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RJ 24.3.44

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Diary

21st. Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in A. B. Nos. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58.—

To Mr Davidson — To the Military Paymaster General enclosing Copy of a Letter & Enclosures addressed to Government by Mr Charles Baker & informing him that the Claim made on Account of the late Captain La Motte is to be liquidated, in the manner practised with respect to the Claims of a Similar Nature.—

To Mr Johnston — To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly informing him that he ought to have left in Office of the Paymaster at Madura all the Accounts relative to that Department & directing him to send them immediately to his Successor

To Mr Latham — To the Paymaster at Madura. Mr Johnston has been ordered to send him all the Accounts relative to Paymastership of Madura. Observations on his Letter to the Board

To

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21st To the Chief Engineer - Letter from Lieut. George Williams to order an Engineer to report the state of the Quarter offered to Government by Lieut. Williams at Chinglemoodoo & to direct a Report to be made of the Dimensions, and particulars of a Gun then charged to the Company by Capt. Kepper at Arcot - an Estimate of its value required -

To Lt. Colonel Roger

To the Hospital Board, with Copy of a Minute delivered in by the President to conform to the Recommendations contained therein -

To the Hospital Board

To the Civil Paymaster General - to lay before the Board a List distinguishing every Article furnished by him for the use of the Barracks in Fort St. George, previous to the institution of Barrack Masters - also a List containing the Articles of every denomination which have been supplied since their appointment -

To Lt. Davidson

To

21. To Lieut Loy, granting him three
To Lieutenat Loy . Months leave of absence to Bengal.—

To the Committee of Works, enclosing
Copy of a Letter with an Account from #
To the Committee of Works.— Mr Garrow, whose claim to Interest on #
the Masulipatam Bills is to be admitted
& to be allowed for his Trouble in repairing
the Company's Garden House 12 ½ a half
Cent on Sag.r 12,8,42.. 35.. 15.—

22. Recived the undermentioned Letters
entered in. MB. No.r 59. 60. 61.—

From the Commandant at Arcot,
From Colonel Kelly suggests to the Board the propriety of #
giving to the Officers & Men lately #
removed to Trivalloor 15 days Batta
as a donation, rather than as a matter of
right.—

From Lieut Jennings enclosing
From Lieut Jennings two Accounts for Repairs to Quarters at Arcot,
which he requests may be laid before #
Government for their approbation, previous

to

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22 to their being discharged.—

Rec.d the following Reports from the Hospital Board.—

Hospital Board.
November 20th 1787.—

Countersigned the Apothecary's Bill of Disbursements for October amounting to Pagodas 663.. 4.. 25. for Medicines and Sayr. 99.. 20.. 55. as the Commission, in all Pagodas 762.. 25..—

The Hospital Board having now received the Surveyor Generals Accounts for Cotts. Cloathing &c.a complete to the 30th of June, have the Honor of informing Government what the Sum total for that part of the Surveyors Department

Report of the Hospital Board—Apothecary's Bill for October countersigned The Surveyors General Accounts received to the 30th June the balance stated, Mr. Gahagan claims rank of Lt. Mr. Main Mr. Goodwin solicits the countenance of their Board which they refuse the Dispensary much out of Repair—

much

approved

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Department for 6 Months
is Pagodas 15,178..50.....

The Hospital
Board have the Honor to
acknowledge the receipt of
the Letter from Government
relative to the consumptions
of Stationary, to which
they will pay particular
attention. —

Read a Letter from
Mr. Gahagan laying claim
to rank before Mr. Mein
notwithstanding the
opinion of the Hospital
Board delivered to Govern.t
on the 11.th and 18.th September,
where every pains were
taken to investigate the
respective claims of these
Gentlemen, and which
they had thought sufficiently
clear

Approved

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Sear to establish Mr. Mein's
rank prior to Mr. Gahagans;
Mr. Mein having been
appointed a Surgeon
here in January 1778 &
whereas Mr. Gahagans
was only appointed at
the India House in
October 1777. and did not
arrive here, till after Mr.
Meins promotion to
Surgeon. —

Received a voluminous application from
Mr. Gordon soliciting the
countenance of this Board
which they have ordered
their Secretary to return,
and at the same time to
inform Mr. Gordon, that
the Hospital Board
having already forwarded
their Sentiments to hes
claims

approved

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claims to Government if
cannot take up any fresh
Matter he has to propose,
unless he shall think it
proper to come forward &
and shew himself qualified
to act in the profession of
Surgeon; and as he has
declined so doing, they
cannot take further
cognizance of the letter
of recommendation he
wishes to adduce in support
of his be[illegible]

The Board having received
a letter from Mr. Baillie
Assistant Surgeon stationed
at the Presidency complai-
ning of the insufficiency
of his Quarters to protect
him from the inclemency
of the Weather, as there are

[illegible]

will be referred
to the Committee of
Works & the necessary
Directions given —

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neither Door or Window.

beg leave to represent this

to the Honble Board, as

Orders formerly given for

the repairs of these Quarters

/signed/ And.w Berry

Secry Hosp.l Bd.

The following Extract of a Letter

from Bombay intended in the Civil Department

is ordered to be inserted hereunder

Extract of a Letter from Bombay Dated 29.th October 1787

We have been favored with your

advices of the 18.th and 25.th August and conformably

to your desire communicated in the former

we shall not fail to afford Captain Torin the

pecuniary Assistance he may require to ap

enable him to execute the Commission with

which he is invested.—

From Bombay every Assistance will be afforded Capt Torin to enable him to execute the Commissions with which he is invested

A true Extract

/signed/ Robert Clerk

Dep.y Secry.

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Fort S.t George 23. Nov.r 1787.

At a Consultation Present

The Honorable. Major Jeneral

Friday Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

the 23. Novr President

1787.—

John Holland. James Henry Casamaijor

&

Robert. Maunsell Esq.rs

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.—

Read the following Letter

from Bengal.—

To The Honble Sir. Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

We transmit to you enclosed

Copy of a letter which has been addressed to us by

our Accomptant General, and request that you

will favor us with a correct Estimate of the

amount

from Bengal, requesting that a substitute Estimate may be sent them of the amount remaining to be supplied by that Government on account of the Pay of the King's Troops &c

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Amount remaining to be supplied by thes. Government on Account of the Pay of His Majesty's Troops serving in the Carnatic & the Batta to the Subalterns & Privates who were Prisoners in the Mysore Country.

That we may be enabled to make the necessary Allowance for the Drafts to be expected from your Presidency in the future Appropriation of the Balance of Cash in our Treasury

We also request that you will transmit to us an Estimate of the Sum still remaining due on Account of the Military Arrears of your Presidency & its Subordinates on the 31st. December 1785, distinguishing that part which may remain to be discharged with Bills of Exchange, from that which is to be paid in Certificates to be Exchanged for Bengal Bonds

We have the Honor to transmit to you herewith Copies of the Contracts which were entered into with Messrs. Fergueson Burnett

&

& the Batta to the Subalterns & Privates who were Prisoners in Mysore – also an Estimate of the Sum still remaining due on Account of the Military Arrears of this Presidency on the 31st. Decr. 85. enclosing Copies of the Contracts entered into with Messrs. Fergueson, Burnett & Lenny; & Messrs. Harris & Lambert for the Supply of Spirituous Liquor &c. & Copy of a Letter from the Accountant General –

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Ps Fenney Ps. Mess.rs Harris & Lambert

as desired in your Secretary's Letter of the

28. September. —

The Musters of the Spirits which were contracted for by Mess.rs Ferguson Barette & Fenney were forwarded by the Victoria and Elga which carried such part of the Recm.t & Attach as was not put on the Same. — The Musters of the Spirits to be supplied by Mess.rs Harris & Lambert will be forwarded by the first Sea Conveyance

We have the Honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(signed) Cha.s Stuart

J. Shore

Fort William
Secret & Military
Department 24 October
1787

To the Right. Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis
K.G.
Governor General in Council &c.a
in the Secret and Military Department

Fort William

My Lord.

Is the Government of Fort St. George have exceeded the Amount at which

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which they estimated their Drafts upon
this Government on account of the Pay of
His. Majestys Troops serving in the #
Carnatic and the Batta to the Subalterns
and Privates who were Prisoners in the
Mysore Country almost 10,000 Pagodas #
exclusive of the Sum for which their Bill #
No. 55 may have been granted, I am to #
recommend that an application may be #
made to them for a corrected Estimate of #
what may be further required for these #
Purposes in order that due Attention may
be given thereto in the future appropriations
of the Balance of the Treasury to the #
discharge of Certificates. —

I could also wish that an
application may be made for an Estimate
of the Sum still remaining due for the #
Military Arrears of the Madras Presidency
and its Subordinates of 31st. December 1785. —

distinguishing

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distinguishing between what may be to
be discharged with Bills, and what with
Certificates to be exchanged for Bengal
Bonds.

The following is a Memorandum
of the Documents upon which the Assertion
contained in the first Paragraph of this
Letter was made. —

Bills drawn as Gen.l Register
of 16. Sept.r 1787 which includes
No 50 ..... 271,236 — 5,11

Do — of which a Register has
not been received No.s 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. — 31,753 — 1,25. —

There were Estimated on 18. July
1787 at 19,627 + 97,000 ..... 29302 — 1,16

Canjo — Pagodas 99

Fort William
Accountant Gen.l
Office 23. Oct.r 1787.

I have the honor to be
with most respect
Your &c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Larkins
Accountt Gen.l

A true Copy
J. Lumsden Asst. Secry

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Ordered that Extracts from the foregoing be made & sent to the Military Paymaster General & Accountant General with directions to comply, with the Instruction from Bengal, & that Copies of the Contracts be sent to Mr. Cochrane's Attorney.—

Minute thereon

The President lays before the Board a Letter from General Conway & Governor of Pondicherry.—

To his Excellency. Major General Sir A. Campbell K.B.
Commander in Chief of his Britannic Majesty Forces on the Coast of Coromandel, Gov.r General of Madras &.c &.c &.c

Fort S.t George

Sir,

I am very much obliged to your Excellency for the obliging Letters his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic & his Son have done me the honor to write me. The favorable Opinion you have been pleased to give them of me, is made

From General Conway expressive of his Determination to preserve the Genl Peace. Requests the Interference of the Governor with his Highness the Nabob not to send a Vackeel with Letters to reside at Pondicherry.—

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made mention of in those Letters, and I
I felt most sensible Satisfaction at professing
the esteem of so distinguished an Military
Character as General Campbell —

To preserve the Peace agreable
to the Sincere & generous Intentions of
the King, to adopt every Means in
my Power to preserve that Peace, to &
maintain by coeval Reasoning the Rights
specified in the Treaties, & to suppress
every species of Intrigue contrary to
the Dignity of the French Name, will
ever be my Study. —

I shall gratefully be the
friend of the avowed friends of his Majesty.
but on a general Peace I do not know a
Enemy. I feel no uneasiness at communicating
these Sentiments to your Excellency, they
conform with my Instructions, & to the
liberal wishes of the Sovereign I have the
honor to serve —

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His highness the Nabob has acquainted me that he intends to send a Vackeel with Collectors to reside in this Town. I have in Reply told him, that I had communicated my Sentiments to you on this Subject & that your Excellency will confer with him about it. I should think the presence of this Vackeel here will be quite unnecessary for I cannot yet despair of the Nabob through your influence consenting to approve of my Passports which I shall only make use of with the greatest precaution.

At all Events this Vackeell will be much better situated any where else than at Pondicherry. I mean frequently to send a Vackeel to his Highness's Durbar simply to pay him that Respect which is due to his Rank, I hope, after the Monsoon, the Ships I expect, will enable me to procure some thing that I may offer him worthy

his

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his Acceptance I have taken no notice
to the Nabob of his Collectors, I only mention
it to Your Excellency for You to treat
on that Subject & I doubt not from
the Sentiments You have professed
that your Interest will avail - Your
Excellency must know that to establish
a desirable & long Peace, it becomes ne
cessary to reject every circumstance
which is humiliating to one Party &
without being advantageous to the other
I have the honor to be &c
&c &c
(signed) Conway

Pondecherry
1.C. November 1787 — A true translation

T. Chase
French Interpr.r

The President informs the Board
that he has had an interview with the
Nabob on the Subject of the foregoing &
Letter & of those dated the 3.d Instant from

Gen.l

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The President lays before the Board the draft of an Answer to General Conway's Letter.—

from General Conway / entered on Consultation the 13th. Instant / that he has prepared an Answer to the Governor at Pondicherry in Conformity to the declarations made by His Highness & agreeably to the Sentiments which he / the President / has upon the Points in question.—

The following is the proposed Letter to Pondicherry, which the President Submits to the Board.—

To His Excellency. Major Gen.l The Comte de Conway Commander en Chief of all the Establishment of His Most Christian Majesty en the East Indies &c.a &c.a &c.a Governor of

Pondicherry

Sir,

To General Conway the President has addressed the Letter noted in the Margin on the subject of Letters written by him at Pondicherry—mentioned that they be forwarded to Europe by Officers appointed by General Conway. He Noble cannot suffer Strangers to pass through the Country without the knowledge of Passport

I have been honoured with your Excellency's letter N.o 5, 6, & 7 and have given them the most particular attention. In consequence of the fresh representation receive from your Excellency

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Inesumed with His Highness the Nabob of Arcot the Subject of the Duties collected by him at Pondicherry His Highness is well disposed to accommoda. and conciliate in all respects, but he has stated to me very forcibly that he had already made over to His most Christian Majesty & all that had been asked of him by His Britannic Majesty; that he could only be guided by the words of the Treaty of Peace, and could not give up what he considers his just rights, upon the strength of any constructions put upon the Treaty, until he had obtained from Europe & decision upon the reference already & made. His Highness with great justice also remarked, that I had no right to urge him to grant more than he was & bound to perform by the direct words of the Treaty. In this predicament I see no

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Alternative but that of waiting for the decision of our respective Courts, who will consider this matter in a just and liberal sense. —

In the meantime the Nabob has agreed to give the most positive orders, that nothing harsh or oppressive shall be done in the collecting of the Customary Duties and if your Excellency will permit me to offer an Expedient, which appears to me to be well calculated to render matters easy, until we receive the determination of our respective Courts I would recommend to His Highness to Farm out the Duties collected for his use at Pondicherry to any Renter appointed by your Excellency, for whose punctuality in paying his Rent to the Circar you could be responsible and of course you could direct him to pursue whatever plan might appear most proper to your Excellency, for collecting the Duties in the easiest manner possible for the Inhabitants. —

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I have

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I have with equal attention, to the
wishes, contained in your letter N° 687. #
discussed the Subject to which they relate #
with the Nabob, His Highness repeats #
what he before represented that it would #
be an entire deviation from the Ancient #
Customs of all the Princes and States in #
India to suffer Strangers to pass and #
repass through their Dominions, without
passports from themselves He refers to
the usage observed by the Soubah of the #
Decan, by Sippoo Sultaun, and by the #
Mahratta States, all of whom invariably
deny the right of Strangers either Europeans
or Natives to pass through their respective
Countries without passports; And his
Highness shews reasons, why he could make
his Country more open to Strangers
than his Rival Neighbours? —

I must confess to your Excellency
that however different the usage is, to what
is

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is observed by European States, Yet I think the Nabob's Argument every Jain one, # because I know well how religiously the same right that he supports, is maintained by the Native Princes he has mentioned.

So much does this Government feel the Nabob's Right on the ground just set # forth, that in all cases where there is occasion to transport Goods or Merchandize, the property of the Company thro' any part of His Highness's Country, his consent is regularly applied for, without which, the Company's Goods, and even our Officer's Baggage, are always stopped by the # Nabobs Aumildars.

The Right claimed by the Nabob in this respect composes a part of his Sovereignty without the exercise of which he could not fail to be deficient in the executive part of his Government. —

Where your Excellency reflects

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wishes, contained in your letter N° 687. #
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be an entire deviation from the Ancient #
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his Country more open to Strangers
than his Rival Neighbours? —

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that however different the usage is, to what
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is observed by European States, yet I think the Nabobs Argument a very fair one, & because I know well how religiously the same right that he supports, is maintained by the Native Princes he has mentioned. So much does this Government feel the Nabobs Right on the ground just set forth, that in all cases where there is occasion to transport Goods or Merchandize, the property of the Company thro' any part of His Highness's Country, this consent is regularly applied for, without which, the Company's Goods, and even our Officer's Baggage, are always stopped by the Nabobs Aumildars.

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When your Excellency reflects

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upon these Circumstances and when you
are informed that the English Company
conform in all respects to the usage in
question, I am persuaded your Excellency
will admit, the Expediency of your not
calling for the Nabobs passports when
you have occasion for them, instead of
urging the free Currency of your own, because
it is the most likely means of removing
the chance of interruption being given
to the Gentleman who may have occasion
to pass thro the Carnatic, on their way
to any of your Settlements: for this purpose
the Nabob will station a Gentleman
either at Pondicherry, or upon his bound.
with Dustucks to be settled upon agreable
to your request, without incurring any
Expence to those who may receive them
I am only to assure Your Excellency, on the
part of this Government, that they place
so high a confidence in the candour of
and

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and uprightness of your Conduct, that they will consider Your passports of sufficient Efficacy, thro' the Company's Factories or any of the Forts Garrisoned by the Troops under my Command

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Arch.d Campbell

Fort St. George
23 November 1787

The Board perfectly concede in the Opinion with the President & approve the proposed Letter to General Conway—

Approved

Ordered that the Letter be copied fair & dispatched

Arch.d Campbell

Examined
Geo.e Le Maistre Sec.y

John Holland

J.o Whatman

R.t Maunsell

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Diary.—

24. Received the following Letter from Colonel Floyd.—

To
Major General Sir. Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor- Commander in Chief. &c. &c.—

Sir,

From Colonel Floyd re a Frenchman & his Servant brought re into Chevelimoordoo by some of the Nabobs Sepoys on his way to Madr.—

The Havildar of the Nabobs brought a Frenchman, & his native Servant to me to day guarded by some Polygars who had brought them from Paucambaddy.—

The Havildar relates that the Renter of Paucambaddy sent some Polygars to take them & the Sieur Langle presented a little pistol; upon which they deserted & the Renter sent them to Colacoureche; where there are some of the Nabobs Sepoys.— a Detachment came, & took them.—

The Renter designed as they say, to send the Sieur de Langle to the Nabob

He had two little Pistols two valainous old Fire Locks, & an Officers Small Sword

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Sword, with two Trunks & two other Parcels

The Sieur de Langle shewed

me a Passeport of Count Conways, which proves

him to be an acknowledged Man; & his manner

of speaking him above the ordinary class, I have

detained him here to spare him the harsh &

treatment He complains of from his former

conductors, until You are pleased to favour me

with your Orders concerning him. —

I gave the Havildar a Reciept

for his person & his Baggage. —

Since his former Guard has

been dismissed, I have examined his Baggage,

with Assistance of Captain Browne, & found

his two Trunks almost entirely filled with Mathe-

matical, & Drawing Instruments & several

drawings & many Plates, & materials for a

Drawing — He appears to be a very well

informed Man — Says He belonged to the

Department "des Ports & Chaussées," in

France — & owned many of his Drawings

&.

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& Books relate to such subjects. Lest there
are also several military Subjects

He says He was on his way
to Mahé when he was taken up—
Supposing the Character of
Count Conway absolutely out of the #
questions, I should immediately conclud
He was despatched to Seppoo, as an #
intelligent Engineer, with a view to be
extremely useful to him.—
I have the honor of enclosing #
his Pasport, & shall continue to #
have him watched, within the Railing #
of my Quarters, till you favour me #
with your Orders.—
The Horses of the 19th L.t Dragoons
have no distemper whatever, & are in good
condition.— I have the honor to be

Cheoolimoodoo
Nov.r 19. 1787.— " &c. &c.
[signed] J. Floyd Col.
P. S.

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November 20th.

24th P. L. I beg leave to send you the following extract of a letter from Quarter Master Hafell, dated at Datchipelly, 10th Nov.r 1787. —

Extract

"This day Sir Jeorg[illegible] the greatest "Chief the Nizam has[illegible] passed this place with "an Army of 1500 Men, on his March to Bellamcondah "where He takes the Command of that part of "the Nizam's Country." —

25th In Consequence of the foregoing Letter the President sent in Circulation the following proposed Draft to the Compte De Conway, which being approved was copied fair & Dispatched. —

To His Excellency
Major General Compte de Conway
Governor &.— &.— &.—
Pondicherry

Sir,

Colonel Hoop of His Britannic Majesty's Dragoons who commands at

To the Governor of Pondicherry informing him of the above —

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& Books relate to such subjects, but there
are also several military Subjects

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Suppposing the Character of
Count Conway absolutely out of the #
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He was despatched to Tippoo, as an #
intelligent Engineer, with a view to be
extremely useful to him —
I have the honor of enclosing #
his Pasaport, & I shall continue to #
have him watched, within the Railing #
of my Quarters, till You favour me #
with your Orders —
The Horses of the 19th L.t Dragoons
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[signed] J. Floyd Col.
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Major General Compte de Conway
Governor &.— &.— &.— of
Pondicherry

Sir,

Colonel Hoyt of His
Britannic Majesty's Dragoons who commands

at

To the Governor of Pondicherry informing him of the above—

Sloyd begs the Superior would be pleased
De Langle to his Charge with which
request they complied, and I am happy
to find that Colonel Sloyd was thereby
enabled to shew attention to a Gentleman
who was the Bearer of Your Excellency's
wish as I heard of this Matter. I applied
to the Naboob, who was engaged in procuring
his passport to convey Mr. De Langle to
the Frontiers, agreeable to the Route he
was pursuing Across the Carnatic to
the West Coast, and which I knew would
prevent Mr De Langle from meeting
with any further interruption or delay
on his Journey. —

I shall

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Fort St. George 25th November 1787

24th P. S. I beg leave to send you the following extract of a letter from Guarte, dated November 20th

"I for having
"sports for such persons as
as you may wish to send across the Country
without which, they must be liable to
constant molestation."

I have the honor to be &
with distinguished respect and Esteem —

Y. — Y.

Fort St. George
25th November 1787.

/signd/ Arch.d Campbell.

Dispatched the undermentioned
Letters sentenced in No. 13. Nos. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66.

To the Military Paymaster General &
To enclosing Extracts of a Letter from Bengal
Mr Davidson with Copy of a Letter addressed to that &
Government by the Accountant General,
& desiring he will comply with directions
contained therein —

To
Mr Mowbray The same to the Accountant General —

To

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at one of the Posts to the Westward, has reported
to me, that a Gentleman named Mons.r
De Langle was brought to his Cantonment
by a party of Hes Highness the Nabobs
Sepoys. Mr. De Langle produced a passport
signed by your Excellency, on which Colonel
Floyd begs the Sepoys would deliver Mr.
De Langle to his Charge with which
request they complied. And I am happy
to find that Colonel Floyd was thereby
enabled to shew attention to a Gentleman
who was the Bearer of your Passport, So
soon as I heard of this Matter, I applied
to the Nabob, who was so good as grant
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on his Journey. —

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1153.

Fort St. George. November 1787.

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I have the honor to be &
with distinguished respect. and Esteem.—

Y.—Y.—

Fort St. George
25. November 1787.

/signed/ Archd. Campbell.

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To the Military Paymaster General &

To
M.r Davidson.

enclosing Extracts of a Letter from Bengal with Copy of a Letter addressed to that & Government by the Accountant General, & desiring he will comply with directions contained therein.—

To
M.r Moubray

He came to the Accountant General.—

To

1152. Fort St. George November 1787.

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to me, that a Gentleman named Mons.r

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by a party of His Highness The Nabobs

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signed by your Excellency, on which Colonel

Floyd begs the Sepoys would deliver Mr.

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request they complied, and I am happy

to find that Colonel Floyd was thereby

enabled to shew attention to a Gentleman

who was the Bearer of Your Passport, So

soon as I heard of this Matter, I applied

to the Nabob, who was so good as grant

his passport to convey Mr. DeLangle to

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The same to the Accountant General. —

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1152. Fort St. George November 1787.

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M.r Mowbray

The same to the Accountant General.—

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1152. Fort St. George November 1787.

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Fort St. George. November 1787.

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I have the honor to be &

with distinguished respect. and Esteem. —

Y. — Y. —

/signed/ Arch.d Campbell.

Fort St. George
25. November 1787.

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To Mr. Aldouray. The same to the Accountant General. —

To

1158. Fort St. George 27th November 1787.

of repelling some Armed Peons belonging to
the Tyentoor Circar, and we now enclose Copy
of a Minute delivered in to this Board by
the Manager of the Southern Division of
the Havelly acquainting us that the Peons
immediately Retired, upon knowing of the
above Detachment being sent from hence, &
that its continuance is thought no longer
necessary; which being also confirmed by
the Officer Commanding the Detachment,
we have required him to return with it
to rejoin his Corps in this Garrison.—

We have the honor to be
Very respectfully—
&c &c.
[signed] Anth: Sadleir
James Hodges
Joseph Powell.

Masulipatam
20th November 1787.

Mr Powell informs the Board that as
he understands from Accounts, which he has
recen

1159. Fort St. George 27th. November 1787.

received from Dewan that the force in Ayed-
dalanka belonging to Tuppeterow Retired
as soon as they had Intelligence of the Detachment
sent from hence being on their way, he conceives
it may without any risque to the Cultivation
be withdrawn, the more so as Tehiam Cawn
has proposed an accommodation in his last
Letter, which the Chief sent in Circulation:
he informs them also that he had drawn
20 Sipoys from Nizampatam which he
means to place on the Island, as soon as
the Detachment moves from thence. &

/signed/ Joseph Revell

Masulipatam
28th November 1787.

A true Copy
A. Scott Secry.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have received your Secretarys
Letter of the 5th Instant, whereon the one is enclosed
was

from Masulipatam Inclosing
Extract of Military Letter
Cuttack for the Garrison of
Cuttack

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To
The Honble Sir. Archibald Campbell K. B.
Governor in Council, at
Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

Accompanying we have the
honour to transmit to you, a Copy of
our Proceedings in an Investigation, in
which the Violation of the most Solemn rites
of the Malabars by the Mussulmen,
during the late Dassary Feast, the
subsequent Outrages and Indignities
offered by the latter People to the Hindoo
and Malabar Inhabitants and the
insulted Authority of our own Government,
have forcibly impressed upon our Attention.

Previous to the late Religious
Solemnities of the Mussulmans, they urged
a Claim of setting aside the Dassary Feast
of the Hindoos, which by their Virtual
happened at the same Period, or else of

depriving

Jem Sanjam - With their Proceedings on some religious Disputes between Hl. Moors & Hindoos during the Dassara Feast.

Fort St. George 27. November 1787.

disproving them of the Privilege of accompanying their religious Observances, by the beating of a Tomtom, a Pre-eminence so arrogating on the part of the Mussulmans, being in Course held inadmissible under our Government gave rise to a Reiteration of the most daringly Seditious Conduct, Manifested by Outrages from the Effects of which, We &c are sorry to acquaint you it was not entirely in our Ability to protect the more peaceable and obedient Hindoos —

In the Course of our Proceedings, you will perceive there were abundant &c Data on which a greater Number of the &c rioters might have been nominated; but independent of those Allowances that &c were due to the Enthusiasm of the Occasion, We have held it more for the Dignity of Government, as well as more efficacious for Example, to arraign the two Culprits which are now offered to your Notice. —

Nana

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. Nassa Lawn Havildar as to the Charge against him set forth, was the person who in Contempt of all Civil & Subordination, and in Violation of the strongest Prejudices of their Religion, defaced and overthrew the Processional Idol of the Hindoos:- and Tahier Mahomed Subedar, after all the rites of either Sect were completed for this Anniversary, when it might reasonably have been supposed the Heats occasioned by them would have subsided was Guilty of an Offence rendered the more criminal by the peculiar deliberate Manner of its perpetration, and aggravated by the Rank he held, from which a Conduct the very reverse was surely to have been expected -

It is unnecessary for Us to remark, upon the Contumacious style used by the Mussulmans of the 18 Madras Battalion

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Battalion, in the Course of their Examinations before our Board; they have since peremptorily refused to Contribute their Quota, in retribution of the Damages sustained by the Hindoos, which we had requested of the Commanding Officer to use his Influence to prevail on them to assent to, and which we cannot but think due to the latter people from every principle of Equity in regard also to the very Commendable Subordination to Government evinced by the Hindoos, through the whole of those transactions, and to that respect which we conceive should be enforced to Authority. We esteem the Perverseness of the Mussulmans highly reprehensible, and which if passed over in the present Instance may Involve Us in repeated Contests of the same Nature in which View we submit it to your Consideration, and Request your final Decision on the Subject.—

We

1168. Fort St. George 27th November 1787.

We have the honour to be &
with the greatest respect
&c. &c.
Wm Williams
Lt. Dr. Munro
George Wynch.

Sanjam
31st. October 1787.

/Signed/

The Board Concur in Opinion
with the Chief & Council upon the Propriety
of making an Example of the Subedar &
Havildar, whose violence & contumacy
are calculated to produce the worst effects
if suitable punishment be not inflicted
it is in consequence Agreed that they be dismissed
the Company's Service immediately & that the
Cause of such Dismission be Announced in General
Order with directions for their being expelled the
Company's Territories.—

Minute thereon.

Read the following Letter from
the Military Paymaster General.—

To John Chamier Esqr.
Military Secretary.—

Sir

From the Military & Paymaster General & with a Statement & Returns requisite for

Agreeably to the directions of the Hble
Board signified to me in your letter of the 20th Inst. I have
the honor to send you enclosed, a statement, shewing the
&c.

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furnished by him for the use of the Barracks in Fort St. George previous & Subsequent to the Institution of Barrack Master for the use of 100 Men p Month —

The Articles supplied for the Barracks in Fort St. George for 100 Men p Month, previous to the time that the new Barrack Regulations were published & also the present quantities of Utensils ordered by those Regulations to be supplied monthly for the same number of Men I request you will do me the honor to lay the same before the Honble Board —

I have &c.
(Signed) Alexr Davidson
Dy P. M. General —

Fort St. George
23. November 1787 —

Articles supplied on the Barracks at Madras for 100 Men by the Genl Paymaster upon the indent of the Barrack master previous to the Barrack Regulations of September 1786

Articles ordered to be supplied for 100 Men on Barracks at Madras by the Regulations of Sept. 1786 and furnished on the indent of the Barrack Master. —

Quantity	Articles	Price charged for each	Pay.	Fs.	Cs.	Quantity	Articles	Price charged for each	Pay.	Fs.	Cs.
200.	Matts	1 Fs.		4	32.	200.	Matts	1 Fs.		4	32.
100.	Mallays	6 6/8 Fs.		8	27.	100.	Mallays	6 6/8 Fs.		8	27.
25.	Mondays	5 Ds.		1	45.	100.	Moondays	5 Ds.		6	20.
25	Rice Potts	32 Ds.		10		25.	Rice Potts	32 Ds.		10	
25	Water Potts	27 Ds.		8	27.	25.	Water Ds.	27 Ds.		8	27.
25.	Conjee Ds.	13 Ds.		4	13.	25.	Conjee Ds.	13 Ds.		4	13.
25.	Drain Ds.	32 Ds.		10		25.	Drain Ds.	32 Ds.		10	
25.	Large Chatties	32 Ds.		10		25.	Large Chatties	32 Ds.		10	
25.	Small Ds.	13 Ds.		4	13.	25.	Small Ds.	13 Ds.		4	13.
25.	Trigals	32 Ds.		10		25.	Trigals	32 Ds.		10	
13.	Guglets	27 Ds.		4	27.	13.	Guglets	27 Ds.		4	27.
13.	Tinestands	54 Ds.		8	54.	13.	Tinestands	54 Ds.		8	54.
13	Ropes	10 Ds.		1	50.	13	Ropes	10 Ds.		1	50.
13.	Baskets	20 Ds.		3	20.	13.	Baskets	20 Ds.		3	20.
13.	Broom Bundles	10 Ds.		1	50.	13.	Broom Bundles	10 Ds.		1	50.
10.	Gram Potts	60 Ds.		7	40.	10.	Gram Potts	60 Ds.		7	40.
13	Tea Kettles	54 Ds.		8	54	22	Tea Kettles	54 Ds.		14	68.
17.	Lamps	60 Ds.		12	60.	25.	Lamps	60 Ds.		18	60.
	Lamp Oil 2 3/8 p Day p Mo. is 63 3/4		@ 8 Pag.	7	40. 55.		Lamp Oil 3 1/2 p Day is 92 1/2 p Mo.		@ 8 Pag.	11	30. 15.
1.	Dooly Boy			1	10. 40.	4.	Dooly Boys		2 Pag.	8	
2	Tottys	30 Jan.		1	18	2.	Tottys	30 Jan.		1	18
4	Sweepers	18 Fs.		1	30.	4.	Sweepers	18 Ds.		1	30.
5.	Water woman	24 Fs.		2	36.	10.	Waterwomen	24 Ds.		5	30.
1/2	Lamplighter				20.	1.	Lamplighter			1	10. 40.
				23	8. 15.						
	Balance being the difference arising in the Supply of 100 Men comp. to 90 Pioneers by the new Barrack Regulations of Sept. 1786			14,	22, 29.						
	Pagodas			37.	30. 44.		Pagodas			37	30. 44.

Ord.

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To lie on the Table.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The President in his Character

The President of Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Letter addressed to him by Lieut.r Colonel Russell, & recommends that the above Officer, who has Meritoriously served during thirty Years be permitted to retire upon the Invalid List

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

Sir,

From Lt Colonel Russell, requesting to be placed on the Invalid List

I from the impaired state of my health at this time & the injury which my constitution has received from along & frequently active, Period of Service of more than thirty years, the greatest part of which has been passed in this Country, I find myself at length under the painful necessary of requesting permission to retire upon the Invalid List of this Establishment I request therefore that you will do me the

long

honour

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honour to lay this application before the
Board, and as I am conscious to myself
of having hitherto served the Honble Compy.
with Zeal & alacrity, whenever my health
enable one, I flatter myself I shall not
be thought altogether undeserving of
the Indulgence which I now solicit. —

enabled

The Certificates of the
Medical Board which I have the honour to
enclose for the information of Government
will Explain the necessity of this Application

I have the honor to remain
with great respect. —

Fort St. George
27th. November 1787. —

&c. &c.
/signed/ W. Russell Lt. Col.
V. Bt. E. J.

Alexander Munro

Agreed that Lieut.
Colonel Russell's request be complied with,
& that the same be published in
General Orders. —

Read

1774. Fort St. George. November 1787.

Diary

30th Received the undermentioned Letters &c

entered in M. B. Nos 71. 72. 73. 74 —

From the Chief & Council at Ganjam

from Ganjam — stating the Death of Mr John Garrett, &

Conductor of Stores, & requesting that another &

may be appointed in his Room

From the Chief & Council at Cuddalore

From Cuddalore Advising, that their Gomastah per harcarrat arrived

Gauze of Paddy from the Eighteen which were

in Store for the Garrison of Tiagar; the Remain-

=der they have detained, until the Orders of the

Board can be obtained. —

From the Secretary General to the &

From Mr. Secretary Hay — Government of Fort William, enclosing a Letter

from the Compte De Conway. —

From Captain Lieutenant Hall requesting

From Capt. Lt. Hall Permission to go into the Mayors Court as an Attorney

during the time he is on half Pay. —

Sent the undermentioned Letters sentenced

in M. B. Nos 75. 76. 77. 78 —

To the Committee of Stores to take into

To the Committee of Stores their

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into their Consideration an Accompanying
Indent of Military Stores from Masulipa-
tam—

To the Military Pay-
master General

To the Military Paymaster-
General—to inform the Board when the Books
in his Office for the Year 1785. are expected
to be brought up, and what State of Forward-
ness the Books for 1786 are in—

To Ganjam

To Ganjam—the Board approve
their Proceedings in the Dispute between
the Moors & Gentoos; and have in consequence
dismissed from the Service Fakeer Mahomed
& Naina Cavan, who were Principals in
the Affair.—

Sent the following Letter to Mr. Richard
Dighton.—

To Mr Richard Dighton
Resident in the Jaghire.—

To Mr Richard Dighton
to collect from the Money &
Effects of Venkaty Row to
Ram Chunder taking
a Receipt for the same—With
an

Sir, The Board being of Opinion
that the Application of Venkaty Row for
the

Fort St. George November 1787.

an Obligation also to satisfy the Legal Demands of Rama Row.—

the delivery of his Effects to Ramchunder should be complied with I am directed to desire you will deliver over to the latter all the Money and Effects belonging to Venceta Row, now under your Charge, taking a receipt from Ramchunder who will at the same time grant an Obligation in writing binding himself to satisfy the Demands of Rama Row provided he shall establish a Claim upon the Money & Effects of Vencata Row.—

I am &c.
(signed) John Stamier Secty.

Fort St. George
29. November 1787.—

Recvd the following Letter from

Mr. Roebuck.—

To John Stamier Esq.
Military Secretary

Sir.

From Mr. Roebuck, Agent for Mr. Cochrane States the Quantity of Spirituous Liquor received from the Bengal Contractors twenty seven Leaguers and

I request you will be pleased to inform the Honble Board that I have received at Madras from Messrs. Harris & Lamb for Sundry

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Gallons over and above the Contract Quantity furnished by Messrs. Ferguson &c. Recommend that Messrs Harris and Lambert be desired to Land the remainder of the Liquor to be furnished by them either at Madras or at Masulipatam. —

Twenty Eight Leagers & Eighteen Gallons of Arrack & Sixty Leagers & Ninety five Gallons of Rum, Batavia proof and that Messrs. Ferguson Barrette & Finny have delivered agreeable to the terms of their Contract at & Ganjam five hundred & Twenty five & Gallons of Arrack & the same Quantity of Rum; at Vizagapatam Nine hundred & Seventy five Gallons of Arrack & the same Quantity of Rum; at Masulipatam Two thousand Two hundred & fifty Gallons of & Arrack, & the Same Quantity of Rum; & at Madras Thirty Nine Thousand Eight hundred & Thirty Nine Gallons of Arrack, and Thirty Nine Thousand Three hundred & forty four Gallons of Rum; The whole of the Quantity makes Leagers of Arrack & Two hundred & Ninety & Eighty Nine Gallons & Leagers of Rum Two hundred & Eighty Seven & forty four Gallons, which is Twenty & Seven Leagers One hundred & Thirty Three & Gallons

1778. Fort St. George December 1787.

5th Gallons of Rum & Arrack above the Contract Quantity, I request to know whether I am to grant them a receipt for this Surplus Quantity I beg leave in Justice to Messrs. Ferguson Barrette & Tenney to remark that the Spirits they have sent here are superior to the Muster they delivered in to the Honble the Governor General & Council

On reading over the Contracts entered into with the Contractors for Rum & Arrack, I perceive that Messrs. Harris & Lambert are to Land the same Quantity at the Northern Ports which Messrs. Ferguson Barrette & Tenny have done, I take the Liberty of observing, that there is already too much Arrack at Vizagapatam & Ganjam, & beg leave to recommend that the Quantity intended to be Landed at the above places by Messrs. Harris and Lambert be Landed either at Masulipatam or the Presidency. — I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
29th November 1787.

Sir
Your most
Signed Benjn. Roebuck
for the Honble. Basil Cochrane
Agent for Spirituous Liquors &c.

1179. Fort St. George December 1787.

3.

In Consequence of the foregoing Letter &
from Mr. Roebuck the following was &
dispatched to Bengal.—

To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.
Governor General in Council,

My Lord.—

We have the honor to
enclose Copy of a Letter which we have
received from Mr. Roebuck Attorney to
the Honble Mr. Cochrane Agent for &
Spirituous Liquor at this Presidency, upon
the Subject of the Arrack & Rum delivered
by Messrs. Harris & Lambert & by &
Messrs. Ferguson &c. on Account of their
Contracts with the Bengal Government
As it appears from the &
Report of Mr. Roebuck that the Liquors
delivered is very good, We have authorized
him to receive the Surplus Quantity, &
to grant an acknowledgement for it

We

To Bengal enclosing
Copy of the above &
Letter requesting
they will comply
with the Recommend-
ations contained therein—

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Fort St. George December 1787.

3.

We request your Lordship &
will be so good to signify to Messrs. Harris
& Lambert, our desire that the Quantity of
Liquor intended to be landed by them at
Ganjam & Vizagapatam be landed at
Masulipatam or at this Presidency as
recommended by Mr. Roebuck. —

We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
[signed] Archd. Campbell
&c.

Fort St. George
3d. December 1787. —

Sent the undermentioned Letters —
entered in M. B. for the Month of December
Nos. 1. 2. —

To Mr. Roebuck to receive the
Surplus Quantity of Liquor landed by the
To Mr. Roebuck Contractors, & Grant an Acknowledgment for
the same — Informing him of the Contents
of the Letter written to Bengal. —

Stuart To Captain Lieutenant Hall Wish
To Captain Lieut. Permission to go into the Mayor Court,
Stuart Hall — Agreeably to his Request. —

A.

1181.

Fort St. George 4th December 1787.

At a Consultation Present

Tuesday 4th December 1787.

The Honble. Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

John Holland, James Henry Casamaijor.

&

Robert. Maunsell Esqr.

Minutes of last Consultation

read & approved.—

The President delivers in the

following Minute.—

President's. Minute 4th December 1787.

It is with Concern the President finds himself again called upon to make a Reply to some Parts of Mr. Maunsells Minute, which was laid before the Board the 20th. Ultimo, as he had flattered himself, that after the Production of the necessary Statements moved for, by that Gentleman

President's Minute In further Justification of the Institution of Barrack masters with Extract of a Letter from Gen. Horne shewing the necessity of such an appointment to the Southward and a comparative Statement of Sick—

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Hoom.d

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President's. Minute 4th December 1787.

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President's Minute In further Justification of the Institution of Barrack Masters with Extracts of a Letter from Gen. Rose shewing the necessity of such an appointment to the Southward and a comparative Statement of Sick—

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that the Barrack Allowances made to the Stations
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than necessary; but although he was his real
Sentiments, yet as they had been long established
and had undergone the Inspection of many
able Governors and Commanders in Chief, &
whose Experience in this Country, gave them
a Right to judge and limit their proportions,
he chose to adopt their Ideas until he had
it in his power to examine their Propriety.—

The Allowances agreed to the Troops
at Madras, Poonamallee, and Arcot were accordingly
approved of by the Board, who directed that &
the same should be extended to all the European
at the other Out Garrisons and Cantonments,
together with the New Cotts which the &
President had constructed for their use. By
this Means all the European Troops on the &
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of Barrack Allowances, they had wholesome &
Cotts to be upon, which they never before experienced,
And those of the Out Garrisons and Cantonments
had a sufficient Supply of the necessary Comforts
in Barracks, which had been but too partially
allowed at the Will or Caprice of others, especially
on the Article of Light, which put it out of
the Power of the Visiting Officers, and the Non
Commissioned Officers of Squads to prevent the
shameful Scenes of Riot and Licentiousness,
which generally took place in the Barracks,
after dark; and which had on some Occasions &
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. Mutinies of the most serious Consequences to the
Service. -

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Parsimony in refusing the Necessary Comforts
and Conveniencies for the Troops, was lately read
at a former Meeting - in a Letter from the &
Commanding Officer at Rajamundry, by which
it appeared, that the Chief of Masulipatam
had struck off the small Quantity of Oil
allowed

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delivered over and who should be responsible
for all the Articles belonging to them in the
Manner practised at Bengal, and in the
Armies of every well regulated State in Europe.
does it follow, that by an Arrangement for
which such urgent Reasons were assigned,
a Reflexion is cast upon the Pay Masters,
because they happen not to be Military, or
that they may suffer in their Emoluments
by the Change? Is it becoming to impute
to the President the illiberal Intention of
introducing a new mode of conducting that
Department, merely to serve the Military at
the Expence of the Civil Servants of the Company?
Or without too great a Sacrifice of Complaisance,
might it not be allowed, that the President
in considering a Question of such Importance
to the Service, was influenced by more laudable
Motives

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Motives, than those of effecting a Transfer of
Profits from one Description of Servants to
another? If any Member of Council can
entertain an Idea, that the President is
capable of considering a General Question by the
circumscribed and narrow Principles of individual
Interest; is it not to be expected, that he will
think himself justified in repelling such an
Attack, and that he has a Right to comment
upon Opinions that are recorded with a View
to arraign his Justice, Judgement and Public
Conduct

If further proof were wanting
to shew the Necessity of adopting the Regulations,
and appointing a Military Man to carry them
into Execution, the President would refer to
a Letter written by Brigadier General Horne
and entered in Consultation the 14th July 1786
in which he strongly points out the deplorable
State of the Barracks to the Southward, and
solicits that a Barrack Master might be
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such imperfect Materials can only tend to confuse &
and mislead, especially, if no Credit be given to &
the regularity and Health which has been &
introduced in Consequence of that Arrangement.
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the Article of Repairs which must inevitably
ensue from a more attentive Inspection and
Care of the Barracks, Beds and Barrack Furniture
So much convinced is the President of the Superiority
of the New Arrangement over the Old, that he is
still of Opinion, an Extension of sufficient Allowances
to the whole Troops can be accomplished at a &
annual Expence that will not exceed the Old Practice
of giving more than necessary to the interior Stations
while the Troops of the Frontier Garrisons &
were suffered to rot upon the Ground, without &
Cots, Mats or other Articles necessary and essential
for their Health, Comfort and Happiness.

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In proof of the good Effects of the new System, the President takes this occasion to lay before the Board, a comparative Statement of a very different Nature to that which has been just mentioned; a Statement of the Sick for 12 Months, before and since the Publication of the Barrack Regulations: by which it will appear, that the proportion of Sick during the Year, since the Regulations were published, has decreased not less than 586 Men, on the same Numbers for the Year, or in other Words that 586 Europeans have been actually on duty for the last twelve Months more than in the former Year, supposing the Average Monthly Strength of each Year to be 6,166 Men.

If it is admitted that Regularity and Cleanliness are the surest Means of obtaining good Health to the European Troops in India, it is but reasonable to allow, that an Arrangement which has established those Comforts in a

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Superior Degree, must have contributed greatly
to their Healths, during the Course of the last
twelve Months. Allowing Humanity therefore
to have no Share in these Considerations, it is
fair to state that even in a pecuniary Point
of View, this Improvement is of great Importance
to the Company. If the Loss on the Services of
these Men are estimated, together with the heavy
Hospital Charges, which would otherwise make
a most conspicuous Figure in the Public Accounts,
If to this be added the annual Savings on the
New Cotts, which upon our Present Force
amount to 6,459 Pagodas, as well as the Diminu
on Barrack Repairs, from a more minute and
correct Attention being paid to the Barrack Materials
and Fixtures, it can scarcely be doubted, that
the enormous Increase of Expence which Mr.
Maxwell has imputed to the New Arrangement
will be found to merit less Weight than he is
aware of.

Unless that Gentleman can prove,
that it is proper to deny to the European Soldier
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in India, the necessary Comforts for the preservation
of Health, which European Troops experience on
all the other Quarters of the Globe; a sufficient &
Part of the Allowances granted them at the Presidency
must be considered as a necessary Measure, and
unless he can prove that the European Troops
stationed at the Frontier Garrisons in the &
Carnatic, ought not to enjoy the same Allowances
which have been found requisite and necessary
for preserving the Health of the same Des-
-cription of Men at Madras, it will appear &
that an Extension of these Allowances to the
Out Garrisons was a just and wise Resolution
of Government. If this be admitted, is it possible
to accomplish such an Extension without &
incurring an additional annual Charge &
or is it just or reasonable to stigmatize such &
a charge with the harsh Application of an &
enormous Encrease of Expence? a Term so &
reproachful, when deliberately applied to the
Expence incurred by a necessary Arrangement,

can

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can be used with no other Intention but to
deny the Propriety of the Arrangement, or to
support some hasty Decision which will
not be found to stand the Test of Reason,
on a more cool and dispassionate Reflexion
When Mr Maxwell takes
upon himself to assert "That the Authority
"of the Barrack Masters does extend to Madura
"and all other Garrisons westward and Southw.
"of Madras; whether the Garrisons consist of
Europeans or Sepoys" it were to be wished that
he had perused the Barrack Masters' Regulations,
and had been perfectly correct before he gave
so flat a Contradiction to the Information
which the President laid before the Board in
his last Minute on the Subject. Mr Maxwell
cannot surely mean to say, that he wishes
we should adopt his Sentiments and Opinions
in Opposition to plain incontrovertible Facts
The Barrack Masters can derive
no Authority but what is given them by the
Government

Government; and it will be found that they
have no Authority whatever to extend their
Supplies to Madura, or to Stations where
Sepoy Troops only are in Garrison; yet Mr.
Mr. Maunsell most unaccountably persists in asserting circumstantially that the Barrack Masters Authority "extends to the supplying the European "Serjeants at Garrisons where European "Troops are not stationed with Pots, Pans, "Oil &c.a and the Sepoy Barracks, Guard "Room &c.a with Oil -

If there is not a Word in the whole of the Barrack Master's Instructions in support of those singular and circumstantial Declarations, with what propriety can Mr. Maunsell obtrude them upon the Board as Authority granted to the Barrack Master, or attempts to bring them forward as Proofs against the President's Assertion?

It is unnecessary to reason upon vague Declarations, that can be over easily

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easily refuted by referring to the Barrack Masters
Instructions which the President desires may
be read; when it will appear, that the Barrack
Masters Duty is strictly confined to "Europeans
"Troops in Garrisons and Cantonments", and
that they have acted without Authority in extending
their Supplies beyond the Bounds prescribed to
them, for which they have been personally
censured by the President, as soon as the
Circumstance came to his Knowledge. As
these Gentlemen are now sensible of their Error,
the President is convinced that the like
Misconception cannot happen in future;
and that the Paymasters of Sepoys Garrisons
where no European Troops are quartered will lose
no part of their Emoluments from the late
unauthorized Interference of the Barrack
Masters.—

When any Deception of Servants
presume to go beyond the Authority granted
them by Government it is an easy Matter
to check and restrain them to their proper Bounds.

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but there is no Reason why a General System
should be attached because a Part of the Regula-
tions have not been strictly adhered to.

It is quite sufficient that
Mr. Maunsell is satisfied with the Explanation
he has given of his Remarks on the late
Act of Parliament respecting India. The
President however from a Wish to clear
himself of the unmerited Imputation of
having prevented the Sense of - of that
Gentleman's Reasoning, must observe,
that if the late Act of Parliament is
hostile to General Advancement and
tends in a General View to deprave the
Spirit of the Service" which Mr. Maunsell
presumes will not be disputed, it is
a natural Consequence, that the Change
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to the Company's Affairs in India.

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Comparative Statement of the Sick Non Commissioned Officers & Privates, of the European Corps inserted on the Margin, for Two Years & before the present period Viz.t — For Twelve & Months from October 1785. to September 1786 Inclusive, and for Twelve Months from October 1786 to September 1787 Inclusive. —

First — From October 1785 to September 1786 Inclusive

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Company Troops

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Second. — From October 1786 to September 1787 Inclusive

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If 73.982 Men have 10,511 Sicks, what Proportion of Sicks would 79,442 Men have?

In the Operation on the Margin which gives 11,286 Sicks by the above Statement there are only 10,706 the Average Diminution of Sicks consequently 586 Men. —

Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board. —

Hospital

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So the Operation on the Margin which gives 11,286 but as by the above Statement there are only 10,706 the Average Decrease of Sickness consequently 586 Men. —

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Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board. —

Hospital

1202.

Fort S.t George 4.th December 1787

Hospital Board.—

Nov.r 29.th 1787.—

Report of the Hospital Board—Mr. Fitzgerald appointed an Assistant Surgeon Mr. Baird and Hospital Mate Mr. Gifford to do Duty with the 2.d Battalion of Artillery with Copies of Letters from Messrs. Thompson, Duffer, & Davis containing an Account of Diseases which lately prevailed among the Troops at Arcot

The Hospital Board having examined Mr. Morris Fitzgerald with respect to his professional Qualifications as an Assistant Surgeon, have found him well educated, and fit for the Service they therefore beg leave to recommend to the Honble Board his being Appointed an Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment, and Stationed at the Genral Hospital till further Orders.—

From the promotion of Mr. Thomson to Surgeon there is a vacancy in the List of Hospital Mates, the Board would therefore recommend that Mr. Baird, who is at present sick at the Presidency should be promoted to that rank

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proved

rank and stationed at the
General Hospital; and that
Mr Gifford, who has solicited
to be removed from the 4th
Regement of Cavalry, to
relieve Mr Baird with
the 2d. Battalion of Artillery
at Wallajahbad. —

The Hospital
Board have the Honor to
acknowledge the receipt of
the Orders of Government
relative to their drawing
out Regulations for the
Field Service, and reporting
on the last supply of
Europe Medicines, to both
of which they will pay
immediate and particular
attention —

A Dysentery having
in October last prevailed
at Arnot similar to an
Endemic that raged
amongst

1204. Fort St. George 4th December 1787.

amongst the Natives &
about Paliconda in the
Amboor Valley in 1769/1770.
in an Army of Observation
in January 1773, and the
Bengal Detachment at
Ganjam in 1781. and &
several other places at
different times, as &
well as Epidemic over
the whole Coast in 1783.
under the Appearance of
Dysentery Cholera &
Morbus or Mordexin,
but attended with Spasm
at the Precordia, and &
sudden prostration of
strength as characteristic
Lit Marks -

Seeing this Board
is ordered to be a Record,
the Physician General
recommends, as a Guide
to

Spasm

1205. Fort St. George 4th December 1787.

to future Practitioners, that
a Letter from Mr Thomson
Surgeon of the forth Regiment
containing an Account
of the dejection of one of
the Patients who died of
the Disease, describing the
State of the Viscera, may
be entered on the face of
the Proceedings together
with two Letters from
Mr Duffin Head Surgeon
at Vellore, and one from
Mr Davis Member of
the Hospital Board,
containing an Account
of the Causes Symptoms,
and Successful treatment
of the Sick, by the use of
the Hot Bath and Fomen-
tations supporting the
Vis Vitæ with Wine &c.
and removing the putrid
Collluvies

fourth

1206. Fort St. George 4th December 1787.

Colleries from the Intestines

The Hospital Board

sensible of the Advantages &

that may result to the &

Service from the mode propos

by the Physician General,

desir their Secretary to enter

the Letters he has mentioned,

as follows.—

Approved

And.w Berry

Secry Hospl Bd.

To James Anderson Esqr. M.D.

Physician General &c.a—

Dear Sir

I arrived here on Friday about

12 o'Clock in the forenoon and immediately

waited on Mr. Davis who I found at &

Captain Youngs in the Cavalry Lines &

Mr. Davis informed me that Mr. Lee &

was in Charge of the Regiment at Trivellore

about

1207. Fort St. George 4th December 1787.

(about 8 Miles N: West of Arcot) in a high and dry situation the Pagoda in which the Men are lodged is said to be large enough to contain 500 Men.—

Yesterday morning a private of the 42d Regiment European Infantry died in the Hospital in the Fort of Arcot when I immediately opened his Body in presence of Messrs Ferguson Campbell & Cameron the appearances on dissection were the Gall Bladder exceedingly distended with Bile so much so as to appear protruded some inches below the Liver and to contain near six Ounces of Bile no marks of Putrescence in any of the Abdominal Viscera the Urinary Bladder quite empty and contracted to the size of a Walnut the Stomach and Duodenum both empty of Bile and no appearance of Inflammation in any part of the Intestinal Canal or Peritoneum — I have not as yet had an opportunity of treating a Patient in this

Sp Asmodie

1208.

Fort St. George 4th December 1787

Spasmodic affection from the first seizure some
my arrival here, but shall minute down the
effects of the different remedies made use of
for the relief of such as may be taken ill of
this disease.

Captain Mudth of the 4th
Regiment Infantry died in 12 hours illness -
he had greatly fatigued himself in Shooting
on the day in which he was taken ill and
had been under a Course of Mercury, as well
as Mr. Pringle late Surgeon to the Regiment

This disease is exactly the same
as prevailed at Trincamalle in Months of
April & May 1782 when the season was very
hot and dry in the day time, and the Nights very
cold & chill, the Winds blowing from the Land
and reaching some Leagues out to Sea The
weather here at present is the same as
Experienced at Trincamalay.

I am &c. &c.

Jno. Maxwell Thompson
Surgeon 4th Regt. Infantry

Arcot
5th November 1787.

Attest Copy
And. Berry
Surgy Hospl. Bd.

1209. Fort St. George 4th December 1787.

Mr. Andrew Berry

Secretary to the Hospital Board

Sir,

I returned Yesterday from Arcot where I had an Opportunity of Seeing the ⊹ Situation of the Sick, the Cholera Morbus rages with great violence with every Symptom of ⊹ Putrescency, and so Rapid in its progress, that many of the Men are carried off in twelve hours illness, I have recommended to Mr Pringle who is indefatigable, the free use of Castor Oil, which I have found the only effectual remedy in like cases repeating it whenever the Spasms Returns and during its Operation allowing the patient to drink liberally of warm Wine and Water, mulled Wine, or in great Depression and prostration of Strength, Warm Brandy and Water, Constant fomentations to the Abdomen, ⊹ or what is better the warm Bath, whilst ⊹ the Spine is rubbed with a Solution of Opium in

warm

1210. Fort St George 4th December 1787.

warm Brandy.—

I have had many cases under my
Care which were mostly treated in the manner
I have discribed, and I am happy to say I scarce
ever lost a Man As the desease is an Accumulation
of highly putrid Bile which Acts on the
System like the most deleterious Poison the
first intention is to evacuate it as Speedily as
possible, and I have found no Medicine equal
to the Castor Oil, as it carries off the putrid
Collluvies without irritating the intestinal
Canal which even the mildest purgatives in
some Measure do whereas the Oil sheaths the
internal Coats, and blunts the irritating Matter
I have always observed the Spasms to Abate
when the Oil has operated, but frequently it
is necessary to repeat the dose two or three times
in a day when the Spasms return — Opiates
which in most cases where the nervous System
is affected are found useful, but in the Cholera
they ought to be used with great caution, and
never

Poison

Fort St. George 4. December 1787.

never whilest there is the least apprehensions of Putridity, and as long as the Spasms continues there is a certainty of offendeing Matter in the Prima Via, which if locked up by Opiates even for one hour too often a fatal Mortification ensues—

I have therefore thrown together my Suggestions on the prevaileing disease, and mode of treatment which I Submit to the Superior judgement of the Hospital Board, but as Mr. Davis will be Shortly at Arcot, he will be able to Communicate more minutely the State of the Sick, and I hope more satisfactory respecting the treatment of their Complaints.

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Hospital are become very offensive and certainly
tend to spread the Contageon.—

I had not an Opportunity of
Speaking to him on the Subject as he removed
some days ago with his Family to Temmery to
avoid the infection, but I recommended the
place to his Quarter Master and begged of
him to acquaint the Colonel.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant
(signed) William Duffin

Vellore
28th October 1787.

P.S.

Since my return to Vellore we have
had six Men seized with the Cholera attended
with violent Spasms, they are now on the
recovery; the second dose of the Oil freed them
entirely of every alarming Symptom.—

(A true Copy)
(signed) And.w Berry
Surgy Hosp.l Bd.

1213. Fort S.t George 4.th December 1787.

To James Anderson Esq.r M. D.

Physician General

Dear Sir,

I received your letter of the 30.th Ultimo and am very thankfull for the Judicious Suggestions therein, and the open & Candid manner in which you have explained your Sentiments on the prevailing disease.—

In my letter to Mr. Berry which you mention, I thought it no further necessary than saying, in general terms, that the Disorder at Arcot was the Cholera Morbus, so well known to you, and whose Symptoms would, if there were something unusual in them, I thought unnecessary to discriminate but as you very justly observe, it is the business of the Faculty to trace out the causes, which being determined the removal of the disease will become easy; having been deficient in my first letter on that Head; I beg leave to offer my

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my Sentiments on the fine disposing causes
of the Cholera now so Epidemical.—

The moist and warm atmosphere
so prevalent all the months of September in the
the day time, and the thick Fogs which rose
every Evening with putrid exhalations from the
Filth which Shamefully abounded at Arcot
attended towards Morning with cold heavy Dews
which checked perspiration doubtless all tended
to bring on an irregularity and putrescency of
the different Secretions, and as a bad Air has
a great influence on the Stomach and Intestines,
it generally occasions a loathing and Indigestion
excesses therefore of either eating or drinking or
undue Mixtures in the Stomach will often bring
on the Cholera in such a Situation.— That the
private Men of Nations are more subject to
the Disease from their mode of living, than the
Officers whose diet and lodging are better, is very
evident; Yet such has been the Noxious quality
of the Air at Arcot, that we have fatal experience of

Experience

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of every precaution being insufficient to exempt from the Infection.—

The removal therefore of both Sick & well from the deleterious Miasmata become the first object, and which I recommended to be done when I visited the place— The Symptoms were generally pretty much the Same in all I have seen only the Violence of the Spasms were greater according to the Stamina of the Patient. and the quantity of putrid Matter in the Primæ Viæ— They generally are Siezed with Nausea, frequent Heats & Chills a Dryness of the Skin & numbness and concommon Sensation as they express it in different parts of their Body.— Then come on cold Sweats, Severe gripings, and mostly a purging of Bilious Calthrics, appearing often in a ferment like Yeast & not unlike it in Colour with a putrid offensive Smell reachings to Vomet often bilious, and at other times & Scarce any thing is brought up but the Liquor that is Drunk, an Intense Thirst, Oppression

on

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on the Procondia with difficulty of breathing frequently the Spasms begen with the first attack, this Sometimes they only appear as the Desease advances, and then generally affected the lower extremities, afterwards & the abdominal Muscles, and the whole & System becomes convulsed, The Pulse from & the first Sinks, and at times is scarce & to be felt for one clammy cold Sweats & and a pallid hue over Spread the Body, the Countenance ghastly the Eyes Sunk, and the voice scarcely to be heard, with great dejection, The tongue in general moist, till near the close of the Desease, when it becomes Dry & foul & the Breath offensive, the Urine generally pale and in small quantity.

The severe gripings and the fœtid evacuations shew a Morbid Matter in the Intestinal Canal which Nature is Struggleing to get rid of, and till it is evacuated

Antispasmodics

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Antespasmodics and Cordials can be of little use, further than supporting the Patient during the operation of the Auage, as a Cordial therefore Warm Wine is all that I have found Necessary, the hot Baths one of the most essential use partial friction and fomentations, and Potts of boiling Water placed under the Cotts, purging Clysters are also very necessary. —

There is not a doubt that the Noxious Air Acts as a ferment to the Bile and Gastric juices already deceased, and occasion those dreadful Symptoms I have discribed, Similar in some measure to what Sometimes happens by Verdigrease mixed with Food dressed in Copper Vessels. I therefore think, with Submission, that more Inanition Atonica, and Irritation, may be accounted for without looking for remote Causes, and those of Fermentation

1218. Fort St. George 4 December 1787

Stuper

Horspelations and Shifes from which the
patient slowly recovers are occasioned by the
use of Opiates in the first Stage of the Disease
Vomits I think necessary in most cases, the
Stomach in general is too much Irritated.
and they add to the Spasms without carrying
off much of the morbid matter. - As I have
already in my former letter mentioned the
Practice in use here and the success attending
it I shall only beg leave to transmit a M.
Pringles letter the day before M.r Davis
arrived, to shew the benefit the Sick had
received from the free use of Castore Oil, the
short time I had been with them - and
I am sorry to say we have had them two
days past too much occasion for the use
of it, last Evening no less than 13 Men
were Seized with the Cholera many of them
on the Parade, and on the different Guards
as well as in the Barracks, some by the
time

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time they were carried to the Hospital were so much convulsed and scarce able to speak, they are all however at this period out of danger and the Spasms entirely left them - every precaution is taken by the Commanding Officer to have the Mens Barracks, and Privy's kept clean. which I hope will be a means of the Disorder not raging with such violence, as it has done at Arcot, but there is something in the Air, which I cannot discribe the Sensation it occasions, in the Evenings particularly, which both Officers and Men, indeed every one in the place are Sensible of, a Cold damp Chill pervades the whole Body, and a list lessness and want of Appetite is complained of by all We have every reason to wish for the Setting in of the Rains, which alone with free us of the noxious Miasmata.

I have thus My Dear Sir laid my Sentiments before you without any Reserve,

and

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and knowing your Candour, and liberal way
of thinking, I have not hesitated on giving my
my Opinion even where it may differ from
such Respectable Authority as your own, being
persuaded you would rather encourage enquiry, than
damp the endeavours of those who wish to benefit
by your advice & Instruction. -

Since I began this Letter, I have
been called away to see Lieutenant Taylor, of
21st Battalion who is attacked with the Cholera
I have given him a dose of Castor Oil, which
I hope will put a stop to the Spasms getting to
any height - We have this day 128 Men in the
the Hospital, between thirty and forty of them
some in with the Cholera. -

I shall take the liberty of writing
you occasionally I should any unusual Symptoms
appear to request your advice, if the Disorder
continues I fear we shall have occasion for
more Medical Help than We have at present,
but

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but I hope the best, and that we shall be able to
get through it— I am My Dear Sir with the
highest Esteem.— Yrs. Yrs.
/signed/ William Duffin.—

Vellore
November the 3d 1787.

P. S. I have this moment received a Summons to
visit Captain Meule at Trivalloor where the 4th
Regiment is now moved to, but from the Account
I have of him I fear I shall be too late— My Stay
can only be a few hours, as we have too much on
our hands in Vellore.

William Duffin Esqre
Asst Surgeon
General Hospital Vellore

Dear Sir,

Mr Davis is not yet arrived,
and it is now 12 o'clock: This Morning early we
lost one man, who you may recollect lay on the
center of the Ward, and was very ill when you
saw him; all the rest I think are upon the
whole

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whole considerably better: only one Man M.
Ferguson told me came in, in the course
of last night and one this morning, while
I was visiting the Hospital, I have had
no report since, from which I conclude
that all is well. —

Sam Hy. Hy.

Arcot
27th October 1787. — /signed/ Patricke Pringle

A true Copy.
Andw Berry
Secty Hospl Bd.

James. Anderson Esqr. M. D.
Physician General

Sir,

I take occasion to represent that
upon my arrival at Arcot, on the 29th Ultimo
I found, in what was called the Epidemic
Hospital three different diseases Viz: Patients
labouring under the Cholera Morbus, an
Inflamatory

1223. Fort S. George 4th December 1787.

Inflamatory Fever with univeral Cramps; and a Spasmodic affection of the Nervous System distinct from the Cholera Morbus Iunderstood from the Regimental Surgeon that the disease had proved fatal to all who had been attacked with it, and that he had already lost seven and twenty Men of the Regement in a few days.—

Five patients were then shewn me, with scarce any circulation whatever to be discovered, their Eyes much sunk within their orbits, their Jaw apparently sett, their bodies universally cold, except at the Precordia, and their extremeties livid Mr Pringle observed that these five Men were attacked on the 26th. that Mr. Duffen had seen them and had recommended Castor Oil to be administered, Fomentations, Frictions and a Chatty of hot Coals to be put under each Mans cott, that the Oil had not operated, but was rejected

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rejected by the Stomach. He then administered hot Wine with Spices observing at the same time that one and all of those Men seemed & some what relieved by these means; but that in the course of the last night, the Spasms had returned, and the Patients were reduced to the state I then saw them.—

Previous to my interrogating & Mr. Pringle as to his general intention of Relief in these cases I directed that five & Arrack Casks, should have their heads & taken out immediately, and large quantities of Hot Water be prepared, and without loss of time impregnated with Arrack, and such Aromatic Herbs as could be procured in the Proportion of One Gallon to Ten, and to put one and all of these five objects into as hot a Bath as I myself could bear, directed them to be rubbed with strong manual &

Frictions

1225. Fort S. George 4th December 1787.

Frictions whilest they were in the Bath, the good effects of which was so obvious in Three of the Five, that in the space of Ten minutes I was enabled to administer to each of them, half a Pint of hot Wine with some grated Ginger, and this was repeated every quarter of an hour, untill each patient had drank three pints; during all which time, the manual frictions were continued, heated Bricks applied to the Feet, and bags of hot Salt to the hands: the Spasms at intervals, returned, and some of the Wine was ejected from the Stomach; but as the circulation became more and more established, the Spasms grew less: A restlessness then ensued, and an Effusion at the Praecordia. I then administered to each, forty drops of laudanum - had them covered up with bed cloaths, and fumigated all round their Cotts with Benjamin & and Frankincense. The laudanum had a happy

Effect

a restlessness

1226. Fort St. George 4th December 1787.

effect in procuring about two hours sleep to each, in the course of which, the perspiration from being partial cold and clammy, became general and free finding on the day of their attack the Rectum had discharged its contents in the action of straining to Vomit without being able to bring any thing up, I directed a stimulant injection to each of these patients which, produced a copious discharge of Faces without any bilious induration whatever, and as the Spasms continued to return at intervals of twenty or five and twenty Minutes I directed the Application of Opium, infused in a Brandy to the region of the Stomach, and a scruple of Musk in a glass of Wine for a dose, to be repeated pro re nata; from all which I had the pleasure to observe that in four and twenty hours, after my first Visit, the Spasms had totally subsided. The

1227. Fort St. George 4th December 1787.

The Patients voice, which all along had
been so low - as scarce to be heard, was returned
almost to its natural state. The pulse that
was imperciptible - full and even: My object
was then to procure a free passage through
the Alimentary Canal, and the Spasms
being then taken off. I found an Ounce of Senna
infused in three Ounces of Water, and ten drops
of Oil of Aniseed answer the purpose as well
in one of these patients, as five and twenty
grains of Rhubarb and three grains of
Calomel in another, and ten drachms of
Castor Oil in the third. —

I attended to the operation of
these respective Medicines: and could discover
no bilious indication in the whole System
Two, of the five Men that
were put into the Bath received no benefit
therefrom; but expired in a few Minutes
after they were taken out Upon dejection
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The Duodenum was found distended &
with putrid Air, the other Intestines &
empty except the Colon and Rectum in &
which latter there were indurated Faces; the
whole Viscera Sound the Gall Bladder rather
turgid, but not diseased.

Two patients labouring &
under an inflamatory fever, with universal
cramps, were immediately relieved by being
immersed in the Medicated Baths; but, as
they complained of a tightness of the Abdomen
with a costive habit, they were purged &
with the common preparation of Salts
Manna and Senna, and next day were
sent into the Convalescent Hospital. Six
other patients with the Cholera Morbus
Spasm of the Precordia, and cramps of
the Extremities, with a bilious Saliva-
and a copious discharge from the Stomach
of a green Yellow, and dark coloured bile,
viewed

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received the greatest benefit from the Baths in the first instance were greatly restored by Hot Negus with grated Ginger in it - obtained some rest from a few drops of Laudanum and Nature seemed not to require any Cathartic Assistance to throw off the disease, Never the less, as soon as the Stomach was able to retain Medicine, I judged it necessary to administer a dose of Castor Oil, beat up with the Yolk of an Egg, and a few drops of the Oil of Peppermint and encouraging its operation with Chicken Water. This discription of Sick continued for some time in a Convalecent state, but the Plethoric patients labouring under the Cramps, were abroad on their duty in the course of four days, nor did I find it necessary to keep the Spasmodic Cases in the Hospital, much longer than the Plethoric Ones.

During my residence at Arcot, upwards of Sixty patients under the above three discriptions of disease, were received into the Hospital, and were all successfully treated

in

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in the same manner, except the Drill Serjeant of the Regiment a Robust Man in the prime of life, who, Incidentally saw in a State of intoxication on the 2d Instant about 11 o'Clock in the forenoon, he was not so beastly Drunk as but he could laugh at me for my admonition in exhorting him to take care of himself but about 3 o'Clock in the afternoon he awoke out of his enibreated sleep, with universal Cramps Spasms at the Procordia Costiveness, and agued desire to make water, without the ability. This was almost the only instance wherein the Bath did not prove efficacious, for he exponed in three hours. I lamented that my own indisposition would not admit of examening this Body, for I myself was at that period, reduced to the necessity of using the Bath, from a slight oppression at the Procordia, and cramps in my extremities all which vanished upon my going into the Hot Water, and taking a large draught of hot

Negus

1231. Fort St. George 4th December 1787.

. Negus with grated Ginger in it, which produced a
considerable degree of eructation that relieved me &
Indeed I always observed in the Spasmodic Cases
the prodespposing symptom to relief, was a considerable
discharge of Wind both from the Stomach and &
Intestines. This was so singularly marked, in the
case of Lieutenant Jennings that the Nurses &
who attended him in order to convey to me a favorable
change in my Patient, reported, that he had broke
wind like thunder all Night.

predisposing

There was another instance of
the inefficacy of the Medicated Baths joined to my
other medical intentions of Relief, in the Case of
the Barrack Serjeant. this man was an old
Soldier, who was suddenly seized with Spasms
at the Procordia were relieved by the Bath &
. Musk and Opinion; the voice was pretty well &
restored and the Pulse good; but no medical &
Intention of mine could altogether relieve the
stricture of the Bladder. A Stimulating &
injection

Opium

1232. Fort St. George 4th December 1787.

injection had been repeated and after the Bath
and the use of Cordials, Castor Oil had
sufficiently opened the Alimentary Canal;
what small quantity of Urine he did make,
was limpid; but it was so trifling it could
scarce be examined. Fumes of Tabacco were
injected up the Abdomen; but here let me
lament the unpardonable omission of those
whose duty it is to supply the Presidency with
Medicines, for I had not any Epispastics nor
no Canthorides that would raise a single
Vesicle -

This patient, however, on the third
day was greatly recovered still, however I dreaded
the return of the Spasms, seeing I could not
remove the structure of the Bladder, and on the
5th Evening of the disease, he was suddenly seized
with Spasms of the Abdomen, which carried him
off before I could reach him -

anatomical

Here then was a field for anatomical
investigation

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investigation and Mr. Thompson, who had by this time joined me proceeded in the dessection with the utmost attention; the Stomach was found in its natural state, as was indeed the whole Alimentary Canal - the Liver and Vesica fellea without any appearance of disease, as were also the Kidneys and Ureters; but the bladder was most sengularly contracted, and did not exceed in size a large Nutmeg, yet without inflamation or any apparent disease except its contracted state. -

I confess I never before had seen any thing like it, and it is worthy of remark that this Patient had a degree of Thirst, beyond any Case which presented itself, whilst I was at Arcot, and tho there was no restraining them from gratifying their desire to quench it and there was no convulsion of the Stomach, nor any Profuse sweats for Eight and Forty hours previous to his final dessolution still however

We

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We could not trace a single vestige of the large libations he had imbibed nor was there in the whole Corpse the least sign of Putrescence

I flatter myself in this brief account of the diseases I had to combat with at Arcot, you will agree with me in opinion that the true Cholera Morbus, was not the cause of the great mortality in the 4.th Regiment. but a spasmodic affection from an Irritability of the Nervous System; no doubt encreased by a Putrid Miasma arising from the situation of the place itself, on so extraordinary a season; and greatly heightened by intemperance in the Soldiers- common diet, perhaps sleeping & exposed to the putrid vapours with which the Atmosphere was loaded, or else what was as bad, in a Crouded filthy and close Barrack.

I have the honor to be

Madras
29.th November 1787.-

&c &c
(signed) Thomas Davis
Head Surgeon

A true Copy
And.w Berry
Secry Hosp.l Board

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Read the following Letter
from the Committee of Works.

To the Honble. Major General Sir A.r Campbell K.B.
President and Governor in Council
Fort S.t George.

Honble Sir, and Sirs.

We have the honour to lay before you Six Proposals received for the Contract for Repairs &c.r of the Company's Buildings, together with a Comparative Statement of the Terms required by the proposers respectively.

From the Committee of Works with Proposals for the Contract for Repairs Enclosing Extract from their Proceedings containing the Minutes of the several Members on the Proposals of Messrs. Wood & Shaw.

We are of opinion that the Proposals of Messrs. Wood and Shaw are the cheapest and therefore think it incumbent on us to recommend that they be accepted.

We enclose an Extract from our proceedings containing the opinions of the several Members of the Committee on this Subject.

Messrs.

1236. Fort S.t George 4.th December 1787.

M.rs Garrow and Torin having

delivered in a paper containing some requisitions

relative to the Contract for Bricks, and

Chunam, which require the concurrence and

Authority of Government, we beg to submit

the Same to your Honour &.c.a and enclose

a Copy of their paper for that purpose.

We have the honour to be

&.a &.a

Fort S.t George
30.th November 1787. [Signed]

Rt. Mainwell
Jas Tapper
Patrick Ross.

Extract from the Minutes of the Committee of Works

Dated the 29.th November 1787.

"A Comparative Statement of the

the Proposals delivered in for a Contract for

Repairs being now before the Committee

they proceed to take that subject into consideration

Colonel

1237. Fort St. George 4th. December 1787.

Colonel Rose requests to enter the

following Minute —

As the responsibility of seeing the

Company's Buildings and Repairs properly &

executed, rests in the Department at which I

have had the honor to preside, for upwards

of 17 Years, I cannot either in justice to myself

or my Employers, allow the Proposals now

offered for Supplies in its various Branches,

to pass unnoticed; nor without giveing the

Committee that Information which, whether

within my own immediate Knowledge —

The Variety of Candidates for

the Contract of Repairs, and the Confusion

their Several Proposals have necessarily

occasioned, joined to the decided Difference from

all the others in respect to Price, to those of

Messrs. Wood and Shaw induces me to decline

saying more than a few Words on the Subject

of Mr. Bishop and then proceed immediately

to

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a Copy of their paper for that purpose.

We have the honour to be
&c. &c.
R. Maunsell
J. Capper
Patrick Ross.

Fort S. George
30th. November 1787. (Signed)

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all the others in respect to Price, to those of

Messrs. Woolf and Shaw induces me to decline

saying more than a few Words on the Subject &

of Mr. Bishop and then proceed immediately &

to

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to what I have to urge on the Proposals of
those Gentlemen.

I cannot withhold from expressing
my Surprize on observing Mr Benjamin
Bishop, a Conductor of Stores, appear before
this Committee in the Character of Proposer
for a Contract for Buildings, and Repairs,
to last for a number of Years, so totally void of
that Line of Business for which he is attached.
The attention I shall shew that in me
from him to the Office he is employed in,
while at Madras, or the Arsenal, is
assuredly sufficient to occupy all his time, &
but independant of every other Circumstance,
the probability of his being at any time
removed from the Presidency on the Short
Notice, renders him a very unfit Person to be
employed as a Contractor for the Works, &
without going into any discussion of the
Offers he makes — Does this appear not

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support I would easily advance if from a Minute of Colonel Moorhouse at the Committee of Stores, and the Subsequent Proceedings of that Board, on the Subject of the Conductors being unequal to the Extent of their Duty at the Presidency.

In the Offers of Messrs. Wolff and Shaw the Calculations are made at 20 ℔ Cent lower than the late Contractor; and 12 ℔ Cent additional Deduction on Works exceeding 500 Pagodas; had this difference in price been on particular Articles only, I should not perhaps have thought it so necessary to remark on the Subject; but when I see Gentlemen, who are totally unexperienced in the Business, make so unqualified an offer on above a Hundred different Articles, it can only be from a hazardous guess or and the possible hope of Gain, by which in the Event, the Company in the execution of their Works must be essentially enjured, no

nor

do

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do Conceive it necessary, that the Committee sh
should recommend the entering into a Contract,
if possible that the Terms offered cannot be
fulfilled, a fair advantage to the Contractor &
must be ever supposed, and it is in my opinion
much easier to prevent a probable Evil
than to correct a real one.—

The Article of Brick Work
it is probable may be some what reduced, by
the Reduction in the price of Bricks, but this
can go no further than to the Material of
Bricks itself— The Labour upon the W
Work, the Cart hire, and every Charge, stand
as they did and are more Expensive in a
proportion than the Bricks used— The price
of Chunam is nearly what it has been
always at, nor do I think if justice is done
to the Works it can be reduced.—

The Article of Teak Timber
which

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which is so essential a part of this Contract &
now under discussion is reduced to the price
of 30 Fanams ₱ Cub: Foot, Worked and
Wrought — a Price which I am bold to
say it cannot be executed for at any time
Independent of 12 ₱ Cent to be Deducted on
Works of 500 Pagodas and upwards — Nor will
the Idea of advantage on other Works support
this offer — It has often happened that Indents
to the Amount of many Thousand Pagodas,
have been executed under this Contract,
when Timber only was necessary, and in
particular for Gun and Mortar Platforms,
Sheds for proving Guns, Staircases for Powder
Magazine &c.ª &c.ª The Medium Price of
Timber, for many Years past has been ₱
a Pagoda a Foot, when brought by the Cargo;
the Rate it has long sold at, and is at this
moment much higher 1 3/4 Foot is the price

I find

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I find on a reference to Mr. Shannier the Armenian, if the whole he has was sold together consisting of 96 Tembers 1/2 P Pagoda if sold in single Timber, at the former Price it is 25–57. P Cub foot for the whole Cargo, and at 1/2 Foot P Pagoda which is the selling price of each single Timber Ready Money The Timber price now on the Bankshall in its rough State is the exact price that Messrs. Wolf and Shaw offer to deliver it at worked up and wrought, with exception to 12 P Cent. which they further Deduct from Work of Certain Descriptions.—

To any Person, who has ever been the least Conversant in Business, it is well known, that for the Loss on Timber in working it to proper Dimensions, for the Labour, Cooley &c. and for the raising and

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and conveying it to the part it may be #
wanted 25. ℔ Cent is considered as a very
small allowance, this however must be
added to the Charge these Gentlemen must
be at, I beg to lay before the Committee #
a note I received from Mr. Shamier on the
Subject of this Timber —

The Article of Palmiras,
have never been supplied for Two Years
past a less than 19 Pagodas and upwards
the 50 of the Company's Sort, and none
can be supplied at less which would be
allowed; I have from the Contractor the
original Bills for many Thousands #
deliveries for the Works since July 1786 —
The lowest price is 19 Pag.s 8 Fs ℔ 50. the
offer of Messrs. Wolf and Shawe are 14 Pag.s
℔ 50 and 12 ℔ Cent Deduction when a Bill

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Amounts to above 500 Pagodas Indent

Messrs Woolf and Shawe in any

Business which passes within their own

knowledge I presume are very competent, but

it would I conceive be highly improper in

me, not to lay before the Committee these

obvious Remarks as I stand in a particular

Situation of responsibility - And it is with

some surprize I observe that they should

have been at the Trouble of setting a price

to each Article, when they conclude their

Offer by saying the whole on an Avarage #

is 20 ℔ Cent less than the last Contract -

This Paragraph alone annexed to the

last Contract with the 12 ℔ Cent additional

Deduction would have been sufficient, and #

might for any Knowledge discovered by #

them in the particular Articles of Supply, #

bear

been 50 as well as 20 ℔ Cent lower or any other
given Sum.— But I can never conceive it
to be the meaning of Government, that a Contract
should be entered into, but upon a consideration
of every Circumstance under which the offers
are made, and with the Information &
Proposals from being conversant in this Business
for many Years, the Total want of a Knowledge
on the Subject in the mode of the offers of
Messrs Wolf and Shaw would at once &
make me give it as my Opinion that
they should be rejected

All the offers which have &
been delivered in, go to avariety of different
Articles. It not having been pointed &
out by Government the mode in which
Advances are to be made, each Proposer has
followed his own mode, and hardly any &
one specifick, which in the present and &
probable

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probable State of the Company's Finances &
I deem very essential - They should say &
also, whether it is their intention to execute
the Works at Coromandy and the Mount,
on the same Terms as at the Presidency? &
whether they mean to supply themselves
with Water, or pay the Company for it.
I have to request that our Proceedings
may be accompanied by this Minute,
for the Instruction of the Honble the
Governor in Council, as the ultimate
Decision must be with them. -

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29th November 1787. -

/Signed/ Patrick Ross.

Colonel Capper begs to enter the following Minutes

I concur in Opinion with Colonel
Ross, That the proposals of Messrs. Woolf
and Shawe are made at so low a rate, that
it is almost impossible they can furnish
many

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many of the Articles without loss; but as they are to give proper Security, for the performance of their contract, and their offers are evidently more advantageous to the Company, particularly with respect to the deduction of 12 ℔ Cent upon works exceeding 500 Pagodas, and within 2000 Pagodas, I think their proposals should be received, At the same time I desire it may be most pointedly signified to Messrs. Woolf and Shaw that they are not to expect in consequence of their Contract to do any work exceeding 2000 Pagodas without entering into a new contract.—

(signed) J: Capper.—

Mr. Maunsell requests to Minute his Opinion on the proposals now before the Committee.—

Mr. Maunsell is clearly of Opinion, that after advertising for proposals with

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with a view to make an advantageous bargain
for the Company, it is not the business of the
Committee to argue against any of them, on
the ground of the lowness of the prices required;
and still less to reject them on that ground
Without experience of the Contrary, all the
proposers ought in the eye of the Committee
to be considered equally competent to judge
of the sufficiency of the prices they respectively
require – it is the concern of the proposers to
be well informed in regard to the Cost of
Materials; nor is there much reason to
apprehend they will err far against #
themselves; The Company can sustain #
no loss by their doing so, as little or no #
advance is to be made, and the Contractor
is to give security for the performance of
his engagements, if he fails the loss is his –
the only inconvenience that can possibly #
rebuild

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result to the Company, is an unconsiderable delay
in a business of no very great consequence.—

Messrs. Woolgan & Shaw are
Gentlemen in the Service against whose
character there is no objection; Their proposals
is by no means of that unqualified kind that
Colo. Ross supposes: they say." their prices are
"upon an average, 20 ℔ Cent under those of the
"former Contractor" that is to say they are so,
taken one with another, not indiscriminately
and uniformly so; on the Contrary some of their
rates are as high as those of Mr. Garrow, and
in the Article of Palmiras particularly noticed
by Colo. Ross their price is not 2 ℔ Cent less
than his, theirs being 14 Pagodas ℔ 100 and
his 14½ ℔ Do. and Mr. Maunsell observes
further in respect to this Article that 14 ℔
Pagodas is the highest rate required in any
of the Six proposals now before the Committee;

The

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The proposals of these Gentlemen are most advantageous, on the whole; being the lowest on the principal Articles; Viz.t Shot of Brass and Chunam work and Timbers at the same time that they allow the greatest Abatement from Works exceeding 500 Pagodas in the price.—

Mr. Maunsell is therefore of Opinion that their proposals ought to be accepted.—

/Signed/ Rt. Maunsell.

Resolved that the proposals &c and the Comparative Statement together with the Opinions of the Several Members, be laid before the Governor in Council: with a representation That as the proposals of Messrs. Woolgand Shawgar the Cheapest, the Committee think it incumbent on them to recommend that they be accepted."

A true Extract

J. Balfour C. C. W.

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Resolved that the Proposals

The Proposals of Messrs Wooly & Shaw accepted

of Messrs. Wooly & Shaw, which are the lowest, be accepted, & that this Resolution be communicated to the Committee of Works with directions to lay before Government, a Draft of the Contract, to be entered into with those Gentlemen, together with those Gentlemen ..... together with the particulars of the Security to be given by them:—

Read the following Letter from Mr Harry Taylor.

To the Honble Sir. Arch.d Campbell, K.B.

President & Governor in Council &c.—

Fort St. George.

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

From Mr. Harry Taylor requesting that he may not be held responsible for the Public Money which was lost at the time Colonel Brathwaites Detachment was captured.—

Having by the Chance of War been brought into a very singular & Predicament, I beg leave to request the Attention

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attention of your Honble Board, to the candid
Relation of the following Circumstances; which
I trust will establish the Peculiar hardship
of my Case.

Acting as Paymaster to the
Detachment, under the Command of Colonel
Brathwaite, I happened to be in Tanjore
whether business had called me, when the
Detachment was completely captured, by
Tippoo Saib in Febry 1782, with the Money
Tumbril and all the Books and Papers &
belonging to my Office—

Under these Circumstances,
when it became necessary to render an account
of the Expenditure of the Money, which had
been sent to Camp for the use of the Detach=
ment; I was advised by Mr Sullivan the
late Resident at Tanjore, to make out a
statement from the best recollection, of my
Servants and forward it to the Presidency—

&c

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An Account of this Nature, tho'
it might afford some satisfaction to Government,
in regard to the general application of the Money,
could not be considered as a Voucher for the particu=
=lar Articles of expenditure, contained in it. It
was an account in Judgement, made up from
the best Information that could be obtained
after the Capture of my Papers; but
certainly not an account of sufficient accuracy,
to be submitted to the Examination, of an
Auditor; and it may not perhaps, be presuming
in me to think, that had this Circumstance
been attended to by Government at the time,
the particular Audit of Mr. Jackson would
have been dispensed with.

The complete loss of a Detach=
=ment, with all its accounts, is one of those
Cases, in which a Paymaster is usually
exempted from all other obligations, than
that of proving that the Money is paid to
him

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him, was actually brought to Camp; and lost
on the general capture of the Detachment—
Such proof I offere to M.r
offerd
Jackson, and proposed to accompany it with
my Affidavit that no part of the Sums received
for the use of the Troops under Colonel Braithwaite
were detained in my hands, and that I knew
of no Fraud or concealment, on the part
of my Servants. This proposals did not
satisfy M.r Jackson, who proceeding with
the Account in Judgement prewhat may
be truly called the Estimate, of an Account
which was referred to him, Reported that
I should be held responsible, to the Company
for Pagodas 10,670.. 3. 12 because the Answers
I gave to the several Questions, he put to
me, were not upon the whole satisfactory.
It is this Report from which
I appeal to your Honble Board for such
Relief as my peculiar situation requires.
M.

1255. Fort St. George 4th December 1787.

Mr Jackson having an account before him,
tho' necessarily imperfect and without Vouchers,
could not perhaps officially give any other
opinion than he did; because his limited
Instructions required Authorities and
Explanations, for every account produced;
but my confidence in the Justice of Government
will not allow me to suppose that, in a Case
of so extraordinary a Nature, there should
be no Mitigation in the Rigors of System.

My claim must receive
additional strength, when I observe, that
by an Order of Government dated the 22d
December 1784 and sent to Mr Jackson
for his Guidance it was declared, that"
where any Vouchers have been lost by
unavoidable accident and impossible to
procure, the Oath of the Party may be
admitted in lieu thereof, as has been the
practice

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practice on similar cases" An order applicable to my Case tho' probably not meant at the time to comprehend so important a Consideration, as the loss of the whole Accounts of a Detachment, which is an Object, that comes more properly within the immediate view and Determination of Government itself.

To that determination, which it has never yet regularly experienced, I now beg leave to refer the Subject; and I humbly hope under the Circumstances I have represented, and in the Spirit of the above Order, the Justice of your Honble Board will relieve me from the Effects of Mr Jacksons Audit.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.—

Fort St. George
26th. November 1787.

/Signed/ H.D. Saylor

To

1257. Fort St. George. 4th December 1787.

To John Chamier Esqr.

Military Secretary.-

Sir,

In addition to the contents of

From Mr. Harry to Taylor - enclosing Extract of a Letter from Colonel Braithwaite to Mr. John Sullivan proving that the Sums sent to Camp were received & disbursed - also a form of an affidavit which he is ready to take -

the Letter, I had the honor to lay before the Board, under date 26th Inst. I beg leave to enclose Extracts of a Letter, addressed to Mr. John Sullivan late Resident of Tanjore, by Col. Braithwaite, proving that the Sums sent to Camp by Mr. Sullivan were received and disbursed.-

I beg leave also to mention, that the receipts of 10,000 Pagodas in Camp, can be Vouched for by the Person who received it there, and was then my Head Dubash. This Sum together with those sent by Mr. Sullivan amounting to Pags. 14,000 and a small one that was in Camp makes in all Pagodas 25,000 the Amount of my

Account

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Account on Judgement.—

I have also the honor to forward you the Form of an Affidavit that I am ready to take and which will I trust be satisfactory to Government.—

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
Dec.r 4.th 1787.—

&c. &c.

H.y Taylor

Extract of a Letter from Col. Brathwaite to John Sullivan Esq.r late Resident of Tanjore dated 12.th Feb.y 1782.—

I am sorry to say that the Money I sent to Camp Falls considerably short of clearing off as much as you expected; after clearing off the several Corps independant of the European Officers to end of Nov.r it has not been practicable to do more, than to clear off some of the European Officers to the end of October—

P. S. "The Lascars are better off than I imagened and will get something out of the 5,000

the

J.

1259. Fort S. George 4th December 1787.—

I, Harry Taylor, do Voluntarily make
Oath, that to the best of my Knowledge, and belief,
the Sum's that I have stated, amounting to
Pagodas 25,130, as having been sent to the H
Detachment, which was under the command
of Col: Brathwaite, when completely captured
by Tippoo Saib, in Febr: 1782, were actually
received in Camp; and to the best of my H
Knowledge, the above Sum was Spent, and
applied, for the Uses of the Detachment, under
Col: Brathwaite; and for no other purpose;
and when I delivered the Account, in H
Judgement, as stated hereafter; I then thought
my Information, with Regard to the application
of the Money, was just; and was as good as I could
procure; altho on Investigation, since, the H
particular Sums specified in my Account, to
specific heads, may not prove accurate, as I was
unacquainted with the strength of the Corps
and

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Account on Judjement.—

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1259 Fort S.t George 4.th December 1787.—

I, Harry Taylor do Voluntarily make Oath, that to the best of my Knowledge, and belief, the Sum's that I have stated, amounting to Pagodas 25,130, as having been sent to the H.r Detachment, which was under the command of Col.o Brathwaite, when completely captured by Tippoo Saib, in Febr.y 1782, were actually received in Camp; and to the best of my H.r Knowledge, the above Sum was Spent, and applied, for the Uses of the Detachment, under Col.o Brathwaite; and for no other purpose; and when I delivered the Account, in my H.r Judgement, as stated hereafter; I then thought my Information, with regard to the application of the Money, was just; and was as good as I could procure; altho on Investigation, since, the H.r particular Sums specified in my Account, to specific heads, may not prove accurate, as I was unacquainted with the strength of the Corps and

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Do. to the Cavalry	400.	"	"
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Do. Hircarrahs pay	80.	"	"
In Cash Sett	1820.	"	"
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Fort St. George.

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From the Committee of Stores - enclosing a Copy of a Minute of Lieut. Colonel Giels recommending and requiring an alteration in the Draw Ropes for the Artillery. -

1263. Fort St. George 4th December 1787.

The Ordnance Stores, which we examined & found regularly brought up to the end of Last Month. —

We have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

" Lapper.

" Wm Petrie

" Patrick Ross.

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" Thomas Gells

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263. Fort St. George 4th. December 1787.

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Lieut. Col: Gids apprehends; #

that by this Means the power applied, for

moving the Carriage will be brought nearer

the Work, the advantage resulting from #

which is Evident He proposes the Trial Sets for

Six Pounder to be eighteen feet in length. of

the usual Rope with a Hook at one End and

an Eyed thimble at the other The European #

Artillery Men to be stationed to the Breast

drag- Ropes as in halting they will be in #

front. Lieut: Col. Gids will have the honor

of giving afterwards the lengths proper for

Eighteens, Twelves & three Pounder Guns.

/ signed/ Tho.s Gids

Fort St. George
20th Novr 1787- S

A true Copy Tho.s Chase
Clerk to the Comm.t of Stores

Agreed that the Committee of

Stores be desired to make a Trial of the #

Minute thereon Drag

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Drag Ropes proposed by Lieut: Colonel Lyell, & report upon them to Government.—

The President lays before the Board a Letter written by him to General Horne with the Reply thereto— The Enclosures of the Letter are entered in the M: B: Nos 3–4–5–6

Copy Letter from Lieut. Archibald Campbell K.B. &c &c &c

To Brigadeir General Horne— Dated the 14 Nov: 1787.

Dear Sir,

I understand that the Renter of Trichinopoly has made an Offer to deliver half a pagoda's worth of Grain Monthly to the Sipoys at half a fanam in the Rupee cheaper than the Bazar Price; if you think this is a proper Measure, and that the Troops will be benefited by it I do not see any objection to the experiment being made, but I leave this entirely to your Judgement

To General Horne desires to know if the Troops would be benefited by accepting of the Renters Offer to deliver half a Pagodas worth of Grain Monthly to the Sepoys at a half a Fanam in the Rupee cheaper than the Bazar Price—

I am with great Esteem
&c— &c—
(signed) Arch: Campbell.

To

266. Fort St. George 4th December 1787

To His Excellency

Major General Sir. Archibald Campbell K.B.

Commander in Chief &c &c &c

Sir,

From General Horne in Answer the Sepoys subject to the running & Grain inclosing Copies of Letters to the Subject

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellencys letter of the 14th Instant on the subject of the Renters proposal to issue half a Pagodas worth of Grain monthly to the Sepoys, at half a fanam in the Rupee cheaper than the Bazar price.—

Both the Tousdar and the Renter ... some time since applied to me on the subject of supplying the Native Troops with a proportion of Grain on part of their Pay; the latter representing that he was a very considerable sufferer on account of the Indulgence granted to the Sepoys of bringing from the Country Rice to the amount of one or two fanams daily, which they were permitted to do for their own consumption; but that this indulgence

indulgence was frequently abused by their bringing
in clandestinely larger quantities, which they
found means easily to dispose off, as they could do
it at a much cheaper rate, then the Bazar
price. and that it would be impossible for him
to fulfil his engagements with the Circar, if he
could not keep up the Price of Grain to its
present value, as the Country by being so thinly
inhabited, to what it formerly was, the consumption
of Rice, from whence the Revenue mostly arises
is not by any means adequate to what the
country produces; and he therefore apprehends
he shall not be able to dispose of the two thirds
of the Grain produced in the District. and
that it would be essentially serving him
and facilitate his being more enabled to make
the Payments he at times was directed to do to
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effectual means to prevent their bringing Grain
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the repeated Orders I had issued on that head
I apprehend in some degree is well founded.—

Mr. Johnstone was also applied
to on the same subject by the Renter, who
offering to deliver Rice at half a Farthing poly
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price, and giveing assurances that strict
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and measurement, neither Mr. Johnstone
or myself could discern any real hardship
or injustice to the Troops, in receiving a
proportion of their Pay in Grain on the
above terms, and the Paymaster having
sufficient Cash to clear off the Native Troops
for October, allowing they received two
Rupees per Man in Rice: I gave out
the

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the Order for issuing the 8vay of that month directing the above proportion of Grain should be received with it; a Copy of which Order I have the honor to enclose.

On the 17th Instant I received a letter from Capt.n Oliver, a Copy of which I also annex; On receipt of which I desired to speak to him on the subject, having then received your Excellency's letter, and gave him to understand, that I could not conceive the hardship stated in his letter, to be so great as represented, or in any respect injurious to the people he commanded; that in respect to the Sepoys consuming so small a quantity of Rice, and subsisting chiefly on small Grain, was quite a new System; and such as I had never understood to be the case since I had been in the Service, except with those Men who had numerous Families, and that to my Knowledge

knowledge, this Battalion were well satisfied to take up a greater allowance of Rice, when served out by the Paymaster at this station, since I commandedit; and on every occasion, when Rice has been dear on the Bazar numerous complaints were always brought forward on that account, but no Remarks made of their supplying the deficiency of what they could afford, by subsisting on small Grain; and moreover observed that with respect to having no place of security to keep their Grain in, it appeared a futile reason, as the Men occupied the same Barracks &c. now as formerly; which were never to my knowledge urged as a cause for not receiving a months Rice, at a time neither by the Troops at this Station, or the Cantonment at Arcot; where the Sepoys always received a large proportion of Rice, during the period of

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I received also in the course of the same day a letter from Captain Leighton, tending to the same subject; which I answered by signifying, that I expected compliance with the Orders for the Payment of the Troops, which was accordingly done.-

I have been thus minute, and pointed in the relation of this transaction # the better to enable your Excellency to form a Judgement of the propriety of the accompanying letters which I received from Lieut Colo Bruce, and which I confess somewhat surprises me that he should have forwarded, without # having ever spoke to me on the subject; nor can I refrain from remarking to your # Excellency, that it might have been more # respectful, and more consistent with Military Etiquete, if each Sepoy Captain had separately represented by letter, such Grievances as the Men under his Command, had to set forth

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I beg leave to submit to your Excellencys & superior Judgement — One circumstance more I must request permission to remark, which is, that I have received no complaints & whatsoever; from the Cavalry Artillery, or Gun Lascars, on account of their receiving their & proportion of Pay in Rice, nor have I learnt that they are in the smallest degree dissatisfied with it. —

I have directed the Renter to desist for the present, from beating any more Paddy into Rice, in expectation of the Sepoys receiving it; And as some of the Officers Commanding Native Corps, have thought fit to send the accompanying representations, I shall wait your Excellencys further instructions before any more Grain is issued to the Troops. —

I am with the highest Respect
&c. &c.
(signed) Matw Horne.

Head Quarter of
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Having

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Having taken the above into
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Letter be written to General Horne by the Secretary

To Brigadier General Horn
Commanding the Southern Forces

Sir,

The President having laid before
the Board his Letter to you of the 14th Ultimo #
with your Answer under date the 29th Ultimo #
I am directed by them to observe, that, however desirious
they may be to meet the wishes of the Renter at
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If you are of Opinion, all circumstances considered, that the Plan cannot be carried into Effect, without entailing hardships on the Troops, or exciting disgust among them, it is the wish of Government that the point be given up — this is left to your Judgement. —

The Board at the same time desire me, to communicate to you, their disapprobation of the mode adopted by the Officers Commanding Sepoy Corps in making known to you their Sentiments, & those of the Troops under them — Their joint Letter addressed to Lieutenant Colonel Bruce, has the appearance of a Combination to resist a Measure which it was their duty to support, as far as could be done, without prejudice to the Sepoys; and Lieut Colonel Bruce ought to have cautioned them against such a proceeding, by telling them, that if they had foreseen any inconvenience likely to accrue, it would be more Military & Consistent, to have addressed their Sentiments to him, seperately on the Subject

I am &c. &c.

signed John Shore

Fort St. George
4th December 1787. —

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Minute thereon

Having taken the above into
consideration it is Agreed that the following
Letter be written to General Horne by the Secretary

To Brigadier General Horne
Commanding the Southern Forces

Sir,

The President having laid before
the Board his Letter to you of the 14th Ultimo
with your Answer under date the 29th Ultimo
I am directed by them to observe,
that, however desirious
they may be to meet the wishes of the Renter at
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signed John Shore

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4th December 1787. —

foreseen

1276 Fort St George 4th December 1787.

The President lays before the Board a Report of Mr Duffen Surgeon & respecting the Salubrety of the Situation of the Fort at Arnee — The Report was made in Consequence of the Presidents Directions, to Mr Duffen who visited Arnee for the purpose.

The President lays before the Board Mr Duffens Report.

The Fort of Arnee is situated in an extensive plain where a free circulation of air has full access; it is furnished with excellent water, from a Reservoir Tank at the Foot of the Glacis. On the South Face, supplied by water Courses, and the River which has never failed, from the information of the most intelligent of the Inhabetants — The Wells, also of the Fort, and the Water in the Ditch may be used on emergency. The interior of the Fort, has a light, dry Soil, and in some particular places there are Strata of Salt Earth — On the South and East Faces, for a considerable distance

Report of the Situation of the Fort of Arnee, as to its Salubrity —

distance, the Soil is light and gravelly, interspersed with flat Rocks – on the North and West Faces are Paddy fields, which are constantly cultivated, and are not insalubrious.

Should it be found necessary, by Government, to make this a Station for Europeans, I would recommend the Floor of the Building to be raised somewhat above the level of the Ground it would then become an eligible Situation, having every requisite of good Soil, Air, and Water: The Trees also should be preserved, as they afford an agreable Shade during the hot Weather.

Arnee Nov.r 25th 1787.

/signed/ William Duffin
Head Surgeon

Read the following Letter from Colonel Braithwaite, also a Letter from Mr. Westcott

To

Fort St. George 4th December 1787.

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To

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To John Stamier Esqr.

Secretary for the Military department

Sir,

From Colonel Brathwaite recommends the Purchase of Mr. Westcotts House and encloses Copy of the Engineers Report

I have been honored with your letter of the 6th Instant, written to me by order of the Board, and covering a copy of Mr. Westcotts letter to the Honorable Governor in Council proposing an offer of sale to the Honble Company of his house here, and desiring me to direct an Engineer to report the condition of Mr. Westcotts house, the situation, accommodation if can afford, and the probable value of it; and that I would transmit the said report, with my Sentiments thereon —

I have now the honor, Sir, to transmit to you to lay before the Honble the Governor in Council, the report of Major Banks director of Engineers here —

I formerly in a letter addressed to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam dated

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dated the 8th of October 1786 and which was I believe
forwarded to the Presidency recommended that
the Honorable Company should purchase Mr.
Wetcotts house for the Officer Commanding
the Troops in this District, being extreamly
well situated for head Quarters. Hitherto the
Commanding Officer of the Troops in the District
has resided in the Fort of Allore, occupying
the only Field Officers Quarters in the Fort,
and the Field Officer belonging to the European
Battalion, who not having any other avocation
could more constantly attend to the internal
Economy and Minutiæ of the Battalion; is
necessarily obliged to reside without the Fort
I have therefore with the views of Accommodating
a Field Officer of the European Battalion in
the Fort, that I proposed that the Command-
ing Officer of the Cantonment and District,
should have his head Quarters at Mr.
House which
Wetcotts, is equidistant from the Fort where
the Europeans are Quartered, and the Pondals
or Quarters of the Native Troops, and I could
not

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still wish to see that arrangement adopted, and as far as I may speak as commanding Officer I think it would be an useful Purchase, for if Government coincide in idea with me that such an additional Quarter would be useful here, I am convinced that such a house as Mr. Westcotts is, could not be built for five thousand Pagodas.

I have the Honor to be

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Bricks laid on clay excepting the doors and windows which are fixed in with chunam; the Roofs are tiled, supported with teak wood beams and rafters, and the house throughout (excepting the hall which is papered) is chunamed. The doors are teak wood panelled, with brass locks and keys, and iron hinges, and bolts fixed to them. The windows are of the same wood, Venetians with shutters on the outside, with iron hinges and bolts, one room excepted, which has brass

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November 17. 1787.

Signed & & John Brathwaite

Copy

To Colonel Brathwaite

Commanding the Northern Division
of the Army at Ellore.

Sir.

Agreable to your letter of the 15th inst;
I have examined Mr Westcotts house, as to its
condition and find it in good repair, It is raised
three feet from the Ground and built with burnt
Bricks

hinges fixed to the windows.

The out houses are all built with burnt bricks laid in clay, with a rough coat of chunam throughout. The roof has Palmira rafters, flat tiles with a coat of chunam and then Pantiles stained on the outside with chunam.

The Situation is on the bank of a river rather more than a mile from the Fort, and nearly the same distance from the Pandals.

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The accomodation the house can
afford, can only be known, but for the purpose it
may be intended for - if for the Commanding Officer
of the District it is certainly commodious, having
a hall 28 feet by 18, two Verandas, the one in front
and the other at the back of the house, of equal
dimensions with the hall, five bed rooms, one
24 feet by 16, two of 18 feet by 17, and two of 17 feet
by 16.6 with a bathing room 10 feet by 8.10 and
an open Balustraded Veranda round the rooms of
7 feet in width, besides which are two large
Terraces, one in front measuring 44 feet by 28,
the other 30 feet by 28 feet.

front

The out houses are also commodious
and in good condition having four large Godowns
with shelves for Liquors &c. a cook room, a
Palankeen house, a water closet and bathing
house, besides which is a Tent house, Peons
house

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house, Fowl houses and Hog Stys. There is also a good Coach house and Stabling for eight horses, adjoining to which is a room for a Coach Man and a Guard Room at the gate of the Garden.

Part of the Garden taking in the out houses &c.a is surrounded with a brick & wall of 2763 feet in length and five feet, upon a medium, in height, and most of it chunamed; the other part of the Garden adjoining to the above wall is enclosed by a dwarf wall 980 feet in length and on a Medium two feet six inches in height, Palisaded on the top with Palmeras and pillars at irregular distances. —

From the above report, I judge the House, Out Houses, and surrounding Walls to be worth in probable Value from 3,000 Madras Pagodas to 3,500 Madras Pagodas. —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) Geo: Banks.
Major Engr

Ellore
17th November 1787

To

above Copy
John Brathewaite
Col. Commg

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

Governor in Council

Hondble Sir

Thos. M.Mahon offers his House for 2500 Current Pagodas payable in Bond

I understand that the Engineer Officer the Commanding Officer at Ellore, has forwarded to Government a Survey & Report of the State of my House at that place, and that he has ascertained the Amount at 3500 Pagodas I am sensible of the distinction to be made between Buildings constructed for the Purposes of private Families, from those for Public Uses. The House with its out Offices &c has cost me full 7000 but as I am retiring from that District, and desirous to dispose of the same and knowing at the same time the want of Field Officers Quarters at Ellore, I am willing to sell the house at as Cheap a Rate as Fit Officers Quarters can be erected for and will dispose of it to the Company for 2500 Current Pagodas Payable in Bond

I have the honor to be Most Respectfully

Hon. Hon.

Fort St. George
29th Novembr 1787

Signd Geo. Westcott Lieut.

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Resolved that a Company's

Bond of 2000 Pagodas, be offered to Mr. Westcott

for his House & Ground at Ellore, & in the

Event of his Acceptance, that he be desired to deliver

them over to Colonel Braithwaite.—

Mr. Westcotts House to be purchased for 2000 Pagodas payable in Bond

Read the following Letter

from Secretary to the Military Board

enclosing Copy of their Proceedings of the

30. Ultimo

To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary Military Department

Sir,

Acompanying, I have the

honor to transmet you the Proceedings of the

Military Board at their last Meeting on

Friday

From the Secretary to the Military Board enclosing Copy of their Proceedings on the 30. Novr

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

Governor in Council

Hondble Sir

From Jos. Westcott
offers his House
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I have the honor to be Most Respectfully
Fort St. George
29 September 1787

Hble Sir Hble Sir
[signed] Jos. Westcott Esqr.

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Friday the 30 Ultimo and to request you will lay them before the Honble the Governor &c. in Council.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

signed John Stuart Secy

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4th December 1787.

Proceedings at a Meeting of the Military Board

Colonel Kapper - Commissary General - President
Lieut Colonel Ross - Chief Engineer
Lieut Colonel Gyles Commandant of Artillery
Lieut Colonel Malcolm Adjutant General
Lieut Colonel Campbell Quarter Master General
Lieut Colonel Durand Senior Officer of the troops
Lieut Colonel Moorhouse, Commissary Genl of Stores

Minutes of last Meeting

read and Approved -

Secretary

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Proceedings of the Military Board containing a minute of Lieut.t Colonel Gaits on the Propriety of addressing Government for a Copy of the Orders of the Company on the Formation of a Military Board &c.a &c.a —

Lieutenant Colonel Gaits enters the following Minute —

Lieutenant Colonel Gaits, after an attentive perusal of the proceedings of the Military Board from their first Meeting, begs leave with all due deference to the opinions of the other Members to submit whether in their judgement it might not be proper to address His Excellency in Council requesting "that a Copy of the orders of the Hon.ble Company, on the Formation of a Military Board together with its duties, as they are detailed in the general Letter, on the taking place of the new establishment, may be transmitted them, to be entered on the face of the Board's proceedings, where easy recourse can be had, in case of difficulties at any time arising" — And, that the Secretary be directed that a Copy thereof shall at all times lie on the Table, during the sittings of the Board under the name of Constitutions for their use and guidance. —

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In regard to the Minute entered by Colonel Ross, and replied to by the Commissary General, and others of the Members though I cannot look on myself as immediately called upon to take a part, not being a Member, or at least not being present at the Board, at the time: But as I believe it to be the intention of the Honble Company, and more immediately that of her Excellency in Council, that informing a Code of Military Regulations for the Service, the opinion of every Member of this Board shall collectively be had, and being otherwise, as unwilling to stand forward in a matter that carries an appearance of opposition, to a Majority of the Members as to shrink from an opinion it may be expected from my station, I ought to give. Under these circumstances, I have no hesitation

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in saying, and I hope it will not be thought
an obtrusion that had I been present when
this business was agitated, I should, under
certain qualifications, have been rather
inclined to favor the opinion of Lieutenant
Colonel Ross, particularly and in all cases
regarding the department he is at the head of,
or any thing in other departments involving
this, as he must ultimately have the
responsibility: And in the Commissary General
of Stores, directing the repair of Gun Carriages,
or generally the directing of making up
of any Stores which he is to approve afterward.
For however highly I may think of Lieutenant
Colonel Moorhouse's professional experience,
yet as has been observed, "such ability may
not fall to the lot of every Artillery Officer,
Who may eventually succeed him, or whose
integrity or Zeal for the Service may be
equally to be depended on. —

Lieut.

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I wish it generally to be understood by the Members of this Board, that, whenever I have the honor of offering an opinion, especially out of my own department, it is with a wish to meet, not to oppose those of other professional Men; and perhaps it might be better, when the Service is not directly the object, that every opinion were in the first instance stated to the Board all extraneous matter rejected, and not to be entered even under this form, but with the concurrence of a Majority of the Members present which I apprehend would be attended with these, if no other good consequence of being productive of an apparent unanimity, render the Proceedings of the Board less voluminous, and effectually put a stop to every thing personal, or that did not tend immediately to the good of the Service —

(Signed) Thomas Reid
Lt. Col. Actg
Agreed

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Agreed that the above Minute be submitted to the consideration of the Honble the Governor in Council.—

Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse begs leave to remark that no part of the Ordnance Regulations authorizes the Commissary General of Stores, to direct the making up of Stores.—

Lieut. Colonel. Malcolm.—

Lt. Colonel Malcolm—

I think it would be improper in this Board, after having received Instructions from the Honble the Governor in Council for our guidance, to make an application for a Copy of any orders that may have been transmitted to this Presidency from the Court of Directors on the same subject— I never considered any part of the Ordnance department as giving the Commissary General of Stores an Authority to direct the Making up of Military Stores. I am of opinion that no Officer is likely to be appointed Commissary General of Stores who is not a Mili-

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a competent judge of the best mode of repairing Gun Carriages.

Colonel Kapper enters the following Minute

To Lieut Colonel Goels Minute

I beg leave to enter my dissent, as inconsistent with the powers of this Board — In my Opinion we have no right to apply to Government for any orders but those they think proper to send us. And with respect to our Proceedings, I think we should not suppress any thing, but agreeably to the 9th Article of our Instructions, when any difference of opinion occurs, we should report especially such difference of opinion, and likewise the grounds of them to the President in Council.

(Signed) J. Kapper.

Read a second time. The Regulations proposed by Lieutenant Colonel

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Colonel Ross for the Engineer Corps.—

Agreed to adjourn—

I. Capper
Patrick Ross.
Thomas Geils
(Signed) Henry. Malcolm
Jas. Campbell
John Durand
J. Moorhouse.

The Board are of Opinion that

that Lieutenant Colonel Geils has no
right to expect a Copy of the Honble Company's
General Letter on the Formation of the
Military Board—as conceived that the
Instructions of Government to that Board
are a sufficient Authority to him & the
other Members to act, & contain all the
necessary Duties required of them, & as
no plea of Difficulty has hitherto occurred
in the Execution of the Duties it is hoped
none

Memorandum

occurred

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wou[illegible] hereafter be suggested — Agreed that the foregoing be communicated to the Military Board, & that they be informed, that whenever Government thinks further Instructions necessary, they will not fail to send them to the Military Board —

The President in his Character of Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Sentences of Courts Martial approved by him, & confirmed by Lieutenant General Earl Cornwallis, Commander in Chief in India

The President lays before the Board Crime of, and Sentence on Lieutenant Knightly Adams —

Extract Proceedings

of a General Court Martial held at Fort St. George on the 3d day of Sept.r 1787, by Order of the Hon.ble Major Gen.l Sir Archibald Campbell K.B. & & &

Charge Against Lieutenant Adams

Lieutenant Knightly Adams of the 23d Batt.n Native Infantry put under arrest by Order of the Commander in Chief, for behaving in a

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a Scandalous and infamous Manner, such
as is unbecoming the Character of an Officer
and a Gentleman in the following instances
Viz.t

1.st By enticing away and detaining &c.
a Slave Girl named Jewanna from her Master
and owner William Bell an inhabitant of
the Black Town of Madras and denying in
a solemn Manner to the said Bell, that he
had enticed away or detained the said Slave
and for secretly and clandestinely Conveying
the said Slave out of the Town of Madras &c
with intention to carry her to the Southward

2.nd By acting in an indecent and &c
Outragious Manner at the Dutch Settlement
where he offered grose insults to its Governor &c
the Comptr de Byland and cast unmerited &
reproaches on the Dutch Nation, and by
rioting at the Tavern at Sadras where he
offerd a counterfeit Pagoda in Payment,
knowing

at Sadras

offered

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Knowing the same to be base Coin, and a Counterfeit: by all which, just cause was given to the Inhabitants of a Foreign & Settlement, to hold the name of British Officers in Contempt"

The whole being to the prejudice of good order and Military Discipline and Contrary to the rules and Articles of War established for the Government of the Honble the East India Company's Forces"

Sentence — The Court after maturely deliberating is of opinion, that the Prisoner Lieutenant Thoroughly Adams, is guilty of the Offences set forth in the first part of the charge & exhibited against him Viz.t enticing away and detaining a Slave Girl named Jeevana from her master and owner Willm Bell an Inhabitant of the Black Town of Madras, and denying in a solemn manner to

to the said Bell, that he had enticed away or detained the said Slave, and for secretly and clandestinely conveying the said Slave out of the Town of Madras with intention to carry her to the Southward".

But the Courts of Opinion, that the Prisoner is not guilty in the extent & stated of the Offences contained in the second part of the Charge exhibited against him, Viz.t acting in an indecent and outrageous manner at the Dutch Settlement of Sadras where he offered grose insults to its Governor the Compte de Bryland, and cast unmerited reproaches on the Dutch Nation; and by rioting at the Tavern at Sadras, where he offered a Counterfeit Pagodain payment knowing the same to be base Coin and a Counterfeit by all which just cause was given to the Inhabitants of a Foreign Settlement, to hold the name and persons

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of British Officers in Contempt" and acquit-
him of the same: But the Court being of
Opinion that the prisoner in committing
the Offences contained in the first Part of
the Charge, hath behaved in a Scandalous,
infamous manner, such as is unbecoming
the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman
to the Prejudice of good order and Military
Discipline, and contrary to the rules and
Articles of War established for the Govern-
ment of the Honble Company's Forces
by Authority whereof, and in obedience
to which it adjudges, that the said #
Prisoner Lieutenant Knightly Adams, #
shall be dismissed from the Honble East #
India Company's Service—

Signed { John Short, Major & President
And? Wright, Judge Advocate

Confirmed— Cornwallis

Read

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Read the following Letters from
Major General the Comptc De Conway Governor
of Pondichery.

To His Excellency. Major Genl. Sir. Arc.d Campbell K.B.
Commander in Chief of his Britannic Majesty
Forces on the Coast of Coromandel, Governor
General of Madras &c. &c. &c.
at
Fort St. George.

Sir,

From General Conway requests to know the Net Revenue of the Nabob's Collections at Pondichery previous to his Determination upon the Presidents Proposals of their being farmed to a Renter appointed by him/General Conway/ Requires in the Nabobs opinions respecting Passports

I have received the Letter Your Excellency did me the Honor to write me the 23. Instant concerning the Duties levied in this Settlement by his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, It is not surprising at the Distance of six thousand Leagues at a time who our Sovereigns animated with the most honorable Principles, were anxiously employed in Establishing Peace, that the Negotiators charged with the drawing out the definitive Treaty

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treaty, should have omitted some Circumstances
respecting the Subject which now forms our
Correspondence, The conciliatory Views &
reciprocally adopted do not permit me to doubt
that the Points in discussion, will be &
examined into and determined in a Manner
Satisfactory for each Party, and I cannot do
better than wait upon this point the Decision
of our Courts.—

I confess to your Excellency &
that it is with extreme Pain that I see the
Collectors of his Highness established not only
in the Lands which belong to us on the
South side, but even almost under the Walls
of this City.—

It appears that the Act of placing
these Collectors who could equally make
their collections at a greater distance, tends to
to secure the rights of the Nabob, than to &
humiliate us, and as your Excellency will be
sensible that from a Delicacy the Motive of
which

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which are easily to be devined, I ought to be personally more sensible of this Proceeding than my Predecessors could have been.—

Your Excellency's Proposal is dictated with a Spirit of Moderation civility and conciliation, which manifests itself in all the Letters with which you have honored me, but to render it possible on this Instance to make upon them a Reply I should be glad to Know the neat Produce which is received into the Nabob's Treasury for before I enter into a Engagement of which honor requires the Strict Observance. it is necessary to Know the Extent of it

Represent to your Excellency a desire to obtain a free Passage to Persons & furnished with my Passports, because I wished to be treated in this Point as favorably as my Predecessors have been—

It never has been my Intentions to oppose the Authority of his Highness the Nabob

Fort St. George 4th December 1787

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own Country, the same Rights as the Marattas,
Tippoo Sultaun, the Nizam ally &c.ra It is
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the Period of my Arrival that he should have
given Orders for no ones passing in his
Country without Passports signed with
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to remove every Difficulty to appeal against
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your Excellency or his Highness, that you
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may give such Orders as you shall think proper.

I am very Sensible of your H.

Excellency's Obliging Offices, respecting the Countries which immediately belong to the Honble Company. I left too high a Price on your Opinion not to endeavour to Merit it, in adhering faithfully to my Instructions in praying the most exact Conformity to the Treaty, these Instructions recommend some such a mode of proceeding as is proper & between two great Nations, who reciprocally esteem each other.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Pondicherry 28 November 1787.

(signed) Conway.—

A true Translation

(signed) T. Chase.

French translator

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A true Translation

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To

1318. Fort S.t George 4.th December 1787.

To His Excellency Major Genl Sir A. Campbell K.B

Commander in Chief of his Britannic M.ty

Majesty's Forces on the Coast of Coromandel

Governor General &c. Madras &c &c &c —

at

Fort S.t George

Sir,

From General Conway thanks the President for his attention towards Mr De Sangle through an unreasoning Object

I am very Sensible of your Excellency & Colonel Floyd's polite behaviour respecting Mr de Sangle, this Officer of a Merchant Ship landed here on account of Illness, as he told me, He demanded Subsistence from me which I refused him, but made him an Offer to send him on board One of the Vessels about to proceed to Europe — He represented to me that he had left Money and Effects at Mahie & requested a Pass-Port of me which I granted him last Month, By the Accounts which I have of him since his Departure from hence I have strong Reasons to imagine he has &

imposed &c

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composed upon me & I suspect he had Intentions of increasing the Numbers of those despicable & Vagabond Wretched Adventurers who beg & among the Indian Princes, circulate & impudent lies and disgrace the Nation by the Indecency of their Conduct. I am instructed to purge Indecency of their Conduct, I am instructed to purge India as much as is in my Power of these Miserable always useless and often hurtful.

If Mr. De Langle had been sent back to me I should not have failed to put him in Prison where he would have continued till I had an Opportunity of sending him to Europe.

I hope the Arrangement that I have proposed yesterday to your Excellency & will enable me to lessen the Number of these Vagabonds. —

Thó. W. de Langle does not merit any. I am not less impressed with your Excellency's obliging attentions, and beg

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1320 Fort St George 4th December 1787

of you to accept my Sincere acknowledgments—

I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

(signed) Conway—

Pondecherry

29th Novr 1787—

A true Translation

(signed) T. Chase

French Translator

The President informs the

Board that Mr Bates Paymaster at Palamcotah

has requested leave to accompany his family &

who are obliged to visit the Presidency on Account

of ill Health—

Agreed that Mr Bates be permitted

to come to the Presidency agreeably to his Request

Read the following Letter entered

in Miscellany Book No 7 & 9

from Mr Gordon Surgeon dated

the 19 and 26 ultimo containing particulars of

a Plan for the Establishment of an Hospital proposed

for the Accommodation of Sick Natives in the

Black Town—

Ordered

Mr Bates to visit the Presidency on account of the ill Health of his Family

from Mr Surgeon Gordon—

1321. Fort St. George 4th. December 1787.

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Ordered to lie on the Table.

From the Chief Engineer dated 30th Ult.

From the Chief Engineer

enclosing a Statement of Repairs necessary to the Sepoy Barracks on the Island, amounting to Pags. 65.41.33. also the Engineers Report upon the Shed built by Captain Shipper at Arcot, and upon the Quarter offered for Sale to the Company by Lieutenant Williams at Chevelemoordoo

Ordered that the Repairs to the Sepoy Barracks be executed, that the Paymaster at Arcot be directed to pay Captain Shipper, agreeably to the Estimate of the Engineer, and that a Letter be Written to Lieutenant Williams offering to purchase the Quarter for the sum estimated by the Engineer

Minute thereon

Arch: Campbell

John Holland

Jas. Whatman jr

R. Maunsell

Ed. Prosul Stratton

1322. Fort St. George December 1787.

Diary

6 Sent the following Letters

To Mr. Harry Saylor.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters dated the 26th Ult: & 4th Instant. Having taken them into Consideration & attentively revised the Accts of Mr. Commissioner Jackson on your Accounts together with all the Papers or records relative thereto the Board are of Opinion that you are entitled to a mitigation of the Rigour of System promised by Government to be extended to such Cases as should appear to merit it. If upon this idea & upon the declaration made in the Letter to Mr. Jackson dated 22d Decr 1784. "that where any Vouchers have been lost by "unavoidable Accident and are impossible to procure

To Mr Harry Saylor the Board commit the relinquishment from the Balance for which he is held responsible to the Company on his making Affidavit as offered in his letter of the 4th Instant.

1323. Fort St. George December 1787

6 "Provided the Oath of the Party may be admitted "in lieu thereof". — The Board Consent to relieve you from the Balance for which you are held responsible to the Honble Company provided you make the Affidavit as offered in your Letter of the 4th Inst: —

Conformably therefore to the above Resolution if you will be pleased to make the required Affidavit before a Justice of the Peace, & transmit the same to Government

Fort St George
5th December 1787 —

I am &c &c:
[signed] John Hamerton
Secy

To Colonel Casper
President, & to the Members of the
Military Board —

Gentlemen.

I am directed by the Honble the Presidency in Council to acknowledge the Receipt

To the Military Board
Government desire to know on what ground Lt Colonel Gibb has any right to expect a Copy of the Company's Genl Letter on the Formation of their Board stating the Grounds for their Opinion. —

1324 Fort St. George December 1787.

6 Receipt of your Proceedings of the 30th Ultimo transmitting with a Letter from your Secretary.

Government do not conceive that Lieutenant Colo. Gils has any Right to accept a Copy of the Honble Companys General Letter on the Formation of the Military Board. The Instructions of Government to that Board are sufficient Authority to him and the other Members to act, and contain all the necessary Duties required of them. No Plea of Difficulty has hitherto occured in the Execution of those Instructions; and it is to be hoped as Lieut.t Colo. Gils is single in his Apprehensions of Difficulties, none will hereafter be suggested. Whenever Government may think further Instructions necessary they will not fail to send them to the Military Board.

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

Fort St. George
6th December 1787

(signed) John Stratton Secy

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6 Sent the undermentioned Letters sentenced in M.r B.

N.os 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16, 17, 18, 19. 20, 21. 22.

To Mr. Spaulding, Attorney to the Administrator of

To M.r Spalding

the late Mr Baine's Estate, informing him that a liquidation of the Balance due to the late Mr. Baine having taken place, no alteration can be made in the Arrangement, which was accepted by the H.r Representatives of the Estate.

To Mr. Westcott, tendering him a Company's H.r

To Mr Westcott

Bond of Pag.da 2000 for his House at Ellore - if those Terms are agreable to him, his to put Colonel H.r Brathwaite in possession of the House on Account of the Company.

To the Commandant at Ellore, informing him

To Col: Brathwaite

of the above, & desireing he will order the Engineer at Ellore to prepare a Plan and Elevation of the House & a Survey of the Ground.

To. Masulipatam, with Copies of the foregoing

To Masulipatam

Letters for their information.

To the Chief Engineer; the Board approve the

To Col: Ross

proposed Repairs to the Sepoy Barracks on the Island, agreably to his Estimate - the Repairs H.r recommended

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recommended by Lieut Jennings at Arcot are not to be executed.—

To Lieutenant Williams of the 19. Regement Govern^t agree to purchase the Quarter offered for Sale by him at Chevilmoordoo, at the price estimated by the Engineer Pag^s 90 Pag^s

To Lieut Williams

To the Committee of Works— the Proposals of Mess^rs Woolf & Shawe for Repairs &c to the Company's Buildings are accepted— to prepare & lay before the Board a Draft of the Contract to be entered into with & the Security to be given by the above Gentlemen.—

To the Committee of Works.—

To the Chief & Council at Cuddalore— the Board approve their detaining one Gang of Paddy at their Chief ships.—

To Cuddalore.

To the Paymaster at Arcot to pay to Capt Skipper Pag^s 372 being the Amount of a Shed built by him, & for Repairs to other Gun Sheds Store Rooms &c^a &c^a

To Mr Welch.

To the Paymaster at Palamcotah with^t permission to visit the Presidency—

To Mr Oakes—

To

1327. Fort St. George December 1787.

8. To the Military Board to send into the Military Secretary's Office at the End of each Year the Proceedings of their Board.—

To the Military Board

The same to the Hospital Board.—

To the Military Board

To the Military Board to investigate an accompanying Claim of Lieut Kelpelbach of the Engineers to rank above Capt Lieut Trapaud, & report their opinion to Government.—

To Mr William Hamilton of Edingburgh, desiring

To Mr Hamilton of Edingburgh—

he will inform Government whether the French Company or Individuals paid Duties to the English Company for Exports & Imports at Ingeram before the last War, & whether English Merchants did the same.—

To which the following Reply was made by Mr Hamilton

To Mr John Chamier
Secretary Military Department

Sir,

From Mr Hamilton of Edingburgh, in answer to the foregoing —

I have had the pleasure to receive your Letter dated 7th Instant desiring information if whether

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whether the french Company or Individuals
paid Duties to the English Company for ⁊
Exports and Imports at Ingeram before the
last war, and whether English Merchants &c
the same, also whether there is to my knowledge
any authority which can entitle the former
to any Exemptions from the Payment of Duties

The Collection of the Customs ⁊
abovementioned at Ingeram having always
been under the management of renter or Collector
immediately subject to the Chief and Council
of Masulipatam I am not competent to
speak pointedly to the Question —

But The French for the Space of
20 Years past, have always to the best of my ⁊
knowledge brought their Cloths, piece Goods
and packing materials, from the most distant
parts of the Circars to their Factory at ⁊
ajänam, free of Duties — and the authority
of their Chiefs Dustucks for this Purpose has always
been acknowledged — I am &c. &c.

Fort St. George
10th December 1787 —

/signed/ Will: Hamilton

1329. Fort S.t George December 1787.—

1/10, Receive the undermentioned Letters & entered in M. B. N.os 23_24_25_26_27_28—

From Messrs. Harries & Lambert, enclosing

From Messrs. Harries & Lambert Invoice & Bill of Lading of 130 Casks of double distilled Arrack, laden on the Fetch Phenix in Further part of their Contract.

From the Commissary General, enclosing the

From Lt. Lapper Bills of Mr. Jno. Anderson, Surgeon, properly & audited, agreably to the Regulations.—

From the Chief & Council at Masulipatam

From Masulipatam stating, that Mr. Turing, Head Surgeon having applied for leave to visit the Presidency they are of Opinion his application is unreasonable as there are Many Sick in the Hospital.—

From the Commandant at Madura &

From Major Barrow stating that Advertizements have been put up, offering to Receive Proposals for Repairs to the Commandant Quarters, but none have been made & hoping that the Estimate delivered in by him, will answer the purpose.— From

Commandant

1330. Fort St. George December 1787.

From the Paymaster at Madura &c

From Mr Latham stating that the Grain in Store appears to be in a bad state, & requesting the Orders of Government in consequence.—

From Mr Dick From Mr Mungo Dick desires to know what allowances are to be paid to Mr Walker, Assistant Surgeon, & from what Period they are to commence—

To Mr Dick— Ordered, That Mr Dick be informed, that Mr Walker is to draw Lieutenants Pay, and Allowances which are to be paid from the date of an enclosed General Order (Vide Mil. Bs. No 29)

At a Consultation Present

The Honorable. Major General Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.

President

Tuesday 11 December 1787

John Holland James Henry Casamajor

&

Robert. Maunsell Esqrs.—

Minutes

Minute of last Consultation read and approved.—

1331 Fort St. George 15 December 1787.

The following Letter from Ingeram,
& Extracts of a Letter from the Board of Revenue
are here entered.—

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

I have the Honor to send you
enclosed a Letter I have received from Mr Demars
Chief at Yanam, and my answer to it, Some
notes Passed between that Gentleman and me,
before, on much the same Subject, but I was
unwilling unless forced by necessity, to take
up your time by an Account of them.—

The Letters will explain
themselves, it is however necessary I should offer
you such further information as may be in my
power.—

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From the Resident at Ingeram with Copy of a Letter to him from the French Chief at Yanam & of his Answer on the Subject of Pattachs, & the right of the French to wage the Persons of Native Merchants under the British Flag who may be indebted to the Subjects of the French Nation—

1332. Fort St. George. 11th December 1787.

The evil practices of Vencanah the French Head Dubash, and of Comrapah the other Head man employed by the French Company, are the real sources of the present disputes; and it is not improbable but the misfortunes of the latter, and the extravagancies of the former were the original causes of the tricks they have played. - both the one and the other of those men are supposed to be bankrupts, and having sported with their Masters money, are now forced to account for it in the best manner they can; for that purpose, false Accounts & Current between those men and the Company Merchants have been made out by themselves, to which the Merchants when in Yanam were forced to subscribe. Those Merchants when released fled elsewhere for protection, and are now demanded by the French Chief as debtors to his Company.

If Vendayah, the man now particularly demanded is delivered up, other

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Fort St. George 11th December 1787.

demands will undoubtedly follow; and there are many who will prefer leaving the Country to a French Prison - The 20th Article of the Convention mentioned by Mr. De Mars is not among the Articles sent to me by the Secretary to the Board at Masulipatam, & therefore could not in any respect be governed by it.

From the Ingeram Manager

I have the following information - When Yanam was last restored to the French some unusual duties were laid on Toddy and other small articles sent from Ingeram to Yanam, for Sale - In return the Manager now imposes a duty on Gunnies &c going to Yanam for sale, - hitherto duty free, some days ago a few Coddy load of Gunnies and not as Mr De Mars has said a Doney load were stopped by him for duties; Poorala Chitty Parentaloo, a man of resident in Yanam and belonging to a society of Gunny Merchants who supply directly or indirectly all this part of the Country with articles

Articles of Spurkage, demanded the goods and offered to pay four Pagodas a Year in lieu of duties— The Manager asked eight Pagodas. The Merchant returned to Ajanam and # got a french Dustuck, but the managers # concluding from what had passed that the Gunnies did not belong to the French # Company; refused to give them up.— Convinced by the Mistake which Mr. D'Mars had made, that the transaction was unfair, I did not think Myself justified in using any private influence with the Manager for the release of those goods. And public Authority I had not any I therefore left him to his own resolves.—

This Priviledge of granting # Dustucks, is, I fear much abused, and productive of bad consequences.— The English Renter is # thereby deprived of his duties; the Company of their Revenues; and Ajenam is made to # flourish at the expence of the English villages about it— for men will naturally go where provisions

1335. Fort St. George 11 December 1787.

previous are cheapest.—

Cullapillie, the man mentioned
in the last Paragraph of my Letter to M. Dimas
has been unconditionally released— he was evidently
seized for the purpose of trading justice, in which
I understand, the French Dubash is very expert
but as I trust he is the last merchant trading
under your protection, who shall be so insulted
I will not dwell upon the Subject

Ever anxious for the approbation
of My Superiors, I cannot help expressing a hope
that my conduct on this occasion may meet
with your countenance, having a thorough
conviction on my Mind, that the measures
I have pursued were necessary to the ease and
comfort of the native inhabitants.—

I have the Honor to be with
great Respect
Y.r Y.r
Ingeram
25 October 1787—
[signed] Arratt, Yeats.
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1336. Fort St. George 11th December 1787.

To Mr Yeats

Sir

During the time that Rangaya Brother of Badroon Tage Vandaya was here in prison I had not the least uneasiness upon the flight of the latter, but to day, Sir as the first is escaped, as I had the honor to inform You by my letter dated 4th Inst: it is my duty to Assure you that it depends upon me paying the Bill drawn at Tinconna which has been transmitted to that Badroon Tage Vandaya.

By the provisional Conventions done at the Isle of France the 30th April 1786 # between the Viscount de Souillac Governor General of the french Establishments & Lieut Colonel Cathcart invested with Powers from the Governor General for the English Company which # Conventions were ratified at Fort William # 5th July 1786 it is stipulated by the 20th Article, that the Chief of Factories or other French # Establishments shall enjoy the Privilege of # recovering the Debts and Balances due by the Weavers or other Manufacturers as by # the

the Dubashs employed by the French, altho they may reside beyond the Bounds of the said Establishment. This Article puts it beyond doubt the Right I have to seize the said Vardaya at Nellapelly never the less Sir to maintain that good Understanding which subsists in this part of India, between our two Nations, I solicit You to put that Man in my Charge, or to assure me You will do so if authorized by the Government of Madras which I doubt not, after the Conduct I have adopted in this Instance.—

I have the honor to inform You Sir that I have withdrawn all the Peons employed till now to catch this Man who is at Nellapelly & that I hold You responsible in Name of his most Christian Majesty for his escape, until the decision of the Governor General, whom I have advised of this Transaction.—

On the 14th of this Month a Dony of mine charged with necessaries for my Settlement was stopd by Your Renter, from the Account of which had been given me I gave my Passport

last

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again spoke to Vandaya and he confirms
what he formerly said.

As you cannot be ignorant of
the character of Vencanah, it perhaps might
be the means of saveing yourself, and others
much trouble, if you were to enquire thoroughly
into his conduct, before you give implicit
credit to his word; as he is materially interested
in the information which he gives you.

In the time of your predecessor
Mr. Martin, Vencanah had a dispute of
Accounts some what similar to this with
two of the natives, who refused to go to
Tanam being unwilling to put themselves
in his power, I was applied to, the men were
sent for and offered to settle their accounts in
Comprapollam; This Mr. Martin acceded to,
but to my surprize I found it did not suit
Vencanah to enter into the enquiry.

you

1341. Fort St. George 11 December 1787.

You too, Sir, on your Arrival agree to the same measure, you now decline it without assigning any reason.—

I bring those Circumstances to your recollection, as a proof of the readiness I have ever shewn to give your nation every redress in my power against those who were supposed to have injured them, and of the influence of Vencanah.—

I again offer to you, Sir, to produce the Men you have at different times demanded of me if within the space of seven days you will either examine into the disputed Accounts at Comprapollam or leave them to the decision of Arbetrators, this is all I conceive I have Right to do, or you reason to expect.—

Contests respecting the rights of Companies are of a serious Nature, I mean to acquaint my Superiors with what now

passes

1344 Fort St. George 11th December 1787.

Cullapullee, and propose to you, as the justest measure we can embrace to leave all disputes among the natives, to the decision of their Castes.

I have the Honor to be with

Consideration

Ingeram
2d October 1787.

£:- £:-
/signed/ Matt Yeats.-

Extract of a Letter from Board of Revenue dated 24th Nov.r 1787

Extract of a Letter from the Board of Revenue with Copy of a Letter & Copy of a Letter we have received from Enclosures from Mr Cramenier relative to a Repurchase from the French Chief at Yanaon requesting certain Gunny's dispatched by the Renter of Pallapeer on account of Customs.

We have the honor to lay before Dake the 2. Instant together with its Enclosures, the Subject of which, as it relates to our political Situation with the French can only be determined by Government.

A true Extract

/signed/ Robert Perks.
D.P.J.Sec.