.

Mr Lumsdaine has no objection
to the Proposal of the President.

Mr Holland Ditto

Mr Holland's Opinion

Agreed in consequence that
Mr Johnston be Succeed Mr Polk & that
Mr Latham be appointed Paymr at Madura.

Carried in favor of the President's Proposal.

Read

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Read the following Extract of a Letter from Masulipatam.-

Extract of Letter from Masulipatam dated 24th August 1787.

By referring to a letter from the late President & Council to this Board, dated 24th Nov.r 85 it will be appear that Mr. Westcott was ordered to refund the amount overcharged by by him for Bullocks during the Period he held a Contract for keeping up 150 Draft Bullocks at Ellore, 50 of which were to be paid for, whether employed or not and the remaining 100 only to be paid for when employed. as we do not observe that Mr. Westcott has ever complied with this order, we herewith enclose an Account of the Amount being Current Pagodas 1668. 2. 40 which he ought to refund and for which if his Departure had been less sudden we should have called upon him at this Place as the late Chief and Council had omitted it.

Extract of a Letter from Masulipatam enclosing an account of overcharges made by Mr. Westcott, as Contractor for Draft Bullocks.-

Above Extract

(Signed) Robert Clerk
Dep.y Secr.y

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An Account of over charges made by Mr. Westcott Paymaster of Allow[ance] in his Contract for Draft Bullocks with the Company From Septr. 1779 to May 1785 inclusive — on which Mr Westcott was allowed to charge 50 Bullocks pr Month @ £ 40 pr Cent each also further whatever exceeded that number if actually employed.

1779 Septr & October
Amount of Bill of Contract — — 394.36.
32 on Service for 17 days — 59.29 "
50 being before charged in the Amount
total the above charge on Service 59.29.
to be refunded . . .

1780 October
Amount of Bill of Contract 282.16.10
50 on Service for 31 Days . . . . 170.5 112.11.10.
difference to be refunded . . .

November
Amount of Bill of Contract 273.17
50 on Service for 26 Days . . 164.26
difference to be refunded . . 108.27.

December
Amount of Bill of Contract 405.23.10.
50 on Service for 16 days . 87.33 "
50 Do . . . for 31 Do . 170.5 "
36 Do . . . for 16 Do 62.9 321.11 " 84.12.10
difference to be refunded . . .

1781 January
Amount of Bill of Contract . 398.3.10
100 on Service for 31 Days . 340.10 57.34.10
difference to be refunded . . .

February
Amt of Bill of Contract . . 322.11 "
100 on Service 14 days . . 153.27 "
50 Do — — 10 Do — 54.36.
6 Do . . . 53 Do . . . 27.22 246.13. 76.24 "
difference to be refunded . . .

March
Amount of Bill of Contract . 282.16.10
50 on Service for 31 Days . . 170.5 . 112.11.10
difference to be refunded . . .

Carr. Over . . . 612.16 —

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Brought Over ..... 612 16 –

1785 April

Amount of Bill of Contract – 446.16.40.
100 on Service for 30 days – 329.11 –
54 Do. for 13 Do. ... 88.37 –
Difference to be refunded ..... 418.12 – 28 4 40.

May

Amount of Bill of Contract – 401.11.40.
100 on Service for 31 Days – 340.10 –
28 on Do. for 1 Day ... 2.3 –
343.13 –
Difference to be refunded 57 34 40

June

Amount of Bill of Contract – 339.16 –
100 on Service for 24 Days – 263.17 –
30 Do. for 6 Do. ... 19.31 –
283.12 –
Difference to be refunded ..... 56.4 –

September

Amount of Bill of Contract – 233.32 –
42 on Service for 15 Days – 69.6 –
50 being before charged in the Amount total
the above charge on Service to be refunded 69.6 –

October

Amount of Bill of Contract – 265.21 –
42 on Service for 31 Days – 142.37 –
50 being before charged in the amount
total the above Charge on Service to be
refunded ..... 98.12 –

November

Amount of Bill of Contract – 256.34 –
42 on Service for 30 days – 138.12 –
50 being before charged in the Amount total
the above Charge on Service to be refunded 92.8 –

December

Amount of Bill of Contract – 288.23 –
42 on Service for 31 Days – 142.37 –
30 on Do. for 7 Do. ... 23.2 –
50 being before charged in the Amount total
the above charge on Service to be refunded – 102.3 –

1782 January

Amount of Bill of Contract – 350.18.40
80 on Service for 31 Days ... 272.8 –
Difference to be refunded 78.10 40

Carr. Over – 1194.26.40

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Brought Over ——— 1194.26.10.

1782 February
Amount of Bills of Contract — 316.27.-
Born Service for 28 Days — 245.25.-
Difference to be refunded — 70.28.

March
Amount of Bills of Contract 350.18.10
Born Service for 28 Days 272.8.
Difference to be refunded — 78.10.10.

April
Amount of Bills of Contract - 339.11.-
Born Service for 30 Days 263.17.
Difference to be refunded — 75.30.-

May
Amount of Bills of Contract - 350.18.10
Born Service for 31 Days 272.8.
Difference to be refunded — 78.10.10

1783 May
Amount of Bills of Contract - 466.19.-
Born Service for 27 Days 296.14
Difference to be refunded — 170.5.

Carried Over 1668.2.40

N.B. From the 1.st of June 1782 to the 30.th of April 1783 there is no Contracts charged, the other Months not inserted are agreable to the Contracts.

Errors Excepted

Fr. James Hodges
Accountant

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Read the following Letter
from Mr. Westcott, with enclosure
entered on A.L.B. Nos 57.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Mr. Westcott in explanation of the over charges made by him.

Having heard that the Chief and Council at Masulipatam have addressed Government respecting the carrying into execution the Directions contained in a letter from the Military Secretary under Date the 24th November 1785, I take the liberty of calling your Attention to the Subjects of the said letter in which I am particularly concerned - Respecting my Contract for Bullocks entered into during the Government of Sir Thomas Rumbold, in the year of 1779 and which until the Remarks of the Board of Masulipatam I had continued to fulfill agreeably to the explanations I had the honor of forwarding on August 1785 when I took leave for to refer the Affair to the Decision of the Superiour Board. - The Superior Board at that time

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Sirs, determined that I should refund this Sum, as I understand merely because the Terms of this Contract did not stand upon Record. The Circumstances I have on the occasion to relate, will I hope sufficiently apologize for my intruding upon you, this Address. That such a Contract entered into, and the Bona Fide existing between Sir Thomas Rumbold Government, and myself is a Fact well known to Mr. Casamajor a Member of the present Government who was present at the time of the Conclusion thereof — The Terms of the Contract were particularly mentioned by me to Sir Thomas Rumbold and perfectly approved & understood into by him, and his Government. These were, That I should be allowed constantly, the monthly Pay & Allowances of fifty 50 Draft Bullocks; for which I was at an Instant to Notice, to furnish one Hundred and fifty.— That when any Part of them were called for upon Service, that the remainder of 150 unemployed, should be kept upon the same Ratio as those is to one / that is to say, if 50 were employed upon any Service, the fifty so employed were of course to be

paid

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paid for their Salt here, as one Service and the remaining one hundred to be paid for at the rate of one Pard.— from the Commencement of this Contract; Salvage charged at this Rate in my monthly Disbursements and the Balances were regularly carried forward. Mr. Proctor when auditor in 1781 called upon me for an explanation of this Contract which I sent him, & his Balance with them, who had the auditting of the several Accounts since that Period, — surely is a tacit acquiescence on their part, of the Propriety and Justice of my Accounts; For no further Remarks or Objections were made on explanations demanded until the Rancour of Mr. Sadleir called this Contract again to the attention of Government, and I cannot but thank them for the Opportunity he has now given me of setting my whole Conduct in this Line forth to the view of the Board and by proving that the Benefits I was so fortunate to render the Public Service during the late War, were in Consequence, the encouragement this Contract enabled me to afford the

Bullocks

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Bullocks Dealers / having procured and
sent during the latter End of the War
Eleven Thousand Eight hundred choice Draind
Bullocks to the Presidency for the use
of the Grand Army / Lord Macartney did
me the honor to approve of my Conduct
and to say I merited by my exertions
on that occasion the Approbation of the
Company. In Testimony whereof I beg
leave to inclose a Packet No.1 with a
Letter and Papers from Lieut. Colonel
Sydenham with whom I was particularly
directed by Lord Macartney to Correspond
and to concert the Measures necessary
on this occasion for the Good of the Service—
as also a Letter No.2 from Lieut. Colonel
Moorhouse to whose Charge these
Bullocks were delivered for the use of the
army. That from the encouragements
I derived from this Contract, I was enabled
when Monsieur Salsfraun appeared upon
the Northern Coast, and threatened in
Conjunction with Monsieur Bussy,
a Descent upon Masulipatam to Equip
for marching the Army from Ellore
with the Field Train & Stores—
complete in four hours after the
Receipt

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he has given on the Subject of his Contract it is Agreed That he be not called upon to refund the Sum of Pag.s 1668.2.40. as stated in the Letter from the Chief & Council at Masulipatam

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam.

To the Honble Major General Sir Archibald Campbell K.B. Governor in Council at Fort S.t George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We herein the Second to your Hon.r & c.a a Letter addressed to you by the Paymaster of Samalcotah transmitted to us under a Flying Seal for that purpose. The remarks of our Committee of Accounts, to which he alludes, and the Resolution of this Board from which he appeals, were transmitted to the Military Paymaster General on the 10.th Ult.mo. & would thereby appear that none of the other Paymasters in this District make the

From Masulipatam, enclosing Letter from the Paymaster at Samalcotah upon the Subject of a charge made by him in his Accounts of 20 Pagodas p.r Mensem as Deputy agent for Spirituous Liquors.

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The charge of 20 Pagodas pr. Month for Agency, a Sum which we believe was originally allowed to them for their trouble in managing the Arrack Rents in Store at the different Garrisons for the use of the European Troops stationed there, and of course the Office of Agent ceased, upon a Contract being granted to the Honble Mr. Cochrane in the month of March 1785 by which the Arrack for the use of the Troops was put under his sole Management.—

We also enclose Copy of a letter which we have received from Mr. Hodges requesting that Mr. Wescott may be called upon for an Account of the Emoluments of the Employ from which Mr. Hodges was removed by the former Government of Fort St. George, in order that he may receive the amount thereof conformably to the orders of the Honble the Court of Directors, transmitted to us with your letter of the 6th June.—

We have the honor to be, very respectfully.— &c. &c.

(Signed) Anthy. Sadleir
James Hodges

Masulipatam
18th Septr. 1787.—

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To the Honble Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
President and Governor &c. Council
Fort S.t George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

The Chief and Council of
Masulipatam in their Letters of the 2.d
Ult.o having been pleased to make some
reductions in the allowances hitherto
annexed to my employ, I am led
to the necessity of troubling your Honor
&c. with a Representation on the
Subject.—

From Mr Charles Boyer
Representating his
reasons for Charging
Agency, & Requesting
the Board's permission
to continue such Charge

Twenty Pagodas Per Mensem,
as Deputy Agent has been an established
allowance constantly granted to my
Predecessors, and hitherto received
by myself, it is now, for the first
time deemed by the Chief and Council
inadmissible and They direct me to
refund the Sums drawn on this
Account since the Month of March
last.— How I had the honor to acquaint
Mr Graham I drew the same allowance
that

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that Gentleman had been accustomed to draw and while I discharged the duties of my Station with Justice to my employers I am, I trust, entitled to all the Emoluments enjoyed by my Predecessors a diminution of these emoluments has occasioned this Complaint, which I hope will not be considered by your Honor &c. as an idle intrusion on your time, or as a mark of disrespect to the Chief and Council but as an appeal to your disinterested and effectual authority through the interposition of which, I trust I shall not only be excused from the required Restitution but also indulged with a continuance of the allowance.

I have the honor to subscribe myself with the highest respect

&c &c

(Signed) Chas Floyer Junr
Mr Paymr

Lamulcotah
9th Septr 1787.

As it appears that the Sum of Pays 20 pr Month was drawn by Mr Floyer's Predecessors it is agreed that he be permitted to receive it to the end of

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To the Honble Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
President and Governor &c. Council
Fort S.t George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

The Chief and Council of

Transm.r Charles Floyer
Representating his
reasons for charging
Agency, & requesting
the Board's permission
to continue such charge

Masulipatam in their Orders of the 2.d
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&c. with a Representation on the
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Acty Paymr.

Samulcotah
9th Septr 1787.

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of Pags 20 pr Month was drawn by
Mr. Floyer's Predecessor & is agreed that
he be permitted to receive it to the end
of

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of the present month when it is to be struck off.

The President in his Character of Commander in Chief states to the Board the following circumstances respecting Major John Mordaunt.—

Opinion & Recommendation of the President respecting Major John Mordaunt.—

Captain John Mordaunt in 1774 had leave from this Presidency to Bengal as Aid de Camp to Lieut. General Clavering the Commander in Chief in India, and in 1782 he was struck off the List of the army as Sir John Clavering had died some years before, which Account left Captain Mordaunt in Bengal without the authority of an Official situation the same as he possessed during the General's life.—

When the resolution to strike Captain Mordaunt off the List was adopted in Council at Madras, it was not remembered that in consequence of application from the Bengal Government Captain Mordaunt had leave to remain there after General Clavering's death.—

Captain

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Captain Mordaunt on the 24th Septr. 1786 on representing the irregularity of the proceedings concerning him, was readmitted on the Strength of the Coast army by which he now ranks as a Major of the 5th or the Infantry List.-

At the same time that Major Mordaunt was readmitted with his Rank three years leave of absence in Bengal was granted to him.

Major Mordaunt being established on the Coast army under the above circumstances the Officers below him and more particularly those at the head of the list of Captains think it a hardship to be deprived of rank and the succession of rank on his account the Commander in Chief therefore proposes that in all promotions and arrangements he may be considered as a Supernumerary Major until he repairs to his post with the Army on the Coast- and that Captain John Dupont be accordingly Appointed to do duty as a Major from the 1st Octr. 1787- vice Macleod resigned, and Capt.n Lieut.n Wm. Mackenzie to do duty as Captain of a Company- Vice Dupont promoted.-

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The Board approve the Opinion & Recommendation of the Commander in Chief & it is accordingly Agreed that the same be adopted.

Approved.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board two Letters from Lieutenant Colonel Frasen to him (as entered in M. B. No. 58-59) enclosing his Correspondence with the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam, respecting the movement of a Detachment of the 28th Battalion, & requesting orders thereupon.

From Lieut. Colonel Frasen Commanding at Chicacole.

It appears upon a Perusal of the Papers transmitted by Lieutenant Colonel Frasen that the Chief & Council complain of a Detachment being made by the above Officer without their knowledge, & declare their opinion that not a Single Man, far less a compleat Company of Sepoys, should be sent out of the District without their privacy.

Complaint of the Chief & Council thereon.

The above Sentiments being strictly correct & conformally to the principles upon which the Service is to be conducted it

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It is agreed that the Secretary do Signify the same to Lieut. Col. Lagen, enclosing the Letter under a flying Seal to the Chief & Council at Vingapatam.—

Arch.d Campbell

Ed.d Gio.s Ja.s Hamilton

John Hollond

Ja.s Sharman

R. Maunsell

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Diary. —

26th Dispatched the following

Letter. —

To Anthony Sadleir Esqr

Chief & Council

at

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Honble

the President in Council to acknowledge

the receipt of your Letters dated the

24th Ultimo & 1st September & to

make the following reply thereto.

Upon the Subject of the

over charges in Mr Westcott's Account

for Bullocks / the amount of

which you desire he may be

called upon to refund / the Board

direct me to inform you that

in Consequence of the explanation

given

To Masulipatam
The Board decline calling upon Mr Westcott for the Refund of Pagodas 1668 2. 40 stated by them to be due the Company as Bullock Contractor, the Paymaster at Nundedah allowed to draw Pagodas 20, for Agency, till the end of the present Month when it is to cease —

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giving Leave, and confirmed have
respecting his Contract and form a due
Consideration of Mr Westcotts exertions for the
Publick, & the losses he sustained by the Capture
of 129 Bullocks that were cut off with Colonel
Baileys detachment they have resolved to
declare calling upon him for the Refund
of Pags 1668. 2. 40 stated in your Letter. -

With respect to the Paymaster of
Samalcotahs Charge of Pags 20 pr month
for Agency I am directed by the Board to inform
you that upon its appearing to have been
paid to Mr Charles Hogers Predecessor and
drawn for by him I am not hereby empowered
Official information that such an Allowance
was to be discontinued they have resolved
to permit its being Charged by Mr Hogers
to the end of the present month, when it is to
be struck off.

I am further directed to request
that Subjects of a Pecuniary & Political Nature
may be in future blended in the same
manner as in the case in your Letters now answered
but that you communicate what occurs on those
Subjects in Seperate Letters. -

I have the honor to be &c

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(Signed) John Stamper
Secy

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To His Excellency Major General
The Comte de Conway
Commander in Chief of the Establishments
of His most Christian Majesty on the East Indies
&c &c &c Pondicherry

Sir,

To the Comte de Conway, stating that Seventeen Europeans, Subjects of France, have been apprehended in the neighbourhood of Gingee on their way to the Mysore Country; Enquiring what punishment may be inflicted on those who have inveigled them from Pondicherry.

In consequence of repeated Orders issued by His Highness the Nabob of Arcot to his Servants, to stop all Europeans travelling in his Dominions without a regular Passport they have apprehended about a Fortnight ago 17 Europeans in the neighbourhood of Gingee and as they could not give a satisfactory Account of their Conduct they have been sent under a Peroplen Guard to Madras upon examination the Major part of these Men declare themselves to be Subjects of France who have been inveigled into the Service of the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun Behauden by an Officer of your Sepoys at Pondicherry of the Name of Vejy, who at different times and under various Disguises conveyed them out of the Fort to a Place at the Distance of three Fourths of a League from Town where he put them under the Guidance of an Hircarah who

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26th who was to pay them four Pagodas each on their Arrival at the place of their destination.

Upon further enquiry it does appear, that the Account these men have given is well founded; I have no doubt but that your Excellency will cause the Authors of this Measure to be punished in a exemplary manner, as persons endeavouring to disturb that Peace and Harmony which at present so happily subsists between our respective Sovereigns and which both Courts by the late Commercial Treaty seem so strongly disposed to cultivate and improve.

The principal Agent concerned, besides the name of Vigy, sometimes assumes that of Vaillette, and has assisted by a Person named Ollé once in the Service of Tippoo Sultaun, and now keeping a Cabaret at Pondicherry at which House these Men were entertained at Mr. Vigy's Expence. Amongst the Inducements, there is also one said to be employed to recruit for the Native Princes, he calls himself Dupont, but there is Reason to believe that his real Name is Valle Franche, and that he has publickly renounced both his Sovereign and his Religion.

I cannot

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26 I cannot conclude this Letter without observing that in all probability some other persons must be engaged in this Business whose names are not yet discovered, for although one or two men might elude the vigilance of the Post Centinels. it must have been extremely difficult for 17 Men to pass the Gates unknown to the Officer of the Guard.

To a Person of your Excellency's Liberality of Sentiment, it is only necessary to make these Circumstances known to point a Stop to measures, which in the Eye of the Country Powers might have an appearance, unfriendly on the part of Your Government to the Interests of the English East India Company.

I have the honor to be with every Sentiment of Esteem & Respect.

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26th Septr. 1767.

Your &c &c
(Signed) Arch.d Campbell.

Sent the following Letters inclosed
in N.B. No 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65.

To

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To Mr Johnston

To the Paymaster at Madura. The Board have appointed him to the Paymaster-ship of Trichinopoly in the room of Mr Bath who has resigned the Charge of his present Employ to be delivered over to Mr Latham.

To Mr Latham -ting

To Mr Robert George Latham, appointing him Paymaster at Madura.

To his Majesty's Paymaster General

To Mr Burke.

To pay the annual Allowance of Passage money to Captain John Campbell of the 72d Regiment.

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr Lurmy

with a Claim for Prison Batta due to Mr Lloyd, Second Mate of the Portefude Indiaman.

To Lieut. Colonel Drayer the Sentiments expressed by the Board as Vizagapatam are perfectly correct; the sending any Memorial of the District, without their Privacy, is irregular and improper

To Lieut. Colonel Drayer.

To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam with a Return of European Invalids embarked on the Fort Pitt for their Settlement - six Fanams per diem to be paid to the Commander for each Man landed.

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in Mr Bs No 66-67, 68. 69. 70/

From

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From Mr. Lord. 24th From Mr. Lord, Assistant Surgeon, requesting to have his Arrear of Pay, discharged in Cash.-

From Lieut. Parry.- From the Commandant at Annee states that the application for a Guard of Sepoys to protect the Inhabitants of Pulicanoor was never made to him; nor was he acquainted with the circumstance of the disturbances, till he perused the Petition forwarded by Government.-

From Ganjam From Ganjam, with Return of Troops in Garrison, and general Return of the Troops doing duty in the Pitchapoor district for the Month of August.-

From Mr. John Mackenzie Junior. From Mr. John Mackenzie Junior.- states, that he has shipped on board the Snow Triton bound for Madras, a Cargo of Rice, which he has ordered to be disposed of. For the purpose of discharging the Balance due from him to the Company on account of the Betsey's Cargo, I requests that the Bill drawn on him may be cancelled.-

From Mr. Lambert. From Mr Lambert Merchant at Calcutta enclosing Letter from Mr. Harris, advising that he has shipped on board the Ld. Hillsdon Sixty Leagers of double distilled Rum, in part of the Contract entered into with the Supreme Council.-

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At a Consultation Present

The Honorable Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell Knt.
President

John Holland James H.J. Casamayor
& Robert Macausell Esqrs.

Friday
28th Septr 1797.

Minutes of last Consultation read
& Approved.

The President, in his Character of
Commander in Chief, informs the Board that
soon after the return of Lieut. Colonel Gent to
India, the Colonel applied to him for the
Command of the 1st Battalion of Artillery
& of the Cantonment at St Thomas Mount.
But as the Commander in Chief had learnt,
that Lord Cornwallis had come to a determi-
nation, that no Officer in the Regular
command of a Corps should be dispossessed
in favour of a Senior Officer coming from
Europe, unless he should have positive
orders from the Court of Directors for that
purpose. and conceiving at the same time
that such a Rule was conformable to Justice
& the Good of the Service especially when the
Officer in command had rendered himself
conspicuous in promoting the discipline of
the Corps & in possessing the Confidence of the
men

The President informa-
tion respecting
Lieut. Colonel Gent.

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Men and Officers underthem; Resolved to refer the matter to the judgement & decision of the Commander in Chief in India. which he accordingly did in the following Letter. -

The Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.
Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Dear Lord,

Sir Archk. Campbells Letter of Reference to Lord Cornwallis on the Subject of appointing Lieut. Colonels Gells to the Command of the 1st Batn. of Artillery & of the Cantonment at St. Thomas's Mount. -

A Circumstance has occurred here which as it materially concerns the Lieut. Colonels of Artillery on this Establishment I beg leave to refer to your Lordships' Judgement. -

Upon my arrival in India the Corps of Artillery consisted only of one Battalion Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Reynolds, but on the encrease of its establishment to two Battalions which then took place according to the Company's Orders, Major Lennon was promoted to the Rank of Lieut. Colonel and to the Command of the 2d Battalion, and Captains Lydenham and Moorhouse promoted to Majors, one to each Batn. which completed the establishment of Field Officers of Artillery. -

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In the month of July 1786 Lieutenant Colonel Rigault Charmy applied for, and obtained leave to retire on Lord Clives Bounty in consequence of his inability to discharge the Duties of his Station Major Lydenham was promoted to the Rank of Lieut. Colonel and Appointed to the Command of the Battn. of Artillery, and of the Cantonment at the Mount vacant by the resignation of Lieut. Colonel Rigault of which he took charge a few days only before your Lordships' Arrival at Madras.

The relaxed State in which he found the Discipline of this Battalion occasioned by an unhappy disagreement which had long subsisted between Lieut. Colonel Rigault and his Officers and pervaded the whole Corps required a Conduct not less firm than moderate to overcome, and I have great Satisfaction for the Account of the public Service and as it is a Justice due to an able and meritorious Officer, in saying that the exertions of Lieut. Colonel Lydenham which I have been an eye witness had every effect that could be wished by

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by restoring Harmony, and good order throughout the Battalion, and establishing its Discipline on the sure and permanent basis of mutual Confidence, & good will.

In Consequence of the Honble Court of Directors having by their General Letter of the 16th February last received per Rose restored Major Geils, who in 1781 was removed from the Artillery to the Engineers with Majors Brevet to the Rank which he would have held had he remained in the former Corps, which Rank places him next below Lieut. Colonel Rigaud's and immediately before Lieut. Colonel Tanner, and consequently makes him the Senior Lieut. Colonel of Artillery on this Establishment

I have sent enclosed for your Lordships further information an extract of the beforementioned General Letter, together with a Copy of the Opinion of a Board of Officers assembled by the Court of Directors in England to decide on Major Geils's pretensions, and it being equally my wish to do him Justice on his Arrival as could at the Officers now in the Command of our Battns of Artillery

I request your Lordship will be good to inform me what Rule you have adopted

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adopted in the Bengal Army for such a case, and whether Officers in the regular Command of Corps are to be dispossessed of them in favour of Junior Officers coming from Europe or whether such Officers are to wait until Vacancys happen for their being nominated to the Command of Battalions.-

It is also for you Lordship that Lieut. Colonel Gells went expressly to Europe for the purpose of ascertaining his Rank and has been above two years absent. Your Opinion on this right to Command the 1st Battn of Artillery will oblige

My Dear Sir
Yr &c
(Signed) Archd. Campbell

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8th June 1787.-

To the above Reference the Commander in Chief in India made the following Reply.-

Extract from Lord Cornwallis's Letter dated 27th August 1787.-

Lord Cornwallis's Opinion thereon

"Respecting the case of Lieut. Col. Gells upon which I intended to have been perfectly explicit I am of Opinion that no Officer on possession of a Command should be displaced to

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"to make room for a Senior, who may arrive
from England unless there should be a
"positive Order for it from the Court of
Directors, but that the Senior Officer should
"remain as Supernumerary until a vacancy
"happens."

A true Copy } J. Campbell

The Commander in Chief has
requested leave to record what has passed
on the above Subject as it has occasioned
the drawing a line that will be the means
of preventing future discussions upon
similar points.

Substance of the foregoing to be stated to the Court of Directors.

Resolved that the Substance
of the foregoing be mentioned in the
next dispatches to the Court of Directors.

Read the following Letters from the
Military Board, together with
Board of Offi
To the Honble Major } of Directors and
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor &c &c &c in Council

Honble Sir

We have been honored
with Mr. Secry Stanier's Letter of the 18th
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From the Military Board stating it as their Opinion that the Officers are entitled to draw the arrears due to the non Commissioned & Privates who died intestate under their command on Prion - & recommending the pay to be established for the Field Officers of Cavalry. -

instant with its enclosures from Captains Wragg and Macneil, and Lieut. Bowles.

According to the 2d Article of the 97th Section of the Articles of War, as well as the usage of the Service, and the Orders contained in the Postscripts of a Letter from the Honble the Governor General and Supreme Council, under date the 14th Novemr 1775 - it appears to us that Captains Wragg and Macneil are entitled to draw the arrears of those non-Commissioned, and Privates, who Died intestate under their command in Prion; the precise time of their death being first clearly ascertained and those Officers being held responsible for any future claims that may hereafter be made by the lawfull heirs of the deceased -

In conformity with your Orders, we have complied with Lieutenant Bowles request, and have directed him to be furnished with Copies of the Papers for which he applies and have agreed to defer the further consideration of this claim until our next meeting. -

The application made by Lieut. Colonel

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Colonel Dugald Campbell for the establishment of a fixed Pay for the Field Officers of Native Cavalry, having been maturely considered, we are of Opinion that the daily Pay of a Lieut. Colonel of Cavalry on the Bombay Company's Service, should be £1. 2. 10 or Pags 2. 35. 70 and that of a Major in the same should be 19/ or Pags 2. 16. 15 In forming this estimate we have been strictly guided by the net allowances drawn by Officers of the same Rank in His Majesty's Regiments of Light Dragoons. -

With respect to the Gratuity, or that allowance for all the Field Officers in the Company's Service has been referred to the consideration and decision of the Honble the Court of Directors, we cannot venture to offer any Opinion on the Subject, until their further pleasure thereon be fully known. - We have the honor to be with perfect respect,

Sir & Sr

(Signed) J. Kaye
" Patrick Ross
" Henry Malcolm
" Agnes Campbell
" A. Ino Dunyd
" Wm Lyttelton
" D Moorhouse.

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28th Sept 1787.-

Agreed

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Opinions & Recommendations referred.

Agreed that the Opinions & Recommendations of the Military Board be confirmed & that the necessary orders be issued in consequence.—

Agreed also that the recommendation of the Military Board respecting the pay to the Field Officers of Cavalry be referred to the Court of Directors, & that they be requested to transmit their orders on this subject.—

Read the following Letter from Mr. Kenworthy.—

To the Honble Major General Sir Archibald Campbell K.B. Governor in Council Fort S.t George

Honble Sir

From Mr. John Kenworthy requesting the Board will recommend the appointment of Mr. Shinton to the Paymastership of Trichinopoly and that on the grant of his Request being refused a Copy of his Letter may be sent to England.—

I did myself the honor of addressing the Governor and Council on the 30.th May 1786, representing the length of time which I had been out of Employ & requesting to be provided for, agreeably to my Rank in the Service and on the 2. March last took the liberty to address a Letter to the Honble the President the Receipt of—

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of which he was pleased to acknowledge,
and to inform me that my application
should be attended to, but I am sorry
to observe that I still remain unemployed
and since the abovementioned Period
I have met with repeated Supercessions,
which many Junior Servants, and
Persons not on the Service contrary to a
Solemn Act of the Legislature & the repeated
positive orders of our Honorable Employers
have been favored with Places of Credit and
emolument. I therefore beg leave to call your
attention to the Circumstances on which my
Pretensions are justly founded. —

On my arrival in this Country 1777
I was appointed an Assistant in the Civil
Secretary's Office, where I continued six years
and Upwards to Mr. Oakeley under whom I
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to the Satisfaction of my Superiors. In the
month of April 1781. I was appointed Deputy
Agent to the Grand Army, I remained constantly
with it till the conclusion of the War; It is
all most unnecessary to observe that I acquitted
myself Faithfully on that Station for the
smallest Failure of attention in the Duties
of that Employ might have been attended with the

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the most fatal Consequences:— I acted as Deputy Agent 'till the month of July 1785 when the Governor and Council thought proper to appoint a young Servant to the Office of Agent, an Act of Injustice which I could not silently pass over & accordingly represented it in my Letter to the Hon.ble Board of the 16.th & 19.th July 1785. I now on Record in the Military Department. From the above Representations, I flatter myself that your Honor &c. will be convinced that my Claim to an Employ suitable to my Rank in the Service is not ill Founded, and I take the Liberty of applying for the Paymasters Office of Trichinopoly, hoping that you will be pleased to recommend the Appointment of Mr. Samuel Johnson to that Employ— On a Report that Mr Pattle might probably resign soon, I some days ago did myself the Honor to express to the Governor my wish to be employed, but did not think myself justified in asking for that Paymastership publickly, 'till it should actually become vacant, and as the Appointment of Mr. Johnson took place immediately on Mr Pattle's Resignation being given in, I was deprived of the Opportunity of making the necessary application. Mr Johnson is eleven Years, below me on the List, and I believe it would be very difficult for any Person to

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Point out any Services he has rendered the Company; Shortly after his arrival in 1722. he was appointed to the Paymastership of Madura, to Succeed Mr Barclay who quitted it to take his Seat at the Honble Board; This Surely was an indulgent stretch of Power with which no young a Servant ought to have remained contented and I hope your Honours &c. will not continue an Opinion that the merits one of the best Paymasterships in the Service.

I hope your Honr &c. will be pleased to take my application into your serious Consideration & confide in that Justice which alone should influence the Acts of a respectable Government, & truth that you will be pleased to rescind the Appointment of Mr Samuel Johnson, and compli with my present Application. — should your Honr &c. chuse to confirm that Gentleman in the Paymastership I must request that this Letter, or a Copy of it, may be sent home a Number in the Packet for Ramsworth: and as I suppose that a preference of Mr Johnson to a Servant of my Standing, can only proceed

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proceed from your having taken Offence at some part of my Conduct, I take the liberty of requesting that you will be pleased to favour me with a Copy of any Charge that may be alledged against me, in time for me to answer to your Government and to our Employers by the Dispatch of the Ravensworth.

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

(Signed) I. Thenworthy

Fort St. George
29th Septr 1787.

Agreed that Copy of Mr Thenworthys Letter be transmitted to Europe as a number in the Packet by the ensuing dispatch.

To go a number in the ensuing Dispatch.

Read the following Letter from Mr Robert George Latham.

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

From Mr Robert George Latham, in Consequence of Mr Johnstone appointed to Madura, requests his Letter may be sent to England.

I have been honored with a Letter from your Secretary notifying my Appointment to the Offices of Paymaster & Storekeeper at Madura, in Conformity to

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Point out any Services he has rendered the Company: Shortly after his arrival in 1772, he was appointed to the Paymastership of Madura, to succeed Mr Barclay who quited it to take his Seat at the Honble Board; this surely was an indulgent stretch of Power with which so any young a Servant ought to have remained contented and I hope your Honor &c. will not continue in opinion that he merits one of the best Paymasterships in the Service.

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I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect.-

&c &c.

Fort St. George (Signed) I. Shenworthy
27th Sept.r 1787.-

Agreed that Copy of Mr. Shenworthys Letter be transmitted to Europe as a number in the Packet by the ensuing dispatch.-

To go a number in the ensuing Dispatch.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Robert George Latham.-

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President & Governor &c Council at Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

I have been honored with a Letter from your Secretary notifying my Appointment to the Offices of Paymaster & Storekeeper at Madeira, in conformity to

From Mr. Robert George Latham, in Consequence of Mr. Johnstoni appointm.t to Madeira, requests his Letter may be sent to England.-

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to your pleasure I shall proceed thither & take charge of those employs with every expedition.

Previous however to that Event I must entreat the indulgent attention of the Honble Board to a few circumstances, which I consider justly alleged to submit to their Consideration, & adopt the measure with the more Confidence, from a conviction of the motives that lead thereto being free & unsullied with the smallest stain of disrespect, or influenced by the most distant idea of calling in Question the Mandates of my Superiours, to which I have ever professed & still shall continue to shew an unconditional submissive Obedience.

The Honble the Court of Directors have been pleased to recommend me in the most flattering Terms to this Government, in terms indeed unpresume of infinitely greater merit on my Part than any action of my life could declare me to possess & which my Inclination & Zeal alone to acquire & deserve could in any degree entitle me. my sentiments on this Subject are sufficiently recorded in an address which I had the honor of delivering to the Honble Board in consequence; I availed myself therein of the orders of that Honble Court which specify that whatever Appointment I wished to obtain should be granted me provided it might

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might be consistent with my Honor as an Officer in the Service I presented my Claims for the Paymaster-ship of a Cantonment about to be formed at Wallajahbad; The Honble Presidents & Council upon the Arrival of Major General Sir Archibald Campbell were graciously pleased to acquiesce in the Justness & Propriety of the Request by appointing me to the Employ.— Painful as the Task of relating the Subsequent Transaction particularly at this distant time must naturally hurt the desire of accounting to the Honble the Court of directors for a Conduct hitherto appearing Strange & mysterious to them, Necessitates & compels me to state the circumstances ingenuously; I found myself at the moment of Success reduced to the necessity of applying for permission to resign an employment which I could not consistently with my Principles retain; my request was granted, what led me to this Act was— a Young Cornet in his Majesty Service being appointed Barrack Master—which Appointment took away almost every Advantage & Emolument annexed to the Office of Paymaster at the Cantonment—I immediately assigned the Reasons why I did not expose myself publickly at the time, & Looked forward to a future Period for an entire Indemnification from

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Sion, I possessed the most perfect Reliance that an Opportunity would soon occur, when I should experience the full effect of the Spirit of those orders & Recommendations in my favr.-

In that confidence I remained unemployed for about 12 Months when hearing that there was a probability of Vacancies happening on the Bay Masters-ships of Sanjore & Tanjore I addressed a Letter to the Board of Trade in March to represent my Situation & to request the Reversion of either Post the former was bestowed upon Mr Strange & the latter which was the immediate Object of my warm expectations has been given to Mr Samuel Johnson, a Man infinitely my Inferior in Point of Rank & whose Claims I humbly conceive, independant of the pointed Paragraph in two Separate General Letters in my Behalf, are of an equal Inferiority: scarcely had this Gentleman arrived in India when he obtained my present Station on the most favorable & advantageous Terms, & now that Times are no more, he succeeds to what I have so assiduously pursued & aimed at, & what I had every reasonable ground to imagine would have been the Recompence of 11 Years Service rewarded

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but by the Encouragements & Praise bestowed upon me by my Honble Masters for having manifested an active Zeal & attachment to their Interests & their Service, a Zeal which I shall ardently avow, & an attachment which shall ever operate in my Breast whilst I have the Honor of Serving such liberal Employers.—

I trust that the Honble the Directors will be pleased to take me to their Consideration by my most respectfull yet serious Entreaty, that they will upon a Review of the Circumstances adjudge the Paymastership of Trichinopoly to be my Right, in Preference to that of Mr. Johnson, & that they will not take Offence at this Representation of Facts which I considered it incumbent upon me to offer as a Duty I owed to the Honble the Court of Directors & as a Justice to myself. The Decision of the Honble Board I respect shall be most implicitly attended to, but at the same time I must require that they will indulge me so far as to order this Letter to be sent as Number in the Packet by the first dispatch to Europe. I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Robt Geo: Latham

Agent

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Copy a number in the next Packet.-

Agreed that Copy of Mr. Latham's Letter be transmitted to Europe as a number on the Packet by the next Dispatch.-

The President informs the Board that he purposes delivering in a Minute at the next meeting on the Subject of Mr. Latham's address.-

The President intimates his intention of entering a Minute on the Subject of Mr. Latham's address.-

Read the following Letters entered in the M.B. Nos. 72. 73.

From Colonel Kelly, Commanding at Arcot transmitting a Report of Repairs necessary to the Barracks previous to the Monsoon enclosing the Engineer Estimate amounting to Pags. -

From the Commd.g at Arcot.-

Ordered that the Repairs recommended by the Engineer at Arcot be executed.-

Minute thereon

From Mr. Benjamin Roebuck on the part of Mr. Cochrane, agent for Spirituous Liquor, stating that he has not been furnished with a Copy of the Contract entered into by the Bengal Government with Messrs. Ferguson & Barretto &c. &c. he is at a loss in what manner to receive the Spirits which have arrived.

From Mr. Benjamin Roebuck

Agreed that the Secretary do

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do write to Bengal, desiring a Copy of
Minute thereon the Contracts entered into, with the
Musters of Sperits which were delivered
in at Calcutta –

From the Chief Engineer
From the Chief Engineer enclosing an estimate of Repairs wanted
to the Artillery Barracks & Hospital at
the Mount, amounting to Pays. 615. 20. 72.

Ordered that the Repairs
Minute thereon be executed agreeably to the Estimate. –

Ex.d
Geoful. Martenger

Arch.d Campbell
John Holloud
Jas. Bt. Casamajor
R. Maunsell

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Diary.

5th Received the undermentioned Letters / entered on M.B. for the month of October Nos. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. /

From the Commissary General of Stores - requesting that Mr. Jones Conductor of Stores may be furnished with a Letter to the Resident at Cuddalore to enable him to remove from thence to Tiagar the Ordnance & Stores sent on board the Snow Adventurers.

From Col: Monhouse

From Mr. Gahagan requesting that his Letter on the Subject of Bank may be transmitted to the Court of Directors, as a Number on the Packets accompanied with such recommendations as the Board may think him deserving of.

From Masulipatam - From the Chief & Council at Masulipatam with Copies of Letters from & to Bengal respecting Arrack & the Spirituous Liquors consigned on the

Snow

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5th Snow Victoria have been delivered over to Mr. Cochrane.

From Captain Younge requests that Mr Welch may be ordered to pay him Pags 405 the amount of 90 Saddles furnished by him.

From Captain Younge.—

From Sir John Menzies Bart. with a copy of a letter from Capt. Arthur of the Snow Triton, requesting to be allowed to purchase out of the Company's Stores some Arms & ammunition for the Defence of his Vessel.

From Sir John Menzies Bart.

Sent the undermentioned Letters entered on M.B. Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. 13. 14, 15. 16/.

To the Secretary at Bengal, with a copy of a letter from the Agents of Mr. Cockrane on the subject of the Arrack & Rum contracted for by the Bengal Government—requesting Copies of the Contracts entered into together with Musters of the Spirits.

To Mr. Hay

To Mr. Kenworthy with his letter will be forwarded to the Court of Directors agreeably to his request.

To Mr. Kenworthy

To Mr. Latham.

To Mr. Bob.t George Latham.

To the Commandant at Arcot—the repairs to be executed agreeably to the Estimate transmitted

To Col. Kelly

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Mr. transmitted by him amounting to 127. 14. Pay.

To Mr Welch — To the Paymaster at Arcot, with the above Estimate of Repairs.

To the Military Paymaster General with Extract of a Report from the Military Board respecting an application made by Captains Wragg and Mc Neile upon the subject of pay to the field Officers of native Cavalry which has been approved of by Government.—

To Mr. Turing

To the Chief Engineer — the Repairs to the Barracks & Hospital at St. Thomas' Mount are immediately to be executed.—

To Col: Ross —

To the Commandant at Arnee — no proof of Guilt having appeared against Lutchia Chitty he is to be liberated & his property returned.—

To Lieut Lacey.

To the Military Paymaster General with the Lieut. Col: Ross's Malayalam Accounts which are to be carried to the proper heads in his Books.

To Mr Turing

To the Paymaster at Arcot with Extract of a letter from the Military Board respecting the pay of the native field officers of Cavalry their Arrears to be discharged agreeably thereto.

To Mr. Welch.

To Mr Lord his request for pay whilst on Bengal cannot be complied with as Assistant Surgeon.—

To Mr. Lord.

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
President

John Holland — James Hy Casamajor

Tuesday
2d Octr 1797.

Robert Maunsell Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation
read and approved.

Read the following Letter
from Bengal.

To the Honble Sir Archd Campbell K.B.
Governor Council of Fort S. George

Honble Sir

We have already informed you
that in compliance with your request
to be supplied, with Eleven hundred
Leaguers of Rum & Arrack to be sent to
your Presidency and its Subordinates we
have contracted with Messrs Ferguson
Barretto & Finny for 550 Leaguers of Rum
& Arrack and with Messrs Lambert &
Harris for the same quantity, each Leaguer
to contain 150 Gallons half to be delivered before

From Bengal Rum & Arrack sent down, on the Snow Victoria, being part of the Quantity contracted for with Messrs Ferguson Barretto & Finny.—

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the end of September and half before the end of March.

The Ld Victoria freighted by Messrs Ferguson, Barretto & Penny now proceeds to the Coast of Coromandel, & will deliver part of the quantity required at each of your Subordinates Vizt.

At Tanjore Tuns 525 Gallons & Arrack 525
Vizagapatam Tuns 975 Ditto & Ditto 975
Masulipatam Tuns 2250 Ditto & Do 2250

The same Vessel will proceed to Fort St George and there deliver the principal part engaged for by Messrs Ferguson Barretto & Penny - Sealed Musters of the Spirits accompanying this Letter

We have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Cornwallis
Chas Stuart
J Shore

Fort William
Secret & Milry Department
25 July 1787.

The President delivers in the following Minute on the Subject of Mr Latham's Letter, & especially to his declaration at last Meeting

President

Fort St. George 2d. October 1787.

Presidents Minute
28th. Septembr. 1787.

Presidents Minute respecting Mr. Latham.

From the number of Civil Servants now in India, of too long a Standing to act as Writers in the Secrett. Offices, there must of course be many without Employ, and as there are few Appointments, which they think sufficiently lucrative to be worthy of their Acceptance, many Candidates present themselves for every Vacancy; but as one Person only can be successful, the others pleading their long Services, & particular Merits, fill the Records with repeated Applications, which thus as often repeated, were not in my Power to comply with; For this reason I have generally suffered them to pass unobserved; We have lately however received a Letter of this Nature, from one of the Junior Servants, which as it merits attention I shall deviate from my General Rule, & make some Remarks upon it.

The Letter to which I allude came from Mr. Robert Geo: Latham. This Gentleman reminds the Board of his being recommended to us by the Honble Court of Directors "for such an Appointment as he wishes consistent with his

his Rank in the Service." that he was 12 Months neglected and at last was provided for in a manner which is by no means agreeably to his Rank and Expectations.

Mr. Latham was recommended to us by the Honble Court of Directors, in consequence of which, it was one of the first Acts of Government after my arrival, to Appoint him Paymaster of the new Cantonment of Walajabad where by far the greatest Body of Kings and Company's Troops was assembled and of course it was deemed the most honourable and lucrative Paymastership on this Establishment. at that period, Government came to the Resolution of appointing a Barrack Master to the Cantonment of Walajabad from the fullest conviction that where there was so large a Body of Europeans collected an Officer so posted, under proper Regulations and Responsibility would secure the Barrack Beds, and Barrack Furniture from Injury & consequently accomplish a considerable annual Saving to the Company.

Whatever might be the Propriety of Government in the Resolution they had thus taken, it is evident that Mr. Latham was

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was highly displeased at the Regulation;
and by his intemperate Conduct gave an
early Proof to Government, that notwithstanding
his Professions of Zeal, for the
Service and high Respect to his Superiors,
a Passion for emolument had completely
overpowered those elevated and prudential
Sentiments / To use his own Words / "He
"found himself reduced to the necessity
"of applying for permission to resign
"an Employment which he could not
"consistently with his principles retain."
and further adds. "What led him to this
act, was a young Cornet in his Majesty's
Service being appointed Barrack Master,
which Appointment took away almost
every advantage and emolument annexed
"to the Office of Paymaster at the Cantonment"

The Post of Barrack master at Madras
had always been held, as it certainly ought to be,
a Military Appointment. For this obvious Reason
that none but an Officer can effectually
check the waste or irregularities of the
Soldiery; or from attempts to break and
destroy the Doors, Windows, Beds, and
Barracks Furniture, Lieut. Maxwell of the
19th Dragoons / and not a young Cornet as
Mr. Sullivan unfairly represents / was

Therefore

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therefore appointed Barrack Master to the Cantonments of Walajabad, a Gentleman, who on the all Submission to Mr. Latham's Opinion of his own Merits, had a just Claim to the notice of Government, from the very respectable Station he filled as Confidential aid de Camp to Sir John Dalling, in which Capacity he gave universal Satisfaction without a Single Instance of Indiscretion in his Conduct Sir John Dalling requested this Appointment for Mr. Maxwell and the Board were unanimous in their nomination of that Gentleman to the Office.

When the Value of an European Soldiers Life in this Country is considered, it will be readily allowed that too much Care cannot be taken of their Quarters; on the Cleanliness of which, and on their frequent Convenience which fall under the Superintendance of a Barrack Master, the Health of Soldiery very often Depend. for these reasons, as well as the Reduction of expence in the Article of Quarters, the Board thought the Appointment of a Barrack Master necessary; and have already shown that an Officer was certainly the fittest Person to execute that Office on whatever Principles therefore, Mr. Latham found

Formerly-

himself alleged to resign the Paymastership of Palaycotta, they certainly were not those of such Obedience and respect, as is due from him to this Government especially at the Moment, in which the Board was strenuously employed in the establishment of Arrangements for the Improvement of the Honble Company's Service.-

Although exceedingly displeased with the Caprice of Mr. Latham Government in Consideration of his Youth, suffered him to withdraw every imprudent letter which he addressed to the Board at the time he resigned his Appointment to Palaycotta and have since offered him the Paymaster-=ship of Madura, where there can be no Interference of a Barrack Master. This Gentleman nevertheless is again dissatis-=fied, and now solicits for the Paymastership of Tinnivelly, where there is actually a Barrack Master, a Station which the Board have been pleased on my Recommenda-=tion to give to Mr. Samuel Johnston, a Gentleman who has always conducted him-=self as an accurate, diligent, and faith-=ful Servant to the Company. Do not think therefore, that Mr. Johnston ought to be displaced, even on the Score of Merits with Mr. Latham and if it is to go by Seniority, there are 25 Servants older than Mr. Latham,

that

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that have the same Claim to it

I lament exceedingly that Mr. Latham's Conduct, should have rendered it necessary for me to lay these Remarks before the Board; after having a second time recommended that Gentleman for an Eligible Station, in obedience to the orders of the honble Court of Directors.

But from Mr. Latham's Address to the Board, which he has desired may be a Member in the Secret Packet; it would be conceived at Home that a Person of his Merits had been exceedingly ill treated by this Government, if an explanation of his imprudent and disrespectful Conduct had not also accompanied his Letter to the Court of Directors, who I am persuaded will not encourage their Servants to such Acts of Inconsistency.-

Trusting however, that Mr. Latham may yet become sensible of his Error, I shall cheerfully overlook all his past Indiscretions I must however desire that he proceed to Madura without Delay.-

Mr Latham to repair to Madura immediately.

Agreed that Mr Latham be desired to repair immediately to his Station.-

Postpone

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Proposed by Mr. Maunsell, & agreed to by the Board, that the Military Paymaster General be directed to lay before Government a comparative Statement of the Expence incurred on the Department of the Barrack Master upon this Establishment on account of the Purchase of Cattle & to state what the charges of the Barrack Master for each Pole Mats &c. supplied the European Barracks by them, agreeable to the late Regulations are more or less than the same description of Articles supplied an equal number of Europeans by the Paymasters.—This Statement to include the Period of as many Months previous to the Establishment of Barrack Masters, as there are months subsequent to their Institution.—

Mr. Maunsell's Proposal respecting the Accounts of the Barrack Master.

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.—

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

Honble Sir,

Having at length received the Reports from the Cavalry Officers at Arcot, and Wallajah, to the Memorial of Lieut. Bowles, and being furnished with the Grounds which he requested leave to produce on

Report of the Military Board upon Lieut. Bowles's Claim to Cavalry Rank.—

Support

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In support of that Statement of his case, we this day resumed the investigation of his Claim, agreeable to adjournment of which we had the Honor to inform you in our Letter of the 25.th instant. —

Soon after the commencement of the late War, when the exigency of the Service required that four Regiments of Sepoys & the Nabobs Cavalry should be taken into the pay of the Honble Company and act with their grand army Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote deemed it necessary to establish a certain temporary rank for the Officers belonging to those Corps this Arrangement which was published in General orders on the 6.th January 1781 was by no means understood to include the whole of the Nabobs Service but was confined to the Officers then actually doing duty with the above four Regiments, amongst whom Lieut.t Bowles's name does not appear

Lieutenant Bowles in his Address to us of the 27.th instant seems desirous of resting his Claim in a great measure upon a recommendation of him by Capt.n Pennington

Eidingtonn, and an apparent approval
thereof by Lieutenant General Sir Eyre
Coote, which on examination, the Said
Powers relations to each other for the
Supposed approval is dated the 19th
February 1781 seven months prior to the
recommendation which was not written
'till the 27th August, in the same year -
Between were the dates of these papers
perfectly correspondent, yet the expressions
of Sir Eyre Coote, as quoted by Mr.
Boules, convey no Opinion, no more
than a general Approbation of Captain
Eidingtonn's having recruited the
Cavalry and Infantry, and could not, by
the most forced construction be deemed
a particular confirmation of Lieutenants
Boules Appointment by Capt. Eidingtonn
to a Corps of Cavalry.

Lieutenant Boules also states,
'though he produces no proof in
support of it 'that when an unexpected
Arrangement in the Nabobs Army
changed the Face of Affairs, His Highness
was pleased to replace him in the Cavalry
without prejudice to his rank, to prevent
his

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This being a sufferer in his Future prospects
This we think is clearly deriving his
present Claim principally, if not solely
from an expost facto act of the Nabob
in his favor, which we imagine can
never be admitted as good and worthy
for granting him the Rank he now
claims in the Company's Service.-

At the conclusion of the War
a Board of Officers was assembled to take
into consideration, and suggest to
Government a mode of establishing the
Rank of the Nabobs Cavalry Officers
to be taken into the Company's Service
and as Lieutenant Bowles was not included
in the former arrangement, his name of
course was not inserted on the List laid
before them, as appears by the letters
of Colonel Kiding town, and Major,
Campbell, to which we beg leave to refer
you. But having formerly served
with the Lavalry, his case was mentioned
by a Friend, one of the Members of
that Board, in consequence of which
it was agreed that the President
should make a verbal report of it;

and

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and recommend him to the favorable —
notice of the Right Honble the Governor
in consequence of which, on the general
Arrangement of the Cavalry formed
soon afterwards, Lieutenant Bowles
present rank was established, and
in this manner he then, for the first time
obtained the Commission he now holds
in the Company's Service —

After the most attentive
consideration of the above facts, as well
as all the papers and information
received from all the parties concerned,
we are of opinion that Lieut.t Bowles
is not entitled to any rank in the
Honble Company's Service superior to
that which he at present possesses
excepting such as he may hereafter
attain in the regular course of promotion
And in order effectually to prevent the
importunate and fruitless applications
to which Government will be constantly
exposed and the fluctuation and uncer-
-tainty to which the Service must
ever be liable, by a repetition of similar
Claims, We take the liberty of submitting
to

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to your Honor &c. the expediency of issuing a General Order declarative of your resolution that the present ranks of the Company's Cavalry Officers shall be considered as finally, and unalterably established, and that any address, or Memorial on this Subject will not in future be received or attended to.—

We have the honor to be, with Sir, Your most respectful &c &c.

(signed) J. Capper
" Patrick Ross
" Henry Malcolm
" Sam. Campbell
" John Durand
" Wm. Sydenham

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Agreed that the Report of the Military Board upon Lieut. Boulés Memorial thereon Claim to Cavalry Rank be confirmed & that the same be communicated to the Court of Directors.—

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores.—

To

843 Fort S.t George 2.d October 1787.—

To the Honble Major General
Sir Archibala Campbell K.B.
President & Governor &.c.a in Council
Fort S.t George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Committee of Stores stating the Amount for Freight due Mr. Tallofield and the great want of Cartridge Paper.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Chamier's Letter of the 13.th Instant with two Statements of Stores conveyed to Negapatam on the Adventure, and desiring us to report the amount of the Freight which ought to be paid to Mr. Tallofield.

It appears by a reference to our Books that 374 Candies of Military Stores were conveyed to Negapatam on the Adventure for the Garrison of Tanjore, the 17.th May 1786, and 101 Candies more on the same Vessel the 28.th August following. It is usual to pay 3/4 Pags Per Candy for the Freights of Military Stores

Approved

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Stores at which rate this
Demand will amount
to Pags 325.. 2s.. we therefore
recommend that Mr. Wallofsed
be paid that Sum.-

We read at our last
Meeting an Indent for Stores
from Pooramallee which we have
agreed to comply with
excepting on the Article
of Tubes and Cartridge
Bags, which cannot be
spared without breaking in
on that Supply which
we think should be kept
for field Service, for the
same reason we agreed to
recommend to the Command-
ing Officers of Battalions
and Detachments of Artillery
to be as sparing as possible
in the expenditure of those
Articles & likewise of all
Field Ammunition in
General.-

We are informed by the
Commissary General of Stores
that there is a great want
of Cartridge Paper in Store

Approved.

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Store, and that a small Quantity
is immediately necessary to
supply the out Garrisons with
Musket ammunition. —
Upon enquiry it appears
that the Military Storekeeper
has several months ago sent
to Bengal for 20,000 Lbs. Powder
& likewise that he has in the
meantime endeavoured to
purchase a sufficient Quantity
for the present Consumption,
but such is the scarcity of
that article at present, at
Madras that he finds it
impossible to procure any
cheaper than at the rate
of 4 Pagodas per Seam which
is upwards of 100 Per Cent
dearer than the price of Common
European Cartridge paper but of
a better Quantity; we beg leave
therefore to submit to your
Honble Board whether it
shall be purchased at that
Price. —

ordered that the European Cartridge Paper be purchased

In justification to
ourselves we think it necessary to

This will be mentioned with the next Dispatches to Europe —

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to observe that the present want of Cartridge Paper is principally owing to our not having been supplied this Year with a proper Quantity from Europe.

We have the honor to be

Sir &c

Fort S. George
27th Sept. 1787.

(Signed)

S Casper
Wm Petrie
Patrick Ross
Wm Lydenham
J Moorhouse

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Representation of the Committee of Stores respecting the Deficiency of Cartridge Paper be particularly noticed in the next dispatches to the Court of Direction.

Read the following Letter from General Conway Governor of Pondicherry.

To

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To His Excellency Sir. A Campbell K.B.
Commander in Chief of his Britannic Majesty's
Forces & Governor of Madras &c.
Fort S.t George

Sir

From Major Genl Conway, on the subject of the 17 French Men seized near Gingee on their Way to the Mysore Country.

Immediately on receipt of the Letter with which your Excellency did me the honor to write me dated the 26.th Instant I made enquiry of Mr. Vigy, who is not a Servant Officer in the Kings Service, but who belongs as they say to a party of Lewis in Sultaun Sultaun's Army after many enquiries I am assured that he had really inlisted Men in this City, that these Men almost all came from Merchant Ships & some of them from Kings Ships that he had conducted these Men near to Gingee without the permission and without the Consent of my Predecessor I have caused Mr. Vigy to be put in Confinement, & I shall make diligent Search after the Man named Cantel which you speak of.

Beg of your Excellency to be assured that immediately on the Arrival of these Men I will embark them by the route which may appear most convenient either to Europe or the Isle of France.

I have

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Depend upon it Sir I will pay particular attention to prevent such Insordings as prejudicial to the Interests of the King, too contrary as your excellency observes to the harmony which happily subsists between two great Nations, who esteem reciprocally.—

I beg of you to accept the assurances of Esteem & respect with which I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Conway

Pondicherry
28th Septr. 1787.—

A true Translation
(Signed) T. Chase
French Transltr.

Agreed that a Letter be Addressed to General Conway, informing him that the Provisions shall be delivered up to him on the full Confidence that he will immediately send them to France, or to the Mauritius.—

Stands thereon

Read the following Letter from Mr. George Proctor.—

To

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To John Shamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Political and

Military Departments

at Fort St. George

Sir

I was thoroughly reconciled to
the patient Resignation the
Issue of the Suit in the Mayors Court against
me, without the least thought of advancing
forward before any other Tribunal on Vindi=
=cation of my Conduct while Receiver
of the Revenues of the Tinnevelly Country
from the equal Folly, and Inconsistency of such a Step in the present
Stage of the Business, but the Worshipful Court
of Direction having directed that Mr.
Brooms Report regarding me should
be sent home, because without so
material a Paper they were unable
to form their Opinion of the Justice of Lord
Macartneys Observations relative to my
Conduct as contained in his Minute
of the 19th June 1784 when Judgement
may be passed upon me by the Worship=
Court independant of whatever may be
the Event of the present Suit in the

Mayors

From Mr. George Par 7th

Proctor, on the
Prosecution against
Swain.

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Mayors Court,— and the Honble Governor in Council having allowed me to examine and compare the Copy of the proceedings of the enquiry held by Mr. Swain regarding meat Tinnevelly from the 9th to the 22d January 1784 transmitted by Mr. Swain to the Select Committee here at the time, with the One Dominated down from the examination of the Witnesses and different Papers exhibited at each days Sitting, I should be highly wanting in Justice to myself in every case where I may find Mr Swain has altered or added to these proceedings / having never examined them before / not to embrace the present favorable Opportunity which if it were likely to offer again could never happen in so fit an Occasion and might at any time hereafter come too late to obtain relief, of pointing them out, and showing therefrom and from other Circumstances that I was the intended Victime for the odium of Mismanagement and Losses sustained in the Revenues of the Tinnevelly Country to be thrown upon, when they could be found entirely and justly imputable to others, But in doing this I shall avoid entering into

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into any Vindication of my Conduct
against the Specific Pecuniary Charges
that are in Legal Course of enquiry in
the Suit in the Mayor's Court here, my
View in this Representation, being chiefly
intended only to exhibit in their true Colors
the Causes that led to that hasty and
severe mode of proceeding against me,
and this I may the more reasonably be
allowed, however distant the Time from the
Matters that will come into Question, for
while a Breath of Lord Macartney's Influence
pervaded the Public Councils of this Settlement,
I could never have expected a fair and
impartial Hearing and representation of my
Conduct Here— And this Address to the
Honble the Court of Directors I request
for the Honble the Court of Directors I request
the Honble Governor in Council will be
pleased to transmit them a Number in
the Packet for England to go by the same
Conveyance Mr Lowries Report is sent
that they may be in commandeer the
Consideration of the Honble Court as the same
serves—

I am Sir Mr Lowries Copy of the
proceedings

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Proceedings regarding me at Tinnevelly at the Sitting the 9th January 1781 There is entered an Account of money and Grain monthly paid and delivered me made out at different Exchanges than the Rates on my monthly Receipts taken by the Nabobs Amuldar with a Charge for a considerable Surplusage of Grain beyond what was delivered at the Garrison (meaning Palamcotah) Port is stated for Bullock Hire, but the Remainder is left quite unexplained, which is said to be an attested Statement delivered in from the Cutcherry Records. But it may be asked where are the attested authority or proof? It has not the Sanction of a single name to lead to the examination of its Validity or Fallibility. But this Account never was exhibited against me either the 9th January or on any other Days Sitting during the enquiry regarding me. — As the Nabobs Amuldar and formerly Public Officers for keeping the Accounts of the Revenues settled the Rates of Exchange for the Money paid and Quantity and Price of the Grain measured and delivered

over

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over to me at the Garrison of Calamcotah
by the Annulans people each Month on accounts
of the Honible Company, for which they have
given me under their Hands and Seal Wasoul
Tarrands or Revenue Certificates, and the Renter
took my Receipts conformably thereto every
Month, Copies of one Certificate for money
and another for Grain are entered on the
Appendix No 1 & 2 agreeably to which the
like Certificates for Money and Grain
were given me for each Month following,-
and as the Certificates denote that they were
punctually recorded, there could not exist
on the Records of the Cutcherry any other Rates
of Exchange for the Money, and Quantity and
Price of the Grain paid and delivered one
from the Revenues than what are
specified in the said Certificates.- And the
Account therefore entered at the Bottom
the 9th January in Mr Lewins Copy
of the enquiry regarding my meat sincerely
sent the Select Committee been produced
against me, it would never have stood
nakd and unsupplied to by me, either
at the time or at any of the Subsequent
Days Sittings as it does at present, for
if it had been produced however shy

my

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my Prosecutors Messrs. Irwin and Light might have been on calling upon the persons who recorded the Accounts of the Revenues of the Country in the Cutcherry to prove its authenticity lest something unwarrantable in their procedure should on such Investigation have been discovered regarding the Period of Time and Circumstances under which the Accounts had been fabricated I should nevertheless have called upon Evidence to have refuted the particulars of that Account and shown to have brought to light the underhand and illiberal Practices that must have been used in framing the Account in question against me, which instead of being taken from, must be absolutely contrary to the Cutcherry Records, and must have been clandestinely foisted into the Story of the proceedings of the enquiry regarding me. Mr. Irwin sent the Select Committee at the time, from a Conviction there was not even a Specious Colour of Blame throughout the proceedings of the enquiry to be imputed to me, but as the Exchange of the Money and Quantity and Price of the Grain received from the Revenues of

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of the Tinnevelly Country on Accounts of the Poëlls Company come amply forward with the Proceedings at Law, it would be as impertinent as useless to enlarge further on those Matters in the present address.

3d. The Enquiry held before Mr. Irwin regarding meat Tinnevelly ended the 22d. January 1784 and I left the Tinnevelly Country the 1st. February to proceed to Madras, but in the Month of April following Mr. Irwin and the Select Committee a Continuation of Proceedings against me called an Appendix to the enquiry consisting of Letters, examinations and Accounts of Exchanges exhibited by Mr. Light to Mr. Irwin when I had left the Country and was in no Situation that I could stand forth to oppose the Regularity of such Proceedings or refute by evidence the fresh Matters produced in my absence against me, and which will be thought the more unwarrantable and malicious because Mr. Light on whose Accusations the enquiry was held concerning me, and who carried on the prosecutive Part; beside bringing forward such Witnesses as he chose

chose to examine, produced all sort of Trash on the Proceedings as Evidence, but I objected to nothing while I was present to answer and who moreover when I was on my Defence cross-examined all the Witnesses produced by me, I doubt not therefore but the Honble Court will reprobate so unfair, unconstitutional and unprecedented a mode of procedure as that of continuing the Process of an enquiry against me when the regular enquiry had been closed and I had returned to Madras and though Lord Macartney may be presumed to know the Forms of proceeding in Law as much as any private Nobleman or Gentleman yet it was from examinations brought forward in this clandestine and unprecedented Manner at Tinnevelly which I could not controvert and cross examine to when I was absent, together with the surreptitious Account of Money and Grain which did not appear on the proceedings of the enquiry for me to answer to, but was maliciously foisted into the Copy thereof Mr. Irwin sent the Select Committee at the time that Lord Macartneys Minute of

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of the 19th June 1784 and the Prosecution against me at Law, were founded.

4th It may now be considered from what motives I attribute the malice and Injustice of Mr. Irwin in forcing the Account of Money and Grain that appears at the Letting the 9th January 1784 in his Copy of the Proceedings of the enquiry held at Tinnevelly regarding me, and his dependence to the enquiry being a Continuation of the proceedings against me at Tinnevelly when I was no longer on the Spot to answer transmitted the Select Committee. But as these cannot well be fully understood without giving some Detail of Lord Macartneys Conduct and orders, regarding the Revenues of the Tinnevelly Country that materially concerned me, previous to Mr. Irwins Appointment to supercede me in my Station, I must leave Mr. Irwin for a while to examine his Lordships Measures first.

5th I left Madras to proceed to my Appointment of Receiver of the Revenues of the Tinnevelly Country on Account of the Carnatic Company in March 1785, I was not

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not in the Settlement when Lord Macartney arrived at Madras in the Month of June following,- but I did the fullest Room afforded me to believe from what my Friends at Madras wrote me, that no Covenanted Servants of the Honble Company stood higher in the Opinion of Lord Macartney when he became acquainted with my Character and Conduct from the different Employs I had held in the Service, and particularly that of auditor of all the Accounts of this Presidency which I held from January 1779, till I left Madras for my Appointment at Tinnevelly in March 1785, and I venture to assert that my Services and exertions in my Station as receiver would have encreased Lord Macartneys favorable Opinion of me, if his Lordship on the new Assignment he took from the Nabob of the Revenues of the Tinevelly and Trichenopoly Countys with all the rest of the Nabobs Countries the 2d December 1781 had not been guided by different Views in the Subsequent Management of the Assigned Countries than

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than had existed during the Assignment of the Tinneveley & Trichinopoly Countries in the Month of February before under which assignment my appointment with that of Mr. George Andrew Ram to Trichinopoly took place &

6th It may appear extraordinary after the Reasons the Select Committee gave in a letter to me dated the 10th November in answer to one from me of the 27th Septemr. 1786 "that a new Mode of ceding the Revenues of the Nabob to the Company was then under Consideration as the agreement with the late President (Mr. Charles Smith) had been evaded, which the Committee intended should be strictly observed" that the means adopted to render such new Assignment of greater Advantage to the Honble Company should have been less effectual than they were under the Assignment in Mr. Smiths Time in February 1786.

7th Mr. Smith and Mr. Johnson under whose Administration of the Affairs of the Honble Company at this Presidency (as the only Members of the Select Committee on the

Spot)

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Sport the assignment from the Nabob of the Trichinopoly and Tinnevelly Countries was made in February 1785 and who has each of them little short of Thirty Years experience in the Honble Company's Service on this Establishment were perfectly aware that the assignments under the unfavorable State of the Carnatic when War and Devastation ravaged the Country and its Trade and Confidence could be placed on the Nabobs Managers' were to have derived of no Advantage to the Honble Company but by sending their Commanded Servants to reside on the Spot, vested with the requisite Powers to enforce the Receipts of the Revenues of the Nabobs Managers faithfully to Account of them, and Lord Macartney previous to his concluding the assignments with the Nabob the 2d December 1785 had the fullest Proofs before him of the necessity of the Appointments of the Receivers and that the Powers appertaining to their Offices were such as would have been strengthened to have rendered their Services as their respective Stations of greatest Advantage to the Honble Company and though Lord Macartney in his Letter Dated

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Dated the 5th accompanying Copy of the new Assignment of the 2d December 1781 desired me to remain on my Station till I received further Instructions, yet His Lordship having before projected the Down fall of the Carnatic, and got me appointed one of the Members of the Committee of assigned Revenue at Madras the Orders to remain in my Station for the present did not afford me the least expectation to conclude that the Idea of my removal was dropped by Lord Macartney, but only postponed for a fitter Opportunity to accomplish it.—

8th When the News of the Assignment that the Nabob had made of all his Countries to the Honble Company the 2d December 1781 for the Term of Five years arrived at Tanjore it had the most favorable Effect on the Company's Interest in the Revenues but the Letter that Lord Macartney wrote the Nabob Phousdar and Amuldar dated the 4th December 1781 entered in the Appendix No 4. wherein they were directed "To keep the "Money they had then in Hand and what "might come in daily in the Treasury of "their District till they received further "Orders from his Lordship, they keeping "one Key of the Treasury and the Collector "another"

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another "Lapsed at once the Foundation of
the Company's authority and Interests in
that Country, and was immediately attended
with all the ruinous Consequences enumerated
at Length in a Letter I wrote Lord Macartney
in consequence the 17th January 1782, and
though his Lordship in a letter to me dated
the 30th January, before he could receive
mine of the 17th of that Month, being
aware of the destructive Tendency of this
Order of the 7th December before enclosed
me one for the Annuldar / or Manager
at Trinevelly countermanding his order
of the 7th December and directing the
Annuldar to deliver me all the Money
and Grain he had and could collect
until he received further orders, Yet
no Mention or notice whatever of me as
Receiver having been made by Lord
Macartney in his Letter to the Annuldar &
Annuldar of the 7th December my appointment
was considered by them as being overset
and superceded entirely and the mischief-
Consequents upon the order to keep the
Treasury had taken such deep Root that
the one last received operated with Feeble

Effects

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Effects on re-establishing the Receivers
authority in enabling him to obtain any
part of the Revenues on Account of the
Honble Company — In the Appendix is a
Letter No 5 from Lord Macartney to me
dated the 6.th enclosing his of the 7.th Decem.r
1781 to the Shoustar and annulling whereas
in different Parts his Lordship writes "In
"our present Situation the first Object
"must be to realize without Delay all the
"Money that can be collected and after
"paying the immediate necessary expences
"of the Military and Civil in a proper
"Stock of Provisions to remit the remainder
"by Sircar / Bankers / Bills, or in Specie
"to the Presidency" and again "But this attention"
"respect to the name and Authority of the
"Nabob / must not operate to prevent the
"Company from obtaining any Security by the
"Arrangement with his Highness real —
"Possession of the Revenues — I leave it to the
Honble Court to decide from what motives
Orders so much at Variance
together, as those to the Nabob Shoustar
and Annulled of the 7.th and those to me
of the 6.th December could in the same
Breath and sent at the same time

Sale

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Sale from the Lordships' Com.

9th I must own that I have never been able to account for the total Omission of my name and Office, as of no such Office as that of the Accomptant had ever existence in Lord Macartneys Letter to the Nabobs Phouzdar and Amildar at Tinnevelly of the 9th December 1785 to take the Money in the Treasury of Tinnevelly District, than at having been deliberately and purposely done, by throwing the Appointment into Contempt and Disuse to have forced one of my own voluntary Motion to quit my Station at Tinnevelly and proceed to the Presidency, when Lord Macartney might not chuse to accept me, I had thoughts of my indispensable duty for the Welfare of the Honble Company on the first Intimation of my Appointment to be a Member of the Committee of Assigned Revenue at Madras and intended Removal from my station at Tinnevelly, to represent to Lord Macartney "That if I was removed and no Covenanted Servant of the Company sent in my Room, that the Company's

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"Company's Interests in the Revenues
"could not fail essentially to suffer
in consequence" and similar orders
from Lord Macartney regarding the
keeping of the Money in the Treasury
of the District being sent to Trichinopoly
the Company's Interest in the Revenues
was equally annihilated there, which
drove Mr. Ram the Receiver immediate=
=ly to the Presidency flattering himself
with the expectation that the Lights
he could throw in Person on the State
of Affairs and Conduct of the principal
Servants of the Nabob employed in the
Collection of the Revenues of that
Country, would thoroughly convince
his Lordship of the expediency of the
Appointment of Receivers from among
the Covenanted Servants of the Honble
Company, and of the necessity of
vesting them with more extensive
Powers than they had been furnished
with on their first Arrival in their
Stations under the Assignment of
February 1781, – But Mr. Ram never
returned to his Station.

10th Lord Macartney in the
concluding

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Concluding Part of his Letter dated the 8th Decr. 1781 & Appendix No. 5 accompanied me "Establ
"Affair respecting the Revenues of the
"Assigned Countries constituted a distinct
"Department, and directed me to corres-
"pond with them Separately thereon" —
as the Council at Large nor Select
Committee at Madras ever sent any
orders to this Effect, which by the
Company's Constitution at the time
could regularly have been conveyed
to me through either of those authorities
only, I could consider Lord Macartney's
Motive at the time in ordering me
such an order, as being done with the
View only of acquiring the Direction and
Management of all Affairs respecting the
Revenues of the assigned Countries independantly
of the Sanction and participation of Govern-
-ment at large or the Select Committee and
because I did in important and critical
Stages of the Honble Company's Business
entrusted to my Management and where
other Matters beside those of Revenue inter-
-vened at times address the Select
Committee, I have too much reason to
believe

believe that such Conduct was deemed by Lord Macartney and the Committee of Assigned Revenue acting under his absolute Direction as contimacious and disobedient and which left indelible Impressions of Ill-will and Resentiment in Lord Macartney and the Committee of Assigned Revenue against me. –

11th To this new and extraordinary Innovation in the Honble Companys long established System and Constitution I may impute all the Difficulties I had to struggle with in executing the Duties of my Appointment of Receiver the most to the Honor & Advantage of the Honble Company – my removal from that Station in March 1783, and the present embarrassed Situation I am reduced to, because if the Expediency of giving such orders as his Lordships of the 7th December 1786 to the Nabobs Phousdan and Amuldan at Tinnevelly for keeping the Revenues in the Treasury of the District had come under the Consideration of the Council at large or the Select Committee it is hardly possibly they could have met with the least Countenance and

Support

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Passport with any other member of
Government, from the distracted State of
the Company's and Nabob's possessions on the
Coast at the time and Danger of reposing
entire Trust and confidence in the
Nabob's Servants which rendered a coercive
Authority on the Spot necessary for the
due Receipt of the Revenues; and if
such projected Orders had not met with
the Approbation of Government their
Opinions must have been diametrically
opposite and they must have vested
the Receivers with every weight and
Power on the Spot to have enabled them
to have executed the Duties of their employ
to the most to the advantage of the
Honble Company and State Lord
Macartney invariably ill-will and
Resentment towards me from the Ill-
Success of his orders to the Phougdar and
Amuldar of the 4th December 1785 in not
having drawn me suddenly from my
Station as in the Instance Similar of
did Mr Ram from his at Trichinopoly
and my constant Representations of the
Renters Misconduct and bound his
Depredations on the Revenues with his
uniform

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uniform disposition to me, which I could not avoid ascribing chiefly to the ill Effects produced by the odd Orders, that Zeal for the Honor, Welfare and Interests of the Honble Company, and desire to render my Services in my Station of greatest Publick utility drew from me throughout my Publick Correspondence.—

12th Lord Macartney from that period may not only be considered as being enflamed with the strongest Prejudice against me;- but also interested in my Fall, as he must have conceived it necessary for the Justification of his measures regarding the Management of the Revenues of the Tinnevelly Country to crush me, and under a pretence—of my having made improper Advantages in my Station conceals a Belief that the Loss and bad management in the Revenues of the Tinnevelly Country were owing to me, when they were in fact the distructive Tendency and Operation, of his Lordships own orders entirely, and his not giving me that Support in my Station that I expected by and I affirm unanswerably

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unanswerably represented from the earliest Period should have been afforded me, or any other Covenanted Servant who might at the time have held the Appointment of Receiver.

13th My Conduct I moreover understand has been stigmatized on the Records of this Presidency and General Letter's to the Honorable Court of Directors from the Smallness of the Receipts of Revenue in the Tinnevelly Country under my management to the Collections of Mr. Irwin in his, — but who have stood Candidly forward in my behalf to tell the Hon'ble Court that so far from having been vested with Powers to collect Revenue Lord Macartney by his orders to the Phousdar and Amuldar of the 7th December 1781 annulled those that were given me from the Select Committee in February before, which but enabled me to receive it, that the Tinnevelly Country in my Time was governed by the Nabob's Phousdar & Amuldar under the Former of whom there were near four thousand Troops who implicitly obeyed his orders throughout every District in the Country, — that the

Polygars.

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Polygars / Clans or Hords of People unsu=
=bdued to the Obedience of Government /
beside withholding their annual Tribute
plundered the Revenues of the Innerdy
Country in every part, and that the
private Money Concerns of different
Individuals with the Amildan for
want of due authority and Support
being given me while I was secure, although
I represented in repeated Letters the perni=
=cious operation of such private Concerns
which stood in evident opposition to the
Interests of the Honble Company and
were attended with great Loss on the
Revenue— But during Mr Lowndes
Management the Power and authority
of the Nabob was entirely quashed throughout
the Innerdy Country— the Troops that
the Phousdar had commanded were
taken into the Honble Company's Service
and acted on the different places they
were stationed at throughout the Country
for the Security of the Revenue under
the Honble Company's orders— The Lawless
and Hostile Disposition of the Polygars &
were entirely subdued by a powerful
Army under the Command of Colonel
Wellesley

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Sullavaw when they both paid their Tribute punctually and desirous entirely from rendering the Revenues, and if there existed any private Claims at all in the Friendly Country under Mr. Powrie's Management after the considerable Sums the Claimants from their secret Intrigues and Influence with the Renter had been able to collect during my Management, to the Diminution of the Publick Revenue, from my being totally divested of Power to counteract them, yet Mr. Powrie's Powers were amply sufficient to prevent their evil operation to the Prejudice of the Honble Company's Interests.—But with all the Difficulties I labored under above enumerated, I realized for the Honble Company in Money and Grain from October 1786 to the 12th July 1787 Porto Novo Pagodas 122, 211, 5. 72 from which time Tippo Sultan Moodaliar's Rent of the Country began, and whoever impartially reviews the whole of my Publick Correspondence and Statements of Arrears of Revenue sent at different times in my Station, which Authority only was necessary to

to have enabled me to recover from the Hon'ble Company, will I doubt not pronounce, that it was not owing to want of Zeal, exertion or Talents to discharge effectually the Duties of my employ that my reallizings of Revenue were not infinitely more considerable than they proved and that the Deficiencies in the Revenue were owing as I have herein before shown not only to the want Support, but even of Opposition from Lord Macartney. against the proper Discharge of my Duty for the Interests of the Hon'ble Company, and this the Select Committee Appear to have been fully sensible of in the Letter they wrote me the 1st September 1782 entered in the Appendix No 6, and though in the same Letter mention is made of Several Complaints against my managements by Trimo=lippa Moodaliyen who was the Nabob Amuldar when I first arrived in the Tinnevelly Country, & who continued so till he rented the Country from the Honorable Company the 12th July 1782, but the Letter Mr. Irwin brought me from

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From the Select Committee dated the 29th January 1793 when he arrived in the Immediate Country and superceded me on my Station in Nizamah Following.— entered in the Appendix No 7 mentioning his being authorized to enquire into the Complaints that had been preferred from the Immediate Country, any Impeachment that could on the least colorable Grounds have been made to the Justness of my Management regarding the Revenues or Rents, would no doubts in the enquiry regarding me at Immediate have been brought forward, but in which enquiry and the one held on Mr Light then Surveyor at Palamcotah nothing being said to impeach the Soundness of my Management, together with a Separate Minute Disavowal of the Matters contained in the Account that had been unjustly framed by his uncle Immidiate Moodaliar against my amounting to Chuc.s Rs 11.53 2½/16 at the Letting of the enquiry regarding me at Immediate the 22d & 23d January 1784 must leave the Select Committee the

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the Representation made against me by Trimoleppa Moodalyer alluded to in the Select Committee's Letter before mentioned of the 1st September 1782 were malicious and without foundation. But let it be seen how Trimoleppa Moodalyer acted after he rented the Tinnevelly Country from the Honble Company for four years commencing the 12th July 1782 when there was not the shadow of a Restriction or difficulty thrown in his way from any Quarter. This first Thist for Chuckrs 292.875 became due the 11th December 1782, and beside that Lord Macartney advised me that he had agreed to pay at least 50,000 Porto Novo Pagodas in one Month from the time he was confirmed in the Possession the 12th July 1782, on Account of the outstanding Revenue to be received up to that period; but at the time the first Thist became due, there had been paid me, for the Honble Company 45,000 Chuckrams only on Account of the Thist and nothing on Account of the 50,000 Porto Novo Pagodas at least that Trimoleppa Moodalyer was to pay me on Account of the Honble

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Company within the first Month of his taking Possession of the Rent, although sent Lord Macartney the 28th September 1782 an Account amounting to 15,600 Pagodas that Trimolespra Moodaliar had received from that outstanding Revenue previous to the time his Rent of the Country for four years commenced. — and I venture to affirm so far from Mr Irwin being better qualified under Circumstances equally favorable to have discharged the duties of Receiver of the Revenues of the Tinnevelly Country most effectually for the Advantage of the Honble Company that he will and Merits that he may be thought to have performed in that Station were chiefly built upon the Knowledge he acquired of the Affairs in the Tinnevelly Country from the Public Letters I wrote on my Station while he was a Member of the Committee of Assigned Revenue at Madras and that the ample Powers and

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Support he uniformly received from Gover-
-nment were built on the same Bases,
from actual experience of those losses
in the Revenue that I had predicted
near two years before, could not fail
to happen from the want of Similar
Authority and Support which
I incessantly but in vain applyed
for being afforded me, & when the
State of the Tinnevelly Country as
I have herein fully before shewn
rendered such authority & Support
on the part of Government so infinitely
more necessary for the Security
of the Revenue undermine than
in the time of Mr. Irwins Manage-
-ment whenour Apponents command,
we may truely be thought to merit
Praise; and I beg leave to call the
Houble Courts Attention to the Judgment
the Committee of assigned Revenue
passed on my Conduct in their
proceedings of the 7th November 1782.
which

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which is as follows "Though there be
"strong Charges from the late Renter
"of the Tinnevelly Country against
"Mr Proctor while those Charges
are unproved the Committee deem
it but just to that Gentleman
to observe that on a very difficult
and perplexed Situation, he appears
to have been laborious and attentive
to the Service of his Employers.

14th From the Arrival of the orders
of Lord Macartney to the Nabob
Phoudas and Amuldar of the
Tinnevelly Country of the 7th Decem=
=ber 1785 before mentioned Ex=
=perience=nothing but difficulties
and Opposition from every Quarter
and of every Kind against my
exertions for the Security of the
Revenue for the Honble Company.
& Silence Discountenance or
Refusal from Lord Macartney
& Lonnodepha Moodelyer while
he was the Nabobs Amuldar

exposeing

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experiencing how easy it was to deceive and mislead Lord Macartney into an Opinion of the rectitude of his Conduct and fraudulency as his Lord=ship will be found to have termed Mine, took the favorable opportunity about June 1782 to exhibit Complaints of my deriving advantages in the Exchange of Money and Measurement of Grain at the time his own Misconduct was at the highest in order to get me removed from my Station, knowing that constantly informed Lord Macartney of his Embezzlements, and Mr Light whose Interest was inseparally united with that of Trimoleppa Mordalyer and who saw no other Mode of being able to realize his private Concerns out of the Public Revenue of the Country, but that of my Removal also, often secretly inciting the Renter to make Complaints against me

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me in June 1782 stepped forward in
the Month of November following to remind
the Select Committee of the Benters former
complaints, because at that time Tremenheera
Moodaliyer being dead his own Influence
in the Country dropt, and he dreaded my
obtaining and bringing to light an
Account of the money he had received
to the Diminution of the Public Revenue,
which brought on Mr Irwins Appointment
and his Supercession of me in my Station
in March 1783

15th The Letter from the Select Committee
dated the 29th January 1783 that Mr Irwin
brought me (Appendix No 7) expressed
"that he was Appointed to proceed on a
"Deputation from the Committee of Assigned
"Revenue to the Tinnivelly and Madura
"Districts with Instructions to enquire into
"the Complaints that have been preferred
from that Quarter." The word Deputation
did not imply Permanency of stay, and as
the Select Committee did not discontinue
my pay of Seven Pagodas a Day as
Receiver I had a Right to expect that

Mr

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Mr. Irwin would have proceeded to make the enquiry he was ordered without Delay, that on the establishment of the Rectitude of my Conduct in my Station I might be restored to the full exercise of it again, But Mr. Irwin's View was to obtain permanent Possession of my Appointment, and therefore put off the enquiry regarding me to prevent my reestablishment in my Station from his Arrival in the Tinnevelly Country the 4th March 1783 to the Month of January 1784, although there was nothing that could justly impede its being immediately begun after his Arrival; - But having wrote to Mr. Irwin the 10th October 1783 complaining that Manacawel Pernall Pillah who had been Head Conceply to Trimelippa Moodalyen the Renter till his Death in October 1782 but was then a Tool of Mr. Lights employed by Mr. Irwin and Moodoo Kistnah Moodalyen Mr. Irwins Dulash, were pressing the Persian and Hindoo Sheristadars or Accountants who were in Office during my management and others by detaining them at the Cutcherry and not suffering them to eat, drink, sleep or perform the ordinary evacuations of nature to

to make such fictitious Accounts against me, he in his answer to one of the same Date observed. "An enquiry deferred for near eight Months, and now brought on by your own desire is not likely to be conducted in a prejudiced manner. The World I think, would do me justice on this point, even had my conduct been such as not to deserve credit on any other "cunningly invented" plea that an enquiry had been deferred at my Instance, though I was always ready and had wished for the enquiry without the least Delay, and when I intimated my intention in a letter to them of the 2.d July before of proceeding to the Presidency from not knowing whether he would order the enquiry, as he had so long deferred it, he in answer threatened me with Peril to quiet the Finances of my Country. "Before the enquiry ordered in my Conduct could come on, and here I cannot avoid complaining to the Honble Court of Directors of an Act of Injustice that perhaps is not to be paralleled by a similar Instance throughout any of the Honble Company's Establishments in India from their earliest Date, as that of any

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any Individual being appointed to enquire into the Conduct of another whose Stations he knew to ascertain by he should proceed to on obtaining the least colorable Blame on the other, which is exactly the Situation Mr Irvine stood in with regard to me when my Abasement would prove the Establishment of his Fortune, although it has always been usual in Case of Enquiry into the Conduct of any Servant of the Honorable Company for those Persons at least to be appointed who had no Interest in the Event of such enquiry.—

16th I annex to this address No 8 List of Letters I wrote in my Station of Receiver at Innerelly that on the strictest Search are not to be found entered either in the Proceedings of the Select Committee or those of the Committee of Assigned Revenue at the time.—The Substance of two of those Letters dated 28th May and 19th July 1782 were briefly recited in the Proceedings of the Select Committee for the year 1782 Pages 2251 & 2281 & the Miscellany Book keept in the Select Committee Office was referred to for the Letters at Full length. But the Miscellany

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Miscellany Book having now been carefully examined, neither of the above Letters are found to be entered and I can impute the Cause of the Suspension of these two Letters only to Lord Macartney or Mr. John Huddleston Secretary to the Select Committee at the time.—

Although the Letter of the 28th May contained Matter that highly merited the Consideration of the Select Committee at the time or the Committee of assigned Revenue who were expressly appointed to relieve the Select Committee from the Drudgery and Details of Affairs regarding the Revenues of the Assigned Countries, yet that Letter was never even acknowledged to have been received from either of those Departments.—

But here I drop it, because it likely can attend an examination of its Subjects at present.—

18th The other Suppressed Letter of the 19th July contained Representations of great Loss in the Revenues and prejudicial consequence to the Honble Company's Interests that arose from the Prosecution of Mr. Sykes's Private Money Concerns and

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and Dealings throughout the Jaunadey Country, under the Influence he possessed with Lemboliapa Moodaliyar, then Renter of that Country, and as this Letter Could not avoid containing by every Reason and agreement the Appointment Mr. Lyles received from the Select Committee the 5th June 1782 "to survey and report on the necessary Repairs the Renter was allowed to make to the Banks &c. that a reasonable valuation might be allowed him." when such a Service came to be settled within the Range of my Appointment only, and was quite foreign from Mr. Lyles Duty of Paymaster of the Garrison of Palamcotah and because it was too justly to be apprehended that under Color of that Appointment the Renter might wish Mr Lyles with an authority that would enable him to prosecute his private Concerns in the Country with greater Loss and Detriment to the Honble Company's Interests in the Revenues than ever. The Receipt of this was acknowledged in two Letters received from the Select Committee dated the 17th Septr. 1782, in which nothing I had presumed was refuted by Arguments but

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but I was intimidated and overawed as
usual from a Discharge of my duty
for the Honor and Advantage of the
Hon.ble Company, and abruptly told in the
Select Committee's Letter of the 27th Sept.r that
I had made several strong Complaints
"in my Letters against Mr. Legh without
"having been at the Pains to obtain any kind
"of Proof" although the Select Committee
"had written me before the 10th November
"1786 as follows "Should you meet with any
"obstructions in the Discharge of your duty
"it is our positive Order that you communicate
"them to us without delay, and we take this
"Occasion to declare that you may rely
"upon the firm Support of this Committee
"and that if any Officer, or other Person
"or Persons whose duty or Instructions
"direct them to assist you, should refuse
"to assist or should attempt directly or
"indirectly to throw Impediments in
"your way, they will incur our
"severest Displeasure; and this We desire
"you will if you judge it necessary,
"cause to be publickly made known
"throughout the Province" and when the

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existence of Mr. Lights private Concerns and the detriment they were of to the Honble Companys Interests in the Country were fully known to the Select Committee at the time of my Appointment in February 1781, and I am fully of Opinion that if the Select Committee had not expected from me on my Arrival in the Tinnevelly Country a full Account of Mr. Lights Concerns and dealings in the Tinnevelly Country, that he would have been removed from his Employ of Paymaster at Palamcotah and from that Country long before I arrived there.

19th But what I complain of, and what has very reluctantly led me to say any thing regarding Mr. Light here, is that this Letter of mine to the Select Committee of the 19th July 1782 should have been suppressed when Mr. Lights answer to the Select Committee dated the 3d October 1782 on having been furnished with a Copy of mine, is entered at full length on the letters sent and received of the Committee of assigned Revenue for the Year 1782, though however

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however just and true the Grounds might have been on which Mr. Light attempted to vindicate his Conduct before his Superiors his Letter ought never to have been entered on any publick Record till it was purged of its personal abuse and the opprobrious Language it is throughout strewed with, and although Mr. Irwin who had orders from the Select Committee on his Appointment to the Tinnevelly Country in January 1793 to enquire into the most serious Complaints against Mr. Light, lived entirely with them from his arrival in the Tinnevelly Country the 4th March following, and when he had appointed the 29th November 1793 for beginning the enquiry regarding Mr. Light and Read at Mr. Irwins Instance sent him List of the Witnesses that I intended to examine against Mr. Light Mr. Irwin either assisted or connived at the Witnesses being tampered with, and who demonstrated in every way, but that of a direct Avowal perhaps his Want. Justice to the Honble Company and anxious solicitude to screen Mr. Lights Conduct from Conviction, and Shame

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though in consequence of this undue Influence the several native Witnesses through dread of Mr. Irvine's Resentment being intimidated from Speaking freely and fully to the Matter they were interrogated to regarding Mr. Light were guilty of such Prevarication and Concealment as they would have stood committed for had they been examined in any Court of Justice established by Law, yet the Facts were of so undeniable a Nature, and so notoriously known throughout the whole Country — that every thing I had advanced in my Letter of the 19th July 1782 may Light and much more stood uncontestably proved by Evidence at a Reference to the Proceedings of the Enquiry regarding Mr. Light held at the Town of Tanjore before Mr. Irvin from the 29th November 1783 to the 6th January 1784 will clearly shew and it would have been but common Justice and Candour in Lord Macartney when the Proceedings of that enquiry came under his Consideration to have vindicated my Conduct on this Occasion from the wanton and ill founded Scurrility contained in Mr. Light's Letter of the 3d October before mentioned. And

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And one from him to Lord Macartney of the 22d December 1782 regarding me.-

20th The Honorable Court having in the 12th Paragraph of their General Letter to this Presidency dated the 16th February 1787. remarked that the Charges against me met with the unanimous assent of the Governor and Councils here at the time, I beg leave to observe that the Consideration and Decision on any Affair came under the Cognizance of the Select Committee at the time, which consisted of Lord Macartney, Mr. Sadleir, Mr. Davidson, and Mr. Mainwaring and that upon a Reference to the Proceedings of the Select Committee the 11th October 1784 when the Opinions of the several Members are entered on the Suggestion for a Prosecution at Law against me the Honble Court will find that Mr. Sadleir & Mainwaring were against it

I am Sir
Your most obd.t Servant
(Signed) George Proctor

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Appendix